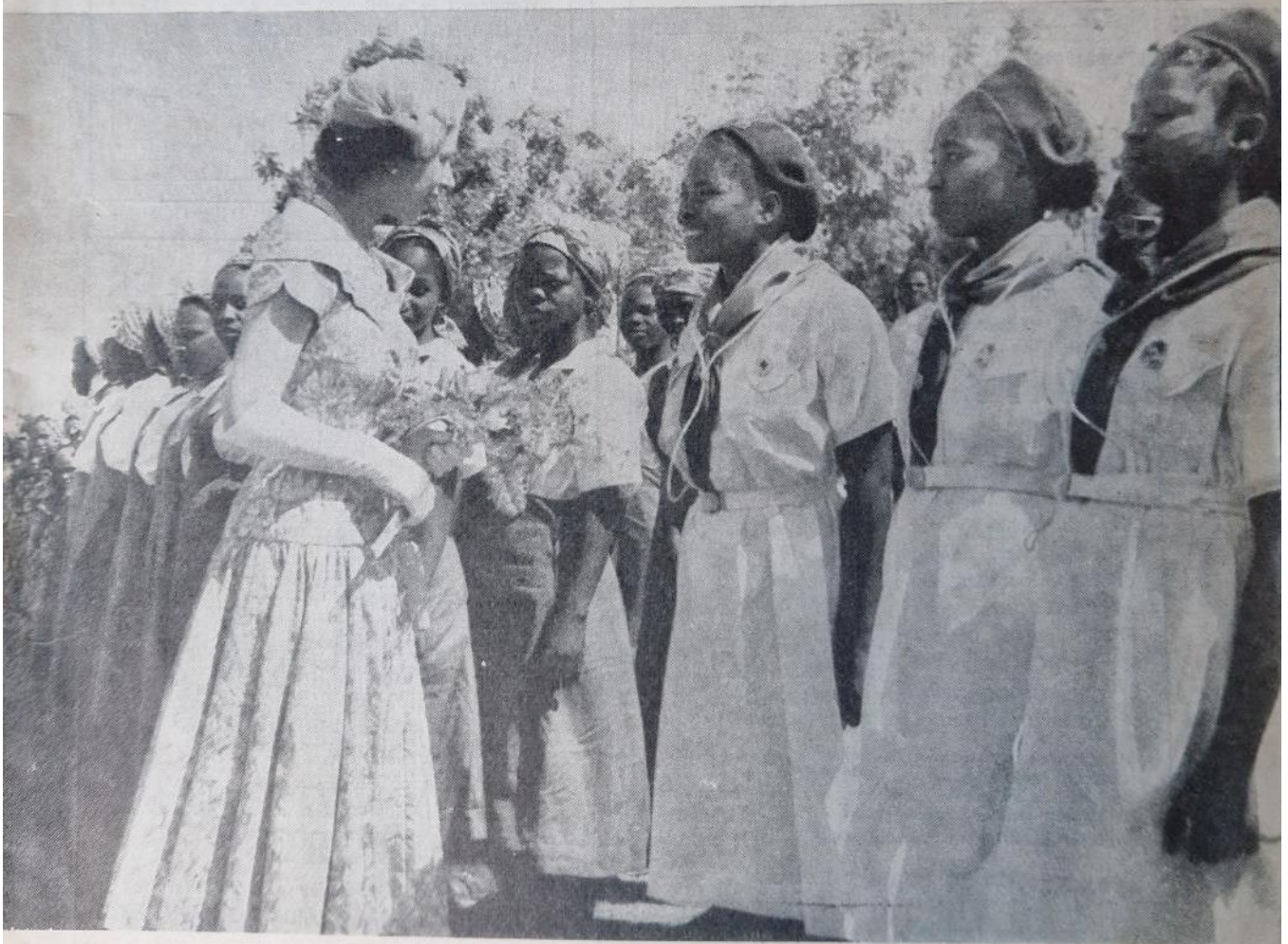


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Notes of the Month

Holidays in Bruges

Thanks to the kindness of Mere Marie Ancilla, who was once a British Guider and County Commissioner, members of the movement are given an opportunity to spend a very pleasant, inexpensive holiday in Bruges at the Couvent de la Retraite du Sacré Coeur, 8 Prinsenhof, Bruges, Belgium. The cost of board and lodging at the Convent is 11s. 6d. per day. The cost of return travel London-Bruges (from 1st June when the new 2nd class fares come into effect) is £5 18s. 3d., and for a party over ten in number it is only £4 16s. 8d.

One of the finest old cities of western Europe, Bruges has countless architectural treasures, beautiful museums and churches. It is within an hour's travelling distance of Brussels, and only a few minutes from the port and beach of Zeebrugge. Many Guide parties have happy memories of their visit to Bruges. Because of its comparative proximity to Britain, and the help and advice which Mere Marie Ancilla is prepared to extend to visitors, it is particularly suitable for visits by individual Guiders holidaying abroad, or by Guide and Ranger parties.

The Dutch Guide Centre

Buitenzorg, the Dutch Guide Centre at Baarn, shown below, makes an excellent holiday centre from which to discover the Netherlands. It lies between Amsterdam and Utrecht in wooded country. Details of the special sightseeing tours by bus are available from the Guider-in-Charge and in the village of Baarn (meaning 'without care') there is a weekly fish market where you can see the fisherfolk of Spakenburg in national cos-

tume. Musical evenings with records or films of the Netherlands can be arranged for the evenings and campfires can be held in the grounds. Duties in the house include laying the table, clearing and washing up and keeping your own bedroom clean. There are rooms for Guiders with three, four, five and six beds and for Guides and Rangers rooms with twelve beds. The charges are 6 fl per day inclusive of meals or 5.50 fl per day for beds in the attic. Inquiries should be addressed to the Guider-in-Charge, Buitenzorg, Amsterdamsestraatweg 57, Baarn, The Netherlands.

'Being Tough with Ourselves'

'How practical the Guide Law is,' said Dr. Charles Hill, M.P., at the Luton Division Thinking Day service. 'It speaks of doing things not only of dreaming them, though dreaming can be very pleasant, but it speaks of doing things and it speaks in such simple terms of loyalty, helping others, kindness to animals, thrift, singing and smiling under all difficulties. It tells of things to be done simply and down to earth. Instead of those awful words "I couldn't care less", what it really says is "I couldn't care more"... There is also the emphasis on discipline. Being tough with ourselves—finishing the things we started.'

'Prayer and Worship Through Guiding'

The Bishop of Thetford, the Rt. Rev. M. P. G. Leonard, writes: 'I have read with immense pleasure and profit Angela Thompson's little book, *Prayer and Worship through Guiding*, which includes a foreword by the Rev Wilfred Wade, Methodist representative on the Religious Panel.

'How I wish that all who write about prayer and the practice of religion knew



Buitenzorg, Baarn, is open for holidays

as much about the real heart of it as she does, and would write as sanely and as gaily as she did. There are gems of wisdom set in unforgettable phrases on every page, like the people who don't much like confessing their sins but "prefer to call them by grand psychological names, and to attribute them to their glands or their grandfathers". What could be truer or more arrestingly stated than this delicious paragraph? "In what words should praise, thanksgiving and worship be clothed? I believe there are only two suitable dresses, the simple home-spun of everyday life, or the royal majesty of the King's Court; either the most simple, direct English, familiar and natural to children, or the sonorous glory of the Bible or the Book of Common Prayer. Long, rather genteel prayers, which assume an unnatural vocabulary and have neither the prose of earth nor the poetry of Heaven, simply sound as though they were addressing a glorified Civil Servant."

But no quotation can reveal the shining worth of this little masterpiece, with its infectious faith and its lovely common sense. You must read it yourself from cover to cover, and I strongly recommend any Guider who is at present dis-

satisfied with her *Company Prayers*, to spend 1s. 6d. on this admirable booklet, with its profound yet simple analysis of the essence of worship and its helpful suggestions as to how to improve the reality and sincerity of the Company's prayer time. "The goal is worth effort, for we seek to lead children to God; and for our comfort let us remember that they are the natural inheritors of the Kingdom of Heaven."

Gifts from Uganda at C.H.Q.

Visitors to the Overseas Department at C.H.Q. will be interested to see, among all the other generous gifts from overseas, dolls and models sent recently by the 1st Natate Company, a Primary School Company just outside Kampala. The dolls and models had previously been exhibited on the Guide stall at an agricultural and trade show at Kampala. The prize-winning model was a camp site made by one of the Aga Khan Guide Companies in Kampala. There were models of blue-clad Guides stirring the stew and even the Trainer's car, complete with gold World Badge on the doors. Some of the dolls were made of banana fibre and another model which 'stole the show' was Brownies washing up the tea things.

The Leadership Development Committee

GUIDING is forging ahead with great momentum in all parts of the Commonwealth. In those territories where the movement is well established it is spreading and developing strongly, in most cases with increasing encouragement from its Colonial government; from others comes the thrilling news of Guiding starting up for the first time. In all cases they look to Great Britain for support, information, help, and, above all, training.

As the movement extends its influence in this country and throughout the Commonwealth, more and more is being asked from those holding posts of responsibility, and few people have the free time to give the thought and work needed. The matter is one of some urgency, and is combined with the question of the supply of women for existing posts.

The C.H.Q. Executive Committee has appointed an *ad-hoc* committee to work on the above questions, with the following terms of reference:—

'To investigate and make recommendations on:—

1. The need for and use of the full-time worker in Guiding, both paid and unpaid.
2. The training and preparation required for posts of responsibility in the movement, and their relationship to other forms of employment.
3. Methods of recruitment in so far as they affect the above.

4. The financial implications of any recommendations made'.

More specific information can be given by the Secretary of the Committee to enquirers.

Guiding has recently been able to offer more varied professional posts, especially in overseas training tours, and it appears that it should gradually become more possible for enterprising young women to see posts in Guiding as part of their career programme.

At present, however, it is not easy to fill these posts and efforts to recruit women for them would be helped by comments and opinions from Guiders. There are the obvious difficulties of home ties and the present condition of full employment, but in addition views on such other aspects of the situation as security, status (social and professional) and conditions of employment, are needed.

The committee would welcome comments from anyone who is interested, and hopes to receive views from every angle—from the young woman now planning her career, from Guiders in all types of work whether employers or employees, from those who have had spells of Guide employment or those who have considered a Guide job and decided against it, and from the onlooker who may well see most of the game.

Please discuss this with your friends and colleagues and send your comments to C.H.Q. as soon as possible.

Gillian Wethey McHugh introduces

Brownie Scouts in the U.S.A.

I HAVE rather a guilty feeling that I am writing this article under false pretences for so far during my stay in the United States my contact with the Brownie world has been definitely one-sided.

My attendance at Conventions and Conferences has given me to a certain extent an insight into Girl Scout organisation; through camping I have acquired a wide and valued friendship among the Senior and intermediate age groups. But when I have been invited to Brownie meetings I have had to be 'part of the programme' because I represented Girl Guiding and because I brought an international flavour to the meeting.

In another year or two I shall hope to be better qualified for the task of making an introduction to American Brownies as I expect to have a troop of my own; in the meantime this must be taken merely as a comment on personal and inadequate observations.

We must begin by realising that Brownie Scout troops differ very much from our English packs, and it seems to me that the Guide and Scout programme varies more widely in the Brownie branch than in any other. In the first place, the range of Brownie Scout age is seven to nine and although it is recommended that the ages be mixed in a troop, in very many cases (at any rate in this, the South-Western area of the States) the seven and eight and nine-year-olds are divided by ages into separate troops.

The large majority of Leaders (whom we would call Guiders) are mothers, very often lured into the movement because small daughter wants to be a Brownie. So the brave mother steps forth into the unknown, receiving

help and training from the nearest professional Girl Scout leader and local volunteer trainers, and frequently learning the Brownie programme along with daughter Mary Jane and her friends. Incidentally, it is accepted procedure for the mother 'to go up through Scouting' as the Leader of her daughter's Troop as the child grows and becomes an intermediate Scout.

Meetings take place nearly always in schools or homes—rarely in halls attached to places of worship so that sectarian problems may be avoided. It must also be remembered that in the great distances involved nearly everywhere in the States, and in the severe traffic problems which exist, it is often easier and safer for meetings to be held immediately after school.

There is a problem in the States, as in Britain, of over-large numbers in school grades (classes,

as we would say) and the difficulty is as acute in Scouting. The membership in the Brownie branch shows tremendous growth and the demand for troops is constantly increasing. Troop numbers, however, are kept rather small on the whole, sixteen being the encouraged maximum, and often eight or nine children are considered to form a big enough troop.

No Sixes

As Leaders gain greater confidence with training and experience more children are taken into the troops but little use is made with Brownie Scouts of the patrol system in its simplified form, such as English Brownies enjoy in their Sixes, and which decreases so much the problems involved in handling large numbers. However, as the Brownies grow towards intermediate (Guide) age



[Photo: Dan Russil]

Many kinds of craft are encouraged

'Voyage of the Venturer'

AFTER all, Ralph, we are one movement.' That parting shot from the Chief Guide after she and Ralph Reader had been discussing Scout and Guide shows in general during the Ranger pageant at the Albert Hall in 1950 seemed to stick in his mind. Gradually the idea of a joint Scout and Guide show at the Albert Hall took shape and soon Ralph Reader was hammering out a script and working on the music.

The result is *Voyage of the Venturer*, a musical play with a cast of a thousand Scouts and Guides which is being presented by the London Scout Council in association with the County of London Girl Guides, at the Royal Albert Hall during the week of 9th-14th July. (There will be seven performances, one show each night and a special matinee on Saturday afternoon).

The story of the play is based on the legend of the old king who wanted to find out which of his three fine sons would be the wisest ruler to take his place in due course on the throne. Paul, Galiad and David are leading parts in the play, with the main part of the story centring round David (played by Kenneth Cregeen) and a stow-away boy (played by Aurelius Evans, a Jamaican Scout whose father is studying law in England) who sail west in the good ship *Venturer*.

The box office opens at the Albert Hall on 15th May and a leaflet is in this issue.



A dancing girl in Arabia—typical of many colourful costumes made by Guiders for 'Voyage of the Venturer'

Brownie Scouts in the U.S.A.

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there is more attempt to encourage the patrol system in troop meetings.

Being a Brownie Guider with a bee in my bonnet about giving Brownies everywhere a real standard to work for, I have been disturbed, together with many an American Leader of my acquaintance, by the lack of challenge in the Brownie Scout programme. Perhaps in our eyes there is too much devotion to play, without the understanding of the training and reason behind play's variety.

It seems sad, too, that a child of Brownie age should be denied the fun and achievement of well thought out test work for the Brownie Scout does not pass tests. This possibly arises from the somewhat over protective attitude towards children in this country with ability often underestimated.

Emphasis on outdoor training

The Brownie programme is divided into certain 'fields'—out-of-doors, homemaking, music and dancing, the community, games, farm and garden, international friendship, health and safety, nature, arts and crafts, books and plays, helping to run the troop. One or more of these 'fields' is explored at a time over a period of weeks or months.

As is surely the case the world over the keenness and ability of the Troop stems very largely from the leadership it receives and Brownies with a good Leader will accomplish excellent results.

The outdoor section of the programme plays quite a big part in Brownie life. There are regular periods reserved for the youngest members of the movement in the programmes of the established Scout camps. Brownies are given the protection of camping in cabins and sleeping on beds, and the elements of fire-building and outdoor cooking are taught. Handcrafts are given a good deal of emphasis, as well as games and songs in, and out, of doors. From the earliest age a Brownie is taught committee organisation, and troops elect Secretary, Treasurer, etc., from among the members.

Service encouraged

In fact, the movement sometimes seems to be thought of—rather startlingly—as a club more than anything else. But I believe that much of the Brownie branch is service-minded to a high degree, and that children are called upon to help their communities in many ways provided they are not over much in the public eye.

I particularly want to stress the importance given by a majority of keen leaders to the Brownie Promise, for it seems as if Scouting is making a nation-wide effort to emphasise this foundation of our Movement, and what better beginning could be made than with those to whose eager minds the principles of Scouting are being introduced.

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From the Trainers' Notebooks

Programme Ideas

Smugglers and Coastguards

Every Brownie is a smuggler who is trying to row across the sea to deposit her three treasures in Secret Cove. Unfortunately the coastguard (Brown Owl or Tawny) lives just beside the cove and has been warned of their approach and is looking for them through a telescope (a large sheet of stiffish paper rolled up and fastened with paper clips).

Anyone seen to move is shot and loses a piece of treasure overboard. If all treasures are lost, the smuggler is drowned.

The telescope limits the Guider's vision so she sees only a few Brownies at a time, thus giving the others the chance to move. It is advisable to suggest that any noise or sudden movement will attract the coastguard's attention at once, so very quiet steady 'rowing' is needed. A.B.

Guide Patrol Activities

AIM: To get out and use different parts of the basic test work.

1. The film 'Snows of Aorangi' has been used as the background to this activity. Any other suitable film, TV show or book can be used as a background.

EQUIPMENT: Per patrol, a rucksack containing life-line, ropes, flags to hoist, triangular bandage, matches, dixies, mugs, 'Oxo' cubes (or equivalent to make a hot drink.)

ACTIVITY: Each patrol is climbing the slopes of Aorangi in New Zealand. From a given point (e.g., local Church tower, roof of house or shop, distant hill, etc.), a message is signalled giving position of the expedition's next base.

INSTRUCTIONS TO P.L.S.: *Each Patrol is climbing the slopes of Aorangi. They will receive a message giving the position of their next camp. On receiving the message they will go to the place, set up their camp, hoist their flag, and make a hot drink each. Points will be given for the correct uses of knots, lighting of fire, and time taken to prepare hot drinks.*

SUGGESTIONS FOR SCORING: One point for each knot used correctly in a different way. 2 points for lighting the fire with 1 or 2 matches. 5 points if drink is made within a given time (e.g., 15 mins. after arrival at base.)

ADAPTATIONS: In cities it may be necessary to confine the activity within a small area, e.g., school playground. Wood would have to be brought for the fires (or an alternative put in). The message could be sent from an upstairs window. Morse and semaphore messages can be sent in the dark using torches, or in morse using a buzzer. P.P.



A patrol supper hike at Broneirion. Are your patrols planning activities on their own?

International Happy Families

TIME: Approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ hour.

FORMATION: Patrols in corners.

EQUIPMENT: (a) Four packs of cards of the badges, flags, blank maps and mottoes of Guiding countries. (b) A set of cards with the names of the countries. (c) Reference books and pamphlets on International Guiding.

METHOD: The four packs of cards are shuffled and dealt to the patrols who, by bartering what they do not need for what they need, as in the game 'Happy Families', try to complete sets of as many countries as possible.

The exchanging is usually best done by the patrols sending out messengers. To avoid patrols trying to collect the same set the P.L. takes appropriate card each time her patrol starts a new country.

SCORING: A Guider should check each set when completed. Winner is the patrol that collects most sets.

J.G.

Practical Knotting

EQUIPMENT: A good supply of rope and string for each patrol.

Give each patrol two or three knots to tie. Allow ten minutes for them to put on a display, showing as many practical uses as possible. Points are awarded for correctness, tying and use. Give time to visit other patrols.

M.A.M.

Mapping

Collect pictures of natural features, churches, etc. Give each patrol a map and see who can find the correct sign on the map that corresponds with the picture. This can also be used as practice for an individual during Patrol Time.

M.A.M.



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Training a Tenderfoot—3

Knots

By Elizabeth Carnegie



A GUIDE goes in for her First Class test. She is invited to tie a bandage and she fixes it with a 'granny'. That sort of thing happens even in the best circles, and you can be pretty sure when it does that it dates right back to the beginning of the Guide's career, when she was taught (or not taught) how to do a reef for her Tenderfoot Test. For a knot, once *really* known, is hard to forget. It is the half-baked, 'I-think-it-went-something-like-this' knowledge that will not come to mind when you want it, and is therefore so utterly useless.

A recruit probably learns the knots for her Tenderfoot from her P.L. or Second. If what they teach is to be interesting, thorough, and practical, you will have to spend some time on this at your P.L.s' trainings.

To do good knotting a Patrol must have good materials. Clothes-line rope, or something like it, does well, cut into various lengths. The recruits can whip the ends with string of different colours. Blindcord is also excellent. A knotting board is fun to make and a useful addition to the Corner. It should show clearly how the knots are tied, and can give uses as well as names.

It is best if the P.L. can teach the recruit in a practical way right from the start. For example,

they can make a long rope by joining several short ones of different thicknesses, and then

erect it as a line between two uprights. They can try out on heavy, wet rope the merits of the fisherman's knot as opposed to reef and sheetband.

Much practice in the Patrol Corner is needed; knots can be tied behind the back, with one hand, and at speed. The Patrol can be in pairs, each person with two ropes and five counters. The P.L. names a knot, or the use of a knot, and the first of each couple to tie it correctly gets a counter from her partner. Everyone changes partners for the next knot. In twos, the Patrol can tell each other stories that include situations calling for knots. The audience must tie the knots to meet each situation as it is described, the first person to do it right getting a point.

Knots require dexterity of brain and fingers, as well as being useful things to know. They are a valuable bit of training. And recruits enjoy tying them, too, if they are made interesting. Begone dull bits of string, thin, and frayed at the ends! They only lead to 'grannies' in the First Class Test.

Testwork Games

THESE games can be played equally well with morse or semaphore symbols.

- (1) At one end of the room place 15 to 20 cards, each of which has written on it the name of something that might be found on a desert island. Patrols at the other end of the room send their members ashore, one at a time, to discover what is on the island. They can choose the object named on any one of the cards and signal it back to the Patrol.

For the benefit of beginners there is a chart on the island to which they can refer.

The winners are the first Patrol to get a complete, correct list of what is on the island.

- (2) A set of cards is prepared for each Patrol on distinctive coloured board. On each card is written a word in morse or semaphore symbols, and the set consists of words

making up a sentence. The cards are then hidden about the building.

Patrols are given their colour and told how many cards they have to collect. As soon as a Guide finds a card she reads the semaphore or morse on it, and collects from a central place a card on which that word is written.

When a Patrol has between them collected all their words they are told what they represent, e.g. the first line of a Christmas carol, a proverb, an advertisement slogan, and the first Patrol to do the appropriate thing, i.e. sing the carol, name the advertisement etc. wins, the other Patrols scoring according to the number of word cards they have collected.

These games can be varied and through them other testwork can easily be introduced.

E.A.P.

The 'Whys and Wherefores'

By K. Knott

THE following remark was made recently to a Brownie Guider: 'My child wants to join Brownies but I think she'll have more fun if she joins a club. They have a good time down there. I can't see the point of all this knot tying, flag hoisting and so much extra learning after school. Let them have a good time, I say.'

What would have been our answer? Can we justify with a strong personal conviction the rightness of Guiding? Such a conviction must have brought us into the movement in the first place. Before our warrants were given us we satisfied our Commissioners that we had 'a full appreciation of the principles underlying the scheme of Training' (P.O.R. rule 33). Perhaps the fine edge of our understanding has worn down and, losing sight of our aims and ideals, we have become bogged down in the weekly round of tests, subs and inspection. If so, there are several good and wholesome remedies available.

The first of these is to try to capture some measure of the zest which fired the Founder to launch the Movement at the start and the inspiration which caught the imagination of children and adults alike to see in it the greatness which caused its growth. Read again *Scouting for Boys* or at any rate the preface to it. If this remedy is well digested our condition should show some improvement.

The Training Centres can help

Another remedy well worth applying is a visit to one of the Training Centres. There is no better way of catching a new vision of the worth wholeness of the job or of finding encouragement from the knowledge that we are all in this together.

Taking stock of our position is good policy now and again and provides a corrective for those who have slipped into a rut and may reveal a signpost for those who have wandered from the road.

To return to the question 'What is the point of teaching Brownies knots, semaphore, compass and the rest?' The answer is summed up in rule 1 of P.O.R. There, in a nutshell, is the purpose of all our training and the direction for all our efforts. It is a good mental exercise and a useful bit of homework to list the aims in the first paragraph of rule 1 and then apply the details of the Brownie, Guide or Ranger tests to them. If we do this we begin to think of the keeping of the Brownie Law as training in obedience; the faithful carrying out of the promise as a means to the formation of character and see in the motto the beginning of thoughtfulness and service to others. We recog-

nise in the clause on teaching about Brownies overseas the first foundations of this Movement's aim to look wide and ever wider.

The tests mentioned so far have been the more obvious ones. We may find it more difficult to answer the mother's objection about semaphore and knots but the same yardstick may be applied. Whether or not these things are valuable in themselves (and most of us would justify them very firmly on this ground alone) few would dispute that to learn them calls for concentration and alertness and a high degree of perseverance, and these qualities have some connection with 'mental development' and 'formation of character'.

Seen from this viewpoint, the standard at which we aim is no longer solely a matter of passing tests and wearing badges but the achievement of the whole personality through the promotion of spiritual, mental and physical development and, by the grace of God, our 'best' and that of our Brownies should be daily growing better.

The Brownies' Answer

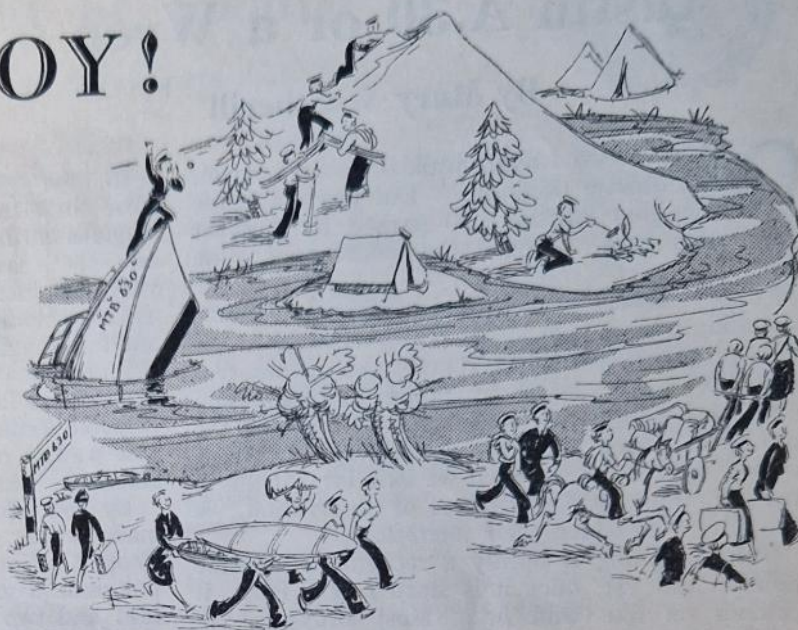
The other criticism about 'extra learning' would be answered far better by the Brownies. The 'out to have a good time' disease, so prevalent in those of riper years, finds few subjects amongst the Brownie age group. With objective satisfaction, they can still enjoy acquiring new knowledge and learning new skills and respond wholeheartedly to the call for service. If they were able to give expression to this desire they would soon confound the mother and her cry for a good time. They would prove to her what the Founder well knew when he drew up the outline of balanced tests based on health, handicrafts, intelligence and service, that in learning these things in new and interesting ways, they do, in fact, have a good time. They would tell her, and we might do well to listen, that they find enjoyment in having to tie knots and lay a table because of the sense of achievement it gives them and because of the fun of doing these things with other like-minded Brownies. We need to remember this when we are tempted to lower the standard of the tests and accept less than the Brownies' best to produce quick results and easy success. The other corrective we may glean from the Brownies themselves is their wholehearted capacity for the enjoyment of simple things. Accepting as wholly worthy the high aim and lofty ideal and serious purpose, let us beware of being so earnest that we lose the most vital ingredient of all from our programme—the spirit of fun.

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SEAS AHOY!

Are we letting
our ship sink
?

Man The Boat
and keep her afloat



A 'Wide Game' Idea

THIS game covers mapping and local knowledge, and anything else you like to add! Patrols are going out to explore an unknown country for U.N.O. The P.L.s are given the following instructions:

PART A.

You are going out to explore an unknown and rather damp and cold country for the U.N.O.

1. See that your patrol are suitably dressed.
2. Have your patrol passed by the U.N. Health Officer; collect your rucksack and sealed orders from her.
3. Add any equipment that you think you might need.

The sealed orders might contain directions in a code as to where further instructions (Part B.) can be found.

PART B.

1. Climb a hill and discover from observation (a) the climate of the country. (b) Occupations of the people living in it. (c) Methods of transport. (d) What the people eat.
2. Return to within 200 yards of your starting base (a) Light a fire and make sure all your patrol cook something to eat. (b) Draw a sketch map showing where you have been and putting in the different things you have seen.
3. As the last 200 yards from your fire to the base is very steep and slippery, rope yourselves together, and then return home.

4. Report clean and tidy not later than x.xx p.m. (i.e. The time you wish the activity to end)

Notes on running the game

1. It may be necessary to have definite boundaries.
2. The U.N. Health officer could be Lieutenant or a friend imported for the evening.
3. The rucksack could contain bread for toasting (or equivalent), life line, matches, large sheet of paper for sketch map. The Guides could be expected to add First Aid kit for example.
4. The knots round the bodies of the patrol must be checked, (e.g. Bowline for the two end people, double overhand for the middle ones.)
5. Sketch maps might be checked as each patrol returns. 'Evidence' could be given by the P.L.s when all the company are back. It could then be discussed by the whole company if necessary.

Adapting

In a city the patrols could be parachuted into an unknown town where they cannot speak the language. They could find out, for example, all the Crown property (e.g. Post Office, fire station, telephone kiosks, etc.) and mark the positions on a sketch map.

PATRICIA PILDITCH

Austin A.30 or a Wren?

By Mary Weatherill

ONE day two friends walked down a street, each quietly thinking. 'Did you notice the little grey Austin A.30 parked by Number 26?' said one. 'That's the model I have on order.'

'Sorry, I didn't,' answered her friend. 'I was watching a tiny wren in the bush at No. 26.'

That conversation just about sums up observation. We hear a lot about training in observation but most people, without training, observe the things in which they are interested. In other words, most of us see what we look for. If this is true, to train people's powers of observation, we should try to widen their interests.

Bird watching is hardly a recognized Brownie hobby, and yet, once it is started in a Pack, it catches on like wild fire. Most Brownies are mildly interested in birds. They have such human characteristics. They have a home, and a family, and father goes out to seek for food whilst mother stops at home to care for the babies. But birds have one most irritating characteristic for Brownies—they will not sit still while the Brownies look carefully for the colouring and markings seen on a coloured postcard in the clubroom.

It is a good beginning to introduce the subject by games with postcards to rouse interest, but how rarely can the colours be seen outside? Somehow, the very bird one wishes to watch is usually perched so that the watcher is looking straight into the sun, at a small black creature, unidentifiable by colour. Fortunately there are many ways a Brownie can recognise a bird without colour.

One Pack, in an urban area, went into the local park. Brown Owl took about eight Brownies whilst Tawny played games with the rest. They had certain headings under which to observe and were already familiar with a thrush, a seagull and a house sparrow. These were the headings.

1. *Size*: As big as a sparrow, thrush or seagull.
2. *Colour*: If seen, especially any light marks.
3. *Movement*: How does it move along the ground? Notice if it uses its tail in any special way.

4. What was it doing when seen?
5. Anything special about it.

Passing some allotment gardens they saw two peewits. Of course, the children pointed and shouted and off they flew, giving their familiar cry. Here was lesson No. 1.

This started a discussion on one way in which birds get their names. It was a grand example, especially as the crest illustrated No. 5 about which they were rather vague.

In the park two or three wagtails strutted on the lawn, very distinctive as to colouring and tail wagging.

Finally, on reaching the lake, two moorhens with their brightly coloured beaks and jerky swimming movements first walked on the banks, then made their way across the water to an island.

By now excitement was at fever pitch, but this made further watching difficult, so back the party trooped. Naturally this enthusiasm did not last, but some described the birds in their Golden Bar test, and two went off together and made books for their observer's badges. The entries were very childish and some folk might think too simple, but they revealed real interest and originality such as the one who put 'As we were creeping under the bushes we couldn't see any birds, but walking home we saw. . . .'. What a picture of real Guiding, for whenever uniform is under discussion someone always says, 'Oh, but would it be suitable when we crawl through bushes?' I thought the days of that were over, but though I do not in any way advocate that Guiders should crawl through bushes in public parks, nor even that they would have more success than the children in the way of seeing birds if they did, the picture of those two Brownies creeping about the bushes together is a good example of our 'outdoor movement'.

Many Guiders feel diffident about starting this sort of thing because they lack knowledge, but it is amazing how soon one acquires just a little by using one of the bird books sold at H.Q. and one learns with the Pack. It is a great help to go over the ground beforehand just to have an idea, though of course birds are not always accommodating enough to be in the same place twice.

Early summer is a good time to start, and a starling is just as interesting to a Brownie if she is really watching as a gold crest would be to an expert. There is plenty of time to look for rare species later on. Let us be content to encourage observation and more accurate description of common birds.

Enthusiasm is most infectious and simple bird watching as one goes to and from work makes the routine journey much more interesting, so let us look around ourselves, and if we catch the fever, pass it on to the Brownies, and give them the chance of starting a lifelong hobby.



The Shield of Health

By Terence Lawson, Secretary, C.E.W.C.



IN a laboratory in North London a British scientist examines through a microscope the virus of influenza. In a village compound, in the steaming jungle of India, a Canadian expert injects children against tuberculosis. A Swedish doctor sprays an insecticide upon the walls of a golden temple in Siam, seeking out the mosquitoes which carry malaria. In North Africa a French entomologist wades in filthy infected water to observe the habits of a tiny snail which bestows blindness upon millions of people. High in the mountains of Bolivia, an American doctor jokes with the villagers as he dusts them with D.D.T. to destroy the body-lice which spread the ravaging disease of typhus.

These men and women, and many hundreds of others the world over, are bound together in the service of the World Health Organisation, the Specialised Agency of the United Nations whose task it is to ensure 'the attainment by all peoples of the highest possible level of health'.

Desperate need of trained people

There are two main reasons for the ill-health which still afflicts the greater part of humanity. The first is the lack of knowledge of how to tackle the problem, and the second is the grievous lack of trained people who can put the knowledge into practice.



WHO assisted teams in South America to dust Indians with D.D.T. The Indians call D.D.T. the 'sleep powder' because they are assured of a good night's rest by delousing.

All nations can turn to WHO for practical help in their health problems. WHO will supply expert consultants and highly trained specialist teams, who work side by side with local people, assigned to the job by their own health authorities. The local people learn as they work, and can continue efficiently after the WHO experts have left.

In addition, WHO is working constantly to ensure that there is exchange of knowledge between nations. Doctors and nurses are helped to undertake special studies outside their own countries. Medical and teaching institutions are assisted by WHO to organise conferences, seminars and training courses. Countries are advised and helped in the establishment of their own training and research centres and international research projects into particular diseases are subsidized and assisted.

One of the little known and most exciting of WHO's services is its international warning system. Modern means of travel can convey men from country to country at amazing speed but the germs and insects which travel with men, and upon aircraft, can now move equally swiftly, and do not have to carry passports which give notice of their arrival! Every day, therefore, through a world-wide chain of radio transmitters, WHO broadcasts to the world warnings of the outbreaks of disease. Plague and cholera, smallpox or yellow fever, outbreaks of these and other deadly diseases are immediately reported to WHO. Facts and figures, giving the place and extent of outbreaks, are at once broadcast, so that the health services of any nation, as well as ships at sea and aircraft in flight, are warned in time to take effective action.

The results of WHO's work are immensely encouraging. Already the dreadful scourge of malaria has been completely eradicated from many countries, and this year WHO is embarking upon a campaign designed to achieve total world eradication of this disease which kills three million people every year. In Haiti, as the result of the government's WHO-aided campaign against yaws, 100,000 people were able to return to work, with the immense increase in productive capacity of £18 million per year.

With the help of WHO India has embarked upon the greatest mass vaccination campaign in the world's history, whereby every young person and child in India—some 170 millions—is being protected against tuberculosis.

The work of WHO is one of the supreme examples of what can be achieved when nations unite their skill, knowledge and resources.

Notes for Quartermasters—2

By Alice Rees-Evans

IN the March GUIDER we dealt with menus, orders and equipment. Now shall we consider the Quartermaster's responsibility on arrival in camp? It will have been decided beforehand where the store tent should be pitched—if possible in the shade, facing north.

If you have discussed the arrangements of the store tent—and perhaps made a plan on paper—it will not take long to get tidy. Of course the egg boxes and tea chest should have been lined beforehand and the tins painted and labelled. Have a place for everything, nothing on the ground, short pieces of wood as pegs for boxes and tins and a gadget for pots and pans—and the store tent can be attractive and the pride and joy of Q.M.

Q.M. will supervise the fireplace and will emphasise the importance of cutting deep sods and laying them in order—it will then be a simple matter to replace them. Cut the fire larger than is needed to allow pans to rest beside the bricks. You may not be allowed to lift sods and then some kind of altar fire will be needed. Unless you have had some experience with one, consult your C.A.

A grease pit or trap will be wanted and differs with drainage of the soil and the lay of the land. It is a very important part of the kitchen sanitation as no greasy water should be allowed on the ground. *Campcraft*, 3s. 6d.* (Girl Guides Association) gives helpful suggestions. The pig bucket should have a lid and be emptied daily. You will also need a refuse pit for things you cannot burn (tins which have been burnt out and then flattened, broken jars, etc.). An incinerator can be used to get rid of any waste that will burn.

The wood pile should be fairly near the fire and some kind of shelter should be made.

When it comes to cooking the meals, let the Guides do it. Q.M. should only give advice. A bowl should be kept for the cooks to wash their hands in and Q.M. should see that they are clean and tidy before preparing food.

The serving of meals is very important and should be done in an orderly manner. This gives the Patrol Leader scope to organise her Patrol, and Guides can be taught to serve the meals well by not overloading the plates. They can be well filled with some kept for second helpings. Meals should be served hot if they are meant to be, a bowl or a dixie of hot water is one

way of keeping food hot or the hay box may be used. *Campcraft* explains its use, which is invaluable, and if it has a strong lid it can be used as a cutting-up table. Cutting-up should never be done in the store tent.

Q.M. will see that the washing up is done in an orderly manner. Perhaps each Patrol could wash their own utensils, Cooks washing up cooking utensils and Orderlies or Mess Patrol washing serving dishes and spoons. If all plates and utensils are scraped clean before washing them it will be a great help. Q.M. will also see that everything is left tidy and that dish cloths, mops and tea towels are washed



Meals should be served hot

and bowls wiped out and that everything has been put back in its proper place in the store tent and any left-overs covered up. Q.M. usually scalds the milk cans and jugs herself.

When the time comes to strike camp plans will be discussed at the Court of Honour. Q.M. usually plans an easy breakfast for the last morning so as to use the minimum of cooking utensils, and will arrange for each Patrol to clean a dixie the day before in order to make it easier for the last day.

It is most important that all kitchen equipment is carefully packed as careless packing results in chipped enamel or bent dioxies. Treat any hired equipment as if it were your own and teach the Guides to do the same.

Q.M. will see that all unopened goods in good condition are returned, also borrowed boxes. She must see that the incinerator is burnt out, the refuse pit and fireplace filled in and the fireplace dug over—and well watered before the sods are replaced so that in a few weeks there will be no trace of the camp.

A Q.M. learns by experience, there are always some new methods or ideas which she can try out.

*The chapter on 'Quartermastering' in the revised edition has been re-written.

The All-England Ranger Rally

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS ROYAL has graciously accepted an invitation to be present at the pageant on 20th October at the Royal Albert Hall and at the service and march past on 21st October. The speaker at the service will be the Chief Scout, Lord Rowallan. The Chief Guide will be present on Sunday, 21st October, and at the extra performance of the pageant on 22nd October. The public box office will be open on 1st July.



Let the Guides do the cooking

New Zealand

IN 1923 the New Zealand Guide Association was officially registered at Headquarters in London. There had been an organisation known as Girl Peace Scouts for several years, based largely on the early Girl Guide Handbooks. In 1930 the first Dominion Camp of five hundred was held and the Chiefs visited the Islands in 1931 and 1935. Guiding is strongly and steadily growing. Uniforms are similar to those worn by British Guides, the beret now taking the place of the navy blue hat.

Maori customs

Though many of the ancient crafts of the Maoris are now only seen in museums, tribal customs are still kept on, especially on important occasions, at weddings and funerals.

Keesing quotes as the moral code of the Maoris: 'Love, support and fight for your tribe, and uphold the prestige and honour of your ancestors.'

Maoris welcome strangers with singing and dancing and greet each other by rubbing noses. They are a warm-hearted, easy-going intelligent people; they love and indulge their children who may not be thwarted or punished. The men are of fine physique, the women intensely musical, graceful and rhythmical in all their movements.

The three occasions when New Zealanders really demonstrate and make a great deal of noise

are on Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve and Guy Fawkes' Day. On Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve all the people flock to town, wearing paper hats and false noses. Crackers and fireworks explode at their feet, confetti is showered, children blow trumpets, bang drums and consume vast quantities of ice-cream!

Singing

The Maoris are very musical and sing naturally and in harmony. The well-known 'Now is the hour' is a translation of a Maori song. 'Po kare kare ana' is a lilting love song. New Zealand has her own national anthem, 'God defend New Zealand,' which is sung on special days (Anzac Day, Arbor Day, etc.). The British national anthem is played on all public occasions.

(For more information about New Zealand see THE GUIDE of 20th April. Answer to riddle in THE GUIDE of 20th April; a Maori canoe).

The Maori Canoe Song

This is a haunting melody and can be sung and performed most effectively. Seven Guides sit on the floor in a row as if in a canoe. They sway to and fro in rhythm, their arms moving as if using paddles.

(NOTE: I is sounded like E; E as A; Wh as F. Ki-te-pai is sung kee-tay-pie).

M. VERA ARMSTRONG

MAORI CANOE SONG

V. 1. Come ye maid-ens come to me, With your gifts of Float-ing on a
V. 2. Small may be this our ca-noe, mel-o-dy, Call-ing far and wide to all, Come where
sea of tears, Hon our to the brave who fall, Where thin
du-ty calls. Then to-geth-er we will row du-ty calls. HO-ea-ra-te wha ka nei
This ca-noe un-til the end, To the goal the HO-ca HO-ea Ki-te-pai, Ma-te-poi-e
would de-sires, Peace and Joy to all. Ka-ra-whiu, Ki-arere-ta-te-ha-hai.

My First Brownie Enrolment

By Ailsa Brambleby

MAY 20TH

Just what I've been dreading—and now it's come! Since I heard myself say (to my own astonishment!) that I would be delighted to be a District Commissioner I've been haunted by a brown bogey. Guides don't fill me with too much apprehension. Rangers and Cadets too, no trouble there, but Brownies . . . I'm sure there's never been a Commissioner who knew less about them than me.

If only I'd kept that vow solemnly made as I stitched on my brand-new blue cockade that I'd plumb all the mysteries of the Toadstool world before tackling anything else. And now I'm to be flung into the thick of it—all unprepared!

One letter—a charming invitation, in fact—is responsible for this gloom. Miss Green, newest and youngest Brown Owl in my District, wants me to visit her pack and enrol two Brownies. Of course if she were warranted she could do it herself, but there's no chance of getting her through in time. Where on earth did I put my *Brownie Handbook*?

MAY 22ND

If only I could remember the Brownie Promise. Of course I don't actually have to say it, but I'm terrified that the Brownie will forget it and I'll have to prompt.

Mercifully there's not much to learn and it's all crystal clear in *P.O.R.* and the *Handbook*. As far as I can see, once the Brownies are in their ring all I do is ask the child if she knows the Law and then the Promise. And then I say: 'Come to the toadstool and make your promise as a Brownie.' Thank goodness she needn't now stand with two fingers on the toadstool, but can just make the Brownie Sign as she promises. It's really quite straightforward. Horrible thought! What were those words in *Notes to Commissioners*? Something about a pack generally adding a short ceremony of its own?

MAY 24TH

Another letter from Miss Green, this time all about their own ceremony. It really sounds rather fun and quite down to earth and my part in it is very simple. I'm thankful she's told me about it all the same. There was that ominous P.S. in her letter 'and you will do or say a little something or tell them a story after the enrolment, won't you?' Hmm. Story, definitely no—not yet. I know! I'll take along my chalet-cum-musical box—the one that plays a bit of the

'World Song'. That will give me the opening to tell them something about my visit to Our Chalet and the Busy Bees I met while I was in Switzerland.

MAY 25TH

It's over, and I actually enjoyed it! As I stepped off the Number 3 bus, two very newly-washed Brownies greeted me with a salute worthy of a major-general. Some wonderful system of bush telegraphy must have been in operation, for as we approached the hut there was a sudden switch from what sounded like the loudest of 'letting-off-steam' games to an unnatural hush. Then the door opened mysteriously and I was faced with a straight line of Brownies. Suddenly one of the Sixers called out 'Jump!' The Pack leaped round and there on their backs, one letter to each, was 'Welcome Commissioner'. Then another Sixer called out 'Jump!' and round they all came again with broad grins and a salute. I returned the salute and before I had time to wonder what to do next Brown Owl came forward to greet me. Tawny then took a game while Miss Green introduced me to the mothers of the two children to be enrolled.

Then came the ceremony. On the wall was a large outline drawing of the Brownie man on the enrolment badge. A figure of the same size had been drawn in on yellow cardboard, and cut in ten pieces. These were given to the Sixers, Seconds, Pack Leader and myself. Jennifer, the elder of the recruits, came first. Different Brownies asked her: 'Have you passed your plaiting?' and so on through the test. When she said 'Yes' she was given a piece of card to fix in the outline on the wall.

Then came the enrolment. Very simple, but impressive. The Brownies were in their Ring in Sixes. First the Gnome Sixer brought up Jennifer and said: 'Commissioner, here is Jennifer and she would like to be a Brownie.' (I gather they don't need to include this but like to in this Pack).

I then moved slightly to one side so that Jennifer's mother could see her and said: 'Jennifer, do you know the Brownie Law?' And then we went straight through the enrolment. I shall never forget the look of delight and fulfilment on her face as I pinned on her badge and emblem, saying, 'Jennifer, you are now a Brownie . . .' After we had shaken hands, I told her to turn and salute the pack and then to shake hands with Brown Owl, Tawny and her Six.

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Cruising on Canals

By J. Griffith

CANAL joys are many—and unexpectedness is one. Sometimes the country on each side is flat and placid, herons fly lazily up at the putter of the engine, cows give us an uninterested look between chews, a water-rat disappears noiselessly into the reeds. Then we are round a bend and into a mile or so of canal cut through sheer rock. Here, wherever there is a crack to take a seed, the steep sides hold a trailing jungle of traveller's joy, sweet-briar, honey-suckle, way-faring tree, guelder rose, tiny rowans and the largest blackberries in England just out of reach. Our boat climbs staircases of locks under shady trees, or passes through suburbs with gardens to the water's edge, by old, unused wharves and busy new ones, coal mines and factories. Once we even found ourselves cruising on a large lake in front of a derelict mansion.

The pleasures are architectural, too—bridges with a satisfying curve that passed the horse over from a tow-path on one side of the canal to the other, confident, striding aqueducts over main roads and valleys (it is pleasantly bizarre to be in a boat, on water, over a lorry) old Inns called the 'Boatman's Rest' advertising 'good beds and stabling', and tunnels, all echoes and drips, through which boaters once propelled their craft



by lying on their backs and using their feet on the roof.

We wonder at the ingenuity and courage which made the waterways nearly two hundred years ago. There were no civil engineers, no ordnance survey maps, little mechanical aid—every problem had to be newly solved. For the first time in our history great gangs of organised labour ('navigators' hence 'navvy') changed the English countryside and everywhere along the older canals we see their work.

Then there is the rare pleasure of playing with public machinery, normally untouchable by the unauthorised, but here the locks are ours to enjoy. There is a satisfaction when one's amateur efforts with the windlass lifts the paddles and the rush of water pours into the lock, and pleasure in the slow push at the heavy beam till the gates open, the cheerful rattle of the released paddle bars and the 'putt-putt' of the engine as the boat moves forward fifteen or so feet higher or lower than ten minutes earlier.

On some stretches of canal there is commercial traffic, narrow boats and butties painted with roses and castles, perhaps family boats with a glimpse of polished brass and china plates in the cabin. The pleasure-boat must give these right of way and choice of side as the loaded narrow boat weighs over thirty tons; it is a right most willingly conceded.

Exploring towns and villages near which the canal passes is another pleasure. A visit from the water is somehow different in quality from any more usual method of arrival. The plan seems newer and stranger, one's senses more receptive. A golden evening in Lichfield, with the boat

[Photos by L. A. Edwards, Hon. Secretary, Inland Waterways Association]

Mrs. Edwards feeds the lock-keeper's cat on the Cherwell Lock, the Oxford Canal, and (left) Narrow Boats at Banbury

moored a mile and a half away, remains a most vivid experience.

'How peaceful it must have been. I've always wanted a quiet holiday like that' say our friends. It has never seemed particularly peaceful to us, perhaps peace comes later when one is out of the novice class. Cruises now seem to be a series of small, pleasurable crises, and a good deal of activity. Apart from the hazards of travelling, such as steering through narrow bridges, allowing for the wind, passing other craft, mooring, getting unstuck if mooring has meant getting stuck, falling in, getting weed off the propeller (on some boats this can only be done in a swimming suit), working locks and servicing the engine, there is cooking, shopping, getting petrol, water and milk (English farms no longer seem to have milk, the most reliable supply is an arrangement with the general store)—and all the time so much to look at.

This sort of thing is not everyone's idea of the good holiday, but for those with a taste for 'messing about in boats' and a preference for having their water quite close to land it offers much.

Here are practical hints for intending cruisers. Hiring a boat costs from £9 to £20 a week according to size and season. The hirer pays for petrol and oil. The two or four-berth cabin cruiser, with 4 h.p. marine engine, is very easy to manage and does ten to twelve miles to the gallon. The 'pontoon cruiser' is useful in shallow water but less manageable in a strong wind and has a distressingly Noah's Ark appearance. Converted narrow boats are probably the most comfortable and the best looking, but need more skill to manage and are more expensive to run—the four berthers only do four to six miles per gallon. Cruising speeds on all types are about three to four miles an hour according to depth of water and wind.

Crews

Two-berth boats can be hired, but I think three or four people the best number—it seems rather hard work for two. One at least of the crew needs a slight knowledge of an engine, two should be physically strong, much of the lock machinery is old and stiff and beams can be heavy to push. At locks two people are better than one to work the paddles, one is needed to manage the boat, and it is often most useful to have someone to go ahead as 'wheeler' and prepare the next lock.

Equipment

The owner of the boat usually provides all linen, crockery, cooking utensils, and lock passes. Cooking is done on a small calor gas or oil stove, and there is usually a very dim electric light. On cruisers and pontoons there is very little space for keeping anything; a small suit-case that will fit

under the bunk is better than a rucksack. There is a drinking-water tank on board which has to be re-filled from wharves that have taps, or from friendly lock-keepers' cottages.

We found useful extras were dish-cloth, washing-up mop, pan scrubber, extra tea-towels, communal towel with loop, plastic bags for food storage, sharp knife, small hanging mirror, rags for general cleaning purposes. If cruising early or late in the year take extra blankets and paraffin or candle lanterns.

Distances

Craft are usually ready about 3.30 p.m. on a Saturday and have to be returned by 10 a.m. the following Saturday. 100 to 130 miles is an average week's cruise if you want to have time to explore the land as well. Reckon roughly three to four miles or 6 locks to the hour. A good day would be 9 hours running, 20 miles, and 12 locks, as there always seem to be some delays. The most we ever did was 26 miles and 38 locks through the heart of Birmingham in 11½ hours, an unforgettable experience but not recommended on a first cruise.

Mooring boats are supplied with one or two mooring stakes and a hammer. See you have these and two windlasses before leaving. You can moor at a wharf or at any suitable place out of the way of other craft and not on the towpath side.

Other information about cruising on canals can be obtained from the General Secretary, The Inland Waterways Association, 35 Great James Street, London, W.C.1. Please enclose 6d. in stamps.

Inland Waterways of Great Britain, by L. A. Edwards, is obtainable from most public libraries. Published in 1950, some of the charges have been revised and those on nationalised waterways have been reduced.

My First Brownie Enrolment

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Now it was Pat's turn. She was definitely much more nervous but I whispered the first part with her and she was all right.

The rest of the Pack held themselves very well, making the Brownie Sign during the making of the Promise, but they were quite ready for the more active part to follow. Jennifer and Pat went into the middle of the ring while the Pack gave them the grand salute.

The chalet musical box was a great success and the Brownies were so intrigued by it that it was the easiest thing in the world to talk to them.

Well, that's another bridge crossed, and what a nice one it was in the end! And what's more I wouldn't mind doing it again.

Woodcraft in April

By Phyllis Hager

NOW the migrant birds come crowding in to grace our summer, and the bird watcher lifts field glasses to search the trees for birds, and stays to wonder at the blaze of flowers turning the elm tree purple before ever a leaf has appeared.

How beautiful these are—whether you look at the flower of cherry closely through a magnifying glass, or watch larch roses move gently against a blue sky, or go out to watch horse chestnut boughs surge and fall in a gale—never all together, always some boughs rising and some falling at the same moment. And have you ever tried to calculate how many flowers there are in any tree? Incredibly many. Even the unspectacular flowers are beautiful, the beech and oak, and it is worth while going out in the early morning to see the sun shining through the newly opened beech leaves—these shoots and flowers which the grey squirrel wastes so much when feeding that the ground beneath is littered with dropped leaf clusters.

How difficult these new beech leaves are to press, always turning brown, so that for illustrations of tree leaves I take sprays in the autumn, press them, coat the undersides with gum, and mount them on cardboard.

Any number of these cards may be joined together, by strips of gummed paper about 1 in. wide, and folded concertina-wise. Gummed paper stands up to a lot of wear. Adhesive tape is extra strong, but makes a somewhat bulky fold. The advantage of using stiff card is that it stands up well for displaying; the 'concertina' folder can be fully extended where there is a good space, but closed in somewhat to fit a smaller space.

You may like to make a similar type of folder for an individual tree, with a separate card for illustrations of the tree in winter and summer; a specimen of its winter buds, flowers, autumn leaves, a coloured bark rubbing, its fruits—both whole and as eaten by various animals—and a final sheet for its country uses.

Coating fruits with clear varnish will help to keep them from shrivelling. I think these cards showing actual fruits, leaves and twigs clearly labelled, and put up so that children can see or feel them, do convey the actual sizes and shapes rather better than book illustrations.

Apart from the 'Observer Book on Trees', mentioned last month, a book I think is of help to Guides taking the Woodman badge is a Puffin book, *Trees in Britain*, by S. R. Badmin.

There is an unusual and refreshing approach to trees in *This Green World* by Rutherford Platt. Published in America by Dodd Mead & Co. I obtained it through the County Library.



The Lady Davies, who now follows Mrs. Traherne as Chief Commissioner for Wales, is already well known to members of the movement through her generous loan of Broneirion as a Training Centre for Wales.

She has been a Division Commissioner for South and East Montgomeryshire, County Commissioner for Montgomeryshire from 1947-1955 and the Commonwealth and Overseas Adviser for Wales for six years. In 1951 Lady Davies was elected a member of the Council and in 1954 a member of the Executive Committee.

Herself an accomplished cellist, the establishment of the Mid-Wales Orchestra owes much to Lady Davies' help and encouragement. The Chief Commissioner for Wales is also a member of the Court and of the Council of the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, and County President of the Nursing Division of St. John Ambulance. She is keen on fishing and is joint Master of the David Davies Foxhounds.

Book Review

Moondrop to Gascony, by Anne-Marie Walters (Pan-Books, 2s.). After training as a secret agent the author is dropped by parachute into Southern France where she joins the Resistance and acts as courier and liaison officer with the British. She lived a life of continuous danger for nearly nine months, risking capture by the Gestapo, as she arranged for 'wanted' men to leave France, or spent nights on lonely airfields waiting for arms to be parachuted to the maquisards. This book was awarded the John Llewellyn Rhys Memorial Prize, and a dramatized version of it has several times been broadcast by the B.B.C.

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Headquarters' Insurance Policies

GUIDERS' INDEMNITY POLICY

ALL Guiders in Great Britain and Ulster are insured under the Guiders' Indemnity Policy, the premium for which is paid by Headquarters. This policy provides reasonable cover for all liabilities in respect of injury to any member of the movement during her organized Guiding activities and extends to cover legal liability to the public for personal injury or property damage by reason of any proved negligence on the part of a member in the course of normal Guiding activities.

Rallies and Fetes, etc.: It has been agreed that our policy shall extend to cover liability to the public as applying to forms of public entertainment organized by any local Guide unit or district, i.e. dances, whist drives, concerts, displays or similar functions, in or out of doors, but where any function of major proportions is organized at division, county or higher level it is essential that Headquarters be notified beforehand as it may well be that payment of a special premium may be required to secure adequate cover for the Public Risk liability.

Air Ranger Flights: Guiders in charge of Air Ranger Flights should in no circumstances allow any Air Ranger to take a flight by aeroplane or glider until she has completed a form, giving indemnity to the Girl Guides Association. This form should then be held in the Guider's safe keeping. This is most important.

Claims: If any claim is made against a Guider in respect of an accident or damage to property, Headquarters should be notified immediately giving full details.

No liability of any sort should be incurred or admitted, or any offer of payment made without written consent from Headquarters or the underwriters with whom the insurance is placed.

A Warning re Signing of Indemnities: We would point out to Guiders that under no circumstances should they undertake to give written indemnity to anyone without consulting Commonwealth H.Q. as by doing so without first obtaining permission they may jeopardize the protection afforded by our Guiders' Indemnity Policy (legal liability policy).

Personal Accident and Medical Expenses Policy

Since November, 1949, Commonwealth H.Q. has paid the premium for this insurance and all members in Great Britain and Ulster are automatically insured. Experience has shown us that there is still a need for our policy in spite of the National Insurance Act; there are, for instance, various expenses which are not provided for under the act and for which a Guider may feel morally liable, and it is the object of our policy to cover such expenses.

What is Covered

The primary object of the insurance is to cover the moral liability of Guiders for accidents sustained during Guiding activities throughout the year.

The policy will pay the sums within its limits in respect of any accident sustained during any organized Guiding activity, including the necessary travel thereto and therefrom, and any illness which may be contracted during the period of any Guide camp, pack holiday or visit abroad.

The policy is normally restricted to the limits of Great Britain and Ulster, but it shall extend to cover camping, touring, holiday or sightseeing parties in Eire and/or the Continent of Europe, including travel between.

The insurance under the policy shall apply to all authorized and conducted parties and extends in such circumstances to cover:

- * Winter sports and mountaineering.
- * Air training, including flying or gliding.
- * Travel in any form of conveyance.

Who is Covered

The policy will cover:

- (a) The total active membership of the Association in Great Britain and Ulster.
- (b) Trefoil Guild members.
- (c) Non-Guide helpers when undertaking any specific voluntary service in connection with any Guiding activity.
- (d) Any Dominion, Colonial or Foreign Guides visiting this country on an official Guide invitation.

N.B.—Extension members and/or any members suffering from any form of physical disability are covered under the policy except for any claim arising directly or indirectly from such disability.

This policy does not cover ex-members who are not Trefoil Guild members, nor does it cover paid workers.

Claims

Commonwealth H.Q. must be notified immediately an accident or illness occurs. Failure to comply with this within seven days may invalidate the claim when made. A claim form will then be sent to the applicant to be filled in; this must be returned to Commonwealth Headquarters immediately and all bills and accounts for expenses incurred must be sent as soon as possible.

It should be borne in mind that the policy is a private one arranged for the Girl Guides Association, its intention is only to cover such expenses as would have been incurred did no such policy exist, and all claims will be considered on that basis. It follows from this that Guiders and parents when arranging treatment should first take all possible steps to obtain such treatment under the National Insurance Act.

The Schedule of Compensation

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| 1. Death | ... | | £100 |
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| 4. Total loss of two limbs | Months | | £500 |
| 5. Total loss of one limb | from date | | £125 |
| 6. Permanent total loss of sight of one eye and loss of one limb | of Accident | | £500 |
| 7. Permanent and irrecoverable total disablement from accidental injuries certified after twelve months' treatment, other than loss of limbs or eyes as above provided | ... | | £500 |
| 8. Medical expenses: Including cost of conveyance by ambulance or other means of transport to hospital or home, necessarily incurred by or on behalf of any individual: | | | |

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* Although compensation can be claimed under the Personal Accident and Medical Expenses Policy for accidents which may occur, it should be borne in mind that the schedule of compensation is limited. It is therefore essential to take note:

- (a) of the paragraph under Guiders' Indemnity Policy re flying;
- (b) that when travelling by lorry, care should be taken to ascertain that the lorry driver is licensed to carry passengers and that his policy holds good for Third Party risks in this respect. In most cases an endorsement can be obtained for a reasonable premium.

- (a) Following an accident occurring whilst under the control of any officer or other authorized official; or
- (b) By reason of illness (common to both sexes) arising during participation in any recognized or official indoor or outdoor camp, training course or other activity involving domicile away from home. Provided always that the illness be diagnosed or the indisposition such as to require initial treatment during the period of camp, course, or activity but in no case shall the benefit extend to infectious or contagious diseases developed after the individual concerned has left the scene of camp, course or activity.

N.B.—No claim arises for services rendered under the National Services Act, 1946.

Anywhere in Great Britain or Ulster—Limit any one individual ... £20

Anywhere in Eire and/or on the Continent of Europe—Limit any one individual ... £30

9. Out-of-Pocket Travelling or Personal Expenses Where necessarily incurred by or on behalf of any one individual following an accident or illness as defined under Benefit 8.

N.B.—Extra Travelling Expenses incurred by an officer or a parent summoned to attend are recognized for the purpose of this Section.

Anywhere in Great Britain or Ulster—Limit any one individual ... £10

Anywhere in Eire and/or on the Continent of Europe—Limit any one individual ... £20

10. Weekly Compensation as a result of Temporary Total Disablement

By accident or illness as defined by Benefit 8, restricted to those who have left school on the date on which the accident or illness occurs. Limit 26 weeks. Claims under £2 10s. not recoverable. Per week per individual ... £2 10s.

Note.—For the purpose of Guide insurance, Headquarters does not recognize hitch hiking as an official Guide activity.

Insurance of Guide Property and Equipment

Insurance facilities are available in respect of Guide huts and equipment, also equipment on loan or hire for camping periods. For full details please apply direct to the Brokers, Messrs. Durnell & Fowler, 1 Seething Lane, London, E.C.3.

Insurance of Boats Owned by Sea Ranger Crews

To those responsible for insurance of boats it may be of interest to know that a block policy has now been arranged by the Brokers who handle the Headquarters' Personal Accident and Medical Expenses Policy.

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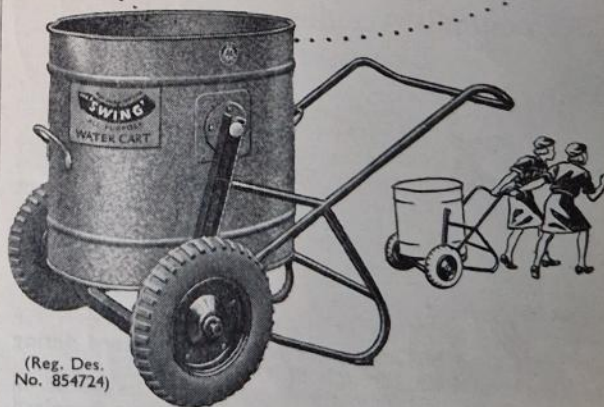
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Fare Bursaries: Assistance will be given to Guiders on a basis of four-fifths of the railway fare in excess of £1. Further details from the Secretary, Training Department, C.H.Q.

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

FOXLEASE

April
10-17 Guide and Brownie Guiders
20-24 Surrey North
27-1 May. Outdoor Activities

May
4-8 Guide and Brownie Guiders (emphasis on Promise and Law)

11-15 Middlesex East
18-28 (Whitsun) Guide and Brownie Guiders (Training at the week-end with holiday mid-week)

June
1-3 Air Ranger Guiders
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 London S.W.
29-3 July. Guide and Brownie Guiders (emphasis on World Guiding)

July
6-16 International Extension Training (by invitation only)
20-27 General Training and Holiday
31-7 August. Guide and Brownie Guiders

August
10-20 Patrol Leaders Training
24-31 General

Where to Train

September

4-11 Commissioners and Guide and Brownie Guiders (Some separate sessions)

14-18 Woodcraft

21-28 Holiday Week for Guiders, Local Association and Trefoil Guild Members, any of whom may bring their mothers

October

† 2-5 Commissioners and Guide and Brownie Guiders

† 5-9 Commissioners and Guide and Brownie Guiders

12-16 Guide and Brownie Guiders

19-23 Cambridgeshire

26-30 Guide and Brownie Guiders

November

2-6 Leicestershire

9-12 Guide and Brownie Guiders

WADDOW

April

10-17 Guide and Brownie Guiders

20-24 Camp Fire

27-1 May. Guide and Brownie Guiders (with separate sessions for Commissioners)

May

4-8 Cheshire

8-11 Commissioners and Secretaries

11-15 Guide and Brownie Guiders

18-22 (Whitsun) General

June

1-3 Lancashire South

July

24-31 General Training (sessions for new Guiders)

August

3-13 Patrol Leaders' Training

17-27 Patrol Leaders

September

† 11-14 Guide and Brownie Guiders

† 14-18 Guide and Brownie Guiders

21-25 Guide and Brownie Guiders

28-30 Yorkshire North Riding

October

5-9 General

12-16 Guide and Brownie Guiders (emphasis on World Guiding)

19-23 Lancashire S.E.

26-30 Guide and Brownie Guiders

November

2-6 Guide and Brownie Guiders

9-13 Cadet Guiders and Commissioners

16-20 Guide and Brownie Guiders

† Separate mid-week and week end trainings but Guiders may book for full week

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

Applications for Foxlease and Waddow should be sent (with a



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

M.T.B.

April

5-23 Guiders. Fitting Out (half fees will be charged for this period)

August

11-18 Guiders (sailing opportunities)

September

4-14 Guiders (sailing opportunities)

(See *The Ranger* for Sea Ranger trainings.)

Fees: £3 5s. per week. All applications should be made to Miss V. Lees, 6 Middleton Hall, Torquay, enclosing a deposit of 10s. and a stamped addressed envelope.

C.H.Q. CONFERENCES AND TRAININGS

Diploma'd Guiders' Conference, 1956, for all Guide, Brownie, Ranger and Camp Dips will be held at High Leigh, Hoddesdon, from 30th November to 4th December, 1956.

Cadet Guiders' Conference: A non-residential conference for Cadet Guiders in England, Scotland, Ulster and Wales will be held at C.H.Q. on 11th-14th January, 1957. Further details will be published later but Cadet Guiders should book this date now.

ENGLAND

The following trainings will be held at Kingston-on-Thames and West Wickham. Applications, enclosing the appropriate fee, to be made to the Secretary, English Training Department, C.H.Q.

Sea Rangers: There will be a residential specialized training for young and inexperienced Sea Ranger Guiders at Ravens Ait, Kingston-on-Thames, from Friday, 27th April to Sunday, 29th April. Fee: 11s. 6d. per day. Apply to the Secretary, English Training Dept., C.H.Q.

Extension Guiders: There will be an Outdoor and Camp Training day for Extension Guiders on Saturday, 23rd June, at the East Central Division Camp Site, Heartease, Woodland Way, West Wickham, Kent. Fee 2s. 6d. Further details in the May *GUIDER*.

SCOTLAND

Netherurd

April
6-9 Guide and Brownie Guiders
13-16 First Class and Golden Hand

20-23 Camp Fire
*27-30 Glasgow South Division
(Guide and Brownie Guiders)

May
4-7 Guide and Brownie Guiders
(Places reserved for Lone Guiders)
11-14 Commissioners (by invitation)
18-21 Guide and Brownie Guiders
(including pre-warrant)
26-5 June. 27th Session World Committee

June
8-11 Trefoil Guild Recorders
15-18 Scottish Handicraft Circle

July
6-10 Patrol Leaders (open)
13-17 Patrol Leaders (open)
20-24 Patrol Leaders (open)
31-7 August Patrol Leaders' Woodcraft Camp

August
10-17 Patrol Leaders' Training Week
21-28 Commonwealth and International Week

* 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

April
6-11 Patrol Leaders' Training
13-15 Land of the Red Dragon.
By invitation of County Training Committee
20-22 Ranger Guiders

May
4-6 Denbigh County Training
11-15 Gloucester County Training—Commissioners
25-27 Brownie Guiders

June
1-3 Monmouth County Training
11-21 Extension Holiday
26-6 July. King George VI Leadership Course

July
13-15 General
21-28 International (closed)

August
9-16 Patrol Leaders
22-29 Monmouthshire Patrol Leaders' Training

September
4-11 C.H.Q. Extension Guiders' Training
12-28 Closed

28-30 Guide Guiders' Training
Fees for Broneirion are the same as those for Foxlease. Applications,

enclosing a deposit of 5s., to the Guider-in-Charge, Broneirion, Llan-dinam, Mont.

ULSTER

Lorne

April
13-15 Guide Guiders
20-22 Rangers
27-29 Pack Leaders

May
4-6 County Armagh
11-13 Pack Leaders
18-21 Outdoor Training

June
1-2 Lorne Fete
8-10 34th Trefoil Guild
22-24 Outside booking

Fees: 9s. 6d. per day. Applications for trainings at Lorne to the Guider-in-Charge, Craigavad, Co. Down, enclosing a deposit of 5s.

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

Lorne as a Holiday Centre: Lorne is open for holiday bookings during July and August. It makes an excellent centre within easy reach of the sea, country and town and there are many pleasant and interesting excursions by coach or train. Patrol duties are kept to a minimum; uniform need not be brought; packed meals can be provided or 2s. 6d. deducted from the bill if out for a main meal.

Fees are 12s. 6d. per day, unless one of a party of ten or more when the fee is reduced to 10s. a day.

Applications should be sent to the Guider-in-Charge, Lorne, Craigavad, Co. Down, Ulster, with 5s. deposit.

Lorne Camp Sites: There are two fully equipped sites at Lorne. The charge is 30s. for an equipped site per week, with extra for hiring of tents and groundsheets. For further particulars apply the Guider-in-Charge, Lorne, Craigavad, Co. Down, Ulster.

CAMPING AND HOLIDAYS

Foxlease or Waddow: Applications for camp sites for 1956 are being considered and should be addressed to the Secretary and the envelope marked 'Camp'. Applications must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from your C.A., together with a deposit of 5s. (which will be forfeited if the booking is cancelled) and the necessary stamped envelope.

The written recommendation of the C.A. is necessary as everyone will realize that all camps at the Training Centres must be of a high standard. No sites may be booked for more than one week for one company during the main camping season so as to allow as many as possible to have the privilege of camping at Foxlease or Waddow.

Sites may be booked from Saturday to Saturday or, in the case of Waddow, from Wednesday to Wednesday.

At Foxlease there are three sites equipped for a maximum of twenty campers, three for thirty and one unequipped site may take forty campers.

Please state in the original application the date of the camp (giving alternative dates where possible) and approximate numbers.

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

Pack Holiday House, Waddow: Applications for Pack Holidays for 1956 are being considered. 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.

Warren Beach Camp Site: The site is situated opposite the Isle of Wight near the mouth of the Beaulieu River. The Guides have the use of a private bathing beach. There are five unequipped Camp Sites, all of which are bookable at Whitsun and during the summer. Applications should be made to the Warden, Miss K. Knox, Forest Lodge, White Hill, Bordon, Hants.

The 'Whys and Wherefores'

(Continued from page 106)

Finally, to conclude this exercise of taking stock, we might ask ourselves two more questions. Our own sense of purpose depends so much on our understanding of the answers. Firstly, 'what is a Brownie?' Again P.O.R. replies neatly and correctly, 'Brownies are girls under eleven preparing to be Guides.' If we can give an adequate answer to the second question 'what is a Guide' we may be reasonably certain that the training we try to give in our Packs is along the right lines.

Passing Thought

WHEN YOU attend a conference, training or social evening do you speak to all your friends and nod to your acquaintances?

At your next event try challenging yourself to make some conversation with one of your 'nodding acquaintances' and to make a passing remark to one complete stranger. If every Guider at every event spoke to one extra person we would be a little nearer to that Fourth Law interpretation that we hold out to our Companies!

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The Executive Committee of the Council

A Report of Business dealt with at the meetings in October and November, 1955, and January, 1956

In January the Committee received with sorrow the news of the illness and resignation of the Chief Commissioner and discussed the procedure to be adopted for the appointment of her successor.

General Business

Among reports received were those on the Leadership Development Committee; Headquarters Musical Instruments; and the Guide Club.

Amendments to rules for the 1956 edition of P.O.R. were received from sub-committees and approved.

Preliminary plans for the Annual Meeting of the Council, 1956, were discussed.

Business from the Trefoil Guild included a report that it had been decided to change the title of the Trefoil Guild magazine from *Notes and News to The Trefoil*; and that British nationals resident in foreign countries but British by birth should be admitted to the Trefoil Guild in Great Britain if they had been enrolled in a British Company.

The *Ad Hoc* committee reported its recommendations for celebrating the Founder's Centenary Year and information was also received from the World Bureau, the Boy Scouts Association, and the Camping Committee (with special reference to the World Camp). Outline plans were agreed for the celebrations, information about which was published in the *GUIDER* in March.

Parliamentary business included reports on negotiations in connection with the Leicester and Manchester Corporation Bills.

Awards and Appointments and Resignations as listed in previous issues of *THE GUIDER*, and elsewhere in this issue, were approved.

Overseas and International Affairs

Constitutions were approved for Nyasaland, Grenada and Zanzibar, and news was received from Brunei, North Borneo, Kenya, Northern Rhodesia, West Africa, Gold Coast, Canada, New Zealand, Ceylon, Cyprus, Sudan, the West Indies; reports were given on Miss Clare Lawrance's tour of Malta, Southern Rhodesia, South Africa, and the Seychelles, and on Miss Pilkington's visit to West Africa.

It was reported that Miss Mode, World Travelling Commissioner, Pacific area, would visit Brunei, North Borneo, and Sarawak.

Reports were given on the West Indies hurricane disaster and the fund raised through the periodicals.

In accordance with the agreement reached at the International Commissioners' Conference it was reported that the International Friendship Company Scheme would now cease to exist, although links established would be maintained; further links would be made through the Post Box.

Reports were received on the preliminary plans for the World Conference in Brazil, 1957; International Commissioners' Conference; the formation of the World Training Committee; delegates selected for invitations from abroad; British Guides in foreign countries; the Thinking Day exhibition to be

held at C.H.Q.; and the international Christmas party.

Details were given of British visits abroad, and it was reported that over 1,000 visitors from thirty-two different colonial territories had been received in the Overseas Department, and over 750 foreign Guides helped with accommodation and camps by the International Department.

Finance

A financial and trading report was presented at each meeting. In October it was reported that the Biscuit Scheme could not be undertaken in 1956.

Permission was given for the signing and sealing of financial documents, and details were given of the 'Angela Thompson Memorial Fund.'

Estimates for 1956 were considered and accepted at the November meeting, and recommendations were accepted in relation to the King George's Jubilee Trust; the King George VI Memorial Grant, and the Chief's Memorial Fund.

Public Relations

Headquarters publicity was kept under review and reports were received on the film strip of the life of the Chief Guide; the contingent of Guides and Cadets attending the United Nations Association youth parade and service in October; the King George's Jubilee Trust Survey, *Citizens of Tomorrow*, and from the Standing Conference of National Voluntary Youth Organisations.

It was agreed that the Association should send representatives to the Conference on Education at the Ministry of Education, January, 1956; and to the Oxford Conference on the Education of the Young Worker, and should take space at the Royal Show at Newcastle, 1956.

Training.

The award of Diplomas, as published separately, were agreed.

Permission was given for a Diploma'd Guiders' Conference to be held in the autumn of 1956, and for an International Extension Training to be held in Great Britain in 1956.

Reports were received on the International Brownie/Training at Foxlease; the Cadet Conference in camp; and the World Ranger Training Conference; and on the proposal that a Handcraft Circle be formed.

Publications

Approval was given for the publication of various books and cards, and a report was received on the circular letter and sample copy of *THE GUIDER* sent to all Guide Captains.

It was agreed that the *Annual Report* for 1955 be produced on lines similar to the Report for 1954.

Full consideration was given to the problems involved in the increasing costs of production of the periodicals, both in printing and paper prices.

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Headquarters Notices

Empire Youth Sunday: An illustrated Report is now available on the observance of Empire Youth Sunday, 1955, which contains a section about the forthcoming observance on 13th May, 1956. Information is given about the procedure for obtaining a copy of the Queen's Message, Service Forms and the Empire Youth Sunday prayer. The Report is issued free, and may be obtained from the Secretary, Empire Youth Sunday Committee, 44 Rutland Court, Denmark Hill, London, S.E.5 (Telephone: Brixton 1524).

In addition to local services all over the country there will be a special one in Westminster Abbey to which the Girl Guides Association will be sending a contingent of forty. There will also be a Central Free Church service at Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church to which the Association will send seventy-five representatives.

COMING EVENTS

The Empire Circle: The St. George's Day party, to which Overseas Scouters are invited, will be held at Headquarters on Tuesday, 24th April, at 6.30 p.m. The speaker will be Mr. Harold Dahl, the Scout Travelling Commissioner, and the Campfire will be taken by Mr. Peter Cooke, the Overseas Secretary, Boy Scouts.

IN MEMORIAM

Sarah Henrietta Ellen Owen Wisdom, who died on 12th January, had been Captain of the 2nd Brighton Company for over four years from 1917. She maintained her interest in the movement to the end of her life and during a long illness her courage never faltered.

NOTICE BOARD

Railway Fares: Application for vouchers to obtain cheap fares when travelling by rail to camps, rallies, etc., should be made to the Girl Guide Association Headquarters. Details of numbers, journey, etc., are not required when applying for the voucher. A stamped addressed envelope should be sent with your application.

A Ministry of Education 'National Course for Youth Leaders and School Teachers' will be held on board T.S. *Foudroyant* from noon, 5th May, to noon, 12th May. Fee: not exceeding £3 15s. Application form (106 RSC) from local Education Authorities. When completed this should be sent to: Ministry of Education Teachers' Branch (Short Courses), 36-38 Berkley Square, London, W.1, without delay. Further details may be obtained from Captain E. A. Mount Haes, c/o Ministry of Education, Curzon Street House, Curzon Street, London, W.1.

United Nations' free literature, to help with Ranger test work, may be obtained from the Public Relations Secretary, Commonwealth Headquarters. When writing please enclose a 2½d. stamp.

Ki-Ro Training: There will be a training in the Ki-Ro methods of teaching religion by the Rev. Patrick Corrigan, Scout National Chaplain, at the De La Salle School, Cardiff on Saturday and Sunday, 12th and 13th May. All particulars can be obtained from Mrs. Foley, 25 Rhydyphenal Road, Cardiff.

Commissioners and Guiders, especially those who are school-teachers, are asked to encourage children to support the Empire Day Appeal to schoolchildren for the Forces Help Society and Lord Roberts Workshops. Free Union Jack emblems are obtainable for those taking part in the scheme and particulars are obtainable from the Empire Day Schools Appeal. The Forces Help Society and Lord Roberts Workshops, 35 Thurloe Street, London, S.W.7.

Magilligan Camp Site

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The Executive Committee of the Council

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The Branches

Encouraging reports were given of the entries for the Patrol Challenge from home and overseas.

Arrangements were reported for the Brownie Guiders' Conference, and it was agreed that the Brownie Guider's warrant badge should remain unchanged in this country, but that an alternative should be offered to territories overseas who needed it.

Arrangements were approved for an Air Ranger Glider Training Week and a Sea Ranger Training Week.

A full report was received on the M.T.B. 630 and permission was given for the ship to be kept in commission during 1956, and also 1957, provided no serious deficit occurred in 1956.

Reports were received on T.S. *Foudroyant* Training Week, 1955; the form of agreement for chartered vessels, and from the *Ad Hoc* committee set up to explore the possibility of a permanent training centre for the Air Ranger Section, which had come to the conclusion that such a scheme would be too expensive to embark upon.

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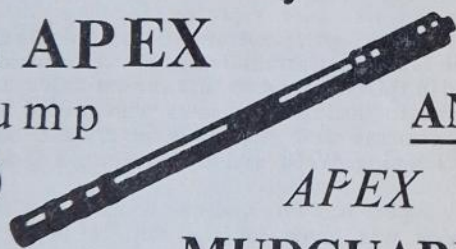
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Points from Readers' Letters

The C.H.Q. 'Hurricane Fund'

The money you have raised for the Hurricane 'Janet' Relief Fund is now nearly £500 and I do want to thank every Guider and Commissioner who has contributed and who has encouraged Brownies, Guides, Rangers and Cadets to support the fund so generously. We think we have enough money now to give the help that is needed so we have decided to close the fund.

The greater part of the money is being sent to Guides in Grenada where the suffering and loss was heaviest. Victims of the hurricane now number over two hundred. Not only have half the population lost their homes but crops of cocoa, nutmeg and coconut have been ruined for this year and badly damaged for many years to come. Your money will be used to replace uniform and equipment lost by Guides and Brownies and for the replacement of tents and camp equipment. This year when so many have lost their homes and many others will be losing their jobs it is more than ever important that the Guides and Rangers should have the fun of planning a camp. We hope that now most of the companies in Grenada will have been restarted and then further plans can be made to spend the balance of the 'Hurricane Fund'.

Again thanking you for your generous response and for all your messages of friendship to the Guides in the West Indies.

HELEN GIBBS

[Chief Commissioner for Overseas]

Opinions Wanted

'Guides of 14 plus find Guiding childish.' The above criticism has sometimes been made and a few comments why this should not be so may be useful. Perhaps the meetings have been dull and the older Guides have not been catered for.

It is the Court of Honour which should be responsible for planning all programmes, bearing in mind that they should be interesting and well balanced. Knots and First Aid, in fact all tests, can make an evening full of fun and adventure if put across in a realistic way. The older Guides need scope for wider activities such as service to others and knowledge of Commonwealth and International Guiding.

Guides of 14 plus will probably be working for 1st Class. This test requires any amount of perseverance and initiative and if any Guide hopes to become a Queen's Guide there will not be many dull moments for her.

There are so many interests in Guiding that many of us never have sufficient time to do all we plan to do. If our Guides miss the true spirit of Guiding we surely have only ourselves to blame. Our Founder blazed the trail many years ago and those who play his game in the way he planned can find the secret of happiness and help to build a happier world. What do other readers think?

KATHLEEN BAYNTON

'Keep Britain Tidy'

At a Conference called by the 'Keep Britain Tidy Group', on which I represent the Girl Guides Association, a message was read from H.M.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother in which she said: '... the disfigurement of our beautiful countryside is a matter on which I feel very deeply, but I am sure that much of it is due to thoughtlessness and that we need to awaken a feeling of personal responsibility... I sometimes wonder if more young people could be urged to play their part in this important national question.'

This surely is a challenge to us Guiders to redouble our efforts to fight the fatal thoughtlessness which is the root cause of the evil. Could we not, throughout all ranks of the Guide Movement, make a personal undertaking that for the whole of this coming summer we will try to help to keep our country beautiful by not throwing any litter on the ground? To keep such an undertaking will require a great deal of thought from all of us, not only from the Cadets, Rangers, Guides and Brownies! I would like to appeal to those who believe in the value of a united effort to join in this scheme as a practical answer to the challenge made by H.M. The Queen Mother and on what better day could we all start than on the birthday of our Queen and Patron, April 21st?

This is only a personal idea of my own but I hope it may strike the imagination of some of the readers of THE GUIDER, and perhaps it can be spread still further in the Movement through THE GUIDE and THE RANGER. Meantime, further suggestions and opinions would be welcomed.

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