

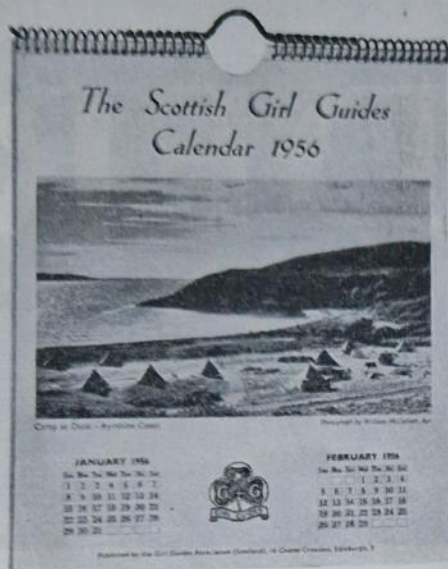
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Notes of the Month

The Editor

Readers will be sorry to learn that the Editor had to have an operation for appendicitis on the eve of returning from her summer holiday. It is hoped that she will be able to return to Headquarters early in September. She has made good progress and paid warm tribute to the Scottish hospital to which she was rushed for the operation, to the skill and kindness of the nurses, and to the Guiders who have shown typical Scots warm-heartedness.

Any inadequacies in this issue will, we hope, be attributed to the exigencies of taking over temporarily at short notice.

Some interesting news items have had to be held over till next month, owing to pressure on space.

Rangers

This year the air section of the Ranger Branch celebrates its tenth birthday: we shall be reminding readers of some of the important events in those ten years in next month's GUIDER and RANGER.

'May We Introduce.' Meanwhile, on 7th October, Mr. Guy Coleridge will initiate this new series of discussions in London, which it is hoped will lead those who cannot be there to initiate their own local series.

Those who can come to hear Mr. Coleridge demonstrate how lovely things can be enjoyed in the home by those of modest incomes are very fortunate. He is an expert, and will be giving, in a most interesting and entertaining way, invaluable information about antiques of various kinds—and he is bringing with him objects with which he will actually show how different rooms can be furnished with the work of artist craftsmen that has stood the test of time. The talk will, let us repeat, be designed specifically for those of us who are not knowledgeable and have only a limited amount to spend, and the discussion will give the audience valuable opportunities for asking questions.

Lady Burnham, Chief Commissioner for England, will take the chair on this occasion. Those who know her, or who saw her exhibit at the Ranger Festival, will appreciate what an excellent choice this is.

September, 1955

Stop Press.—A limited number of single tickets are now being offered to Rangers, and a small number of single and double tickets are being made available to RANGER GUIDERS. If you are interested, apply at once to the Ranger Secretary, C.H.Q. See August GUIDER for details.

Full details of how to get to Gresham College, Basinghall Street, were given in the August GUIDER.

Ideas for following out this idea locally would be welcome in THE GUIDER's Post Bag.

The Chief Guide

Lady Baden-Powell who, after attending the International Boy Scouts Jamboree in Canada, is

The Chief Guide at the Isle of Man cutting the ribbon at the opening ceremony of the Island Headquarters



now touring Canada and U.S.A., fulfilled many engagements in Britain and Europe this summer. In May she flew to the Isle of Man from Ulster, to open the Joint H.Q. for Isle of Man Scouts and Guides, Cunningham House, the generous gift of the former Island Scout and Guide Commissioners, Mr. and Mrs. William Cunningham. All the Guides, Brownies, Cubs and Scouts were there, with about 200 invited guests, including H.E. the Lieutenant Governor and Lady Dundas, and the Lord Bishop and Mrs. Pollard.

'As usual,' writes Mrs. Dearden, 'the Chief Guide's visit was an inspiration and a breath of air from wider worlds to all who saw and spoke to her.'

The 'Cello Competition

The Thomas Smith 'Cello is again open for competition; entries must be received on or before 1st October. Full details can be obtained from the Competition Secretary, Mrs. A. Jeffreys, c/o C.H.Q., and will be published in THE GUIDE during September.

Growing Out of Comics

By J. Griffith

EVERYBODY doesn't. There are men doing responsible jobs who buy *Beano* every Thursday, and women of forty reading *Film Fun*. Does it matter? I think it does: if we still read at twenty only what we read at ten we have stuck somewhere on the road to being fully adult, a world of imagination and ideas is closed to us, and the bright ring of words unheard. I believe, too, that we see largely in terms suggested to us by the pictures we look at: if we habitually look at illustrations that are intrinsically vulgar and meaningless with poor colour values, then we are the less able to understand and enjoy what we see in the natural world.

Those who continue to read at a very simple level are not necessarily stupid; intelligent children with good school records may have a low standard of personal reading: it appears to be largely laziness. It is easier to read what we are accustomed to, the more so if it is brightly coloured and profusely illustrated. It needs a small effort of the will to read something harder than we usually do, and most of us have to believe it is going to be worth while before we make that effort.

The young who don't progress naturally in their reading need our help to recognize the trashy and the infantile and to find reading that is both acceptable to themselves at the stage they have reached, and is also leading them towards something more worth while. The biggest responsibility lies with parents and schools, but Captain has her moment when she can do more to help than anyone else; for there is a time in the life of most Guides, a year perhaps, or maybe only a few months, when it is what Captain says that goes—what parents say belongs to childhood and is intolerably old fashioned, what school says is tainted with school's well-known idea of hoping to improve you, but what Captain says has power and will be accepted.

The 'comic book' type of reading falls roughly into three categories:

(a) The Horrors, 'consisting wholly or mainly of stories told in pictures' with an appeal based on crime, violence, or sheer ghoulishness. These were never handled by reputable newsagents, and the 'Horror Comics' Bill should deter the disreputable. A Bill of this type will only be really effective, however, if adults notice what children are reading and report anything that 'as a whole tends to corrupt'.

(b) The comparatively harmless but utterly silly. These depend on very simple practical jokes, the chums and pals 'wham' and 'biff',

and instead of speaking 'chortle' or 'gurgle'. The drawings are crude and the reading entails the minimum of effort.

(c) The better type of comic with much greater variety of story and incident, suggestions for things to make, better drawings and altogether more food for the imagination. Good examples for younger children are *T.V. Comic*, *Robin*, and for Brownie age, *Swift*. I can find less for the older girl than for boys, but *Girl* and *School Friend* are intended for Guide age. There are also the children's papers published by some national newspapers, which are less true comics than children's newspapers.

The very popular *Classics Illustrated* and *Classics Illustrated Junior*, though not weeklies, should be included in this group. They come from America and 'feature stories by the world's great authors'. The hope expressed by the publishers that their readers will go from 'Crime and Punishment' or the 'Iliad' in the minimum of words and one hundred and eighty pictures to the original book seems rather sanguine.

What can we do to help in the transition to real books? The first step is probably to find out what the pack and the company do actually read. Starting with the patrol leaders, it would be well worth while to have a discussion on the merits of different weeklies, and then possibly a company exhibition of different comics and weekly papers, each Guide bringing what she herself buys. A girl who has always read a poor paper may change it when she sees that another publication has more to offer. Newsagents are usually helpful and willing to discuss what they sell. (Copies of THE GUIDE will be sent from Headquarters for such an exhibition.)

If it appears that some of the Brownies or Guides only read 'comic books' then the appeal of interest is perhaps the most reliable way of getting them to tackle a book; a child will often read avidly quite a stiff book if it is on a subject that already interests her and about which she has a curiosity, whether it is ponies or nature, nursing or ballet. If a library is in reach the librarian of the junior section would be helpful in finding the right book for particular interests, and a Guider has in the badge system and the varied tests a special opportunity of seeing where interests lie.

A small company library is of particular use as it opens up what to many is quite an extraordinary idea, the buying of books. I think it is important that the buying should be done with the leaders, and as far as possible that they should discuss with their patrols. The whole point is to

learn to discriminate and to choose both what is worth reading and appropriate to the particular readers. Even two or three *Puffin Story Books* at 2s. 6d. each would be well worth having to lend round the company or pack, and a patrol or company could most usefully take a copy of *Collins' Magazine, The Young Elizabethan*, an excellently produced monthly for the Guide age with a wide range of stories and articles, many

of which can be used in Guiding as information and adventure games.

This is an important generation that we have now in our companies and packs; they are probably going to use power greater than man has dreamed of before, they may well have greater leisure and a higher standard of material well-being: but it will not be a world that can safely be lived in by permanent adolescents.

Princess Margaret at Gloucestershire Rally

'POST IMPRESSIONIST' memories of a happy event are interesting. There are the general impressions and the little snapshots that find a permanent place for themselves.

It was a lovely day—but very hot; and it made a deep impression on me when I learnt that all these people in the arena, looking so fresh and full of happy anticipation, had been there in the morning rehearsing, for it had been the first opportunity to get the County together.

A very strong impression came from Princess Margaret's obviously keen interest and enjoyment. She took the salute at the March Past and then came the Brownie Drive, when the Brownies, in floral harness, trotted by, giving her, without exception, a most delightful demonstration of the Brownie Smile of welcome (and wide-eyed interest).

Then came Guiding round the world, followed by a First Aid Display. This was a demonstration of three types of accident given by the three teams with the highest marks in the Gloucester Competition. A river, bicycling, and making tea in camp provided the means for demonstrating the Guides' proficiency in rescue and artificial respiration, bandaging, and treating scalds and a fall over a guy-rope—not to mention acting. And the patients were all put safely into an ambulance. This item was accompanied by a particularly first-rate commentary, by the way.

Then came the Rangers, with a grand display: the Lands, with bicycles and a trek-cart, set up a camp; the Seas boated and slung a bridge over the 'river' running by the camp site; and the Airs assembled a glider and showed the signalling and procedure up to the actual take-off, which was prevented by lack of space.

It was very marked that Princess Margaret (like, I must add, the rest of the audience) took a really sincere interest in it all. She was, I thought, looking particularly well—and we all envied her her capacity for looking cool at even the hottest point in the afternoon.

Her Royal Highness gave a very personal touch to the presentations. First came the Beaver Award to Mrs. E. M. Garland, Division Commissioner for Cheltenham. Division Shields were presented

to 12th Cheltenham and 10th Gloucester Guide Companies; then came the County Shield for First Aid and a Division Cup to Minchinhampton; Cups to 1st Stonehouse, 1st Tewkesbury, and 5th Cirencester; and a Cup for good work to St. Briavels.

There was, of course, special interest in the presentation of the R.A.F. Recognition Certificate to the No. 1 Gloucester East Division Air Rangers, the first Flight to achieve this recently innovated distinction.

In a short speech Miss M. E. Gray, C.B.E., said: 'To me falls the honour of welcoming Her Royal Highness to our Rally this afternoon. You have brought great happiness, as I think you can appreciate from all the happy faces of Brownies, Guides, and Rangers, and we do appreciate that you have spared time for us. . . . Her Royal Highness has graciously said that she would say a few words and I would like all Guides, Rangers, and Brownies to stand up and give the three biggest cheers you have ever given in your lives!' The response really was worthy of the Rugby Football Stadium that had been lent for the occasion.

H.R.H. The Princess Margaret said: 'I am delighted to be with you here in Gloucester this afternoon, and to see so many Guides, Rangers and Brownies gathered here from all parts of the County. I am especially pleased to present to the 1st Gloucester East Division Flight the first Certificate of R.A.F. Recognition ever won, and I hope it will soon be matched by other Flights.'

'I have so much enjoyed the excellent displays you have given here this afternoon, and I send my best wishes to you all.'

After this climax, it was a very good thing that something unusual had been planned for the second half of the programme. As we spent a few minutes discussing how much we had enjoyed the first half, we also speculated about the heading for the second—'The Circus'. The tempo was maintained.

Guides formed a ring, and on strode Miss Douglas-Jones, resplendent in a ringmaster's

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The Trefoil Guild Fourth Biennial Conference

THE 1955 Trefoil Conference will always be remembered as the one at which both the Chief Guide and the Chairman of the International Fellowship of Former Scouts and Guides, Mr. Sjoqvist, were Guests of Honour. Each Guild is entitled to send one delegate to the National Conference and this year 149 Guilds were so represented; there were also 39 County Recorders as well as members of The Guild Central Council and Executive Committee. The Conference was delighted to welcome the Recorder for Cape West Province, South Africa, three members from New Zealand Guilds, and Miss Andrews (a Diploma'd Guider from Tasmania), as well as Miss Martin (Public Relations Chairman) and Miss Toft (General Secretary) from Commonwealth Headquarters, and Brigadier Mockler-Ferryman (Hon. National Organizer of the B-P Scout Guild).

Reports from Country Recorders showed steady progress in both membership and activities, and it was apparent that in Counties where the Guild is well established a valuable contribution is being made in support of Guiding and in voluntary service to the community.

In the discussion on Recruitment it was clear that there is still a long way to go before all members of the movement realize the potential value of the Trefoil Guild and recognize that membership of the Guild is the corollary to relinquishing active appointments! The delegate who opened this discussion attributed her own Guild's success to the fact that from the start they had had the sympathy and encouragement of their Commissioners and Guiders and been made to feel an integral part of the Guide Movement. During the past two years, this Guild has been able to provide a Division and a District Secretary, a District Commissioner, a Lieutenant, a Cubmaster, a Badge Secretary, and a panel of Badge Examiners. Other delegates also had found that, by having Active Guiders as Associate Members, their Guilds had kept in close touch with Guiding in the locality and there was a keener appreciation of the help a Trefoil Guild could be and of the contribution its members could make in their contacts with Guiding and in the community. The Chief Guide, in her talk, urged members to go and seek out all those who had once, long ago, taken the Guide Promise and, through membership of the Trefoil Guild, bring them back to provide a great mental, moral, and spiritual force in and behind Guiding reaching out into all parts of the world.

Mr. Sjoqvist, who in addition to being Chairman of the I.F.F.S.G., is also the National Guildmaster of the Guild of St. George, the Danish Joint Guild for Former Scouts and Guides, gave

a résumé of the present set-up of the International Fellowship, to which 18 countries now belong (Austria, Belgium, Costa Rica, Denmark, Finland, France, Great Britain, Greece, Holland, Iceland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Norway, Pakistan, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland).

Before any country is admitted to membership its Former Scout and Former Guide organizations must federate at National level. A country is eligible only if a joint application is made and both men and women accept responsibility for carrying out the obligations involved. In Great Britain the B-P Guild and the Trefoil Guild have a Joint National Committee to which all matters of mutual interest are referred. Once a country has been admitted to the Fellowship every member of its Former Scout and Guide Organization(s) automatically becomes a member of the Fellowship and entitled to wear the Fellowship badge, and to use the Fellowship Identity Card when travelling abroad. Each member has to contribute annually towards the Fellowship funds, and at the Conference it was agreed that the Trefoil Guild in Great Britain should subscribe the required 3d. per head. There is a quarterly Fellowship Bulletin, which may be obtained through the Trefoil Guild Central Office at 3s. a year, post free.

In his talk Mr. Sjoqvist said, 'Guild work—if it is to fulfil the mission of Scouting and Guiding—must put the emphasis on helping and encouraging the individual Former Scout or Former Guide in his or her efforts to live up to the Law and Promise. . . . The Guild must be the place where we find strength, it must be our workshop and service station. Through contact and co-operation with Scouting and Guiding we shall find our inspiration, just as our achievement will be a source of encouragement and inspiration to those two movements. . . . Our Aim must be to produce individuals of quality—the method must be to start with the individual as he is and not as he is to become—the means must be to extend the period of Scouting in the individual's life.' Mr. Sjoqvist stressed that the Guild must grow from the individual upwards and outwards and not from the top downwards.

Mrs. Stewart, of Murdostoun, speaking on the first responsibility of members—'Keeping alive among members the spirit of the Guide Promise and Law'—said the Founder had given us an idea which was an ideal, something which cannot be killed, and that while members may very often be alone they should never be lonely because as they strive individually they are linked corporately in carrying out the same Promise and Law. Because 'Being' is more important than 'Doing', no one should say she had *no time* to join

the Guild. Most members are very busy people, with young families or elderly relatives to care for, or fully occupied with jobs or service to the community: it is difficult to attend meetings, but by just being members of the Guild and trying to live out their Promise and Law they are bearing witness to the value of the movement and contributing much to its future well-being. Nevertheless, as was shown in Mrs. Davies-Cooke's talk on 'Service to the Community', most Guilds are able to give some form of corporate service, and much is being done to help deprived children, the sick, the aged, and the lonely.

The Chief Guide gave a masterly and amusing review of Guiding, the world over, since 1908 and was thrilled to find that three of those present had

been enrolled in that year. She paid tribute to the pioneers and to those who had Guided between the wars, and referred to the plans now being made to celebrate the Centenary of the Founder's birth, and the suggestion made earlier in the Conference, that on Thinking Day every member should place a lighted candle in the window of her home. Finally she asked the delegates 'Are you stirred?' and, on being assured that they were, she concluded with the call, 'Then go and do some stirring'.

W. E. LONGDEN

Next month we shall publish an article on the General Assembly and International Camp of the International Fellowship of Former Scouts and Guides.

God Save the Queen

Some considerable time ago there were requests from a number of Guiders for a very simple setting of the National Anthem, with which Miss Chater has provided us. Would readers let us know as soon as possible if they would welcome an opportunity to buy this in a separate sheet.

God save our gra-cious Queen, Long live our no-ble Queen, God save the Queen! Send her vic-tor-i-ous, Hap-py and glor-i-ous, Long to-reign o-ver us; God save the queen!

* These four notes are not part of the tune, and they can be omitted from the accompaniment. They do, however, help to keep the rhythm steady in a bar in which nothing else happens.

And Then at Last the Donkey Died!

By Hilda Birkett

I SUPPOSE even the best regulated families have their 'ups and downs'. And somehow there has arisen in recent years in our Guide family a disharmony between the Ranger Branch and the rest of Guiding. Many—far too many—Districts deny their senior Guides the opportunities and joys of Rangering. Many—far too many—of the existing Ranger units carry on as 'a thing apart'—apart from the Guides and their Guiders, apart from the interest, guidance and encouragement of their Commissioners.

If we are honest with ourselves, most of us would admit that things have gone awry. We Ranger folk seem at times almost to have to apologise for our existence, to attempt to justify and point out the value of our activities, to plead to be let in as 'part of the show'. On the other hand, some of the Guide Guiders and Commissioners feel Rangering is always being 'thrust at them', and a situation arises where a Guide Guider can get things so twisted as to say—and this is fact, not fiction—that she 'doesn't see why she should lose the best of her Guides just to keep the District Ranger Company going!'

Facing the Issue Together

How this state of affairs has come about is not important. What matters is that we should *all*—Commissioners, Guide and Ranger Guiders alike—be honest with ourselves and face its existence and take steps to think ourselves clear of it. I hope it would be wrong to suggest that Commissioners and Guide Guiders are apathetic as to whether worth while Rangering exists in their localities. Let us suppose we have accepted the need for something beyond Guides, and acknowledged the potential appeal of the present-day Ranger scheme, wisely interpreted and presented. Can we not expect then at least one flourishing Ranger unit in every District—or at least Division? To agree in theory is not enough! We must *act*. That difficulties exist we all know only too well; but most can, and must, be resolved.

Do you sheer off the establishment of a Ranger unit in your District because, as one District Commissioner put it (and a former Ranger Guider at that!): 'I can't keep up with Rangering now-days'. It is, admittedly, complex and ever changing. We see readily that it must be so, for it mirrors the complex and ever-changing needs of the adolescent girl. But its vastness need not appal. Intricate knitting requires a pattern, whose abbreviations, tensions, methods, etc., must be studied and interpreted to give a satisfactory

result. 'Patterns' for our Rangering exist in *P.O.R.* and other Ranger publications at H.Q. A few hours' study is well worth while. But what matters primarily is not the detail of Rangering; not the understanding of the mysteries of L.R.A., L.A.R., A.B., Divisions, etc.; not a literal and narrow adherence to *P.O.R.* (though loyalty there must be, of course). No—all these can be absorbed incidentally with time and through Ranger contacts. What matters primarily is neither 'complex' nor 'ever changing'. It is a vision of the basic purposes of Rangering—an understanding of the kind of person we hope to see developing alongside us—a girl who is a good citizen and an honest worker, who is reliable, alert and fit, who will run a good home and be a good mother and who is developing culture and growing in balance and poise.

The Certificate in 'Guide Knowledge'

Another difficulty is lack of suitable Guiders for a Ranger unit, even when the will to have one exists. It is, as in all sections of Youth work today, a very real difficulty. To some extent we may solve it by encouraging, wherever possible, the larger Ranger unit serving the District or Division rather than several smaller units attached to churches or chapels. Every District or Division can surely find one really suitable 'senior' Guider, who can be assisted by sundry younger and less-experienced Guiders.

We may, admittedly, find ourselves faced then with the problem of only one suitable set of Guiders for either a Cadet or Ranger unit. Must we assume in a case like this that the Ranger must be sacrificed to the Cadet interests? Obviously Rangering meets the broader needs of many more adolescents, but equally obviously we need a steady flow of new and trained Guiders. Do Commissioners realize that the Ranger scheme of training includes a Specialized Certificate in 'Guide Knowledge', which can, if there is need and interest, be developed and interpreted in such a way as to embrace much of Cadet training? And the Cadet type of training fits well within the Ranger scheme for it is, after all, a particularized application of the general Ranger Promise and will to serve. In practice, this has become very evident, for many of our new Guiders do in fact come from our Ranger units. We must always have elasticity of approach in Guiding for adolescents. If it suits our locality, because of the needs of the majority seeking teen-age Guiding, because of the particular Guider or Guiders available, or indeed

for any other good reason, to bring in our Cadet training in the form of Ranger Specialized Certificate training then let us have wisdom to recognize this and act accordingly.

Is the Fault at Our Door?

'My Guides just won't go to Rangers!' is no excuse. It's our job to see that those whom Rangering suits *do* want to go on to it. What a strange Brownie Pack we should think it if it didn't naturally lead on to Guides. Why then is progression from Guides to Rangers not so natural? Maybe the fault lies at our door. Is it not that many Guide Guiders and Commissioners are so much less knowledgeable about Rangering than are the Brownie Guiders and Commissioners about Guide Guiding, and hence they fail to hold Rangering before the Guides. The transfer to Rangering is then suggested without adequate preparation and moreover is often left too late—until Guiding itself appears, with the Guide Company, to be almost outgrown. The crest of interest is well passed and there is nothing to carry the Guide over the period of adjustment to a new and more mature way of Guiding.

Should we not consider 14 to 15 as the natural, rather than the exceptional, transfer age, especially when we see how much more mature the 14 to 15-year-old of today is? The correct age for any step forward is as soon as ever the urge to progress is there. It is important to make the change promptly, and a good thing to give a girl something just beyond her immediate grasp. What matters is not the finishing of, say, a First Class test, nor the retaining of a useful P.L.—else we

destroy the value of the badge system and of the patrol system by making them govern, rather than be governed by, the girl's developmental needs.

What About a Liaison Scheme?

We can do such a lot to help. Do our Guides contact Rangers and share some activities—not just going to an odd (sometimes very odd) Ranger Open Evening 'to hear about Rangers'? How about trying a 'Guide Liaison' scheme, by which Rangers would be attached to Guide Companies in their Districts, to encourage co-operation and break down apprehension about 'the Rangers'? Are Commissioners and Guide Guiders interested enough to get hold of a copy of *THE RANGER* from time to time? To know and use our recruiting pamphlets, *Rangers Calling*, *The Ranger Branch* and the special ones on Lands, Seas and Airs (all available for a few pence from H.Q.); to go to a Ranger Guiders' training session now and again—so that in these ways they can catch something of the spirit of Rangering without which they fail their Guides who ask, or vaguely wonder, 'What happens in Rangers?'

A Ranger unit is fed by the interest and encouragement of its Commissioners and others in the family of Guiding. Many a unit carries on—some flourish—without this nourishment, but with it many more would be so much more vital. The analogy may not be complete, but one is reminded of the legend of the donkey, whose thrifty master progressively reduced his food by one straw a day. Still he carried on, apparently the same, until at last when his master had got him down to just one straw a day—the donkey died!

Who Lost Interest First?

I'VE been thinking a lot about this leakage question lately. There's been such a lot of talk about it in both our movement and the Scouts. Why do they leave?

We can't generalize I'm sure. Each one leaves for her own good reason and every case is a special one. Thinking back over my own 'lost' sheep, I haven't found one yet that I didn't somehow feel was my fault. There was Margaret, who had been an acting P.L., but hadn't coped very well and just didn't make Second Class. The patrol chose someone else at the annual re-election and Margaret left. When she told me that she didn't want to stay on as 'not a P.L.' I accepted it, and thought 'not much loss to the company'. Remembering that, I am ashamed at myself for forgetting that the good of the company is the good of each member and that the company as such only exists to serve and not be served. We might not depend entirely on Margaret but she certainly needed Guiding.

It was she who was badly scalded one evening

and had to wait while her mother searched a First Aid book for the correct treatment. Just the household for a trained self-reliant Guide—why didn't I make that bit more effort to get her on beyond Second Class and to help her as a P.L.?

And Joyce, who left when her friend went to the grammar school and made new friends. Wouldn't a bit more notice, a bit more encouragement, have kept her interested when she needed us most?

And casual, infuriating Veronica, who failed to turn up three times for a test and finally sent word she had left because she hadn't time. Perhaps if I'd called to see your casual, erratic mother straight away you might have turned out as rattlingly good a P.L. as your younger sister, and become as reliable and determined as she is.

As for Christine—ugly, whining, selfish Christine—I just didn't like you, and you knew it. I wish now that I'd concentrated on your better qualities—loyalty, stickability and a basic honesty—and really tried to give you some of the affec-

tion you craved and didn't get from your smart and sophisticated mother.

My record book accuses me with the phrase 'lost interest'. Who lost interest first, I wonder? Myself—or the Guide? The answer makes me rather uncomfortable.

First Aid

The final of the annual open competition in First Aid and in Diagnosis for the Buxton Trophy will be held at Ponders End Gasworks, Middlesex, on Sunday, October 2nd, at 2 p.m.

These events are always tip top and well worth a visit from Rangers and Guiders.

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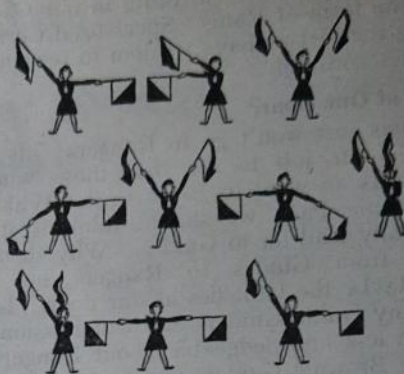
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The GUIDER

Local Knowledge

By Sarah Branson

THIS clause of the First Class test includes knowledge of the neighbourhood, ability to direct strangers, judgment of time and distance, and a knowledge of the places to which the main roads lead. As with most other Guide tests it is obvious that the Guide who possesses, and can apply, this knowledge will be equipped to help other people on many occasions and, to the Guide herself, this will justify the time and trouble which she will spend working for the test. But the Guider will also see in it the means to develop many aspects of the first-class character; the information needed cannot be learned from a book—it can only be gained by exploration and observation. The Guide must find out what she needs to know for herself, and in becoming intelligently aware of her surroundings she will gain in self-reliance and confidence. As she practises the judgment of time and distance she will be increasing the accuracy of her mind.

Where the Guides and Guiders of a company all live in the same neighbourhood it is comparatively easy for the company to carry out activities which will arouse their interest and help them to practise for this test. Where the Guiders come from a distance, or where the Guides themselves are scattered over a large area, it is still possible for the Guider to devise activities although it does become more difficult.

How the Guider Can Help

1. By defining the area covered by the test: Every company needs a map of its locality. In the country the 1 in. or 2½ in. Ordnance Survey is satisfactory; in small towns the 6 in. Ordnance Survey gives better detail, and in cities a large scale street plan is the best. (Street plans are often obtainable from the local house agents. They can also sometimes be seen at the Local Government Offices and in Public Libraries, but it is really essential for the company to possess some sort of map or plan to be used by the Guides.) On this plan can be marked a circle of a mile (or half-mile) radius, taking the company headquarters as the

centre. If the Guides are scattered over a large area, so that each one takes a different circle centred on her own home, it is better to draw a circle of the required radius on plain paper; the circle is then cut out and the resulting circular frame can be placed in any position on the map to show the appropriate area for any member of the company.

2. By introducing the Guides to exploration: Using the map, trace for each patrol the same plan of a few streets in the area round the company headquarters. Give a list of things to be filled in on the map such as letter-boxes, telephones, garages, etc. Each patrol takes its blank map, explores the streets and fills in as much as possible. If the Guides already know the neighbourhood well the details can first be filled in as far as possible from memory. This activity can also be carried out by a few Guides working on their own.

Another way of starting the Guides on exploration is by giving the same blank maps with certain spots marked with letters or numbers. The Guides have to find out what each number represents (such landmarks as churches, stations, doctors' houses, etc.). Activities of this sort can lead on to each Guide making a map of her own home neighbourhood.

It is worth while for the Guider to trace or draw a large-scale map in bold black lines of the streets or roads lying just round the company headquarters. This takes some time and trouble but it soon repays itself because whenever a map is wanted for a game or for any other purpose, whether it is a complete map or just a sketch map of a route, it can be quickly traced or reproduced with carbon paper and is sure to be correct in scale and all other details.

Another approach to this type of exploration can be made through lists of telephone kiosks, doctors' houses, garages, etc. Guides can make individual lists, or each patrol can keep a record, or it can be done on a company basis with points given for each new



Ability to read a map develops self-reliance

addition to the list. If one point is given for the first entry under each heading, two for the second, and so on, the Guides will be spurred on to explore every inch of territory in the hopes of scoring the large numbers reached as the list grows longer.

3. Through Patrol Leaders' Training: Here are three activities which could first be played with patrol leaders and then prepared and played by them with their patrols. (a) Where am I? The leader describes a route taken from a given starting point, for example: *'Starting from the Post Office I cross the road, take the footpath past three cottages, turn right at a farm, pass a telephone box on my left, turn left at a garage and stop outside a big house with a white gate. Where am I?'* The first Guide to give the right answer scores a point. Each Guide describes a route in turn.

(b) Card Game: The leader prepares cards or slips of paper bearing such names as 'Doctor', 'Telephone box', 'Garage', etc., and another set with names of places such as 'Outside the Church', 'At the traffic lights', 'Corner of High Street and London Road', etc. One set of cards is dealt round to the Guides and then the leader turns up one of the other set (it does not matter which set is used for which). Each Guide then has to name the nearest doctor, etc., to the given place.

(c) Main roads: The place name cards prepared above are used and dealt round. The leader then says 'A car stopped and the driver asked me the way to——(naming a big town).' Each Guide then has to describe how to reach the main road for this place from the spot on her name card.

Although these are described as patrol games they can equally well be used by a small group of Guides working on their own during the meeting, and they all give practice in giving directions. Guides should be helped to notice landmarks, shops, unusual houses, public-houses, trees, gates, etc., and to use these in giving directions in preference to the counting of turnings which is confusing and often inaccurate.

Learning to Estimate Time

The Guide, in directing a stranger to a given place, is required to give a rough estimate of the time which it will take to get there. This is a big difficulty to many Guides and the Guider can help them by establishing a standard with which they can compare other times and distances. Let them look at any small distance—to the end of the street or across a field and say how long they think it will take to walk there and back. Let them try it out against a watch and see how far out they were.

They can often check distances which they know well in daily life—the walk to school or to

the shop—by watching a church clock. Measure out a mile on the map and then see how far it seems to walk and how long it takes in actual minutes. Find out how many telegraph poles there are to a mile along the main roads in the country or how far apart the lamp posts are in a town.

None of these activities will take the place of the effort which the Guide must make to learn and know her own neighbourhood, but they will help to awaken her interest, and to give her an idea of what to look for and how to practise, and they may help her to walk about her own neighbourhood with her eyes open and arouse her curiosity to know where roads go to and what lies over the hill.

Cook's Badge in Hospital

HAVE you ever thought of your Extension Company taking Cook's badge, and doing it practically? It requires the co-operation of the hospital of course, but we did it most successfully.

Our first attempt was drop scones cooked on a spirit stove. Some of the scones turned out very well, others were like high grade rubber, and others looked beautifully crisp outside, and were a nauseating, sticky mess inside. However, though the Guides have weak hearts their digestions put the ostrich in the shade, and all were eaten with relish.

The following week we attempted fairy cakes. Again the children mixed away happily, everything ready to hand on their bed tables. We had permission to use the kitchen oven, and the Guides who were up rushed off with the patty tins as soon as they were filled. Unfortunately, at our first attempt, the oven was too hot, and a crest-fallen Guide entered the ward bearing a tray of very burnt offerings, and wearing an expression King Alfred would surely have recognized.

Practice making perfect, the company turned out some beautiful cakes and, when tested, acquitted themselves excellently. The hospital authorities were so pleased with the attempt that when some students came to 'observe' methods, we were asked to 'bake' again. One of the visitors said she thought she had come to the wrong place when she was greeted with a delicious aroma of baking, instead of the usual antiseptic smell. My Guides derived so much enjoyment and instruction from this experiment that I recommend it to other Guiders. F. M. HENNIN

Successful Summer Concert.—8th Ramsgate (Minster) Company set out to help raise funds for a new Company Standard, and the concert was such a success that they were able also to buy a Brownie toadstool and give a small donation to the Scout Troop newly set up in Minster.

Ideas for Companies and Packs

Stalking Game

This game needs a certain amount of cover, bracken, gorse, bushes, hedges, beach huts, rocks, etc. Three tins, each containing a different type of token (beans, leaves, paper, etc.) are placed in three known spots on the outer boundary of the area. Each player has to try to collect one token from each spot without being seen by a watcher in the centre of the area. When she has three tokens she can hand them in and start again.

The watcher calls the name of any Guide who is seen, and the Guide must then hand over any tokens she is carrying and wait until another prisoner is taken before she enters the game. The watcher only leaves her centre spot if she hears a noise.

Dress this game up as pirates' treasure, smugglers' hoards, etc. S.B.

Inventing a Game

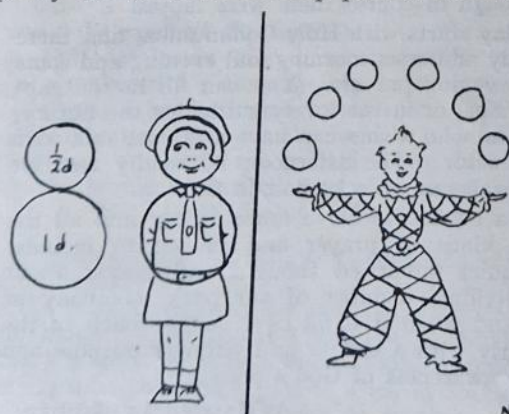
Give each patrol one square of cardboard and 12 pebbles or beans. Ask them to invent a game. Give instructions to next patrol who play the game and pass comments on it.

This idea fills an unexpected gap in a programme as any available objects can be given to the patrols as their equipment.

It is also suitable for incorporating into 'theme' meetings, e.g., can you amuse yourself on a desert island or on a visit to Mars or the Moon, when no traditional games equipment would be available; or pass the time when captured by the Red Indians or pirates? B.M.

Subscription Charts for Brownies

Two suggestions for charts which are easy to draw. If pack leader is helping to make them she might like to draw round a halfpenny and a penny for the head and top part of the Brownie.



Brownies can colour in their own Brownie or one of the balls of the clown when they bring their subscriptions.

Saints' Game (for Recruits)

Show this patrol game to the P.L.s at their next training.

Each Guide is given the name of a Saint (George, Andrew or Patrick) and six small cards. Cards can be red, blue or green to distinguish the Saints, or white cards can have a crayon border. On each card she has to draw or write something connected with her Saint, such as a rose, dragon, etc., putting a different picture on each card.

Two different Saints play against each other. They mark a noughts and crosses frame on a large sheet of paper. They take turn about to lay one card on the frame and the first row of three cards from the same Saint wins the round. Five rounds constitute a game.

Apart from being a teaching game for recruits this is an excellent memory-jogger for more experienced Guides. B.M.

A Sunbeam Game (South Africa)

Each Sixer holds a ball in the middle of her own Six. She throws it to each member of her Six in turn, and catches it when they return it. When everyone in the Six has thrown and caught the ball the Sixer runs to Mother Sun and says: 'We're all here, Mother Sun.'

When all are ready the Sixers throw their balls high. All scramble for the balls. Those who get them may chase Mother Sun.

The Brownie who catches Mother Sun gets three spills and those with balls score one spill each. D.S.

Learning to Draw a Sketch-Map

1. Provide per patrol: a large sheet of brown paper, plasticene or card, chalk, twigs for trees or, better still, these can be collected first by the Guides.

Each patrol makes a model of a village. Patrols visit each corner to view the villages and then each member of the company draws a sketch map of one of the villages. Place all the maps on the floor and let the patrols choose the best one and say why they think it is good.

This method is useful for Guides who find it difficult to understand that a sketch map is really a ground plan and not a picture map. It is possible to draw a chalk line round each house and take it away, leaving the map on the paper instead.

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Ideas for Companies and Packs

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2. At your P.L.s' Training provide each P.L. with a sketch map drawn with very many roads shown over a much wider area than necessary (these are quite easy to prepare with carbon paper). P.L.s then ink in essential details to show the way from one given point to another on the map, naming the necessary roads.

D.E.S.

Thrift

Give the patrols about 15 minutes to arrange a display to show how they are being thrifty at the time. They can use objects from their corners or from what they have on themselves, i.e., silver paper to be collected for charity, a darned sock, a home-made billy, etc.

Provide paper for them to write captions for their exhibits.

Let the patrols vote for the best.

This activity can be adapted to cover knowledge of the movement, but in this case it is better for the Guider to provide about a dozen articles or photographs, i.e., of important personalities or events, an unusual badge, etc.

D.E.S.

A Retreat

Has is ever occurred to you that you might go to a Retreat?

It is quite difficult, even when the opportunity arises, to sit down quietly alone and relax and really think and pray and get our bearings. Quite difficult but, as every Christian knows, immensely important. A Retreat offers the ideal conditions for doing this.

At my first Retreat I remember asking: 'Surely I haven't got to think of God all the time? I can't do it for twenty minutes, let alone four whole days'. But the Conductor told me that that was just what we had come there to try to do; and with the help of his address, a good book and the complete absorption and sense of expectancy of everyone around me, it was not as hard as it might have been—though of course there were lapses!

Each day starts with Holy Communion, and there are usually addresses morning and evening and some form of evening prayers. You can fill in the gaps in the Chapel or in the lovely garden or the library, and anyone who wishes can have a private talk with the Conductor. The afternoon is usually free for country walks or a deck chair in the sun.

What a chance to delve more deeply into all the different kinds of prayer and praise: to include, surely, quiet unhurried thought and prayer about each individual member of our pack, company or crew. And when it is all over, we go back to the hurly-burly with a clearer and stronger purpose and a deeper awareness of God's presence.

A HAMPSHIRE GUIDER

The GUIDER

The Guiders' Postbag

Do we need the Ranger Branch?

With reference to Hilda Birkett's stimulating article in the August GUIDER under the above heading, I feel moved to make one or two comments.

Firstly, I have, many times, asked myself this very question and am sorely puzzled to arrive at the correct answer. Half of me thinks that the Ranger Branch is superfluous (awful statement to make!) judging by the lack of response we get numerically to the really wonderful Ranger programme. The other half of me violently opposes any suggestion that the Ranger Branch is not all that it should be and, indeed, on paper it is all that could be desired.

What, then, is the answer? Is it not largely true to say that the 'Modern Miss' really hasn't, quite literally, time for Guiding? That the only people who make keen Rangers are those few who put Guiding amongst the first two or three of their interests?

Would the solution be more Cadet Companies for those who definitely want to give service to the Movement (and open the ranks of Cadets to aspiring Cub Scouters as well as to prospective Guide and Brownie Guiders)? And to disband Rangers altogether? Drastic . . . I agree . . . and I'd hate to see it happening!

I believe, though I am open to correction, that this is the system followed in the U.S.A. Their Senior Scouts are not equivalent to our Ranger Branch, being 14 to 17 years of age. After that if they remain in the Movement they become Counsellors-in-Training (i.e., prospective leaders).

The views of other Ranger Guiders on this subject would be revealing.

H. M. SHEPHERD

Those in Favour? Those Against?

I do agree with D. A. Elliott in her remarks about battledress. This ungainly garment was introduced into the Forces as a working rig, and not for any degree of smartness. It is not worn by any of the Women's Services when on parade.

Why not a blazer type for 'best' wear, with the option of a wind-cheater for hiking. Could not this latter garment be officially introduced for Guides too?

MONA I. HARDY [1st Oakdale (St. George's) Company]

How I agree with D. A. Elliott about that unsightly garment the battle-blouse. Its only merit is that it leaves the lower part of the body unencumbered for rushing into battle. For peace-time wear it has nothing to commend it. At no time does it adorn the female form. I wear a long cardigan, and long for a duffle coat; but a wind-cheater would be smarter and more practical.

S. TATTON BROWN (Chichester, Sussex)

We discussed D. A. Elliott's article at our meeting and muster.

We fully agree with her remarks, and are against the blouse. The Rangers and young Guiders felt that a waterproof wind-cheater would be much more serviceable; they could use it when cycling to work or on hikes other than Guide or Ranger ones; they

feel at present to buy a battle-blouse is a waste of money—'A Guide is Thrifty'. I can quite see their point; a battle-blouse is used about once a week, whereas the wind-cheaters they have are used daily. A navy wind-cheater looks as smart, if not smarter than the battle-blouse; especially does this apply to the pattern that has the pocket below the elastic waistline. We do not agree that serge is the best material for the wind-cheater, as anybody who does a lot of hiking or Youth Hostelling knows that the serge marks easily from the rub of the rucksack. We think the rubber type of wind-cheater is best.

I. H. HEADRIDGE AND ROSE HILL (Marple)

Now that a discussion on the subject of the battle blouse has been started, I would like to endorse heartily all that has been written by D. A. Elliott in the August GUIDER, as I am most emphatically one of "Those Against".

I cannot feel proud to parade in such a senseless, uncomfortable and unattractive garment, and would rejoice at its abolition!

Do allow us, at any rate as an alternative, a serge jacket so that we can again wear our belts outside, and be warm and comfortable this winter.

C. M. R. CLARKE (Captain, 2nd Potters (St. Mary's) Company).

How very glad I am to read the letter from D. A. Elliott re the battle blouse, a repulsive garment unless you are just the right proportions.

I heartily endorse all she writes and indeed refuse to wear one, so that not having correct uniform I am unable to take part in other than my own Company parades.

I recollect that when changes were proposed a few years back there was, among suggestions, a sketch of quite a nice jacket of the windcheater type which, incidentally, could also have been worn out of uniform, as a battle-blouse certainly cannot. I am sure, too, that a hip-length jacket of the windcheater type would appeal to new Guiders who must find uniform quite an extra expense and would probably welcome a jacket as something which could be worn on other than "uniform" occasions.

Perhaps I might put in a word from the Ranger point of view. I have never yet had Rangers who were willing to buy a battle-blouse; some have inherited one and those without, if unable to borrow, have stayed away on occasions when it has been a 'must'. Most girls of Ranger age are just beginning to earn and have many things they require before buying a battle-blouse, whereas a good many try and get a navy windcheater or jacket of a type which could be suitably worn in or out of uniform.

A. J. ANDREWS (Leyton Guides), Walthamstow, E.17.

The Story of England, by W. L. McElwee (Faber and Faber, 15s.), gives a very readable story of England's development from the time of King Alfred to the present day. I enjoyed this book because it helps to remind one how some of our present-day customs have grown up and makes them of added interest. It is not heavy reading.

Adaptation in Drama Work: The T

DURING the past ten years dramatic productions have been a regular feature of life at the Trefoil School for Physically Handicapped Children and it has been suggested that some account of the methods used, and the material employed might be of interest to others working with crippled children, either in residential Institutions or in day Special schools.

Experience has shown that, educationally and emotionally, drama is of the highest value for the physically handicapped. If the themes are suitably chosen, and properly presented, the crippled child can find in acting an opportunity for self expression, a means of self-forgetfulness, and a stimulus to self-respect. To feel that you can give a performance that is, by any standard, artistic and enjoyable, gives increased confidence, and to realize that you can look attractive, and form part of a beautiful whole, does away with the feeling of inferiority which is one of the greatest handicaps of the crippled child.

Handicaps are Forgotten

From the educational point of view, dramatic work of a suitable nature can stimulate interest in literature and poetry, and, by linking the scenes to local and personal interests, can give life to the dry bones of history and geography. The stimulus of having a part—even a small part—helps those with speech defects to try to overcome them, and the spastic child forgets his spasticity in the interest of his performance.

The importance of suitable material has already been mentioned. This links up with a point which at the Trefoil School has always been considered essential, namely that at no performance should surgical appliances be visible, or at least recognizable.

This is one reason for the fact that historical scenes have usually been the subjects of the scenes presented. It is comparatively easy to hide surgical equipment under medieval robes, while modern dress makes it very difficult. Again, by presenting a number of historical scenes, linked either geographically or by some underlying theme, rather than by producing a regular play, it is possible to obviate the difficulty of getting helpless people off and on the stage without showing off their lameness; and as it is extremely difficult to find published material suitable for acting by handicapped children, the best solution is to write the scenes 'round' the young actors. Here again, the use of historical scenes means that the plots are available, and the author only has to adapt the matter for dramatic use.

Pageant of Edinburgh

In any group of handicapped children there are some who are not lame. Their defect may be spinal, or affect hands rather than feet. There will, in all probability, be some who can move about freely and this greatly facilitates the production of dramatic scenes, as opposed to mere tableaux. Some scenes in every performance, however, were designed entirely for chair bound cases, and these could be very effective. On one occasion a 'Pageant of Edinburgh' was staged as the finale to a performance. In this there were eighteen characters, all static, and only about half of them able to stand.

In such scenes it is usually desirable that the performers should be able to speak well, but even this is not always essential. In a similar scene, illustrating the history of Aberdeen, all the speaking was done by the two girls representing the Dee and the Don.

In the majority of scenes, however, active and non-active players collaborated. It is surprising how much action can be got into a play when even one or two of the characters can move about, and when there is dramatic feeling among the others.

Choosing the Cast

I need hardly say that the active people are apt to be rather hard worked, as pages, messengers, and the like, while the static ones sit in state issuing orders or discussing affairs of state. The greatest difficulty is to give the



The High Street, Edinburgh, 1725

he Trefoil School Way with a Play



important parts to the people with dramatic ability, whether they can move about or not. Here again, the idea of historical scenes has an advantage, as the hazards of war and the frequency of tragedy provide episodes where a recumbent position or a degree of lameness are perfectly natural. The fact that the Emperor Severus carried on his campaign in Scotland in a litter came in very handy on one occasion, and so did the last illnesses of the Maid of Norway and St. Margaret in other productions. Wounded soldiers explain much, and 'Excuse my rising. My old wound is troubling me today' provides a good

reason for not getting up to greet your visitors, and makes the audience forget the real cause.

In warlike scenes great use can be made of spears, banners and two-handed swords to replace sticks and crutches. Shields are also most useful, as they can be arranged to hide the legs. On one occasion a large shield performed three functions at one time—it provided a most decorative object in the scene, it concealed the King's calipers, and, as it was fitted with strong crossbars and feet on the inner side it supported him adequately and enabled him to wave his sword and direct his forces. In more peaceful scenes tables were very useful in concealing lameness, and often a small page can sit in front of his master and so conceal his calipers.

Devising the Props

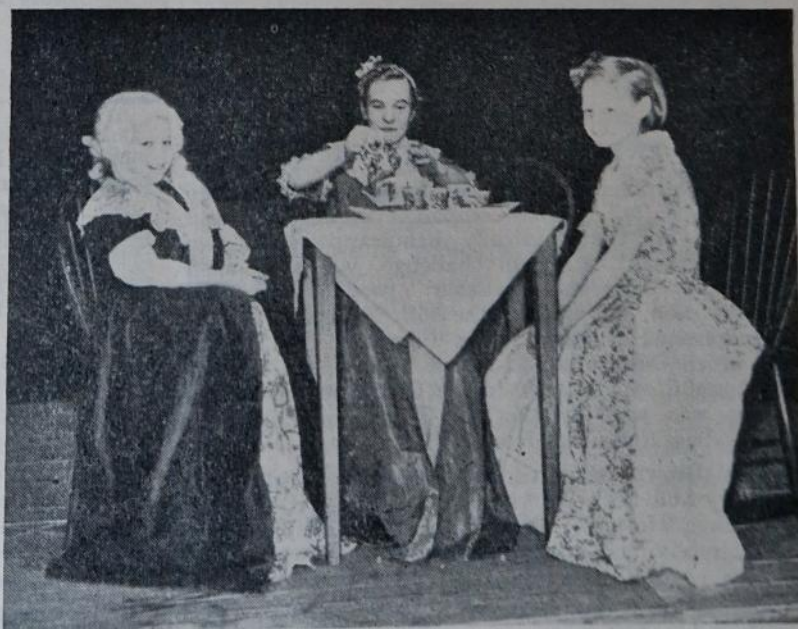
Again, a suitable arrangement of props can be devised. In a scene with some fisher lasses, baskets, creels and barrels were arranged in the centre of the group, and some of the smaller girls sat on low stools helping to bait the lines. Consequently, although there was only one girl who could move about freely, the group looked perfectly natural. To conceal defects has two great advantages. It makes the self-conscious child willing to act on the stage, secure in the knowledge that no one will notice that he is lame, and it makes the performance good in its own right, not merely 'wonderfully good for crippled children'.

The importance of good dressing cannot be too much emphasised. The more static a scene is, the more important colour and grouping become. The procuring of suitable costumes may sometimes present a difficulty, but if at all possible hiring should not be

resorted to. This may seem hard advice but, apart from the expense involved, it is very difficult to get colour schemes right if individual dresses have to be hired. They may be all right for period, but all wrong with the other costumes. It is also impossible in many cases for children wearing braces or other appliances to wear dresses made for ordinary people.

Curtains Have Many Uses

It is wonderful what good effects can be got by using things like old curtains and pieces of furnishing material. These can give a very rich effect and should be eagerly collected. It is far more practical to keep some of these 'pieces' as long strips which can be used at one time as a knight's cloak, and at another as a part of an Elizabethan lady's dress, rather than to make them up properly into a correctly detailed costume, which will probably never again be of the right fitting for another child. This rather sketchy style of dressing is, of course, specially suited for static people, who do not have to move about. Active characters need to be more carefully fitted. In the dressing of the plays, as well as in the scripts, every effort has been made to ensure historical accuracy. Books about costume can be consulted in most public libraries, and illustrated novels often give good ideas for dress styles. As regards colour, balance is most important, and the use of colours that go well together. In trying out colour schemes it is a good idea to lay the suggested costumes or materials on chairs in the



Drama at the Tea-table

positions the characters are to occupy. It can then be seen whether the left side is too dull and would benefit by a touch of scarlet, or there is a brown garment at one side which requires the introduction of a cloak of the same colour at the other side to balance it. By this means preliminary trying on is reduced to a minimum, an important point with physically handicapped children, with whom it is often quite a problem to take off one garment and try on another.

In this connection another point arises. If a helpless boy or girl has to appear in more than one scene it may be necessary to arrange the costumes so that they can be rapidly transformed into something quite different. Thus on one occasion an Elizabethan dress was so designed that the overdress could be slipped off, leaving the full-skirted petticoat and under-bodice to represent a Victorian dress for a girl, a sash was tied round the waist and the hair arranged in a ribbon band à la Alice in Wonderland, and the effect was perfectly correct. On another occasion a rich medieval robe was completely covered up by a voluminous black silk skirt and jacket—the former completely open up the back, so as to facilitate the rapid change. Both these transformations were made on the stage.

Music for the Intervals

One of the difficulties in producing a play with badly handicapped children is to get them off and on the platform. The ideal arrangement would be for the stage to be on ground level and the

seats of the audience to be raised. This is, however, very difficult to arrange. If an ordinary platform has to be used an effort should be made to arrange the scenes so that helpless people are taken off, and on, as seldom as possible. What-ever the platform arrangements may be, there are bound to be rather long waits between scenes, and suitable music should be played in the intervals. Sometimes a small choir of the children may be made use of, but they must be those who do not have acting parts, and they must be attractively dressed and made to feel that they have an important place in the performance. At the Trefoil School performances it has been found preferable to incorporate any singing items in the performance, and let the musical interludes be done by a grown-up.

Finally, a word about lighting. This is important, and can add greatly to the effect of a performance. Nevertheless, for the encouragement of those who cannot get the services of a lighting expert, the first performance at the Trefoil School was quite effectively lit with the help of one overhead light, two bedside lamps and a piece of tin.

To produce plays for physically handicapped children is a strenuous job, but it is a very rewarding one. The two remarks which have given the Trefoil School producer the greatest satisfaction were (from a member of the audience): 'I thought you said these were crippled children', and (from a member of the cast while she was pulling off her costume after a performance): 'What are we going to do next year?'

Many readers working with non-handicapped Guides may pick up some useful hints from this article; but I wonder whether here and there a Guider might also be encouraged by it to find a place in her own Company's play for a Post Extension Guide. There is a very useful article on devising your own costumes in the forthcoming 'Haversack Book', which will be published in September and reviewed next month.

EXTENSION COMPETITIONS

Competitions for Extension Companies have been held recently. Guide Companies in hospitals and schools for the physically handicapped had two competitions. A patrol challenge, which included knotting, carrying messages, good turns, and observation, was won by the 66th Newcastle (W. J. Sanderson Hospital); and a Company competition in which Guides had to invent a game and send in one useful article made in the Company for Second Class was won by the 3rd Taplow and Hitchin (Canadian Red Cross Hospital).

The Brownies in this group wrote and illustrated a story and the winners were the 4th Northallerton (Friarage Hospital) Pack, with 1st Crawfordsburn Pack receiving a special prize.

The Post Guide competition was won by the 2nd Cheshire Post Company, who made a delightful raft, with sail and shelter, a Log Book of an imaginary

journey to Ireland, flag, medicine chest, ship's papers, and money.

All together twenty-nine Companies and Packs entered for the competitions and we hope next year many more will join in. The Companies and Packs who took part all enjoyed the competitions and some very good entries were sent in.

Points for all Model-makers to Remember

The judges gave helpful advice to the competitors and the following criticisms of the rafts may be of interest. Not all the parts of the raft such as oars, flags, etc., were in proportion, only one raft had a rudder, some had navigation lights, some fishing lines. All had included medicine chests but not all had remembered remedies for sunburn and sea sickness, two most important points. A star chart was criticised because it had relied on one constellation—what happens if the sky is cloudy?

J. S. H. (Extension Secretary)

The GUIDER

The Executive Committee of the Council

A Report of Business dealt with during May and July, 1955

General Business

The chairman expressed thanks, at the May meeting, to the retiring members of the Executive Committee, and welcomed new members at the July meeting.

She reported that the Queen had graciously consented to sign a photograph for Headquarters. It was also reported that the petition against the Leicester Corporation Bill had been withdrawn, and agreed that overseas delegates attending the Y.W.C.A. Centenary should be invited to luncheon at Headquarters on 16th September. Reports were received on the change of date of the annual meeting, and suggestions put forward to the World Bureau for the celebration of the Founder's Centenary.

Awards and appointments and resignations, as listed in previous issues of THE GUIDER and elsewhere in this issue, were approved.

The *Ad Hoc* Committee set up to consider the problems connected with training overseas made its report. This committee was dissolved and a new committee with wider terms of reference was set up.

Trefoil Guild business included a report on the conference held at Swanwick, which had been attended by 240 delegates, and plans for the Founder's Centenary celebrations.

The General Secretary's report for 1954 was received.

It was agreed that a Centenary Celebrations *Ad Hoc* Committee be set up to formulate plans.

Amendments to the constitution for Wales were considered, and an amendment to the constitution of the Catholic Guide Advisory Council was agreed.

Reports from the Religious Panel included changes in membership of the Panel, suggestions regarding children's reading, and recommendations concerning literature on Communism.

Reports were received on the method of checking the Patrol Challenge, and a covering grant for expenses was agreed.

Finance

A financial and trading report was presented at each meeting.

The Honorary Treasurer presented the statement of accounts for 1954 prior to the annual meeting.

Permission was given for the signing and sealing of financial documents.

Revised estimates for 1955 were approved, and new scales for Headquarters staff salaries agreed. A report was received on legacies to the Association.

Subsistence allowances for full-time Trainers and grants towards expenses for C.H.Q. delegates were considered.

Recommendations from the Grants Committee for the distribution of the King George's Jubilee Trust Development Grant were accepted.

Overseas and International Affairs

It was reported that a candidate from Wales was nominated for a visit to Southern Rhodesia through the Princess Elizabeth Birthday Fund, but was not successful; and that during the summer it was hoped to welcome to England the Chief Commissioners for South Africa, Australia, and New Zealand, the International Commissioner for Canada, and the Commissioner for Rangers for New Zealand.

Reports were received from: India, giving news of invitations and conferences; Canada, concerning camperships offered by Mrs. Wishart from funds donated on her retirement as Chief Commissioner; the Chief Commissioner on her tour of South Africa and Kenya; and the Overseas Commissioner on her visit to South Africa, Swaziland, Southern Rhodesia, and the Sudan. Further news was received from Canada, Australia, Southern Rhodesia, the Caribbean area, Nyasaland, Seychelles, Kenya, British Guiana, Fiji, Tanganyika, Cyprus, and the West Indies.

The Constitution for Victoria, Australia, was submitted for ratification and amendments to the Constitutions for Northern Rhodesia, Kenya, Tonga, Dominica, Grenada, and St. Vincent were signed and sealed. An alteration to the Constitution of the Overseas Committee was approved.

Reports were received on invitations received from abroad, British Guides in foreign countries, the Mrs. J. C. Robinson fund, the International Summer party, and plans for the International Commissioners' meeting in September, 1955.

It was agreed that the Overseas Department should in future be known as the Commonwealth Overseas Department, and that the Chief Commissioner for South Africa should be asked to continue to look after the High Commission Territories on behalf of the Executive Committee.

Business from the World Association included reports on the Quo Vadis Conference on training, the Public Relations Survey 'The Wider World', and a progress report from the World Committee.

Ranger Branch

Congratulations were offered to Mrs. Coleridge and the committee on the success of every aspect of the Ranger Festival. An outline of the accounts of the Festival was presented and also a report of the publicity obtained for the Festival.

Alterations were agreed to the Ranger Service Star (overnight hike) and Leading Air Ranger tests, and the proposed form for the use of Flights applying for R.A.F. recognition was accepted. It was reported that the first Air Ranger Flight to be granted R.A.F. recognition was at Cirencester, Glos.

Reports were received on the progress of the plans for the Ranger lectures 'May we introduce', arrangements for the use of chartered vessels, the Music and Drama week-end in London in April, 1955, and suggestions for an English Ranger Rally.

Public Relations

Reports were received from the Standing Conference of National Voluntary Youth Organisations; on a one-day Conference for members of Scout and Guide Clubs in Training Colleges in the London and South-Eastern area; on the Association's appointments to the committees of The Council for the Promotion of Field Studies, and the National Playing Fields Associations; on the Royal Show, 1955; and on the Headquarters Film Library. It was agreed that the expense would not justify the restarting of this library.

The question of children acting in unsuitable plays was considered.

A statement on the Aims and Functions of the Local Associations and Trefoil Guilds was considered and approved for circulation.

It was agreed that the annual subscription be paid to W.A.Y.

Reports were received from the Education Panel on a letter circulated to headmistresses for names of potential Guiders from school leavers, and on membership of the Education Panel.

Publications

Approval was given for a full, unsubsidized edition of *The Commissioners' Register* to be printed.

Approval was given for the publication of various other books and cards.

Training

The award of diplomas, published elsewhere, was approved.

Recommendations were accepted concerning Guiders' camping and pack holiday qualifications; King George VI Bursaries; and uniform, including Bar for Camp First Aid Certificate, Presidents' hats, and Commissioners' lapel badges.

The new lease on Hindleap Warren was signed and sealed; and the revised syllabus for the power boat test was approved.

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More Postbag

A Guide is Thrifty—Are We?

In a letter in the August GUIDER headed as above, I notice that the writer suggests that re-election (and election) of a Commissioner is governed by 'vote'. As far as I am aware this is not the practice of the Movement, nor is such a procedure laid down in P.O.R.

I should be interested to know if, in fact, some Counties use this method for recommending the appointment or re-appointment of Commissioners?

B. M. FARRINGTON (Surrey)

A C.A.'s ABC

Being her musings at the end of the Camping Season Adventure

Much abused word; ignored, misunderstood, over-worked; Hardened campers need to remember that for the novice it is often adventure enough to leave home, to pitch a tent, and to live in the out-of-doors for the first time. Keen Guiders anxious to imbue their Guides with a love of adventure need to remember that to a child, it is the discovery, the experiment, the adventure you make for yourself which is the thrill—shades of improvised rope bridges, shelters, showers, and the like!

Beds and Bedding

Too many groundsheets rolled in with bedding! Too many open ends with bedding showing! Too many bedding rolls touching the walls of tents!

Old macintosh belts, strips of webbing, or straps are better than string for tying up bedding in rubber groundsheets. String cuts the rubber.

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Visiting Parents

By Mary Weatherill

A CHILD is first a member of a family and the community, and secondly a Brownie and member of the Guide Movement. This is a point we sometimes forget. Usually she has lived for seven or eight years and had no interest in, and possibly not even heard of Guiding, yet every day she has had home contacts and experiences, and, to understand her, it is a great help if we know something of her background.

Is she one of a big family used to sharing, or is she an only one used to being the centre of attraction? Has she security at home? What are her economic circumstances? And above all, what is the standard of values in her home? We need to know all this if we are to help the new Brownie to develop fully—and how do we begin?

Choosing the Right Time

When thinking on these lines I often remember one of the early Guide films showing the girls doing good turns. The Guides found a child crying, they rushed into her home totally uninvited, began to perform miracles in the way of what looked like spring cleaning, even bathed the baby, and had all clean and tidy, and the stage set for the mother's return. To me it was all reminiscent of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, where Snow White entered their home and cleaned for their return, and it was equally fantastic. Now, obviously, we cannot go invading the privacy of our children's homes, but a visit from Brown Owl at a carefully chosen time is usually welcomed by mother.

Assuming that the child seems really interested, and has been to one or two pack meetings and not just dropped in with a friend for want of something better to do, a few inquiries as to father's working time are indicated. Then, avoiding the family tea time, baby's bed time, bath night and all family routine to the best of her ability, Brown Owl makes her visit. Sometimes it is a good idea to take the child home from the pack meeting.

It is amazing how easily conversation flows when there is the common interest of the child. Even the shyest Brownie Guider need not fear a silence when she starts mother talking about her own daughter. When Brown Owl's turn comes, she can tactfully lead the conversation round to the points she wants to know.

Does mother know the child has come to the pack, and would she like her to be a Brownie? How did she hear of Brownies, and has mother or anyone in the family been a Guide?

By this time no doubt mother will be asking a few questions about what Brownies do each week. How does Susan procure a uniform and what is the cost? Do they pay to come?

The first of these questions is a grand opportunity for Brown Owl to explain, very simply and plainly, our aims, and how the practical side of Brownie work, with mother's co-operation, will teach the child to be helpful to 'other people, especially those at home'.

At this point, Brown Owl could tell mother about the Promise, and make a few inquiries as to whether the Brownie goes to Church or Chapel or to Sunday School. If not, then perhaps mother would like her to go with one of the other Brownies. Family views, and whether she is joining a closed or open pack, will make a difference here, but this is certainly the time to let mother know our religious policy, and to try to enlist her co-operation.

Explaining the Waiting List!

Unfortunately, Brown Owl may have to explain that as much as she would like to take the child into the pack, it is already full, and her name can only be put on to the waiting list. To mother, this seems hard, and often at first she cannot see why the teacher at school has forty or more in a class, and yet the Brownie teacher will only take twenty-four. Again tact has to be used, our reasons given, and the working of the waiting list explained. Mother is usually very interested to come to the enrolment and there she will meet one or two other mothers, and again the common interest will promote good feeling among the parents.

Parties for mothers are very popular, especially if the children help to organize them. If each Six prepares its own table and entertains its own mothers this is quite within the Brownies' scope.

A parents' evening when the mothers, yes, and fathers, too, come to see an ordinary pack meeting helps to give the family a clearer idea of what we are trying to do. Never will I forget a Brownie Guider asking the mother of her newest recruit how the child had settled. Mother replied, 'Oh, very well, but I didn't think it very kind of you to call her an Imp in front of all the others!'

Finally when the time comes for Pack Holiday, mothers need to be consulted first of all, before the idea is ever broached to the children. Without mother's implicit confidence and utmost

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Visiting Parents

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co-operation, Pack Holiday is impossible, but mothers are wonderful in the way they band together and give the utmost help if asked.

The surest way to a parent's heart is through the child, and when we realize the faith they have in us to trust their young children to leave home, most probably for the first time, and to go off with Brown Owl, it makes us conscious of our responsibilities. It makes us feel very humble, and determined to fit ourselves to fulfil that trust and never betray it.

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Headquarters Notices

COMMONWEALTH HEADQUARTERS AT HOME

Headquarters will be At Home on Monday, 14th November, to Division and District Commissioners and Secretaries who have not been able to come to previous At Homes.

The Chief Commissioner, Lady Stratheden, will welcome visitors at 6.30 p.m., when coffee will be served. There will then be tours of Headquarters to see many of the departments in action, and opportunities to meet Department Secretaries and some of the staff, and to ask questions and get information.

Commissioners and Secretaries who would like to receive an invitation are asked to write to the General Secretary, sending a stamped addressed envelope. As only a limited number of invitations can be given, these will be issued in order of the applications received at C.H.Q.; in any case the last date for receiving applications will be Saturday, 5th November.

GUIDE UNIFORM

As a result of many requests and on the recommendation of the Guide Branch, the Executive Committee has decided that:

(a) The present light blue shirt shall be continued.

(b) The uniform Guide dress shall be made in the same colour as the shirt.

(c) The present policy, i.e., that both types of Guide uniform (dress or blouse and skirt) are to be considered equally correct, be continued.

(d) Every individual Guide, and not each company as at present, should have freedom of choice between the types.

(e) Both types be accepted as official uniform for all occasions.

Supplies of the dress in the light blue will be available in Headquarters Shops from 1st September.

Limited stocks of H.Q. blue dresses are still available, but when exhausted will not be renewed. Both shades of blue will be correct uniform until the darker blue has become extinct, but Guides in new companies who elect to wear dresses should provide themselves with those of the light blue.

COMING EVENTS

A Retreat for Church of England Guiders: The Church of England Youth Council has arranged a Retreat for Church of England Guiders at the Retreat House, Catherington, Horndean, Hampshire from 30th September to 2nd October, 1955. *Conductor:* The Rev. M. S. Wheatley, Youth and Education Secretary of the S.P.G. The fee is 30s. which includes a booking fee of 2s. 6d. (not returnable). Bookings and programme from Miss H. A. Toft, Girl Guides Association, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1.

APPOINTMENTS

Miss H. McSwiney, Deputy Chief Commissioner for Overseas.

Mrs. Wood, Commissioner for North Borneo.

Mrs. Wilson, Commonwealth and International Adviser for Ulster.

Miss P. Chorlton, Acting Camp Adviser for Wales. (Vice: Miss Rees-Evans.)

HEADQUARTERS FILM LIBRARY

About two years ago it was decided, for economy reasons, to close the Film Lending Library at Headquarters and a notice to this effect was published in *THE GUIDER*. Nevertheless, during these two years, some 200 inquiries have been received by the Public Relations Department. It may well be that the inquirers have missed the notice. On the other hand they may be optimists who hope that Guide films are again available and it is thought that Guiders will appreciate a statement of the position.

The cost of restarting the library with, say, three black and white sound films and one silent film with an adequate number of copies would amount to about £3,000. The cost of new films in subsequent years would be in proportion and salary for an extra member of staff to deal with the hiring and keep the films in repair would have to be added to the annual budget. The hire of each film might bring in about £160 a year. It will be realized therefore that to maintain this service to the Movement at least £360 would have to be supplied annually from general funds.

At the moment the Public Relations Committee does not feel justified in recommending this expenditure but we should be interested to have Guiders' reactions to the policy and any suggestions from those interested.

Meanwhile a few Guide films are available from various sources and film strips may be purchased from Headquarters. For particulars apply to the Public Relations Department, Commonwealth Headquarters.

MARGARET MARTIN

(Chairman, P.R. Committee)

IN MEMORIAM

Kathleen French, who died on 29th June, aged 37, was a member of the North Surrey Post Trefoil Guild and attached to the Mitcham Guild. She had been formerly a Post Brownie, Guide, and Ranger in Battersea and Clapham. Though completely helpless during recent years, she was always bright and cheerful, and will be sadly missed by all her friends, but remembered as an example of the true Guide spirit.

In loving memory of a great Guider and friend who died about 10th July, **May West**, formerly Captain of the 1st Witham Company.

AWARDS

Good Service

Beaver: Mrs. Porter, Assistant County Commissioner, Worcestershire; Miss Dorothy R. Wood, Division Commissioner, Leith Hill, Surrey West.

Medal of Merit: Miss Annand, Division Secretary (Badges), City of Coventry, Warwickshire; Mrs. Wesley Bersey, District Secretary, Torpoint and Mount Edgcombe, Cornwall; Mrs. Flower, County Commissioner, Caernarvonshire; Mrs. W. Roberts, County Secretary, London, S.E.; Mrs. Mary E. Temple, lately Division Commissioner, Dudley, Worcestershire.

Certificate of Merit: Miss N. Best, lately Division Secretary, Whickham, Durham; Miss Eileen Bliss, District Commissioner, Enfield North, Middlesex East; Miss Eileen M. Brown, County Secretary, Lincoln; Miss N. Williams, lately Assistant Division Commissioner, South Shields, Durham; Dorothy Pickard, age 10 years, Brownie Sixer, 29th Bradford (St. John's) Pack, Yorkshire W.R.N.W.

Fortitude

Badge of Fortitude: Annette Jackson, age 13 years (almost), Guide, 2nd Staffs. Post. Co.

Annette suffers from paralysis of the legs and during the last six years has undergone several operations and suffered severe pain and much discomfort. She is at present in a plaster case from the waist downwards, but throughout everything she has always been outstandingly patient, brave and cheerful, and is a source of happiness and encouragement to all around her.

Badge of Fortitude: Hilary Noble, age 10 years, Brownie Sixer, 98th Huddersfield (St. Pauls, Shepley) Pack, Yorkshire W.R.S.

Hilary suffers from deformities of the spine and since 1947 has been in hospital once or twice each year for many operations and long periods in plaster. She has always taken a lively interest in everything around her and has been continuously cheerful and uncomplaining. She is an extremely useful Sixer.

Badge of Fortitude: Joan Rees, age 20 years, Patrol Leader, Caernarvonshire Lone Ranger Co.

Joan has been entirely disabled through illness for almost nine years, and her doctor reports that he has never seen a patient face such an illness with more fortitude. She has been an outstandingly good influence in the Guide and Ranger Company through her keenness, sense of humour and fine example.

Badge of Fortitude: Jean Rubidge, age 18 years, Ranger, West Ham Central District Ranger Co., London over the Border.

Jean has had trouble with her leg for a considerable number of years culminating in amputation from the hip two months ago. She has suffered continual pain, often severe, all these years and has been in and out of hospital having many operations. In spite of continual disability, she has always been cheerful and brave in facing further operations.

Letter of Commendation from Chief Commissioner for England: Gillian J. Pillar, age 14 years, Patrol Second, 1st Sandringham Co., Norfolk; Mrs. M. A. Western, Brown Owl, 1st Hither Green Pack, London, S.E.

Camp Training Awards

Miss Alsop, Bristol; Miss Kernohan, Glasgow; Miss Withers, Middlesex West.

LOAN CHARTS FOR RANGERS

These Charts are available on loan to Ranger units. The borrowers are asked to pay carriage both ways. Application should be made to the Ranger Secretary.

1. English Glassware; 2. Britain Builds the Ships (Liners and Merchantmen); 3. Britain Builds the Ships (Marine Engines); 4. Lloyds of London; 5. Port of Southampton; 6. Lifeboat Service; 7. Health and Beauty; 8. China Making; 9. Modern

Architecture; 10. Planning your Neighbourhood; 11. Care of your Home (Soft Furnishings); 12. Care of your Home (Soft Furnishings); 13. A British Airliner; 14. British Airport; 15. London Police Force; 16. Britain's Post Office; 17. Fire Precautions; 18. Rayon; 19. Meet the Country Parson; 20. The Theatre; 21. Local Government; 22. Art; 23. You and your Town; 24. Ballet.

FILMS FOR RANGERS

Planning film shows in the coming year? If so, you may like to know that the following Ranger films are on hire: *Out and About with the Rangers* (shots of activities of all three sections), 5s., 25 min.; *Gateway to Adventure* (Land Rangers), 4s., 20 min.; *Ships Company Afloat* (Seas, training on the *Foudroyant*), 4s.; *To Switzerland with S.R.S. Vivacious*, 3s. 6d., 20 min.; *All England Ranger Rally*, 1950, 3s. 6d., 10 min.; *Festival of Britain Displays*, 1951, 3s. 6d., 10 min.; *Guide International Camp*, 1952, 3s. 6d.

All films are black and white 16 mm. and can be obtained from M. Heys-Jones, 23 Denbigh Gardens, Richmond, Surrey.

DISPLAY NEWS

If you want display materials for Thinking Day, 1956—Book Now. Flags and other items of international interest are still available, but the sets of National uniforms are already booked. There are still a few individual uniforms available if you hurry.

A detailed list of display material and a booklet on 'Exhibitions and Displays' for beginners are available from the Public Relations Department, Girl Guides Association, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1 (postage only).

'JOURNEY FOR VICKY'

The Guide film is to be shown at the following cinemas (Children's morning matinees):

Savoy, Holloway (London, N.E.), one day, 3rd September; Regal, Norris Green (Lancs, S.W.), one day, 3rd September; Adelphi, Haymills, Birmingham, one day, 3rd September; Ritz, Chatham, Kent, one day, 3rd September; Carlton, Essex Road (London, N.E.), one day, 10th September; Casino, Rusholme (Manchester), one day, 10th September; Picture House, Aston Cross, Birmingham, one day, 10th September; Carlton, Boscombe, Hants, one day, 10th September; Gainsborough, Bootle (Lancs, S.W.), one day, 17th September; Tudor, King's Heath, Birmingham, one day, 17th September; Perrymount, Haywards Heath, Sussex, one day, 17th September; Ritz, Richmond, Surrey, one day, 17th September; Regal, Walton-on-Thames (Surrey, W.), one day, 24th September; Victory, Walton (Lancs, S.W.), one day, 24th September; Imperial Moseley Road, Birmingham, one day, 24th September; Rialto, Maidenhead, Berks, one day, 24th September; Regal, Ilford (London Over the Border), one day, 1st October; Ritz, Bexhill, Sussex, one day, 1st October; Apollo, Ardwick, Manchester, one day, 1st October; Carlton, Upton Park (London Over the Border), one day, 8th October; Regent, Yarmouth, Norfolk, one day, 8th October; Regal, Altrincham (Lancs, S.), one day, 8th October; Savoy, Northampton, one day, 15th October; Ritz, Clapton (London, N.E.), one day, 15th October; Forum, Withenshaw, Manchester, one day, 15th October; Ritz, Leyton (London Over the Border), one day, 22nd October; Ritz, Aldershot, Hants, one day, 22nd October; Ritz, Stockport, Cheshire, one day, 22nd October; Palladium, Brixton (London, S.W.), one day, 29th.

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We Made Our Own Toadstool

FOR the mould we used a large enamel bowl. This did not produce such a good shape as a china one (using the inside) would have done, but it had to be carried backwards and forwards to pack meetings.

First, two Brownies covered the inside of the bowl with vaseline, while the rest of the Six tore up newspaper into strips, about 1 inch wide and 3 inches long. These strips were then put into a jam jar of water to soak. (They should not get too wet as they would tear.)

It Dried for a Week

Next, the strips were placed carefully all round the edge of the bowl, each piece overlapping the last, and for the first layer the strip protruded over the edge of the basin. The strips were then continued all round the inside until the whole surface was neatly covered, with no gaps showing. It was then left to dry until the next meeting.

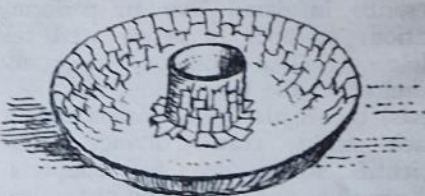
The Sixes Took it in Turn

Further strips were pasted over the first layer, care being taken that each strip overlapped and also left no gaps above or below. This is a fairly slow process and the Sixes took it in turn each week. After the third layer the protruding top was damped with paste and folded down on the inside, level with the top of the basin. This made a neat, rounded edge and a firm 'hem' on the inside. More layers were added each week, keeping below the rounded edge.

When several layers had been added, by pasting over the previous layer and placing the damp strips on top, we placed a small tin in the middle, the end of a tube which had contained shuttlecocks. This tin was secured by strips placed star-wise from the tin, down and outwards. This must be done very thoroughly to make it secure.

We Painted it with Cream Enamel

Finally we cut a large brown paper circle and, having cut out a smaller one in the middle (the size of the tin), we then



pasted and fitted it over around the tin, making it neater and stronger. When removed from mould and completely dried out, the outside can be enamelled with cream enamel and the Six emblems either painted on, or cut out in paper and stuck on; ours were painted on.

We also enamelled the cardboard roll which fitted into the top of the toadstool. The base presented rather a problem, but we used a cardboard cake mount (wood is better) and fixed a cocoa tin to it by screwing through from the board to a block of wood inside the tin.

Final Stages

To finish off, a large piece of strong brown paper was placed on the floor and well damped with paste. The base was then placed on it and the paper folded upwards in creases and tucked into the top of the tin. When dried, the toadstool was quite strong and, when painted green up the streaks with black shading in between, a realistic grass effect was achieved. The stalk of the toadstool fitted easily and snugly inside, and the toadstool is a great source of pride in the pack. N.A.J.



The World Family.—Does your company take a copy of the World Association's quarterly, *The Council Fire*? It is a grand way of keeping in touch with the world-wide members of the Guiding family. Guides throughout the Americas just now are excited over the plans for 'Our Cabana' ('Our Little House in the Country') in Mexico, which will be to them what 'Our Chalet' is to European Guides. In both cases, of course, such Guide houses are also open to visitors from all over the world, and give special opportunities for the building up of those international friendships that have a special place in Guiding. Various member countries of the World Association are making gifts for the furnishing and decorating of 'Our Cabana' (pron. Cabahn-ya).

'Journey for Vicky'—Continued

October; Palace, Banbury, Oxon, one day, 29th October; Broadway (Eccles, Lancs, S.), one day 29th October; Empress, Urmston (Lancs, S.), one day, 5th November; Kingsway, Hadleigh (Suffolk), one day, 5th November; Rex, Norbury (Surrey, E.), one day, 5th November; Regal, Leigh (Lancs, S.), one day, 12th November; Lyric, Wellingborough (Northants), one day, 12th November; Capitol, Barking (London Over the Border), one day, 12th November; Ritz, Wigan (Lancs, S.W.), one day, 19th November; Playhouse, Windsor (Berkshire), one day, 19th November; Rembrandt, Ewell (Surrey, N.), one day, 19th November; Ritz, Woking (Surrey, W.), one day, 26th November; Regal, Beckenham (Kent), one day, 26th November.

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Book Reviews

Smoke on the Mountain, by Joy Davidman. (Hodder and Stoughton, 7s. 6d.). The smoke on the mountain is the thick cloud which hides the too bright glory of God on Mount Sinai, and from which God gave to Moses the Commandments, 'that His fear be before your faces that ye sin not.' Joy Davidman, by birth a Jewess and one of the people to whom the promises were made, ex-atheist, ex-Communist, has written a modern interpretation of the timeless law of God. The viewpoint is American, the indictment concerns all who are part of the civilisation of the West.

Everyone will not agree with all that Joy Davidman writes, nor should they—it needs to be thought about and discussed. Just because it is all so entertaining and readable one tends to read too fast. Readers should ration themselves to a chapter at a time and make themselves think each statement over. Because men do not fear God, they are fearful of death and life and of each other, so the Commandments are prefaced by a chapter on 'The Sin of Fear.' The author, as a Christian, knows, too, that 'Thou shalt not' is never enough and that the law can only be kept in the great 'Thou shalt love' and her last chapter is called 'Light of Light.' Not the least valuable part of the book is the foreword by C. S. Lewis. J.G.

Bird Recognition 3. (Pelican, 3s. 6d.) Do you possess *Bird Recognition 1*: (Sea Birds and Waders) and *2*: (Birds of Prey and Water Fowls)? If so, you have been waiting for *Bird Recognition 3*: (Rails, Game-birds, and larger perching and singing birds). It is a Pelican Book, small enough to go into your mackintosh pocket, so that it can be referred to within a moment after seeing the bird. The Field Character Key leads one, as if on a treasure hunt, from clue to clue, until one arrives triumphantly to a final clue: 'See page 100,' and, turning to that page, finds concise and clear information which enables one to decide with certainty that one has seen that rare visitor—the Rosy Starling.

James Fisher is the author of *Bird Recognition* and he has also compiled the year-cycle charts; Mr. W. B. Alexander has compiled the maps showing the distribution of the species; there are 68 illustrations by Fish-Hawk. M.G.H.

The Royal Life Saving Society's Handbook (revised edition) can now be bought at Headquarters, price 3s. 6d. (or 34s. a dozen copies from the offices of the Society, 14 Devonshire Street, London, W.1.). No Company library is complete without this little book—not only does it describe in detail how to perform the Society's various methods of rescue and release, and the Holger Neilsen method of resuscitation (now required in the Girl Guides Association Badges and tests) but it also gives instruction in breast stroke, back stroke, crawl, diving, surface diving and scientific swimming. Most chapters have excellent illustrations and at the end of the book will be found the conditions required for the Society's various examinations. B.A.F.

The GUIDER



COMMONWEALTH HEADQUARTERS

The minimum age for prospective Guiders attending all residential training is seventeen and a half years.

TRAINING BURSARIES AVAILABLE

Fee Bursaries, 1955: This entitles a Guider to attend Foxlease, Waddow, or M.T.B. at half-rate.

Fare Bursaries: Assistance will be given to Guiders on a basis of four-fifths of the railway fare in excess of £1. Further details from the Secretary, Training Department C.H.Q.

Guiders wishing to apply for either of the above bursaries should get in touch with their *District Commissioners*, who will get the appropriate ticket or form from the Secretary, Training Department, C.H.Q. When applying, District Commissioners should state the date of the training the Guider wishes to attend. Applications must be made at least a fortnight before training.

FOXLEASE

September
9-13 Ranger Guiders (all Sections)
16-23 Rangers training at weekend with holiday activities afterwards.
27-4 Oct. Guide and Brownie Guiders

October
7-11 Guide and Brownie Guiders
14-18 Wiltshire
21-25 Guide Guiders. Emphasis on First Class
28-1 Nov. Guide and Brownie Guiders

November
4-8 Guide and Brownie Guiders
11-15 First Class Testers (England)
18-22 Commissioners
25-29 Guide and Brownie Guiders

1956
30 Dec.-3 Jan. General (a) Elementary (b) Refresher

1956
January
6-10 Music Party
13-17 Guide and Brownie Guiders
20-24 Guide and Brownie Guiders (emphasis on preparing the Company for camp)

February Foxlease closed

March
2-6 Guide and Brownie Guiders
9-13 Commissioners and Secretaries

Where to Train

16-20 Guide and Brownie Guiders (emphasis on training Patrol Leaders)

March
23-26 * Ranger Guiders (all Sections)
Cadet Guiders

29-6 April (Easter) General Training

* Separate trainings

WADDOW

September
9-13 Yorkshire Central
13-20 Extension Guiders
23-25 Yorkshire W.R.N.W.
30-4 Oct. Guide and Brownie Guiders

October
7-11 Ranger Guiders (all Sections)
14-18 Guide and Brownie Guiders
21-25 Brownie Guiders
28-1 Nov. Guide and Brownie Guiders

November
18-22 Guide and Brownie Guiders
25-29 Music and Drama

December
2-6 First Class Testers (England)

1956
30 Dec.-9 Jan. General (a) Elementary (b) Refresher

February
17-21 Guide (special emphasis on the P.L.) and Brownie Guiders
24-28 County Booking

March
2-6 Guide and Brownie Guiders
9-13 General (emphasis on 'Scouting for Boys')
16-20 County Booking
23-27 Guide and Brownie Guiders (emphasis on the Promise and Law)
29-6 April (Easter). Guide, Brownie, and Ranger Guiders

Fees: Single room, £4 4s. per week, 13s. 6d. per day; double room, £3 10s. per week, 11s. 6d. per day; shared room, £2 15s. per week, 9s. 6d. per day. Garage 7s. 6d. per week, 1s. 6d. per day.

Applications for Foxlease and Waddow should be sent (with a deposit of 7s. 6d.) and a stamped addressed envelope to the Secretary, Foxlease, Lyndhurst, Hants, or to the Secretary, Waddow Hall, Clitheroe, Lancs. (Where there is more than one type of training please state for which group you wish to apply.)

M.T.B.

September
3-10 Guiders (Sailing opportunities)

(See THE RANGER for Sea Ranger trainings.)



Fees: £3 5s. per week. All applications should be made to Miss V. Lees, Middleton Hall, Torquay, enclosing a deposit of 10s. and a stamped addressed envelope.

C.H.Q. CONFERENCES AND TRAININGS

A Handcraft Training with special emphasis on articles for sales of work will be held at Commonwealth Headquarters on Saturday and Sunday, 22nd and 23rd October. Fee 5s., plus a small additional charge payable at the training to cover the cost of materials. Applications, enclosing 5s., should be made to the Secretary, Commonwealth Training Department, C.H.Q.

A Music and Drama Training Conference will be held at Commonwealth Headquarters from Friday, 4th November to Sunday, 6th November. Times will be as follows: Friday, 6-30-9 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sunday, 2-6.30 p.m. The fee for the Conference will be 6s. plus meals and applications, enclosing 6s., should be made to the Secretary, Commonwealth Training Department, C.H.Q.

Camping Conference, 25th to 29th November, at High Leigh. Application to The Secretary, Commonwealth Training Department, C.H.Q. (Deposit 7s. 6d.).

ENGLAND

The following trainings will be held at C.H.Q. and are open to all Guiders. Applications, enclosing the appropriate fee, to be made to: The Secretary, English Training Department, C.H.Q.

Brownie Course: (Pre-warrant and newly warranted.) Tuesdays, 4th, 11th and 18th October. Time, 7-9 p.m. Fee for course 3s.

Guide Course: (Pre-warrant and newly warranted.) Mondays, 24th and 31st October and 7th November. Time, 7-9 p.m. Fee for course 3s.

Midday Trainings: (Provision will be made, if desired, for children of Guiders attending these trainings.) Thursdays, 6th and 13th October, Commissioners and Ranger Guiders. Thursday, 20th October, Brownie Guiders. Thursday, 27th October, Guide Guiders. Time, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fee 2s. per day.

Queen's Guide Testers' Training will be held at C.H.Q. on Saturday, 29th October, from 2-7 p.m. The training is being planned for new and experienced testers. Fee 3s. including tea.

Extension Guiders' Training: Saturday, 15th October. Time,

11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Fee 2s. 6d. All applications, enclosing fee only, to be made to the Secretary, English Training Department, and not to the Extension Department. Lunch will be available, price 2s. 9d., and tea, price 1s. 3d., payable on the day please. It would be very helpful to have points for discussion, whether of Group or general interest, beforehand. Please send any points when applying for the training.

SCOTLAND

Netherurd

- September
9-12 Guide and Brownie Guiders (places reserved for Shropshire)
*16-19 Ayrshire and Bute
*23-26 Renfrewshire
30-3 Oct. Guide and Brownie Guiders (places reserved for Dumfriesshire)
- October
7-10 Extensions
*14-17 East Lothian
21-24 Guide and Brownie Guiders (including Pre-warrant)
*28-31 Perthshire and Angus
- November
4-7 Guide Guiders
*11-14 City of Edinburgh
18-21 Prospective Certificated Trainers
*25-28 Glasgow S.E. Division

December
2-5 Rangers
9-12 Trainers

* At the County week-ends a certain number of places are kept for Guiders from other areas, and any Guider may apply for a place at these trainings.

The fees for Netherurd are the same as those for Foxlease. Applications to the Secretary, Netherurd, Blyth Bridge, West Linton, Peebles-shire.

WALES

Broneirion

- September
Broneirion closed
- October
7-9 Cardiff and East Glamorgan
14-16 Shropshire
28-30 Welsh Trainers
- November
4-6 Ranger Adventure Week-end
25-27 Guide Guiders
- December
9-11 Camp Advisers' Meeting
- Fees for Broneirion are the same as those for Foxlease. Applications, enclosing a deposit of 5s., to the Guider-in-Charge, Broneirion, Llandinam, Mont.

ULSTER

Lorne

- September
9-11 Trainers
16-18 Queen's Guides

October
7-9 Extension Guiders
14-16 Patrol Leaders
28-30 Brownie Guiders

November
4-6 Guide Guiders (Special invitation)

11-13 North Division, Belfast
18-20 West Division, Belfast

Fees: 8s. 3d. per day. Applications for trainings at Lorne to the Guider-in-Charge, Craigavad, Co. Down, enclosing a deposit of 5s.

At County week-ends there may be a certain number of places for Guiders from other areas, and any Guider may apply for a place at these trainings.

CAMPING AND HOLIDAYS

Blackland Farm, East Grinstead, Sussex. Applications for camp sites should be made to the Warden. Indoor camping facilities are available all the year round and 'Restrop' is furnished for parties of ten.

Pack Holiday House, Waddow. Applications for Pack Holidays for 1956 will be considered on, and after, 1st January. The House is available for Guides, Rangers and Cadets with their Guiders between September and April inclusive, although preference will always be given to packs.

Gloucester Rally

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costume of scarlet and black—with topper. Liberty Ponies, Massed Monkey Ride, a Curious Crawling Caterpillar, a Troupe of Dancing Girls, Foxhunter showing his paces over the jumps (I love a comic horse!), The Amberley Dragon, the return of the Gloucestershire Everest Expedition, Peter Rabbit and the Rest, and the Performing Sea Lions—the Guides were simply splendid in all their impersonations, but it was the Ringmaster who kept the show going with her commentary, which must have been difficult both to map out and to execute. The Guider and Cub mistress who provided the Foxhunter act deserve special praise, apart from their splendid acting, for their endurance in the heat; and Mrs. Fenton's small son appeared as a diminutive assistant ringmaster, adding to the fun. Another special note must be added for the Clowns—invaluable as at a real circus in keeping the fun going, and most professional.

Organizers, performers, and Guiders all share in the credit for the fact that everybody *looked* as if she were enjoying herself. It was a thoroughly happy afternoon, and the excellent arrangements for tea were in keeping with the smooth running of the show.. The W.V.S. looked after both the

Guides and the visitors in the marquee, while the Trefoil Guild were responsible for Princess Margaret's table in the marquee.

Afterwards there was a lovely surprise: the Princess drove in a Landrover round the whole ground, where the Guides were having their picnic teas, and she can never have given more pleasure or received a warmer welcome. You should have seen the Brownie, clasping a bottle of lemonade, who—wide-eyed and worshipping—stayed the whole course despite the crowds.

I shall remember, among other things, the local reporter who told me how impressed they had been the day before by Miss Gray's calmness; the sense of happy co-operation; and a subsequent letter from Miss Gray in which she said, *à propos* congratulations on the rally, 'I have got a grand lot of people helping Guiding in Gloucestershire, and it is to them that the success is due, and of course to the girls themselves.'

Public occasions are the least important things in a movement like ours, of course, but when they draw us together, and demonstrate how much each one matters to the whole, they serve a very valuable purpose—and they certainly provide happy memories for participants and visitors alike.

Thank you for asking me, Gloucestershire!

G. M. PLACE

Picture feature next month.

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The Girl Guides Association takes no responsibility for statements contained in any advertisement, nor for any subsequent correspondence in connection therewith. The right is also reserved to refuse any advertisement not considered suitable. Advertisements for the sale of clothing (except uniform) cannot be accepted. Charge 2s. per line, personal; 4s. per line, Trade; 1s. 3d. for Box Number. Advertisements must be received by the 1st of the month for insertion in the next issue.

EMPLOYMENT OFFERED

Oakwood Hospital, Maidstone.—Enquiries are invited from girls between 16 and 18 years of age, who are interested in nursing as a career, with a view to enrolment as **Pre-Nursing Cadets** at the Oakwood Hospital, Maidstone. Cadets will work in the departments and not on the wards. Full particulars of the scheme and training course, which opens in September, 1955, together with rates of pay, etc., may be obtained from the Matron or from the local Youth Employment Officer.

Social Work.—Church of England Settlement on South London Housing Estate needs two resident workers, for (a) light house-keeping duties; (b) neighbourhood and case-work. Opportunities for both in club work—old people and children and with Guides and Brownies.—Apply Warden, Talbot Settlement, 14 Bromley Hill, Bromley, Kent.

Wanted.—A lodger to live as one of the family, consisting of wife-Guider, husband-Scouter and two children age 1 and 3. Terms moderate.—Shackleton, 43 Tyrrell Road, S.E.22.

United Ipswich Hospitals Training School for Nurses.—Joint training for male and female nurses (636 beds). (East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital) (Anglesea Road Wing and Head Road Wing). Candidates are accepted for 3½ years' joint training at the above school. The preliminary course commences at the beginning of January, May and September each year. Study day system of training now in operation. Wide range of practical nursing experience available. Usual training allowances given.—For full particulars apply to Matron of either Wing of the Ipswich and East Suffolk Hospital.

St. George's Hospital, Hornchurch, Essex.—State enrolled Assistant Nurses, male and female, required. Salary: Female £345—£445 p.a. less £138 p.a. if residential accommodation desired; Male (non-resident only) £360—£460 p.a. Apply immediately to Matron. Also required, **Pupil Assistant Nurses**, male and female, aged 18 or over, for two years training. £240 payable first year; £250 second year, less £113 p.a. if residential accommodation desired. (Male posts are non-resident only). Illustrated brochure and further details obtainable from Matron. This is a large modern geriatric hospital containing excellent individual quarters for female staff, provides good recreation facilities and is within easy reach of London by good road and rail services.

Hounslow Hospital, Staines Road, Middlesex (General acute).—Pupils accepted for two years' training for Roll of Assistant Nurses. Hospital with good residential accommodation near London. Interested candidates may visit the hospital by appointment with the Matron, to whom application should be addressed.

Waddow requires Cook-Caterer and also a Housekeeper. Excellent experience and interesting life.—Apply to The Guider-in-Charge, Waddow Hall, Clitheroe, Lancs.

Waddow requires an Orderly (17-18 years of age) to assist Housekeeper. Excellent opportunity for young person leaving school who wishes occupation for a year before going to College.—Apply to The Guider-in-Charge, Waddow Hall, Clitheroe, Lancs.

An opportunity at Foxlease.—Two Orderlies, to help in the house and kitchen, are wanted at Foxlease in September. This would be an excellent opportunity for a girl who has 6 months or more to fill in before entering on a training course of any kind. It would also be a fine start to anyone wanting to take up Homecraft as a career.—Particulars can be obtained from the Guider-in-Charge, Foxlease, Lyndhurst, Hants.

ACCOMMODATION OFFERED

Cornish coast.—Bed and breakfast. Possibly evening meal or facilities for self catering.—Whittingham, Penwarren, Crackington Haven, nr. Bude.

12 Hans Road, London, S.W.3 (KENSington 5951).—Ten minutes from Victoria, and ideally situated for sightseeing and shopping. Rooms (some with private baths) and breakfast, nightly from 17s. 6d. Special weekly terms.—Further particulars from Miss Adeline Willis.

Blakedene, Lilliput, Dorset.—Comfortable old house in own grounds. Close to Poole Harbour. Easy reach Bournemouth and Dorset coast. Brochure—Rosamond Douglas and Janet Foster.

Balmer Lawn House, Brockenhurst, Hants; Telephone Brockenhurst 3108.—The New Forest is a delightful centre for holidays; walking, riding, golf, bird-watching, sightseeing or just relaxing.—Apply Miss Sandy, as above.

FOR SALE

To Be or Not To Be.—Twelve talks on the Christian Religion by E. J. Rowland, author of *Be Ye Perfect*. 'The author understands the difficulties of young people and the questions they are asking. He does not talk down to them and he has some stimulating things to say.'—A.E.T. in THE GUIDER. 'The ideal book to put into the hands of an outsider who is dissatisfied with his life and shows interest in ultimate realities.'—*Home Mission News*.—Christ Church Publications, price 3s., obtainable from the Guide Shop.

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Advance Duplicating Service.—Prompt accurate work; mod. charges; Guiders 10 per cent discount.—5 Warwick Avenue, S. Harrow. (Continued on page 271)

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and

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Price Sixpence

Guiding in New Neighbourhoods

MANY Commissioners face a situation where a tremendous growth in population has created a new housing area, or even an entirely new town, and perhaps they will find it helpful to know the experience of three contributors in rapidly expanding areas. The second and third articles will be published in the October and November issues.

In the first case, a Commissioner is dealing with a new housing estate on the borders of Hampshire and Dorset. This is entirely new, with no church or social centre to act as a focus for youth work. There are, however, two schools, one a Secondary Modern for eight hundred, and the other, a Primary School, for five hundred children. The approach was therefore made to the two headmasters, who welcomed the Commissioner with open arms, though they expressed doubt whether Guiders could do anything with their type of youngsters.

A Hundred Volunteered!

When the idea of a company was put to them a hundred girls of twelve wanted to join! Thirty-six were selected to form the first company, and the rest were put on waiting lists. The first meeting was chaos! The girls said they knew that in Guiding you worked in ' platoons ' and you had to do a good turn every day. Divided into patrols, the girls chose their own leaders. The first few meetings were still chaotic, but after some time and attention had been given to the patrol leaders they began to know a little. At the third meeting, responsibility for the company was handed over to the Court of Honour. When the girls had control, and the captain ran along with them, all went well.

The company developed by leaps and bounds. Not many weeks later the patrols were organizing prayers and taking them themselves, despite the fact that they had none of them any religious background at home. They also planned their own programmes 'round the test card' and carried their Guiding into their homes and school.

Now, a year later, four determined girls are nearly First Class. The organization of the company has proved the value of B-P's original ideas, particularly in the matter of working through the Patrol System.

Having started in May, 1954, by the following Christmas it was found possible, with the help of experts, to perform a Nativity Play with everyone taking some part. This was a valuable experience and the company spirit developed accordingly. Mothers came to watch and, as a result, some who

had been Guides volunteered to become lieutenants and Tawny Owls. Meanwhile, the headmaster having produced sixty names, two Brownie Packs had been started, with eighteen children in each, and two mothers became Tawny Owls, working with an experienced Brown Owl.

The Court of Honour Accepted Responsibility

Fund raising caused some difficulty but this was overcome by the Guides themselves, who refused a grant from the school towards uniforms. Instead, they raised money by doing rounds and 'sitting-in' jobs. Weekly subscriptions were brought very regularly, and responsibility for raising the money required was accepted by the Court of Honour. The Brownies could only get their uniforms by degrees, but an appeal to other packs in the big town nearby brought in secondhand uniforms. No

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HEADQUARTERS VACANCIES

Membership of the Movement is always an advantage to applicants for posts at Headquarters.

For Salary Scales see THE GUIDER for July.

Registrations Dept.—Shorthand/typist, age 16/18 to learn general work of department and train for more senior post; Records Clerk, age 16/18, neatness and accuracy essential.—Apply Registrations Secretary.

Equipment Dept.—For the following apply to the Equipment Secretary:

Sales and Mail Order Dept.: Senior Clerk; Clerk and Experienced Invoice Clerk/Typist.

Stock Control Office: Experienced Stock Control Clerk. Stock Room: Junior Stockkeeper Clerk, age 15/16 years.

Headquarters Shop: Experienced Saleswoman: Junior Saleswomen, age 15/16 years.

Birmingham Branch Shop: Junior Saleswoman, age 15/16 years.

Cardiff Branch Shop: Junior Saleswoman, age 15/16 years.

Wood Green Branch Shop: Manageress; experienced Saleswoman.

Finance Dept.—Part-time experienced Shorthand-typist. Hours by arrangement.—Apply Finance Secretary.

Foxlease.—Two orderlies needed as soon as possible to help in the house and kitchen. Would suit girls waiting 6 months or more to begin a training course.—Enquiries to Guider-in-Charge, Foxlease, Lyndhurst, Hants.

Waddow.—Vacancies for Cook and Housekeeper; also House Orderly, would suit girl who has a year to fill in before starting other training. Hours and free time reasonable.—Inquiries to Miss Irwin, Waddow Hall, Clitheroe, Lancs.

Division Rally on the Patrol System

A DIVISION rally was due. The Division Commissioner did not want to hold one just for the sake of holding one, but she was anxious to back up the County Training and Camping Committee in their drive for the right use of the Patrol System as visualized by the Founder. So this is what the Division Court of Honour, in conjunction with an experienced Guide Captain from each District, evolved.

The main programme was an inter-patrol competition based on any Guide work up to Second Class, in order that it should not cut across any usual Guide activities. The unit was the NORMAL Patrol (no composite patrols were allowed to enter). The entry forms were sent in by the P.L., therefore no extra work was put on the Guiders or Commissioners. Everything was judged during the afternoon except Nature logs kept for two spring months and sent in with the entries and judged in advance. No one actually knew what they were to be judged in till they arrived, but each patrol had to bring a useful article costing not more than 6d., and a hike First Aid outfit fitted out and made by one or more in the patrol. Uniform inspection and attendance, as for ordinary company meetings, was in the competition.

The forty-two patrols that entered were divided into four groups and judged in four sections moving round in rotation. The judges were none of them active Guiders in the Division: two were ex-Division Commissioners now holding county appointments, there were two Trefoil Guild members, three Cub

A.D.C.s and the County Cadet Guider with two of her Cadets. Each P.L. had a card on which the standard achieved, 'A', 'B', or 'C' was marked against each section. All patrols received a certificate showing what standards they had achieved, and the company with the highest number of 'A' cards in proportion to the patrols entered, received the Division Cup. The fairness of this method was emphasized by the fact that the biggest company in the Division entering seven patrols was only .9 of an 'A' behind the smallest company entering only one patrol.

It certainly gave the P.L.s a sense of responsibility and it used the real patrol system. No one was overworked, though it did involve a good deal of paper work in advance to ensure smooth running at the time. Everyone appeared to enjoy herself, and the Division Commissioner certainly did! There was no feeling of rush and hanging about waiting as so often happens at more formal rallies involving ceremonial. After a picnic tea, brought by everyone, a campfire was held, during which the results were given out and the cup awarded by the C.C. The whole thing took five hours, and though considerably helped by the weather it could easily have been carried through in the alternative wet-weather accommodation.

This form of rally can strongly be recommended as an alternative to the more normal type.

[Would any readers consider this idea worth using as a stimulus for the winter or spring?—EDITOR.]

Guiding in New Neighbourhoods

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rent was required for the school premises, where all meetings took place.

A Ranger Company has now been started on the estate, at the request of the older girls, who realized that they were missing something through not being part of the Guide Movement. Some of them are now anxious to help by becoming Guiders in the future.

The secret of this successful year's work lies in the fact that four very experienced Guiders were available to run the companies and packs.

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C.A. (who was acting as the patient rescued from the sea): 'What would you do to your patient before starting the artificial respiration drill?'

GUIDER: 'Tie her tongue round her neck.'

C.A.: (after some minutes under a heavy hand): 'How would you try to find out if the patient was breathing?'

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