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# Notes of the Month

# A Film on the Founder

Republic Pictures Inc. announced recently that they are to make a full-length feature film of the life of the Founder, Lord Baden-Powell, of Gilwell, in time for the centenary celebrations. The script will be written by Mr. Warren Duff and it will be directed by Mr. Frank Lloyd, who first met B-P when he was filming 'Mutiny on the Bounty'. The Founder was travelling to San Francisco from Tahiti on one of his world tours and amused Mr. Lloyd during the ten-day voyage with tales of his adventures. Much of the film will be shot in this country and some of it in South Africa.

# ' The Baden-Powell Story '

'Adventure-as opposed to "safety first"was the key to much enjoyment, and even to many of the achievements, in the life of the Founder of Scouting,' writes the Chief Guide in the foreword to this new book by Geoffrey Bond (Staples Press, 6s.), and any Guiders looking for exciting yarns to tell could not do better than get a copy.

# **UNICEF Greeting Cards**

The United Nations Children's Fund has a new series of greeting cards entitled 'Holiday Bound -the World Around ' with designs which have been given by the French artist, Edy Legrand, and by Antonio Frasconi of Uraquay. The message of greeting is in the five languages of the United Nations and the colourful pictures show children in the Orient, North African Desert, the Americas (2 cards) and the Arctic Circle. The cards can also be obtained without the message for invitation cards.

A delightful interpretation of the United Nations crest on a white ground, showing in full colour the flags of all the member countries is also available.

All the cards are packed in boxes of 10, price 7s. 6d. per box, the 'Holiday Bound' series having two of each design, and will be sent on request to UNICEF Greeting Card Fund, 15 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1

These cards are also on sale in the shop at Headquarters.

Every box of cards sold means that:

50 children can be given milk every day for one week, or

50 children can be protected from tuberculosis.

# May We Introduce?

Does your church expect your Unit to ' do the flowers' occasionally—and have you ever longed to be able to make them look really lovely? In the second talk in this series, Miss Elizabeth Goatcher, a lecturer from the Constance Spry Organisation, will be showing how to do this, and she will, it is hoped, be demonstrating with the kinds of flowers and greenery which anyone can find with a little trouble.

If you are in or near London and haven't yet obtained a ticket, do come along to Gresham College, Basinghall Street, E.C. before 7.30 p.m. on Friday, 4th November, 1955, as there are a few tickets not yet allocated. If you're not near London-can't you find a local expert and see what can be done about talks on this fascinating

subject?

The first talk in this series on 'Antiques', by Coleridge, M.C., introduced by Lady Burnham, was a big success. It was a masterly idea (perhaps it came from the fertile brain of the chairman of the Ranger Committee) to have Hepplewhite and Chippendale chairs (and their copies) and lovely tables and bureaux for the audience to see as Mr. Coleridge spoke about them. Interspersed with stories and lively humour the talk was also 'down to earth' as the Rangers were advised how they could furnish their own homes in a few years' time with excellent copies of old furniture if they seized the chance of buying at auctions.

# Our Cover

The cover photograph this month is one of the illustrations to 'Party Flowers', by Constance Spry, to be published by J. M. Dent & Sons, at 8s. 6d., on 10th November. The jasmin and white china figures are on an Irish green cloth.





# Guiding in New Neighbourhoods - 3

THE third contribution in this series of articles comes from Edinburgh. Here there are three distinct factors in the situation described by the Commissioner.

1. A pre-war housing scheme adjoining an older residential area where established companies and packs may be suddenly flooded with newcomers, often from a different home background.

2. A new self-contained estate with a good type of home and with people anxious to build up a

community round the church.

3. A 'tough' neighbourhood on another new estate with the problem of hooliganism making the work of voluntary organizations difficult.

# The Need for Experienced Guiders

The Commissioner reports that the first does not present a real problem. The present companies absorb the new girls and both old and new benefit from one another. A little new blood does not unduly affect the traditions and standards of wellfounded companies. Owing to the 'bulge' packs are full and some have waiting lists, with the possible result that sponsored units decide to confine their recruitment to members of their Sunday Schools. She anticipates difficulties when the present Brownies move on to Guide Companies where girls from overcrowded homes, and less secure backgrounds, may then be in the majority, and the lack of sufficient experienced and mature Guiders may lead to the lowering of standards. She suggests the need now to train new Guiders -preferably older or married women-and put them with experienced Guiders to learn the ropes.

# Training Based on 'Scouting for Boys'

On the new housing estates, specially those of the 'tough' variety, she feels there is a great challenge to the stout-hearted Guider and the Commissioner. Her first attempt to enlist Sea Rangers of Guider age as a team to crusade for Guiding in the new area failed and she herself led a group of three young Guiders in forming a Guide Company. She started with ten girls from whom she eventually chose patrol leaders before opening the company for further recruitment. She based the training on Scouting for Boys and found tremendous enthusiasm for it. Although the first experiment broke down owing to difficulties over the hall, she is able to say that two other companies have been started on similar lines.

As a result of her experience she is sure that young and inexperienced Guiders should on no account start companies and packs in this type of area. She feels that the Commissioner must look

to the married women living in the area for future leadership. Meanwhile it is necessary for the Commissioner and her more experienced Guiders to work with new Guiders and then to be prepared to visit the units frequently. Two Brownie packs have been started in this way.

For the instability, untruthfulness and lack of discipline of the girls on these estates there is no quick cure, and their Guiders need patience and a fine quality of leadership. Where hooliganism is encountered the difficulties multiply and police protection has been sometimes necessary.

# Gain the Parents' Interest

To deal with the tendency to drift from one organization to another and stick nowhere the Commissioner has suggested the use of parents' permission forms before enrolment and the steady drive for the greater interest of parents. She adds that the recruitment of married women as Guiders in a Guide Company may make camping a problem, but in one or two cases it has been possible for the Captain to bring her family with her to

A Division Local Association of long standing supports all new Guiding efforts, and co-operation is sought wherever possible with Church and mission authorities and Women's Guilds on the estates, but for the present the urgent need is to look for leaders with experience and personality who have the steadfastness of purpose to go out from their residential areas to build up companies and packs and help found the future tradition in the new neighbourhoods.

# Printing Blocks

COUNTIES PLANNING Annual Reports and Districts and Divisions who need blocks for programmes may like to know that, owing to new ordering methods and larger supplies, it is now possible to lower the fees for hiring blocks and for buying new trefoil or colophon blocks.

Hire of 1 inch Trefoil or Colophon for one

month is now 1s., postage extra.

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2s. 6d. per month, postage extra.

If Counties particularly want to hire a block of a rally or other event, it would be helpful if the County Secretary would write to C.H.Q. immediately after the event so that if possible the block can be reserved.

# The C.H.Q. Hurricane Fund

THE picture below shows you one of the lovely beaches in Barbados before this island, often known as 'Little England', was struck by the fearful hurricane at the end of September. On the right is a Queen's Guide, Jeanetta Comissiang, whose home in Grenada, with its neighbour Carriacou and the Grenadines also suffered loss of life and heavy damage from the fury of the wind and sea.

Messages of sympathy to the Guides in Barbados, Grenada and British Honduras were immediately sent from C.H.Q. and on page 335 you can read the letter from the Chief Commissioner for Overseas about the ' Hurricane Fund' to help rebuild Headquarters buildings and to provide new equipment and uniform.

There are 1,137 Guides in Barbados, 452 in Grenada and Carriacou and 494 in British Honduras and in cables from the Island Commissioners we hear that the Guides immediately offered to help with relief work and that Guides in the neighbouring Caribbean Islands have collected clothing and utensils to send to homeless families.

The British Government have made grants of \$50,000 to Barbados and Grenada and \$10,000 to British Honduras but as the Colonial Secretary said in his broadcast when launching the 'West Indies Hurricane Relief Fund', 'there remains a most urgent need for private help.' Not only have thousands of people lost their homes and possessions but it will be years before cocoa, coco-nut and nutmeg plantations yield their erops again.

Full details of the C.H.Q. 'Hurricane Fund' will be found on page





(By courtesy Central Office of Information)

# Ideas for Packs and Companies

Inspection (Brownies)

One rather imaginative ceremony is to have the Sixes standing round forming the four sides of a square. Each Brownie is a house in a square, and the shining knocker (badge), clean doorstep (shoes), neat tiles (hair), etc., can be examined. The Six inspection is when each Six chooses the best Brownie and sends her into the middle, where Brown Owl chooses the very best one of all.

With a little imagination inspection can be fun and a great encouragement to the Brownies. It keeps them on their toes wondering what is coming next, and it is an invaluable training in health, cleanliness and neatness.

# Punctuality Charts

Six 'flower gardens' may encourage punctual arrival at pack meetings. Each Six is given a strong sheet of brown paper or card and draws an outline garden. Each Brownie arriving on time is given a coloured 'shape' to stick on as a flower on the border.

At the end of six weeks the flowers are counted and the winning Six given something suitable to add to its garden. (Proportions have to be worked out on actual attendance figures for each Six.) The Sixes may then complete their pictures with coloured crayons.

#### Clean Hands

Trace a drawing of a hand on to postcards and give one to each Brownie taking the Health Section of Golden Bar (or to the whole pack if desirable). These may be cut out and divided into seven, each section labelled with a day of the week. The 'hands' may be taken home and a section coloured daily if hands are washed at proper times. Brownies who remember to bring the cards back could use the reverse of the same card the following week with the emphasis on finger nails.

#### First Aid Challenge

Apparatus: Enough cards for the Guides playing on questions relating to Second Class and First Class First-Aid. The questions are on one side and the answer, in red, on the other side. E.g., 1. What should you do if you feel faint? 2. How should you enter a burning room? 3. What is the first thing to do for serious bleeding?

Cards are distributed to the company through P.L.s and each Guide learns her answer. On a signal each Guide challenges a member of another patrol and continues to do it until the finishing signal. If both answers are correct the Guides

continue without scoring; if one is right and one is wrong the Guide who is wrong takes her challenge card and learns the right answer. She returns her own card to the Patrol Corner. At a signal the challenge finishes and the winning patrol is the one with the least cards.

# Window Shopping

Here are one or two suggestions for outdoor activities (winter or summer) if there are shops near your Headquarters.

- (a) Divide the patrols up into twos or threes and having told the Guides they are to imagine they have 15s. to spend on gifts for mother, father (who does not smoke), grandma (who is bedridden) and a two-year-old sister, send them to look in shop windows and come back with suggestions. These are then discussed in patrols, and a final list submitted for discussion by the company as a whole.
- (b) Patrols to look in shop windows and produce a list of a given number of articles displayed which would represent each Health Rule.
- (c) Each patrol plans, say, a three-course meal for a family. They then go and look for the necessary provisions, bringing back a shopping list showing the cost and the shop from which the commodities can be bought. (By suggesting a maximum sum which may be spent, the Guides get some training in wise budgeting.)

In any of these activities ample time should be allowed for summing up and discussion, as therein lies much of the training value.

D.E.M.

# A Stalking Game

Each patrol is given the name of a shop and the first few words of a notice in the window of that shop, their object being to find out and write down the remainder of the notice. Meanwhile, another patrol is provided with the second part of the notice only, and they also aim to complete it. They find the correct shop by stalking patrol 'A'.

If the patrols are large (or the shops very near together) they may be given more than one notice to complete, but as each patrol will be both ' stalked ' and ' stalking ' at the same time, much will depend on the way in which the leaders organize their Guides. It will be necessary to make quite clear beforehand which patrol is to be shadowed by which, and it is also wise to make sure that the shop windows chosen are lighted and do not have their blinds drawn.

# A Visit to the Seychelles

by Clare Lawrance

THERE has always been to me something fascinating about small islands. They seem to be enveloped with a mystery and beauty of their own, especially if they are far from the usual track of steamer and plane. So when I had the opportunity of visiting one of the most remote groups of islands in the Commonwealth—the Seychelles—I was full of excitement and curiosity.

I found that there are ninety-two islands in the group, lying almost midway between Africa and India, the largest island, Mahe, with the only important town Port Victoria, is only 17 x 5½ miles, and the others vary in size down to some

which are just small rocks.

Starting by boat from Mombasa (there is no air service) on a pouring wet day, we were soon rolling horribly in the monsoon wind with grey skies and rough seas. It was therefore all the more of a joyful surprise when on the third morning we woke to find ourselves approaching the most lovely islands, Silhouette, with its beautiful outline, St. Anne, Cerf and finally, Mahe, with the sun shining brilliantly, and the sea that wonderful aquamarine with dark purple shadows which one connects with coral reefs and warm yellow sands.

The islands are very scattered, Adalbra, the farthest away is 640 miles from Victoria, and all of them together only make up an area of 156 square miles. Nearly all of those near Mahe rise to quite a height in the centre and every available inch is planted with coco-nut trees, as copra is

the chief and almost only export.

# Swimming Inside Coral Reefs

It was tremendously exciting meeting the Guides there, as no one from Headquarters had ever visited them before, and I had the vaguest ideas



La Digree Coast, Seychelles

as to what they would be like. And how shall I describe them? Guides all over the world are much alike, and yet these dark-eyed children, mingling, as many of them do, the characteristics of their French and African ancestors,



Seychellois Guides returning from camp

had a charm and freshness which was all their own. Turned out in their smart white uniforms with large straw hats, and white shoes and socks, the Guides and Brownies alike made an impressive sight on parade. When I got to know them better I found these uniforms were taken off directly they arrived at a hike or picnic spot and hung carefully on hangers under a tree, and the Guides disported themselves in overalls or bathing suits until it was time to return home.

The Guides and Brownies were very shy when I first visited their companies and packs, partly due to their home language being Creole, a sort of Patois French which an outsider can't understand, and also because they hardly ever see visitors, but I generally found the Guides could understand English or French, and when we began to play games or go for expeditions together we started to make friends. Each of the four companies in Mahe took me for a day's outing, all quite different and all quite lovely. One was to Beau Vallon-their most famous bathing beach where we swam in the greenest and warmest of seas, inside coral reefs and so safe from sharks, with shady trees coming down to the sands, making a perfect site for hiking and games. I discovered there to my amazement that the Seychellois are not great swimmers and in fact very few bathe at all, but many of the Guiders are trying to encourage them to learn. Indeed, it's very necessary to do so, as so much of their travelling is done in small boats, sometimes in very dangerous seas.

# 'This Little Pig Had Braces!'

Another expedition was up Signal Hill which we climbed almost perpendicularly for nearly 2,000 feet to the look-out station where a signalman runs up a flag when he sees a ship approaching the island. Through his telescope we could see twenty little islands dotted about in the sea below

us. Our hiking spot had so little flat ground that we could only just squeeze ourselves round the fires, over which the Guides cooked rice and curried fish, and vegetables and bread fruit, and Then we some ambitious ones made chipatties.

had to descend quite a long way until we could find a flat enough place on which to games. It was there that I first saw a little pig with braces on tied to a tree with a long rope to prevent him from falling down the precipice. Many families keep a cow or a pig in this way.

# Washing Up in the Sea

Camping is very popular with the Sey-chelles Guides, and the

Mahe companies all go regularly once, or sometimes twice, a year. One company had done a walking tour all round the island, sleeping each night at a different place, but they often go to another island for camp. There they sleep in tents pitched almost on the beach, everything is washed up in the sea and dried in the sun, and the rubbish just buried in the sand. campfire, built of coco-nut leaves or just the husks of the nuts, is soon blazing on the beach after dusk, but the Guides have to be careful to warn the neighbouring islands that they are coming, otherwise boats may arrive and inquire what is the trouble, as a fire on the beach is a sign that someone needs to be taken to hospital.



The Brownie Pack at Praslin

There are no large wild animals on the islands but the tortoises are of enormous size, and from the distant Adalbras come the giant turtles which I am afraid are brought over for the pot, and are extraordinarily good when eaten roasted. Many

people spend their lives fishing, and the picturesque pirogues go out daily to fish near the reefs, and each evening one meets the people carrying home a large or small fish according to the size of the family it has to feed. The Seychellois sing quite beautifully and with a particularly pleasant tone, and their campfires and concerts were something quite unforgettable. They mostly mime in and sing

French or Creole, but had also learnt some of our campfire songs and were anxious to learn others.

The Brownies on Praslin are the only pack on the island and they did a charming action song with little brushes made of coco-nut branches. Their Brown Owl had been a Guide in Mahe and had taken Guiding to this distant island where the children never see another Guide or Brownie, but they were real Brownies and particularly enjoy acting and singing. They hope to start Guides there soon, so that the Brownies will have a company to go on to. At present there are no First Class Guides in the islands, but there are a good number of Second Class Guides with Proficiency badges.

# Litter Lecture

ADMITTEDLY IT was a wet day when we had the company hike, but the litter which Lieutenant and I collected after the Guides had gone home was dreadful-paper, burnt and unburnt apple cores,

orange peel and slices of new bread.

We put the whole lot in a large paper bag and went wetly and wearily home, my mind turning over suitable phrases for a lecture on litter at the next meeting. Then I had a vision of thirty politely bored Guides letting all I said trickle in at one ear and out through the other, and I thought 'No. Waste of time!' Anyhow we had a Flying-Up that week and a lecture would have been rather a depressing preliminary, and as we didn't want the Brownies to know of our misdemeanours we could not very well have it later.

When Friday came I invited each Guide as she arrived to look at our 'Museum'. Six days in a paper bag had not improved the exhibits and noses were turned up as they were studied.

Exhibit A: Remains of burnt paper found at Longacre Farm, 20.3.54.

Exhibit B: Slices of new bread. Thought to be

the remains of a Guide hike, 20.3.54

Exhibit C: Fresh orange peel. Found in the hedge by the path from Longacre Farm, 20.3.54.

Exhibit D: Apple peel and cores. Probably the remains of a recent meal. 20.3.54.

Exhibit E: Picture in Girl Guiding (Campcraft Section). 'No more of their camping on my ground.' (Page 113 in my edition.)

Each patrol was then handed a list of questions: 1. What sort of company do you think this

2. Who was to blame? (The older Guides for not telling the younger ones to clear up?)

3. What Guide Laws did the company break?

# Red Letter Day

Many Guiders and Commissioners will be enjoying 'More Travels with the Chief', describing her tour in Canada, published in THE GUIDE. In this article MARJORIE HUZZEY writes about one of the last railies Lady Baden-Powell attended before she sailed, and describes the gifts the Chief is giving to Our Cabana from Isle of Wight Rangers and Rovers.

FTER an interval of five years, the Island Brownies, Guides, Rangers, Guiders and Commissioners again had the pleasure of welcoming the Chief Guide in mid-June. In the historic old Guildhall two hundred of the Island's leading citizens, representing civic bodies and many organizations and other interested people met and talked with Lady Baden-Powell on the evening of 17th June. The Mayor, in welcoming the Chief Guide, presented her with a red rose, thus keeping up a tradition of the borough which began when Charles I was given a red rose on his

way to Carisbrooke Castle.

Next day, in brilliant sunshine, the Island Com-Guiders, Rangers, Guides missioners, Brownies met on the bowling green at Carisbrooke Castle, where Charles I played bowls during his imprisonment, to await the arrival of the Chief Guide with the County Commissioner, Mrs. J. A. Dechering and the County President, Miss C. Dorrien Smith. As the Chief Guide and the County preceded by their Standards Commissioner, (carried by Queen's Guides and Cadets) came through the postern gate of the Castle they were piped on by Sea Rangers. As soon as they reached the saluting base, the Union flag was hoisted by Sea Rangers and the National Anthem sung. The Brownies who were massed in front of the saluting base then welcomed the Chief Guide with the Grand Howl.

The March Past then began, led by the massed Colours. The Brownies then entertained the Chief Guide and a large crowd of visitors with mimed scenes from 'Alice in Wonderland', each District having its own principal characters. Apart from the 'Alices' all the Brownies wore simple costumes over their uniforms, and every Brownie took part, some as flowers and birds, making colourful pictures on the green grass with the old grev stone walls of Castle in the back-

ground.

The Guides then ran out on to the bowling green to form a large outline of the map of the Island in the centre. Rangers erected a flagstaff and hoisted the World Flag, while others assembled a model of the Keep of

Carisbrooke Castle in the centre of the Island. Meanwhile other Guides from each District mimed scenes from Island history, beginning with St. Wilfred's arrival on the Island, bringing peace and Christianity to its warlike people. Other scenes included the coming of the dreaded plague to Newport, the building, destruction and rebuilding of Ouarr Abbey, a scene depicting the arrival of Charles I in Newport, his imprisonment and attempted escape, an incident from Victorian times at Osbourne House and an amusing picture of the

first bathing belles.

At the conclusion of these scenes the scene entitled 'The Latest Invasion', was enacted. From the four corners of the bowling green came Guides in pairs, bearing banners with the names of the thirty-two countries of the World Association. The bearers were dressed in the uniforms and national dresses of these countries, and after circling the bowling green, they entered the Island formation and formed a double horseshoe round the flag staff and castle keep. The Chief Guide then mounted the Castle Keep to speak. She began by telling everyone stories about Guides in some of the countries of the World Association and then of the tremendous force for good in the world that Guiding and Scouting could be. Finally she reminded them that if each Guide and Brownie in the world remembered to do a good turn there would be 3,000,000 a day. The rally was brought



The Chief Guide's arrival at Carisbrooke Castle

to a close by Sea Rangers piping 'Still', Colours

being lowered and Taps sung.

During the whole of the rally, Miss Marjorie Middleton was at the microphone, telling the stories of the scenes being mimed and her presentation of these stories added much to the enjoy-

In the evening the Island Rovers and Rangers held an At Home at Northwood House, Cowes, at ment of the afternoon. which the Chief Guide was the guest of honour. A large gathering of Commissioners, Guiders, Rovers, Rangers, Scouters and friends again heard the Chief Guide speak. This time she told of her forthcoming visit to Canada, to the United States and to the opening of 'La Cabana', at Cuer-

During the evening Lady Baden-Powell was navaca, in Mexico. presented with an afternoon tablecloth and napkin set, embroidered with a trefoil design in cut-work, with the name of each Ranger Company, Crew and Flight in the Island embroidered on it, which had been worked by Rangers all over the Island. The Rovers' gift was an inlaid tray with the map of the I.O.W. on it. In thanking the Rangers and Rovers the Chief Guide asked if she might give the gifts to Our Cabana, the new World Centre in Mexico, which she hopes to open in February, 1956.

# Play Reviews

FOR BROWNIES:

Plays for Christmas. Children's Theatre series, edited by Cyril Swinson. (A. & C. Black, 1s. 6d.) This is an excellent collection suitable for Brownie age. There are three nativity playlets in very simple language, one for acting in mime. 'Before Him Bow is the most original and has interesting parts for Ox and Ass who are turned out of the stable by the Innkeeper. 'Strange Bedfellows' is a version of Grimm's 'Travelling Musicians', and 'Christmas Carillon', a longer play for a cast of twenty-eight. This is a delightful fantasy introducing four dream scenes (that can be rehearsed separately) and might make a useful entertainment for pack and company combined.

FOR GUIDES:

Three short Nativity Plays. R. P. K. Hallett (Methuen, 2s. 6d.) These plays should be useful for the Guide Company in search of a half-hour nativity play easy to put on. They all have dignity and sincerity and 'The Rose of Christ' is particularly suitable for girls.

The Shepherds' Play and Noah and the Flood, arranged by Rosemary Manning (The House of Grant Ltd., 2s.). The medieval miracle plays have much in them which appeals to young people, and these two have been well arranged for 10 to 14year-olds with admirable success.

FOR RANGERS:

Really Isabella! by Ann and Arthur Russell (Deane, 1s. 6d.). Isabella is the Mrs. Beeton of cookery book fame and in this play we are shown an amusing incident concerning one of her dinner parties. There are good character parts for six

Peril at the Post Office, by Stuart Ready (Deane, 1s. 6d.). Great alarm is caused in the village by a mystery telegram. A farcical comedy for six women; includes a comic Guide Captain and Guides may be introduced as supers.

The Thistle and the Donkey, by Richard Tydeman (Hugh Quekett, 2s.). Rangers and their boy friends would find much food for thought in this modern parable. It should be amusing in performance and interesting to produce. There are eight characters-members of a Cabinet who each consider their own department much the most

No Room, by Freda Collins and Alison Graham-Campbell (J. Garnet Miller, 2s.), puts the problem of 'No Room at the Inn' in modern form and we see the reactions of women in the kitchen. There are eight well-contrasted character parts for women and one boy.

E.P.

# Inter-Church Aid

In times of crisis the family rallies round to help and the member churches of the World Council of Churches are now committed to what is called Inter-Church Aid.

£50,000 is the British share of a united world Christian appeal for the Kikuyu Rehabilitation programme of the Christian Council of Kenya. Money is needed for leadership training for fulltime workers in youth work, for the organization of work among women in the urban and rural areas and for several other training schemes. Donations are urgently needed to back up this work and can be sent to the Secretary, Inter-Church Aid and Refugee Service, 10 Eaton Gate, London, S.W.1. Speakers to address meetings on the Rehabilitation scheme can be sent by the Inter-Church Aid Department of the British Council of Churches and prayers are needed for the Kikuyu in their hour of need.

# A Warning to Producers

# The Parish Hall Ghost

By Jane Snell

HOSTS on the whole are reasonable creatures and, we believe, usually harmless. Most ghosts, however, appear to want something, and final appeasement it often agreed to be tne best means of restoring peace and tranquility. But how? It is not so simple for the unseen spirit to communicate with the flesh. In fact, the more civilized we become the more the flesh is taken up with stolid earthly matters. But spirits die hard, if indeed they die at all, so it might come as a great shock to most of us to learn that our Parish Hall is, in a sense, haunted. It was certainly a shock to Miss Blank, the local Guide captain.

It happened when she wanted to display the talents of her Guide Company. They were to give a concert. There was nothing wrong with her programme; it was well thought out and nicely balanced, she thought, with items of music, song and dance, a one-act play and a grand campfire finale. In short, there was a part for everyone.

Miss Blank had even considered her waiting audience who would be entertained during the intervals by some prized records loaned for the occasion. Yes, she had thought of everything. But had she? Alas, Miss Blank had reckoned without the ghosts!

No one told her the hall was haunted and she certainly never thought to inquire. So, in blissful ignorance, she proceeded with rehearsals; she and her lieutenant worked like slaves. Yards of exquisitely



Miss Blank had reckoned without the ghost!



A reliable soul specially appointed to contact the ghost

hued crêpe paper saved a simply enormous costume bill. Somebody's eager brother just loved electricity, so naturally he was in demand. The local 'rag' was delighted to send a representative along—all of which gave Miss Blank a lovely glow inside; this was going to be the best show ever. Little did she know . . . Too little,

The following week Miss Blank's company had a front page splash. A sizeable picture of the entire cast appeared alongside a full column of text giving the reader full details of the programme, with lots of praise for the absolutely splendid effort. Poor Miss Blank. That paper was her undoing. She soon received a series of letters. One from the publishers. Miss B. had performed without permission '-which is normally granted only after receipt of the appropriate fee. She had at the back of her mind an idea that because it was a sort of 'charity' show, royalties would not be payable. She meant to write and ask, but what with rehearsals, etc., there just didn't seem time for odd letters.

The next blow fell because she bought only one copy of the play and had copies for everyone typed out. She treated the songs in the same way and she never dreamt she'd have to pay royalties on music! Oh, Miss B., we do hope the judge was lenient with you—evasion of royalties and infringement of copyright are subject to such

penalties!

Miss B. didn't need a letter from the Electricity Authority. They had to send two men to repair the damage. If only she had sought the advice of the E.A.

Miss Blank is in every other respect a lawabiding citizen scrupulous to the last detail. So when she received a letter from her County Council enclosing a pamphlet on bye-laws concerned with public entertainment, her knees gave way. Someone had seen the 'rag'—someone discovered that 'their pretty and ingenious costumes were made entirely of crêpe paper'. Well, that was one for the fire brigade. So, too, were 'the real candles used in the splendid campfire sequence'. Inflammable materials and live flame—to say nothing of risk of fire due to inept handling of electrical apparatus—all very strictly taboo.

Again, the audience seating arrangements seemed to be at fault. It appeared to be a requirement of the Licensing Authority that chairs must be arranged in a certain manner, allowing a specified minimum space to each member of the audience. Also they should be battened together in series of not less than four—and even then the front and

back rows must be screwed to the floor!

'But what of this Licensing Authority and how does it come into the picture?' asked Miss B. A kind policeman put her wise. Of course, the hall must be licensed for public performance, through the County Council. Licences must also be taken out for playing music, and for using recorded music. 'Oh, and by the way,' said the kind P.C., 'I suppose you didn't fire a gun offstage?' 'Even if you use only blanks and the gun isn't seen anyway, you must hold a gun licence, you know!'

Miss B. didn't know. She was sorely tempted to get a gun! She felt acute shame and disgrace.

She realized unhappily she had broken so many points of the law in her supreme effort to (a) entertain the local community and (b) swell the entertain the local community and (b) swell the fast-diminishing company coffers. Luckily, Miss fast-diminishing company coffers. Luckily, Miss fast-diminishing company coffers. Luckily, Miss fast-diminishing grace was that she had acted upon her existing knowledge and, in her true law-her existing knowledge and, in her true law-abiding manner had gone very thoroughly into the matter of Entertainment Tax. At least, she felt, the Inland Revenue Ghost had no further claims upon her.

We are all haunted by bye-laws, regulations and red-tape these days. Miss Blank, all credit to her, has since gone out of her way to acquaint herself with all possible ghosts so that she can set to with a clear conscience in future. To think that she, the last person in the world to attempt to evade Customs and Excise duties, had for years unwittingly evaded so many other important claims upon her integrity.

The last we heard of Miss B. she was busy rehearsing another bigger and better production, and we commend her wisdom in appointing one most reliable soul especially to contact the ghosts and freely grant their requests.

(Any Guiders who need advice about any special point are invited to write to Miss Snell, a member of Headquarters' Drama Panel, c/o C.H.Q. Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.—ED.)

# Have You Tried This?

THINK up about thirty very simple, practical, quickly done tests of observation, common sense, skill and dexterity, suggested by the abilities required of a Queen's Guide candidate. Some examples are given below. Write each test on a card and number the cards on the back.

Each Guide needs a pencil and a piece of paper (numbered 1 to 30) for marking. The cards are placed face downwards round the room and each Guide stands beside a different card. On the word 'Go' she turns up the card, reads it, replaces it and does what it says. When she has done it she can then turn up any other card and do the test on that and so on until either time is up or someone completes all the cards.

Checking: Some tests are self-checking. The Guide either does it or she doesn't. Second tries

are not allowed.

A few need answers. These answers should be written on similar cards (preferably of a different colour), numbered on the back and placed on a table where the Guides can find them.

Some need checking by Guiders, but in your

own interests avoid too many of these.

Marking: 5 marks for each test successfully completed and other marks in proportion. Tell the Guides that you expect them to mark them-

selves honestly, but if they are in any doubt to ask you. If they turn up a card and do not do what it says before going on to another, they lose one mark from the total score. (This avoids picking and choosing.) At the end, if you want to avoid showing up the slower Guides, marks can be added up in patrols and averaged.

# **Examples of Tests**

1. Fetch Captain a drink of water as quickly as possible without spilling any.

2. Write down the dates of camp.

- 3. Walk across the room with a book on your head.
- 4. Make the flag of St. Patrick (not by drawing). Show Lieutenant.
- 5. Which milkman delivers at this hall? Find out.
- 6. Take the watch, shut your eyes and time one minute. (To get your marks you must be right within a quarter of a minute.)

7. Make an 'Out of Order' notice and fasten it to the kitchen door. (Show Lieutenant.)

8. What is the number of Captain's car? Check

by looking.

9. Write down the directions to the nearest telephone box.

B.K.A.

# **Road Safety Training**

# By Mary Weatherill

\*CHILDREN KILLED 429 356 73 \*CHILDREN INJURED 26,998 24,501 2,497

EEP Death off the Roads,' What a slogan for our children and what grim and tragic statistics. Nearly every day in Great Britain two children are killed, and one of the most dangerous age groups is 7 to 11 years.

Brownie Guiders have a great responsibility. What can we do about

Following out B-P's methods of positive teaching let us refrain from too much emphasis on the danger of the road, but give definite teaching in road safety. To a Brownie this seems to point to three needs.

1. To cross the roads

safely.

2. To ride a bicycle properly, giving correct signals.

3. To know where to play and how to cease causing accidents by darting among the traffic.

In other words we are back again to the Brownie Promise and Duty to God through care of the body and thought for others. Children's accidents are frequently caused by lack of self-control or thoughtlessness, so couldn't we make the teaching of courtesy and control the main theme of our road safety training. This teaching is not for a given moment in the programme but is a fundamental principle to run through all our meetings. In most games, especially the chasing type, offer opportunities for teaching control and thought for others. Wild rushing around, with complete disregard for the rest of the pack is to be discouraged. The more skilful a team is the less is it prone to accidents, due to a large extent to bodily control and thought regarding position. In the pack we do not teach games of skill, but some of our activities do train the Brownics in the technique of these games. For instance, to teach throwing, catching and dodging, 'Pig in the Middle' is a good game,

Brownies are in a set with one ball. The two end ones throw to each other while the middle Brownie tries to intercept the ball. Should she do so the thrower takes her place. It seems a far cry from this to road safety, but if these children learn to be alert, to observe and anticipate the movements of others, to avoid crashing when playing, we are laying foundations.

The 'Stop, Look and Listen 'Walk



[By courtesy the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents]

Of course there are many more specific ways of giving direct road training. Perhaps the best of all is the 'Stop, Look and Listen' walk. To stop where? At the kerb, and use kerb drill. To look at what? At people keeping the safety rules, at people breaking same rules, especially at the danger points in our own areas. It is useless to define policy on these walks for conditions vary so much in places, but different natural conversation and ordinary observation are to be encouraged if the walk is to have any reality. Dur-

ing the winter months much preparation can be done indoors. Acting games are popular with most packs and road safety lends itself to these games quite as well as Nursery Rhymes and Good Turns. Card games, too, are a help.

# Two Games to Play

'Slogans' is a favourite. The pack collect pictures of people keeping the rules of the road and paste them on a card. Brown Owl prints suitable slogans on different cards. Brown Owl then cuts the picture, jig-saw fashion, into two, numbering the parts 1 and 2. The slogans and all number 1 pieces are scattered on the floor, the pack being in their Six Corners. One Brownie from each Six comes to Brown Owl and is given a No. 2 picture. She matches it, and sends the next Brownie while she finds a suitable slogan for her complete picture. This goes on until all cards are

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# It's Worth the Time!

WE'VE had quite a batch of recruits lately, what with Brownies coming up and the new housing estate. I decided for once that I'd make a real effort and get round to see some parents as well as chatting with the recruits themselves. What a world of difference in the homes even down one street!

Patricia, rosy and a tomboy, only child of oldish parents, but sensible, loving, interested parents, was in bed. 'I've heard those ten rules that many times over the washing-up,' said mother. 'I know them so well that I feel almost a Guide myself.' Daddy showed me the real Guide knife he was going to give Patricia when she was enrolled. 'She had to buy the belt and tie herself, you see,' he said, 'and mother is making the skirt and blouse for her birthday. Can't let her think everything comes easy—but she's so keen the knife will encourage her.'

I left this cosy, tidy home and went round the corner to where Eunice lives. An unshaved, shirt-sleeved man opened the door and shouted for the mother when he heard who I was. A small worn woman came and didn't ask me in. When I explained I had called about Eunice becoming a Guide she looked dubious. 'D'you think she'll ever be any good at it?' she asked. Somewhat taken aback, I tried to explain what we were trying to do. 'Well, she can join if she likes,' I was told, 'and if she sticks it we'll have to get her some things from somewhere.' I murmured my thanks and made my departure as a man's voice shouted, 'and see if you can get her to 'elp with washing the dishes.'

At Maureen's home I drew a blank. No one at home and the three youngest playing in the street with some of the local hooligans. 'Don't know where Mum is or when she'll be back,' I was told. This happened three times. When I eventually met Mum, cigarette, curlers and carpet slippers, she seemed surprised to hear that Maureen had joined Guides a month before. 'She never says what she's doin',' Mum told me. 'Anyway, it'll be better than her playin' out with those cheeky lads all the time.'

Sheila's mother said much the same when she brought her mature twelve-year-old to join. 'I don't know anything about Guides or what they do,' she said, 'but I've heard it's a good thing for girls and it'll give Sheila something else to think about than talking to boys on the corner. Let me know what the clothes cost and I'll send a cheque. Good-bye, Sheila. Come straight home.'

Well, Patricia, Maureen, Eunice, Sheila—we've got you for a start. That you all need Guiding is your one common factor—otherwise there's quite a lot of difference in what you need from it and where you start from. A good thing I called on your Mums—otherwise I'd have taken months to find that you need companionship, Patricia, and Eunice, you want to be trusted, believed in and encouraged. Sheila and Maurcen—we must try to find something to interest you as much as the boy friends and to ensure steady progress for you both (easy to say, I know, but I must try), and for you, Maureen—can we give you a set of standards and values that you don't look like getting from home?

It seems to be a big programme—but there was one man who believed we could do it. All right, B-P, here we go.

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matched and placed in the corners. To score one point a Six counts a complete picture with its slogan. Much incidental teaching can be done as

the pack help to check scores.

'Good or Bad' is a popular game. Brown Owl places on the floor six pictures of people on the roads. These are clearly numbered 1 to 6. Each Six has a set of cards labelled Picture 1, Picture 2, etc. The pack are in a ring round the cards, one Brownie in each Six holding all the cards. They dance round singing to the tune of 'Sing a Song of Sixpence'.

When you cross the busy street,
Look right, look left, look right.
Never cross behind a car
That's standing there in sight.
If you walk along the road,
The traffic you must face.
And when you want to cross the street
Go to the proper place.

The pack stand still and the Brownies holding the cards look at the top number, go to that picture, decide if the conduct is good or bad from a safety point of view, and put the top card face down on Brown Owl's chart.

The Brownies holding the cards will not all have the same number on top and so have to think for themselves. The cards are handed to another member of the Six and the game proceeds. It ends with a check and discussion. Many Brownie games can be adapted to safety training like this and we cannot repeat the safety rules too many times, nor in too many different ways, for it is the daily dose that does it.

[Copies of 'Kerb Drill', 4d., 'Cross the Road in Safety', 5d. (a card with movable traffic lights and road safety signs), 'The Highway Code', 9d. (illustrated) and 'Teddy Tells You', 1s. (Illustrated verses on road safety), are all obtainable from C.H.Q.—ED.]

# Bridging the Gap

I ONCE worked with a pack which, ever since it was formed many years ago, had kept up to date their 'magic carpet'—a square of applegreen carpeting on which we stood the Toadstool. We found in it such a good way of helping Brownies to cross the big gap which appears to them to yawn between pack and company.

We had four Sixes in our pack so the square was sub-divided by wool-embroidered lines into another four squares and the name of a Six was embroidered across the corner of each division.

Every time a Brownie went up to the company—whether she 'flew' as the proud possessor of First Class wings or went more humbly on Second Class feet—she was entitled to have her badges sewn on to the carpet. After enrolment as a Guide she would come back to a pack meeting in the full glory of her new blue uniform and would arrange her cloth Brownie badges on the square belonging to her particular Six, pinning them exactly where she wanted them. Brown Owl or Tawny

would later stitch them firmly into position. After this the new Guide would tell us a bit about the company—usually how much she liked it, how nice everybody was and how she couldn't think what she had been scared of! This little ceremony generally took place at the end of a pack meeting to enable her to join for the last time in Brownie Bells with the rest of us.

We found that there was twofold benefit in the 'Magic Carpet'. It seemed to help the Brownie who was going up—in the decision to exchange her status of big fish in little pond for the exact opposite—to know that she wasn't yet to be called upon to make a complete break with the pack and that there was at any rate one more Brownie meeting to look forward to. And, secondly, the cheerful reports of the company which she brought back helped the ditherers who were still with the pack, and other Brownies whose time hadn't yet come, to decide to go up, too.

BEATRICE SHEFFIELD

# The Hurricane Fund

PEAR Commissioners and Guiders,
You will, of course, have read of the
terrible hurricane that has devastated
the West Indies during the last weeks. Barbados and Grenada and British Honduras
have suffered particularly, and many of you
perhaps contributed to the public appeal that

has been made for the people there.

It has always been our policy at Head-quarters to send any money given to a special fund by the movement, to help Guides in particular need, to build or rebuild Headquarters buildings and replace equipment and uniform which will have been lost. Therefore it has been decided to open an appeal for this purpose, and any contributions you may kindly send should be addressed to: 'Hurricane Fund', Overseas Department, Commonwealth Headquarters, P.O. Box 269, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1.

(No acknowledgment will be made but news of how the money is spent will be published from time to time.)

We know there is real distress in these

stricken places and few details are yet to hand. The only pier and the warehouses alongside it have been washed away in Grenada and at least 115 people have lost their lives. Not only have all crops been destroyed but the nutmeg trees entirely uprooted, so it will be

some years before there can be another harvest.

In Barbados—one of the most densely populated agricultural areas in the world—great damage has been done to houses, and 25,000 are homeless.

British Honduras have suffered in only one part of the country, and the town of Belize, the capital, has not been touched.

You can imagine that there is so much damage and so much loss there that there will not be much money for Guiding for some time to come. These are all very little places and they have made some gallant progress lately. Your help and your friendship for them will be greatly valued.

I have written about their great need for help in The Guide and The Ranger, and suggested some simple ways of earning and saving the money that is wanted; I know that you will back up the efforts of your companies and packs in their desire to lend a hand.

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# A Balanced Programme

By Grace Staley

THE Commissioner should satisfy herself by a visit or visits to the company that the Ranger Guider understands the necessity of a balanced programme.' How are we going to achieve this balance? I think the problem can best be dealt with under four main headings.

1. Length of time.

2. Company organization and how the programmes are planned.

3. The programme Committee.

4. The weekly meeting.

1. Time: Long-term planning is very necessary to Rangering in order to achieve this balanced programme. A minimum period of three months, and a maximum of six, seems about right. To the new Guider, and possibly the Commissioner, these periods may seem very long, but one glance at the Ranger syllabus in P.O.R. will probably show them how impossible it would be to arrange a worth-while programme over a shorter period.

2. Company Organization: Some large units run on the Patrol System, the leader bringing her findings to the Court of Honour (or Programme Committee). This system has the great advantage of being the one inaugurated by B-P, but it has the disadvantage that, as the girls reach Ranger age they no longer want to work in a 'gang'. Others elect their officers (patrol leaders or bosuns) and a committee annually. These Rangers organize the programme in much the same way as the Court of Honour, and have powers to co-opt when necessary. Whenever a special item is needed, such as a sale of work or a Thinking Day party, a special committee is elected to deal with this, and is automatically disbanded as soon as the event is

For the smaller units the Company Council is probably the most successful method. Here every Ranger has a chance of expressing her opinion, through the chairman, to the meeting, and can listen to everyone else's views. The meeting must be run on proper lines, with the necessary officers, agendas, procedure, etc., with either a Guider or an older Ranger as the chairman. Then, in addition to planning our programmes, we are also giving our Rangers good training in committee These meetings must be held reguprocedure. larly and the minute book should be available for the Commissioner to see. At these meetings a main outline of the programme should be agreed, and from it committees formed to work out the

Some companies work on a combination of both

these systems, the major decisions being made by the Company Council, the unit then dividing up into patrols for the more detailed discussions and requests, finishing up with the patrol leaders get-ting together in the form of a Court of Honour or

Programme Committee.

3. The Programme Committee: This Committee may be formed of our leaders and officers, or it may be elected at the Company Council, holding office until such time as the programme period is complete. Their job is to bind together the requests put forward at the Company Council, find the necessary lecturers or demonstrators, and produce from this a balanced programme. Lists of the Rangers and their requests or needs is a help when doing the detailed planning and always ensures that no Ranger is left out. The items against their names can then be crossed out as they are

included in the programme.

This committee should meet at the beginning of the programme period and decide on the main items for each week's programme. It should also get together' informally at the end of each week's meeting to see that next week's programme is under control and also at the end of the programme period to have a post-mortem and to prepare the report for the next Company Council. When this committee holds its meeting not only will the plans for the weekly meeting be discussed but also the 'out-of-meeting' activities. The range these can cover is almost inexhaustible, but here again we should achieve some form of balance. Square Dances and Social 'dos' should be balanced by helping in a hospital or serving teas at the Brownie Revels; visits to the ballet or theatre; by a game of hockey.

4. The Weekly Meeting: A whole meeting may often be taken up by one single subject, but this does not necessarily make the programme unbalanced. The balance from the point of view of the Ranger training will come over the period of The balance we must aim at in our weekly meetings should be more mental and physical. Has every Ranger had to think during some part of the evening, but has she also been able to relax and just enjoy herself? Has the sitting about been balanced by the active part of the pro-

gramme?

Many of our Rangers are far from 'balanced' people; at this age they go through many an emotional upheaval, but if we, in Rangers, can give them a true sense of stability by our wellbalanced programmes we are going far towards producing a balanced adult.

# The International Commissioners' Meeting

A LTHOUGH the International Commissioners' meeting at Our Chalet from 10th to 17th September was primarily for countries in Europe it was a pleasure to have two delegates from the Western Hemisphere with us—Miss Ruth Henderson (Director, International Division), and Mrs. Walther (Post Box Secretary), both of the United States. Speaking for the delegates at the end of the meeting, Miss Henderson thanked Miss Lotz (chairman) and Miss Gibbs (vice-chairman) for their patience and clarity in summarizing the sessions, and the friendly atmosphere which had encouraged frank discussions.

# The Theme: Friendship

There were thirty-seven International Commissioners and Secretaries and Post Box Secretaries from fourteen countries and those attending on behalf of Great Britain were: Miss Anstice Gibbs, Mrs. Banham, Mrs. Robinson, Miss Craig and Miss Brodrick.

Miss Lotz gave as the theme of the meeting: 'Friendship is the greatest of blessings, as needful to life as water, fire and air.' 'Friendship for man is as sunshine for the earth.' The warm welcome accorded us by Pen Wood-Hill and her staff was an appropriate beginning, and the Chalet itself, shining like a new pin, did not look its age to the surprisingly large number of delegates who

[Photos: E. Brodrick]

(Left to right) Miss Anstice Gibbs and Miss Margrethe Boytler, International Commissioners for Great Britain and Y.W.C.A. Girl Guides in Denmark

had not visited it before. The agenda consisted of items sent in by countries and it was generally agreed that the discussions produced much that will be helpful to our work in the future. The



Delegates from Greece, Luxembourg and Sweden prepare

aim was to review the work and its different application in various countries and to find ways of working more effectively to bring about international understanding through Guiding.

Miss Gibbs said that the World Association was now sufficiently well established to take its place in international bodies such as U.N.O. Countries were asked how they could make the World Association a living reality to their members, and the question of how to facilitate the work of the World Bureau brought many useful suggestions. Each country was asked to send in a report before the meeting, giving a brief outline of its international Guiding activities. All agreed that personal contacts were more important than anything else. There was a question on the agenda on how to meet the demand for information about Guiding in other countries other than that contained in The Biennial Report and an Ad Hoc Committee examined various ideas, and it was agreed to make proposals to the World Bureau for a booklet on this subject.

#### No Nation Can Live Alone

The French delegate gave an interesting talk on the international education of young people, stressing the point that no nation can live alone without its neighbours. In a talk on 'The Respon-

sibilities of an International Commissioner', Margrethe Boytler, of Denmark, said although there was nothing laid down in writing, the Commissioner was the link between her country and the World Association, and she should carry out the work in the way best suited to her own country. She felt that a sound knowledge of Guiding in one's own country was essential.

Speaking of visits and camps abroad, the Greek delegate suggested some basic points which all countries might adopt for Guides going abroad. Countries reported on varying experiences with the Exchange Personnel Scheme, and agreed on its great value. Various alterations in methods were suggested with a view to making the best use of the money generously made available to the World Bureau by the Girl Scouts of America for this purpose.

#### U.N.O. Films

Discussing International Friendship Companies, there was a general feeling that in the first years after the war it had been an excellent idea, but that it had now been superseded by travelling and personal contacts. Madame Bugnion, the W.A.G.G.G.S. representative on U.N.O. at Geneva, gave an interesting talk on the work carried out by this organization and suggested ways in which we could play our part. She urged that if we did not come in on projects which concern us in U.N.O. we should be left behind. Before her talk, four films were given, showing the work of U.N.O. in various parts of the world today.

France proposed 'Language Camps' for the benefit of Guides who would probably never go abroad. Amongst World Association publications, abroad. Amongst World Association publications, the continuation of 'The Wider World' was discussed, and the publication in colour of the badges of member countries.

Full Marks to the Interpreters!

The Post Box Secretaries met under Mrs. Banham's chairmanship and were unanimously agreed on the usefulness of their sessions together and their attendance at this meeting. A Thinking Day Ceremony was produced one evening. Candles to represent various aspects of basic and inter-national Guiding were lit from the Chalet fire, and each delegate was given a candle to take back to her country to relight on 22nd February.

Each country was asked to write comments on the meeting based on questions put by the chairman. It was felt that the meeting had been a success, particularly the personal contacts and the frank discussions. The programme had been stimulating and well balanced, and the presence of the Post Box Secretaries welcomed. The exhibitions staged by the delegates gave practical examples of handcrafts as well as Guiding. Special mention must be made of the interpreters who did a mammoth job, particularly when on occasions the speakers forgot to pause for breath—and a translation! There were no sessions in the afternoons which gave time to get together informally for talks and walks. Such was the efficiency in running the meeting that after the chairman had completed her summing up there were ten minutes in hand! In short, a very good meeting!

# Lady Thomson Memorial

For many years Lady Thomson gave much of her life to Guiding. As a member of the Scottish Executive Committee and as Chairman of Public Relations she was well known, but it was in the work of the Brownie Branch that she was happiest. Her thought and care in the service of the children was always uppermost; as Brown Owl of the West Linton Pack she taught a succession of children the joy that comes from learning by doing and as a Trainer she inspired many Brownie Guiders with her own enthusiasm and sense of purpose.

It is proposed therefore that the most fitting memorial would be a Hut bearing her name to which Brownie Packs from town and country could come for their Pack Holidays, a time when the children can learn far more than at their weekly meetings and which is therefore an important part of their training. Having given a great deal of thought and consideration to the matter, the Scottish Executive Committee feels that the most suitable site for this Memorial would be Netherurd, already so closely connected both with Lady Thomson and her family and situated in Peeblesshire of which she was the much-loved County Commissioner for many

All who would like to remember her by helping the work that lay so near her heart, are invited to send donations to Lady Thomson Pack Holiday House, Scottisk Girl Guide Headquarters, 16 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh, 3.

ALLISON H. GREENLEES [President of the Council for Scotland] MYRTLE COLVILLE

[Scottish Chief Commissioner]

VERONA M. WALLACE WILLIAMSON [Chairman, Scottish Executive Committee]

# Simple Handcrafts for Brownies

By Lily Kennedy

ET'S make something, Brown Owl.' Poor Brown Owl, if she is one of the many who at such a request feels positively helpless, hopeless and handless. But why worry? The Brownies have no particular desire to see the results of our labours they have the urge to create for themselves and only require the help and encouragement which we can give. Brownie age is the glorious time for 'doing' but to satisfy results must come quickly, so choose handcrafts which are simple and within the scope of each member of the pack.

To help the Brownies the Guiders need not necessarily be handcraft experts, but to make a success of it they must (as with every other part of the programme) be well prepared. Handcraft is an integral part of the Brownie programme -through it we can give encouragement, joy and fun. Let's not be selfish-it is so very easy to find excuses to leave out the things which we ourselves

enjoy least!

Here are instructions for a few things which my pack has enjoyed making.

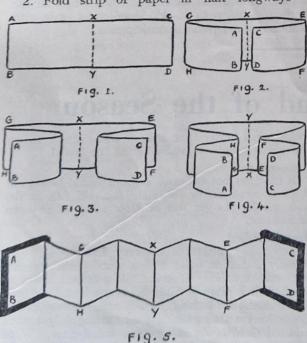
A Folding Scrapbook

Equipment: Strips of paper 5 in., x 24 in., 2 pieces of gummed paper 6 in. x 4 in., 2 pieces of cardboard  $5\frac{1}{2}$  in. x  $3\frac{1}{2}$  in.

1. Place each piece of cardboard on the dampened gummed paper, fold edges over and

smooth down well.

2. Fold strip of paper in half longways-



A folding scrapbook, Figs. 1-5

AB to CD (Fig. 1). Crease well (XY) and open

3. Fold CD to XY and crease well EF. Fold

AB to XY and crease well GH (Fig. 2).

4. Fold AB outwards back to GH and fold CD

outwards back to EF (Fig. 3).

5. Turn whole thing over. Fold EC. DF to centre XY and fold GA. HB to centre XY (Fig. 4). Fold XY back into original fold (Fig. 5).

6. Paste outside ends to wrong side of covers

leaving a margin all round (Fig. 5).

**Emblem Rings for Six Homes** 

Draw or trace and cut out emblem shapes in thin card about 4 in. high.



The Brownie emblem. Fig. 6

Each Brownie traces the emblem of her Six on to thin white card or strong white paper and cuts it out. Each emblem (in Sixes) is then stuck to a long strip of the paper (about 15 in. x \frac{1}{2} in.) with a space between each (Fig. 6).

When dry, paint the whole thing (both sides) in the appropriate colour. To stand in a ring bend into a circle and pin the strip-ends together.

# Rabbit Pictures

Equipment: Small pieces of coloured card (about postcard size). Spills. Brown paper (for rabbits). Small bits of cotton wool. Card shapes of rabbits.

Trace rabbit on to brown paper and cut out. Paste in centre of card. Add an eye with pencil if required, and a small ball of cotton-wool (stuck on) for a tail. Cut two spills the width of the card, paste and fix along top and bottom edges as frame (when fixing top portion insert a loop of embroidery cotton in centre). Cut another two spills to fit in for sides, paste and attach.

# Small Sweet Basket

Equipment: Pipe cleaners. Strong cardboard.

Coloured paper.

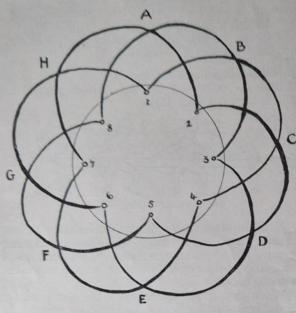
Prepare bases as follows: Cut circles of cardboard with a 5 in. diameter, punch eight holes (smallest size on the punch) at equal intervals a little in from the outer edge.

To make the basket. Insert a pipe cleaner in hole 1, push through about a 1 in, and turn well back against the other side. Insert other end in hole 4 and fix in same way (See Fig. 8). Keeping same side of base facing and working to inside of basket, continue as with first pipe cleaner using holes 2 and 5, 3 and 6, 4 and 7, 5 and 8, 6 and 1, 7 and 2, 8 and 3, noting that there will now be two cleaners through each hole and also that the last one put in (8-3) goes to the inside at 8 and outside over the top of the others and down at 3. Turn over, press all ends firmly and glue a circle of paper of the same size over the base.

Where cleaners cross AB, etc. (in diagram) tie

together with white cotton.

Paint or varnish the whole basket.



Sweet basket. Fig. 8

#### Blotter

Equipment: One sheet of manilla card. 4 pieces of blotting paper cut slightly smaller than the manilla card. Coloured wool or embroidery cotton.

Cut manilla card in half to make cover, crease well. Fold sheets of blotting paper (about two for each book) in half and crease well. Place inside manilla cover to form book.

Make a plait with wool or coloured cotton about three times the length of the book. Place cord round centre of book and on it put a slip-knot. Pull firmly and brush out tails of cord to make tassels. Decorate cover with pictures which could be cut from old Christmas cards.

### Christmas Trees

Equipment: Large dry fir cones. Corks about in. to 1 in. diameter and 1 in. deep. Used matches.

1. Paint corks red and leave to dry.

2. Dip one end of a match stick in glue and insert in the hole (already made by Brown Owl) in the stem end of the fir cone. Paint it all green and leave it to dry.

3. Dip the other end of the match stick in the glue and push it into the centre of the cork.

4. Use a paint brush to slightly dampen the cone with clean water, shake over the top a little dry paste powder mixed with a little Christmastree frost, and leave to dry well.

Another handcraft evening is over, perhaps the first. Brown Owl sighs as she finally closes the cupboard—has it been worth all the effort? course it has-to see the joy and glow of achievement shine in each small face as the Brownies hopskip home, bearing triumphantly the precious things which they themselves have made is surely a great reward and encouragement enough for the Brownie Guiders to 'tackle' handcrafts again with confidence and pleasant anticipation.

# A C.A.'s A.B.C.

# Musings at the End of the Season

# Grease Traps

Still a menace! If pits are dug they should be large ones and partially filled with stones, sticks, etc., to help drainage. If traps are used, old meat covers or perforated zinc sieves are best, but they to help drainage. must be raised, moved and cleaned daily and should not just sit upon the ground in a sea of bits!

#### Horseshoes

Horseshoes and Colours-however simple-need practice if the Guides are to enjoy them and not look like frightened rabbits! The evening before is a better time to practise with the Colour Party than a hurried few minutes before the event in the morn-If Colour Parties salute the Colours, they should surely look at them? Saluting on the whole is poor. Straight up, and straight down smartly, looks much better than a limp semi-circular movement which ends anywhere but at the beret!

If these are not enclosed, rubbish should be kept in some covered tin or container (i.e. old fish kettle) and not left to get wet or blow away in an open incinerator.

# Jerry Building

Too many instances of very fine tring, very spindly sticks or quite rotten wood, held together with cats' cradles! If forked sticks cannot be cut on the site, it is often possible to order a bundle of bean sticks locally for lashing. Hack saws are very useful. Guide knives are inadequate for cutting gadget wood and all Guiders do not possess small axes. nature supplies the perfect gadget, use it thankKitchens

If the farmer allows and encourages turf lifting for the fire-place, take up a big enough piece to allow for the cook's tread and if possible line the edge of the turf with logs. The wood stack is the joy or despair of the Q.M.! There were some beauties this year in quantity, quality and in grading, but there were too many piles of kindling wood only, and too much labour expended on sawing short lengths of wood for long fireplaces instead of pushing a log right through!

Litter

The Litter Lout is alive and well!

Meals and visitors seem to supply the real test! Uncombed hair, working aprons, lolling, back-turning, a display of yards of bare leg and/or white knickers, do not add charm or grace to the pleasure of a camp meal! If waiting is done from the front, the circle or square should be large enough to avoid tripping over feet! If it is done from the back, care should be taken not to tread into dirty plates, etc.!

Surely no visitor, whether friend or stranger, should be allowed to share a meal or attend any camp function without a welcome or introduction.

Neighbours

It is worth remembering that the milkman, the postman, the bus conductor, the parson and the

owner of the site often form their opinion of Guiding from the courtesy, friendliness and reliability of the campers.

Organisation

Be Prepared '! Plan beforehand with the Patrols not for them, to ensure every Guide knowing what to do and how to do it. Bewildered Guides standing about waiting to be told what to do on arrival at the camp site is a sorry sight, only equalled by dis-pirited Guides sitting on kit bags sucking sweets or munching apples, whilst harrassed Guiders chivy round doing last jobs before the arrival of the lorry! Pitching camp is the beginning of the adventure, striking is the climax of it, not the anticlimax to it!

Prayers

Whenever and wherever prayers take place, it is surely easier to listen to reading sitting than standing, and just as simple to kneel on ground sheets as to stand up. Guides appreciate taking part in prayers. If morning prayers are a little alarming for some Guides, Patrols might take turns to choose and say an evening prayer after camp fire. If prayers follow immediately after Colours it is easier to hear if the Guides are dismissed or fallen out and then come closer together.

M.A.C.

(To be concluded)

# Rates on Scout Headquarters

OR some time there has been great anxiety about a possible increase of rates when new valuation lists come into force on 1st April next year, and the whole question has been the subject of consideration and discussion by us and other similar bodies.

In past years the former local assessment Committees, appreciating the valuable work that was being done amongst the youth of the locality, were generally willing to place a low, or even nominal, assessment on buildings used for Scout purposes. It is true that in some places the local assessment committee did not feel able to do so; but such cases were very few, and generally a good deal of practical sympathy was shown in this way.

But when the new scheme was introduced, by which all valuations were to be done by the District Valuers, it was realized that, however sympathetic they might feel, these Inland Revenue Valuers would have no power to value any premises below their real figure; and it seemed that most Scout units would have to face payment of rates many times greater than in previous years.

The Government, and indeed many local authorities, have realized how hardly this would hit our units and those of other similar bodies; and accordingly certain new provisions for relief of this unfortunate situation have been included in the Rating and Valuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1955.

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- 1. In the first year in which the new valuation list comes into force (i.e., the year beginning 1st April, 1956) the amount of rates payable shall not exceed the amount payable in the previous year.
- 2. If in that first year the amount payable has been thus reduced, the amount payable in subsequent years shall be reduced by the same proportion.
- 3. If the rating authority wishes to increase the amount of rates payable in respect of the building it must give at least 36 months notice.
- 4. A rating authority may reduce or remit the rates for any year whether or not there has been any reduction as above.

Thus a Scout unit need not fear any sudden increase about the amount of rates it already pays; and if it feels that its present rates are too heavy a burden, it is open to it at any time to ask the local rating authority whether it will make some reduction on sympathetic grounds.

> D. Francis Morgan [Legal Adviser, Boy Scouts Association]

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# **Book Reviews**

Playground in the Sky—The Art and Joys of Gliding, by 'Bill' Gotch (Hutchinson, 12s. 6d.). The author describes for the uninitiated exactly what gliding is and the pleasures it holds for those who are the interest of the control of who practise it. He includes sufficient detail on the technicalities of the sport to make the book of value to the experienced pilot, but from the beginning it is made clear that this is a book for the beginner and any Air Ranger will enjoy it.

There is a chapter on powered flight in which the author describes his early experiences as a pilot. It seems a pity that he tries to compare powered flight unfavourably with gliding, for he is obviously flight unfavourably with gliding, for the last skeen on both types of flying and surely each has its own special merits. There are useful appendices giving names of British Gliding Association Clubs and British Aero Clubs and British Aero Clubs.

#### FLOWER DECORATIONS

Flower Arrangement, by Julia Clements (C. Arthur Pearson, 7s. 6d. net.). Making the best use of flowers in the home without spending much money on them is of interest to every home-lover. In this informative little book there is a double interest for Guiders, as there are seventeen pages in which Wild Flowers are listed with their colour, size, season of flowering and where to find them.

The author has given many talks and has studied her audience and kept their needs in mind when writing the book so that she includes those practical details that are so invaluable when one is studying

the technique of a book.

Her great point is that flower arrangement is an art, but an art that gives everybody the chance to express herself artistically—provided that she is sufficiently interested. Nobody can read Miss Clements' book without becoming interested in the possibilities she describes for making a real pattern instead of a mere huddle of flowers. While describing various types of flower holders she also tells you how to use something else which we all have available, if necessary, e.g., a potato in place of a wire flower holder. What you really must buy is a pair of flower scissors. If you generally have flowers in your home you will soon save the price of this book by learning from it how to put wild flowers and foliage to satisfying artistic use.

G.M.P.

## HANDCRAFT

Adventures with Paper, by A. van Breda (Faber & Faber, 8s. 6d.). A delightful companion to Pleasure with Paper has arrived from Holland. With an initial outlay on materials it is possible to make a range of simple or complicated objects suitable for all ages. This book could give hours of pleasure to an Extension Guide who could easily follow the written instructions and diagrams. There are also plenty of ideas for Brownie Guiders, C.M.G.

# PHYSIOLOGY

The Human Body, by Cyril Bibby and Ian-Morison (Penguin Books, 2s. 6d.). This new Puffin Picture Book should be a very useful publication for Guiders who want a clear, well illustrated book dealing with the functions of the human body. The digestive, respiratory, nervous, skeletal, circulatory, excretory and reproductive systems are explained in a simple manner and the excellent diagrams make the text easy to understand. The descriptions of the eye and ear are particularly well done.

I would suggest that this book be kept for reference by the Guider and not be added at random

to the company library.

#### RELIGION

Progressive Religion, by E. K. Ellis (S.P.C.K., 3s. 6d.). Written by a Canon of Lincoln primarily for members of the Anglican Communion there is much here for Christians of all denominations. The writer wishes to help those who desiring to follow the Christian way of life, do not fully understand nor use the disciplines and practices which for nearly two thousand years have sustained their fellow travellers and brought them triumphant to the end of their pilgrimage.

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from a wise and rewarding book.

#### BIOGRAPHY

Odette, by Gerrard Tickell (Pan Books, 2s. 6d.). The true story of a young French woman who became a British spy after a bitter struggle between love of her children and the urge to help rid her native France of Nazis. We learn how Odette, having trained in secret in the New Forest, arrived in France in a small boat after several unsuccessful attempts to get there by plane, and of her meeting and working with Peter Churchill.

Odette's indomitable courage and her provocative treatment of her captors compelled me to speed

through the book.

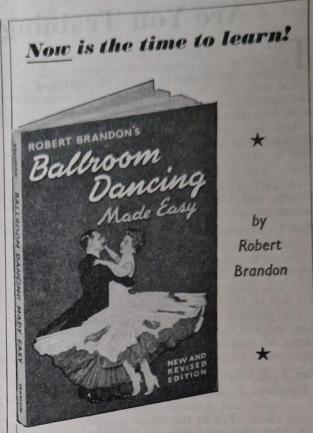
## FICTION FOR BROWNIES AND GUIDES

Carbonel, by Barbara Sleigh (Max Parrish, 8s. 6d.) is the kind of book Brown Owl will want to put into the Pack library—and then find she must read it herself first! Carbonel is a royal cat—' and never forget it when he is around '—and anyone who has a cat will appreciate how closely the author has portrayed their characters. She has been just as clever with the children, Rosemary and John, and includes just the homely details of everyday life that are so satisfying. All the younger Brownies will enjoy this delightful story.

T.W.M.

Rowan Farm, by Margot Benary (Macmillan, 10s. 6d.). This is a sequel to The Ark, the story of a German family homeless after the end of the war, and Guiders who are on the lookout for ways of arousing the interest of their Guides in the problems of other countries, and the refugee problem, will welcome this book. It is written for the Guide age, there is a good deal in the story about country life and animals and the author handles the incidents of family life, and the boy and girl friendships, with sincerity and skill.

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# Are You Training for Camp Now?

THE meeting was designed as a general camp training. It enabled the Guides with no camp experience to realize the part that the Guide tests play in preparing them for camp life. The opportunity was also taken to introduce the more experienced campers to camp organization.

Although designed as a competition, it was intended that the patrol leader should have ample time to explain camp activities and answer questions. The sealed instructions and equipment for each part were given to the patrol leader. A whistle was blown at the end of each twenty-minute period.

Part 1 (20 minutes)

Each patrol is given a sheet of paper on which is drawn the rough plan of a camp site (direction, slope of land, hedges, etc.). If the site for the next company camp is known, then of course, this will be the obvious one to choose.

The position of tents, lats., fireplace, etc., are then marked by the patrol sticking into position pieces of gummed paper clearly labelled and of appropriate shapes.

Part 2 (20 minutes)

Campers: 1. Make a flagstaff from two pieces of cane and a small piece of wood for the cleat. Fix to the leg of a chair.

 Plan the camp menu for the day. It should include one hike meal cooked without utensils.

Non-campers: 3. There are a number of drawings of trees pinned round the room. Is the wood from these trees suitable for camp cooking fires? Name the trees and discuss with your leader how each wood burns.

 Draw a Union Jack with paper and chalks provided. Fix it to the flagstaff that your patrol have made.

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Part 3 (20 minutes)

Campers: (Each patrol is given an ordnance survey map, not necessarily of the same district.)

- a. The nearest village to the camp site is map reference——. What is the name of the village?
- b. Has the parish church a spire or a tower?
- c. Which is the nearest railway station?
- d. Is there a place of historical interest other than the church that you could visit? What is it?
- e. Is there a hill near the village from which you can get a good view of the surroundcountry?
- Non-campers: Discuss with your patrol leader the items on the camp list. If there is time she will show you how to make a tripod washstand from three pieces of gadget wood.

Game (10-15 minutes)

Adapt the 'Yes and No' game with camp questions. The patrols sit in line and place a chair for each patrol at either end of the room. One set of chairs is marked 'Yes', the other 'No'. Number the Guides and ask each number in turn a camp question to which the answer is 'yes' or 'no'. The Guides run to sit on the appropriate chair (e.g., do you put tea-leaves in the pig bucket?).

Campfire: Finish the evening with a campfire, trying to introduce at least one new song.

J. RUXTON

# The Guiders' Postbag

' Growing Out of Comies'

I agree wholeheartedly with Mrs. Griffith's article in the September Guider, and hope that we, as Guiders, will play our part in helping to stamp out the evil of 'Horror Comics' and kindred papers with their very real danger to young minds in their most formative years. It is sad to think that, in this country with its wonderful heritage of books and literature so many of the present generation are satisfied with comics and strip cartoons. I am not condemning comics out of hand for a few of them are excellent.

I am sure that Guiders can play an important part in encouraging their Brownies and Guides to read worth-while books and papers—and also in the discouragement of reading unsuitable comics. Several times this year at various camps I have been amazed by the numbers of unsuitable periodicals which have formed—to the Guides an important—part of their kits.

Guiders are very busy people, as I know only too well, but why do we not go on a voyage of discovery with our packs and companies? First, find out what the children read (this could be done through a form of Pow-Wow or Patrol in Council or even be wrapped up in some kind of Quizz), then secondly, promote interest in some of the less popular badges, e.g., Book Lover, Collector and Writer for Brownies: British Commonwealth and Empire Knowledge, Collector, Reader, etc., for Guides. The voyage of discovery would have been started and with it we should gain a wider

knowledge of Guiding in other lands and possibly, a better understanding of the ideal set before us by the Chief Scout. A DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

# Help from 'Old Hands'

Early this year I started as Lieutenant in a Guide company, and before taking my warrant test and after a period of three months in the company, I went to Waddow for a week-end training. It was my first experience of one of the Training Centres and I do want to say how much I enjoyed myself, and what value I found it when doing my Warrant.

I expect all new young Guiders have a butterfly tummy on arriving for the first time, and rather wonder what the week-end will hold in store! I was no exception. Quite apart from all we gleaned from our trainer I do want to thank the older and more experienced Guiders who were Patrol Leaders and working with us that week-end. They took so much trouble to make the new Guiders feel at home and at ease-not only in discussions during sessions, but when chatting as a patrol while we were doing our chores, or sitting in the drawing-room.

I have now received my warrant, and am very happy and proud. J. BARTLETT

#### Do we need the Ranger Branch?

I am delighted to see that the question of Rangers is being given some prominence in your columns. I think we are too content to rest on our laurels and congratulate ourselves on what has been done in the past and are wrongly putting the blame on our Guiders and Commissioners for the fact that comparatively few Guides wish to become Rangers.

I think it is time we realized that though our present Ranger training may be excellent it does not apparently offer the modern girl what she wants. Conditions are very different from what they used to be and Rangering will not be successful until it is presented to the school-leavers as a 'grown-up' and not a children's movement. The girl who attends evening classes several nights a week will not make the effort to attend meetings which are not largely recreative and at which she cannot sometimes meet her boy friends.

Do we not need to think things out afresh and consult largely the under twenty-fives if not the under twenties both within and outside movement? If we have to sacrifice our uniform, our badge work as at present constituted, and even some of our red tape (though not our Law and Promise) will it not be worth while if by so doing we throw open to a much wider number of girls the ideals and comradeship of Rangering

in a modern and up-to-date guise?

M. C. BINNIE

# (North Oxford II District Commissioner)

As a Guide Guider who has known of many girls slipping out of the movement, due to staying in Guides longer than was right, I should like to second the suggestion in the article Mrs. Burkitt has written for Guides to cross over the bridge at 14 or 15. Girls grow up quicker than when the Ranger age limits were set and if it became the ordinary thing to move then I believe that a great many more would go into the Ranger Company and then Cadets. At present the Guides, having

had six years or so doing the simple Guide tests, get bored. If they had less time to gain the First Class many more would be spurred to attain it. would have to give more time to planning out our programmes too, but this would be a good thing. The time filling relay races would go overboard and stalking and tracking, hikes and camps come instead.

The move from Rangers into Cadets could be 17 or 18 to avoid overlapping of age groups. Very few girls of 16 are ready for Cadets and so would benefit by being a Ranger first. Another solution would be to drop the Cadets and train those Rangers who wish who wish to be leaders within Rangers as Mrs. Burkitt almost suggests. This would reduce the number of Guiders necessary and probably prove a tonic to Rangers. I find that the Guides admire the Cadet branch because it is adventurous and has an objective, but Rangers appear like a cut-off back water with no visable outlet. M. THICKNESSE water with no visable outlet.

I have been in both the Ranger and the Cadet branches, and feel that each has a lot to teach, but in very different ways. The Guide Captain knows each Guide individually and no two Guides are the same, so surely it is the Guider who knows best to which branch her Guides would be suited. If the 'Modern Miss' is really keen, she will stay 'on trial' at whichever branch she chooses. will also find time to work with the other, too.

In Rangering there is not only work, but a sense of freedom, which helps the Rangers develop in different ways-they all have a chance to develop initiative. and that helps each member to become a good leader and serve the community. All the time great enjoyment is to be gained if the Rangers work as a team and they are enthusiastic. The latter is really important as Ranger Guiders will know.

Cadets remind me of soldiers doing a very stiff training. I found this branch the opposite to No free and easy atmosphere-so does Rangers. this branch give a chance for real leadership to R. McAdam develop?

(Captain, London Lone Guide Company)

Why, you ask, is there lack of enthusiasm among older girls for the formation of Ranger companies nowadays? I consider myself an average teenager and can give my opinion which probably solves or explains the problem. I am seventeen and have been in quite a good job for a year, but as I left school before obtaining the advanced level of the General Certificate of Education further study is required if I am to rise in my job. Most teenagers in various occupations realize the importance of further education and usually spend at least three hours a week doing homework or attending evening classes. Also since the war the average marriage age has lowered considerably and many girls of eighteen or nineteen are seriously considering matrimony. One may say that is no reason for not being a Ranger but many girls prefer to mix with both sexes and choose casual entertainment such as dancing and youth clubs in preference to Rangering.

If I had the choice between being in an active Ranger Company and remaining as I am in the County Cadets I would choose the Cadets because of my lack of time for active Ranger work.

YVONNE NEWMAN.

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November

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18-22 Commissioners

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January 6-10 Music Party

13-17 Guide and Brownie Guiders Guide and Brownie Guiders 20-24 (emphasis on preparing the company for camp)

February Foxlease closed

March

Guide and Brownie Guiders 2- 6 9-13 Commissioners and Secre-

taries

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

Ranger Guiders (all Sec-23-26 tions)

Cadet Guiders 29-6 April (Easter). General Training

April

10-17 Guide and Brownie Guiders

20-24

County May, Guide and Brownie 27- 1 Guiders (emphasis on Promise and Law) \* Separate Training

Where to Train

May

4- 8 Outdoor Activities

11-15 County Booking

18-28 (Whitsun). Guide and Brownie Guiders (Training at the week-end with houday mid-week)

June

1-8 Guide and Brownie Guiders

12-19 Guide and Brownie Guiders with special sessions for Commissioners. (Guiders may bring children under five)

22-26 County Booking

July. Guide and Brownie Guiders (emphasis on 29- 6 World Guiding)

#### WADDOW

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

County Booking 24-28

March

Guide and Brownie Guiders 2- 6

General (emphasis on 'Scouting for Boys')
County Booking
Guide and Brownie Guiders 9-13

23-27 (emphasis on the Promise and Law)

April (Easter). Guide, Brownie, and Ranger 29- 6 Guiders

April

10-17 Guide and Brownie Guiders

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Camping Conference: To be held at High Leigh, Hoddesdon, Herts, from Friday evening, 25th Novem-ber, to Monday tea time, 28th November. Application should be made to the Secretary, Commonwealth Training Department, en-closing a deposit of 7s. 6d. Fares will be pooled.

This conference is for all holders of the Camp Training Diploma, C.C.A.s and C.C.A.s (Admin.). Counties may send a representative if the C.C.A. or C.C.A. (Admin.)

is unable to attend.

#### SCOTLAND Netherurd

November

4- 7 Guide Guiders \*11-14 City of Edinb

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

November 4- 6 Ranger Adventure Weekend

Outside booking 25-27 Guide Guiders

December

2- 4 Outside booking 9-11 Camp Advisers' Meeting 1956

January 20-22 Brownie Guiders

27-29 International Preparation for Thinking Day

February

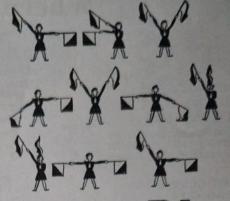
3- 5 Guide Guiders (emphasis on Training of Patrol Leaders)

24-26 Commissioners

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Welsh Counties Training: Guide Guiders limited to three per county. Representatives to be selected by counties.

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

November

4-6 Guide Guiders (Special invitation)

November

11-13 North Division, Belfast 18-20 West Division, Belfast 25-27 First Class Training

December

2- 4 Pre-Warrant (Belfast and Counties) (All Branches)

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

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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.

# Headquarters Notices

#### COMING EVENTS

Empire Circle: There will be a Social at the Guide Club on Friday, 18th November, at 6.30 p.m. The speaker will be Miss Elizabeth Carnegy who has recently returned from training in the Bahamas.

The Christmas Party will be at C.H.Q. on 6th

December.

## C.H.Q. AT HOME

The last date for receiving applications for the C.H.Q. At Home for Division and District Commissioners and Secretaries on Monday, 14th November, 1955, is Saturday, 5th November.

The Chief Commissioner, Lady Stratheden, will welcome visitors at 6.30 p.m. and there will then be tours of departments and an opportunity to meet Department Secretaries and some of the staff.

Commissioners and Secretaries attending the At Home are invited to the Guide Club as Honorary Members for lunch, tea or bed and breakfast. Please write to the Secretary at 46 Belgrave Square, London, S.W.1. (Sloane 8102.)

#### **AWARDS**

Training

Chief's Diploma: Mrs. Cowan Douglas, South Africa.

Camp Training Diplomas: Miss S. Cunliffe, Surrey North; Miss A. Macpherson, Sussex; Miss C. Philip, (We apologise that, owing to a Aberdeenshire. printer's error, Miss Philip's name was published under the Brownie Training Diplomas in the October issue.)

## NOTICE BOARD

A Ski-ing Holiday at Our Chalet: Young Guiders, Cadets or Rangers may be interested to hear that it is hoped to make up a party to visit Our Chalet for a period of one week to ten days in February 1956. The overall expenses from London will amount to approximately £25. The actual dates of the visit will depend on the response to this announcement. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact the International Secretary at Commowealth Headquarters for further information, as soon as possible.

Filmstrips on the Commonwealth: 'Guiding in the Dominions and Colonies' price 5s. and 'Common Wealth', price 6s. 6d., both 35mm. filmstrips are on sale at C.H.Q., postage 6d. Why not buy a film and fix up to show it when the patrols in your company are tackling Part C of the 'Chief Commissioner's Patrol Challenge'?

Robert Mayer Youth Concerts: The first series of Robert Mayer Youth Concerts, intended for young people between the ages of 16-25, will be held at the Royal Festival Hall on 19th November, 1955, 4th February, 25th February, 10th March and 24th March. 1956.

Robert Mayer Concerts for Children: These concerts for young people up to 16 years are being held at the Royal Festival Hall on 12th November, 26th November, 10th December, 11th February and 3rd March, 1956.

The Ernest Read Orchestral Concerts for Children will be held at the Royal Festival Hall on 5th November, 3rd December, 28th January, 18th February, 17th March and 12th May.

Ranger Festival Slides: Why not hire the slides, coloured and black and white, depicting events of that memorable week-end?

The slides, showing views of the exhibition, and H.R.H. Princess Margaret's visit, and the March Past can be hired from the Ranger Film Library, Miss M. Heys-Jones, 23 Denbigh Gardens, Richmond. Surrey. These can be shown on any 35 mm. 'still' projector. Cost 3s., plus postage both ways. Book now and avoid disappointment.

The Guild of St. George: At the General Assembly of the International Fellowship of former Scouts and Guides, Mr. W. G. F. Westbrooke was admitted to the Guild. Lord Baden-Powell had been admitted several years earlier.



Miss Torrance, Guider-in-Charge (R), and Mrs. Korsah (Gold Coast) at the west entrance to Netherurd House, the Scottish Guiders' Training School in Peeblesshire. The photograph was taken during the Commonwealth week and shows one of the notice boards, carved by a former pupil at the Trefoil School, which have been given by the Gold Coast

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mistress

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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 applications should be addressed.

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Guider's battle blouse, 38 ins., beret 63, 35s. Also navy (Continued on page 351)

# Brushing Up Second Class

Nost Guiders would agree that the Second Class test is an important one. It provides the general basis of Guide skill and knowledge before specialization begins, and it is important that it should not be forgotten by the Guides working for badges or for First Class. Unfortunately, it is sometimes forgotten, and Guides entering for First Class or for Queen's Guide fail because they can no longer signal, or have forgotten how to tie a bowline, etc.

Here is a scheme for an annual re-test, which is used and enjoyed by a Guide Company in the suburbs of a big city. That it is successful in keeping up a high standard of Second Class work has been proved, and the use of Guides with special ability as testers may be a helpful suggestion to Guiders who feel that the testing and keeping up of Second Class calls for more time than G.C. they are able to give.

Court of Honour decides upon a date when the re-test will begin and appoints a company Tester for each subject included in Second Class. These Testers are Guides with special ability in the subject for which they are appointed. A chart is made for each patrol.

While the re-test is in progress, half an hour is set aside from each company meeting for testing. During this half-hour each Tester is stationed in a given place with all the necessary equipment and the Guides attempt the test in any order they please. (If they prefer it they can arrange to be tested outside the meeting time, e.g., at school or at home). Guides stand by to help test if any one Tester is overwhelmed by numbers, or to teach any Guide who asks for help. A Guide who fails a section, or who needs to be taught a section, may not take the test in that subject until the following week at the earliest.

Last year we allowed tin-can cooking for the fire-lighting clause, partly to add a little interest for Guides who had taken the test several times and partly because we were able to arrange it on the path just outside the meeting-place when real fire lighting would have been impossible.

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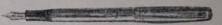


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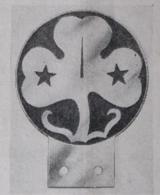
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