

THE GUIDER



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Standing on the terrace of the new Girl Scout National Headquarters, Mrs. Imrie, Sea Ranger Skipper of S.R.S. Erin, Bangor (left) and Miss Mary Hunt, Sea Ranger Skipper of S.R.S. Volage, Pontypridd look out at the skyscrapers of New York. Mrs. Imrie and Miss Hunt have recently returned to the United Kingdom from a three months' tour, sponsored by the Juliette Low Friendship Fund, to study training methods in Girl Scout Troops and to attend various camps. (See page 238). August sees the peak of visits overseas by members of the Movement—in 1957, 3,500 enjoyed camps or holidays abroad—and

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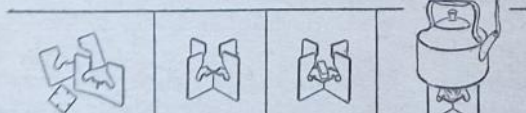


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From the Editor

View-points

ANY IDEA that 1958, following closely on all the many activities of Centenary Year, might see a natural drop in the number of exchange visits overseas, has certainly not happened. Our International Secretary at C.H.Q., Miss Elisabeth Brodrick, tells me that the United Kingdom has received more official invitations this summer than ever before for Guides, Rangers, Cadets and Guiders to attend camps arranged by Guide National Associations.

I am looking forward to publishing news and pictures of some of these camps in early autumn issues. Look out in September for an account by Miss Benson-Evans, of Glamorgan, of the British party's visit to Canada (which includes three Rangers from Scotland, Wales and Ulster and a Cadet from England) for the ten-day Adventure Camp at Brackley Beach, Prince Edward Island. The party will also visit Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, Halifax, Annapolis Valley, Quebec and Montreal.

Three British delegates, Mrs. Graham, Extension Adviser for Ulster, Miss Vera Prentice, Extension Secretary for Middlesex West, and Miss Brenda Morton, a Certificated Trainer in the Extension Section, from Stirling, are attending the International Extension Conference at Sodertorns villastad, near Stockholm, in mid-August and Miss Morton will be sending us her impressions for the October GUIDER. In the same issue we shall hope to publish an account of the British party's visit to the Greek national camp near Athens. It will be led by Miss D. Stevens, of Wiltshire, and will include 6 Guides, Rangers and Cadets from England, a Cadet from Scotland and one from Wales and a Guide from Ulster.

The United Kingdom has also received invitations for the following: **International Patrol Leaders' Camp at Loilanniemi, near Kolho, Finland.** (Party



Mrs. Hunter, of State College, Pennsylvania (left) and Mrs. S. Burden, of Hogansville, Georgia who have just returned to the United States after spending three months in the United Kingdom as Visitor-Observers

of 5 Guides, 2 from England, 1 from Scotland, 1 from Wales, 1 from Ulster, led by Miss J. Woods, Oldham, Lancashire). **International Friendship Camp for Rangers at Virklund, near Silkeborg in Jutland** (2 Rangers from England and 1 from Scotland, Wales and Ulster). **Sailing Camp organized by the Netherlands Girl Guides Association** (2 Rangers from England). **National Camp run by the Norwegian Y.W.C.A. Girl Guides Association** (23 Guides, Rangers and Cadets, 13 from England, 5 from Scotland, 3 from Wales and 2 from Ulster led by Miss Edwards, Ulster; Deputy Leader, Miss J. Hersant, London). **Two International Camps run by both Belgian Guide Associations** (46 Guides, Rangers and Cadets, 24 from England, 10 from Scotland, 7 from Wales and 5 from Ulster; parties led by Miss A. Bickersteth, Hertfordshire, and Miss E. Hay, London, N.W., Deputy Leaders: Miss L. Benyon S.E. Lancs. and Miss M. Savage, Derbyshire. **6th International Conference of Roman Catholic Guiders at Tutzing, near Munich.** (2 District Commissioners, Miss R. Maxwell, Edinburgh, Miss W. McLaren, Portsmouth).



The British Party for Canada: (L. to R.). Penelope Mayon-White (England), Annette Peel (Ulster), Miss Benson-Evans, Glamorgan (Leader), Thelma Green (Wales) and Annette Blake (Scotland). The pennant, embroidered with national emblems and Guide badges, held by Miss Benson-Evans, was kindly presented by the Singer Sewing Machine Company for Canadian Guides

'Special Training Pages' Quiz

Have you

- read them all (all four pages, not just what seemed to apply to you?)
- detached them for easy reference?
- used any of the ideas given in them?

If no, is it

- because they didn't catch your eye?
- because you thought they were intended only for new Guiders (or old hands, as the case may be?)
- because you like to keep your copies intact?
- because you already have too many new ideas of your own, or prefer the old ones? Because none of them are new to you, or of any use to your Company or Pack at the moment? Because they weren't clear or didn't seem worth the bother of working out?

Give yourself an honest answer to some of these; and send the Editor an honest answer to the rest.

Did anything in the pages

- open your eyes?
- send you to sleep?
- arouse your indignation or desire to disagree?
- make you want to know more?

The Editor would like to know.

Did you

- read, or re-read, or even *open* any of the books mentioned? (e.g. *Aids to Scoutmaster-ship*; *Scouting for Boys*, *The Patrol System for Girl Guides*, *Observer's Book of British Birds*, *Brownie Prayer Book*, *New Testament Christianity*.)
- think out possible answers to the queries (see below)?
- find any links between the Training Pages and the rest of the contributions to THE GUIDER (e.g. 'Wide Games' [page 133, May] and The 'Out' in Scouting [August]; 'Go Silently' [page 137, May] and 'The Month Outdoors' [May, June]; Christian Aid Week [page 131, May] and For Your Rangers or Cadets [June].)
- have any new ideas of your own as a result of reading the pages?

The Queries

- Advantage of having two pictures in each Six?* (we're not telling you!)
- The Tenderfoot Test Game?* (This was a test of knowledge expressed in words, and could therefore be checked verbally, by the Recruit who had the answers in words. A pity to have a verbal 'test' for something better demonstrated than said, e.g. whistle signals, First

Aid, etc. So keep this kind of game for tests of knowledge that can be adequately expressed in words.)

- Recruit's first two minutes in Patrol?* (Might these be some points to remember?)
 - Patrol gives full attention to welcome.
 - Recruit and Patrol introduced by name by P.L. with some such comment as 'She's a 1st Class Brownie, isn't that grand?' Recruit told name of Patrol, shown emblem and shoulder knots—'You'll have some like that when you're enrolled.' Also told any Patrol calls, signs, etc. and shown any picture, chart, possessions closely linked with Patrol's identity. Then drawn into whatever Patrol is doing and given explanation of what is going to happen next, *not* put to some separate occupation on her own straight away.
- How will the Ranger Recruit know the Promise is 'there'?*

For suggestions see 'For your Rangers and Cadets' for June. If it is there, the Recruit will know it's there; that's the real answer, isn't it? (So perhaps the real query is therefore 'How do we get it there?')

THINKING THINGS THROUGH

Thinking Things Through, (a series of six booklets published by the S.C.M. Press, 2s. 6d. each). In most Ranger Units there are odd times in which everyone talks freely about all sorts of things; there are other things, questions and problems, that do not get seriously talked about though, as Guiders, we know that they lurk in peoples' minds and that it would help someone or everyone if they were aired. These six booklets will be a good answer to a Guider's needs. The titles speak for themselves. *Getting on with people* the teenager's relationships as she moves from school to a wider freedom. *Working for a living*—the changes between school and daily work and some of the difficulties which arise. *Black and White*—our relationships with the coloured peoples in our midst. *Fair Play*—So-and-So gets a better deal and a better chance than So-and-So. How? Why? *God and You*—What is God like? How can we know? *Talking about the Bible*—A Library—not a book? History, Poetry, Religion and what else? *Is it true?*

Each subject is introduced in a topical setting and the matter is well within the average Company's understanding—some Companies may think the subjects over-simplified. At the end of each chapter there are questions which could be used as the Guider thought best, and all are based on the thought and discussion in the booklet. In short, here is a challenge to our thinking and our opinions.

M.F.S.

Travelling Happily—II

by the Chief Guide

UNLESS you have been there I don't believe any of us can realize the mileage of the Pacific Ocean, and the distances that separate the hundreds and even thousands of islands from each other.

The kind Guide folk in Fiji wrote brightly saying that, as I was 'So near' would I visit them? So I flew from Sydney to Nandi—only just 1,985 miles across the sparkling Pacific—to spend a very happy five days with these Guides, whom I had never met before. Among other things I was given a most exciting welcome by Fijian men, carrying out their customary unique ritual of drumming and the stirring of special drinks, and speeches in their own language. The Guides put on some delightful rallies, and held an enormous camp fire with the Scouts in Government House Grounds, in which it seemed the entire population of Suva crowded along to take their share of the fun too.

Two charming Guides came from the Island of Tonga to take part in the various festivities. Guiding here, as always, is welcomed and adopted by all races and sects, the Fijians, Indians, Polynesians, Melanesians, Europeans and all, sharing in everything; while the friendly hand of Guiding is also held out to the people who inhabit the Leper Colony, on another of the many hundreds of islands comprising the Fijian group.

80,000 Strong in the Philippines

The Australian part of my tour now being over, I started for home, and again, 'being so near', my



[Photo by courtesy G. W. Samarasinghe, Colombo]
Lady Baden-Powell greets Brownies at a Rally on the Royal Naval Grounds, Colombo

plane carried me the 4,166 miles from Sydney to Manila, with a pause for a tiny mid-night meeting with some Guides and members of the Local Association at Darwen. Thanks to the publicity given to

the World Camp, held in the Philippines last year, many people will now know more about that exceptional member of our World Association. Nowhere, and never, in the history of the Movement, has progress been made so quickly and so strongly, and their leaders are justifiably proud of their big membership of over 80,000.



(Left to right) Dr. Yvonne Wong, Captain of the 22nd New Territories Company, Lady Baden-Powell, Dr. N. B. Fraser, Mission to Lepers, and the Scoutmaster of the Hay Ling Chau Troop at 'Happy Island' colony

Founded originally by the Girl Scouts of America, the Philippines still keep to the name 'Girl Scout', and all their publications are in English. But the Leaders and the girls themselves are full of zeal and enthusiasm for their own way of carrying out their work; and for the big gathering of Guiders they all dressed in their own national costume—most decorative and colourful and charming—and at the rally special dances and songs were given, in their own local language, utterly different from anything I had seen before.

And so on to Hong Kong—for my first visit—and such a delightful one it was too, meeting some of the more travelled Guiders who had been to Foxlease and/or Our Chalet, and all the rest, who knowing me only by name before, yet welcomed me in their own charming way as an old friend.

Hay-Ling-Chau—Happy Island

The high-light, perhaps, of that week was a visit to the Leper Colony, an hour's journey by launch from Kowloon. Here, on this island called Hay-Ling-Chau, which means 'Happy Island', is a most impressive community—doctors, nurses, teachers—caring for some 500 patients. They build their houses, run their farms, make their gardens, manage

their own affairs and, in their hospital, care for their patients, and—under magnificent leadership—they are a contented community.

Of course they have their Scouts and their Guides. Here I opened their tiny, utterly simple little home-made Guide Hut—grass sides, bamboo uprights, a bit of tin for the roof. Inside, it had its Patrol Corners, Guide charts and pictures were hung upon the matting walls, a photograph of the Queen as a Guide, and their own Guide flags—as important for the spreading of the Guide ideals as any great or costly building anywhere else in the world.

Progress in Malaya

Malaya came next, and again what tremendous inspiration we can gain from knowing what Guiding has done, and is doing, there, having come out of its many years of trials, into a strong and vigorous branch of our family. Scouting and Guiding has a very special mission to fulfil now, as the country is building itself up in its own way, under its own elected King and Government.

I had not been there since 1935, and though the countryside had not changed a bit—the scenery, the forest, and tiny primitive villages, and big rubber estates and the busy townships—a great change has come over the people themselves, with their acquisition of independence. The Scouts are on a larger, stronger footing than the Guides, with a great deal of backing from Government and the Education Department, and having several training camp grounds and a team of Gilwell-trained Scouters, and a magnificent Baden-Powell House, as their Headquarters in Kuala Lumpur.

The same hard work and the same eager service to Guiding, and the same inspiration and fine spirit of high endeavour, also goes out equally through the country, even if on a slightly smaller scale, from the modest but very pleasant Guide Headquarters, built as a memorial to Mrs. Pinnick, a former Chief Commissioner.

My tour, so kindly and well planned, took me up country to Kota Bahru, to Penang and Malacca. At all these excellent rallies and camp fires were held and over and over again I received most touching little gifts of money, packed in nicely embroidered bags or envelopes, all collected with great care, in response to the letter that I had sent out to Patrol Leaders.

Welcome from Singapore

The Guides of Singapore gave me the loveliest welcomes too, and can feel justifiably proud of their big progress, their numbers having risen from 400 to over 2,000. This densely populated island is the gateway to Malaya but is soon to be a self-governing Colony, quite separate from its neighbour. Friendly interchange of visits take place, for in Guiding there

are no barriers. Here, as in all other multi-racial communities, our Movement gives a great lead in the fostering of friendship and understanding—a spirit we know which, once gained, is likely to remain with these people through life.

I dare not continue, because of space in *THE GUIDER*, with details of my flight round about North Borneo and Sarawak, all so wonderful and impressive, as the small groups of Guides and Brownies would meet me at airfields, as well as in the capitals of Jesselton and Kuching. It is a miracle indeed to find Guiding spreading into these places for those girls of so many divers races.

A group of Guides came by sea from Brunei, to join in the rally and wonderful camp fire at Jesselton, and immense efforts had been made for all the many events that were so cheerfully and well carried through.

In Ceylon

To wind up this long trek came a busy, wonderful week with the Guides of Ceylon—a chance of meeting many old friends and making many new ones and the pleasure of visiting once more Ceylon's charming Headquarters in Colombo, newly built at the time of my first visit in 1921.

Great changes have come about in Ceylon with the gaining of independence, new problems arise with the arrival of its new status in the Commonwealth. With the new dreams of a closer knit community and the problem of the Tamil and Singhalese languages (used in schools) now being made separate, and the learning of English, if wished, makes it hard going for young children of the more advanced classes in school.

From Ceylon I flew back to England in the space of one day—for going westwards with the sun gained me so many hours en route. Throughout my tour the burden of my song has been to bring messages of cheer and encouragement from all of you in the United Kingdom to those places I have been fortunate enough to visit, so to speak, on your behalf.

A 'Two-Way' Challenge

I bring this selfsame message back to you, too. This 'two-way' traffic is of tremendous importance in strengthening our Movement in all its greatness and its infinite power for good. It is heart-warming to see how much these overseas Guides—and more especially the Guiders—still look to us in this 'parent-country' for stimulus and example, and how readily and eagerly they listen and watch for our friendly contacts and advice. So, equally, there is the converse side of the picture, and we here can gain greatly from their example of heroic conquering of their difficulties, and accept from them this great challenge to see that our Movement, in the land of its birth, is rising fully to its own tests and responsibilities.

Plain Speaking: Answering Back—II

by Nancy Bernays, Deputy Chief Commissioner

'ARE WE carrying too many passengers?' This is another question asked by a contributor to the 'Plain Speaking' Series published in the January to June GUIDERS. Fewer than we used to, I would think. It is very disagreeable to have to get rid of, or to move, the unsuitable or unsuccessful Guider but it has to be done 'once in a blue moon'. A lively and well informed Local Association is a great strength to the Commissioner at all times but particularly in time of crisis. The unsuitable Commissioner need never at the worst last longer than five years but the best one in the world should go at ten.

Let us be courageous about this rule, remembering that an empty place is better than a wrong appointment and frequently, if no successor has been trained to take over, the old Commissioner must go before the new one turns up. We must not be afraid of the new Commissioner from outside the movement, who is prepared to learn, and let us never regard our appointments as promotions. We may have different responsibilities and different titles but each one is vital, and none more so than the Captain or Lieutenant and the Brownie Guider: all strength to them, for they are the king-pins of our movement.

A correspondent urges more consultation in the appointment of Commissioners. Throughout Guiding there is undoubtedly a trend towards more consultation over appointments of all kinds. Most County Commissioners and their Division Commissioners, in their search for a sensible and acceptable District Commissioner, are, I feel confident, only too glad to know the views of their Guiders who should, however, remember that a Commissioner's job, though deeply involved with her Captains and Brownie Guiders, has also wider responsibilities in the locality. She needs to be possessed of 'all-round' personality and must fit in to the scheme for a good and balanced team of District Commissioners which is every County Commissioner's dream. This method of appointment, wisely used, has proved to be on the whole very satisfactory. It avoids the obvious pitfalls of being too 'parochial' and has often saved what would otherwise have been an unwise appointment or else a highly embarrassing situation in a small community. 'To resolve bravely and act kindly' sums up our duty at the start and the finish of these appointments for which we are responsible.

It is perhaps not generally known that ideas and suggestions, if properly passed on, can reach the Executive Committee of the Council in a very short time. Our 'Specialist' Committees, which cover every branch and activity of our organization in the United Kingdom and the Overseas Territories, have the right to bring matters directly to the Executive. Membership of these Committees includes Guiders appointed by the Countries' Committees by which we mean the Committees of England, Scotland, Wales, Ulster and Overseas. These Countries' Committees, through

their own Chief Commissioners who represent them on the Executive, send regular recommendations and to them the Executive refers matters for discussion and recommendation.

The Executive Committee

The Executive is elected by the Council, which consists of members nominated by Countries' Committees which propose those names after consultation with their counties and of members nominated by the Council itself. One tenth of the members of the Council retire every year so there is constant change. The Executive, one third of the elected membership of which is elected annually, has as members at the moment of writing Guiders and Commissioners of a variety of experience. We have a Warranted Captain, a Lieutenant, a District, a Division, and several County Commissioners, and an ex-Guider who is now head of the Metropolitan Women's Police Force. Those who hold the positions of responsibility for Commonwealth and Country Headquarters, and whose job it is to make decisions, certainly have ample opportunities to keep their fingers on the pulse of the Movement and they are approachable through wide open channels from all directions. Through the Patrol System the views of every Guide and Brownie can reach the Captain and Brown Owl. If these ideas prove to be the wishes of the Company or Pack a proposal can, and often does, start on its road to the Executive.

The ladders are in place but their efficient use depends on there being no weak rung. If one does not seem to function it is the duty of the one above or below, depending on the direction of the traffic, to kick up a bit of a good tempered fuss.

There is also the free platform of correspondence in THE GUIDER and indeed in our other periodicals. Miss Yardley will be interested to hear that there are cases in which the movement has sent its wishes and those recommendations have been acted upon in a very few months, notably the Ranger hat, the Brownie Golden Bar and the Golden Hand tests. But as we grow larger, and as we consult more, we must, it seems, suffer from more slowly moving changes.

Uniform, because people are all likely to want different clothes, is bound to be treated rather differently. Norman Hartnell himself would not please every one. In June, 1945 the opinion of all Guiders was invited by means of a carefully worded questionnaire worked out by the present Chief Commissioner who was at that time a member of the Uniform Committee. One result of this was that a smaller breast pocket was retained on a Guide's uniform in deference to the demand of the majority of the Guiders who said that there was no practical alternative and that the Guides wanted it. Miss Yardley will laugh at this but it will show her the difficulties in consulting a body of women and girls about what to put on the bodies of women and girls in the way of uniform.

Interpreting the Laws for Today

Mr. Wade accuses us of being selective in the attention which we give to our ten Laws. He thinks we emphasize the 1st, 2nd and 4th and devote desperately little training at Company level to the 8th, 9th and 10th. We would do well, I think, to make more of the source of the Law for it explains the rather archaic language. That some may need to be more adult in their verbal interpretation is a view I have heard expressed lately.

For example, in No. 8, a sub-paragraph referring to a cheerful, hopeful attitude towards life's difficulties might perhaps mean more to the girl of fourteen who is, many people say, as grown up as a sixteen-year-old of a few years ago. (Are we sure that our age groups do not need slight alteration?)

The 9th Law is sometimes confined to Post Office Savings and darning but in the minds of most of us thrift needs less study than Honour or Loyalty. Many of us ordinary Guiders want to shy away from study in public of the 10th Law but what could be more natural? Our Guides may be 10½ or 14 or 15, of diverse education and their homes and mothers all different. Some of us have a horror of invading the precious privacy of a child or of intruding upon the responsibilities and duties of parents. It is unfortunate if fears of this kind account for any child receiving inadequate preparation for growing up, but the most sensitive Guider and the most diffident one will be at the side of her Guides as they make their natural journey through adolescence, willing to answer questions and offering them the affectionate understanding which they need.

Guiding's Debt to the Services

We could not have read the article of the Director of W.R.N.S. without feeling a sense of assurance and pride. I have never yet met an ex-Service Guider who does not readily acknowledge the debt she owes to Guiding. Guiding owes a debt, too, to the Services for they taught a good deal to a lot of us and incidentally gave us the Director of the World Bureau and our General Secretary, to say nothing of many others. Miss Hoyer Millar says that Guiding teaches invaluable lessons for the W.R.N.S. Officer or Rating and that qualities of character and personality, developed in the Guide or Ranger or Cadet Company, stand in good stead the aspiring members of the Women's Royal Naval Service.

Guiders will remember the advice of the doctor in Number 5 of the series and wise ones will keep it by them and read it again. We will try to leave our worries behind us as we go to the Guide Meeting and being more wary of the pitfalls of the possessive Captain we will aim at a steadiness in our dealings with young people, not forgetting the conflicts around and within them and us. Our Companies and Packs ought to be environments which are in every way favourable to the happy development of a girl's personality and our Guides and Brownies need to be helped to be aware of their potentialities. 'There comes a time when one does not want to be tough and hardy like boys: it's nice to be feminine', said one of

Miss Yardley's 6th Form girls. How right she is. Is that perhaps the answer to Mr. Bird's penultimate paragraph?

'Speed Up Badge Tests'

As the last contribution in this series we were lucky enough to have one from the heavily engaged pen of the Chief Scout. Lord Rowallan warns us against over-organization and we must keep a constant eye on this, the curse of growth and increased public interest. He urges us to leave all we can to the common sense of the Guider, adding that if she has not got it she must get out. Our natural fear is lest she may not have gone before a Brownie or Guide has been hurt or sadly disappointed and the good name of Guiding has received a rebuff.

The Chief Scout, from his own practical knowledge, says, 'Speed up badge tests'. The all day badge-test, held every term with a Secondary Modern School as its headquarters and with a good team of Guiders as stewards and well briefed examiners, seems to work very well. It would seem that the delay most complained about is between the Guide having passed the test and the receipt of the badge. This is a matter which will have to be discussed, for it is all too often a cause of frustration and disappointment, and we hope a better plan can be evolved.

In our international dealings Lord Rowallan reminds us to respect the different customs of our neighbours and never to give the impression that we want to turn out men and women of one pattern. Above all, he says, let us hunt for simplicity and imagination and let the Guider be as free as possible. The 'Cut the Red Tape' competition, in the June GUIDER, gave everybody a chance to speak her mind about this and I am looking forward very much to reading your ideas.

This endeavour at answering the 'Plain Speaking' articles is, I acknowledge, superficial, and they are only the first thoughts from just one Guider, out of her own experience, on serious questions which need unhurried and straight and hard thinking on the part of every one of us. There will always be criticisms of institutions from inside as well as outside their ranks for they are made up of imperfect and ordinary people with many shortcomings. And there will, thank goodness, always be room for improvement and good, new ideas.

Responding to New Ideas

If these articles have achieved the object of the plan they will be a step forward in the development of Guiding, for they will have taught us to try harder ourselves and to help others to acquire the questioning mind, eagerly responding to the challenge of new ideas and new conditions; enthusiastic not to vaunt the past but to meet the future, ready to allow experiments and to take part in them, on our toes, eyes wide open, with a smile and not a sigh.

We have cause to be proud of Guiding, of its greatness in the past and confident of its contribution to the world of today and tomorrow. You and I can be thrilled that to us is entrusted the glorious job of interpreting this wonderful idea.

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CARRY A CAMERA AND TAKE FACES & PLACES

Theme Meeting for Brownies

'Let's Go to the Circus'

by Ailsa Brambleby, Brownie Adviser, C.H.Q.

HAVE your Brownies ever had a theme meeting when they have all turned into pirates or Red Indians or paid an imaginary visit to a gypsy encampment or the moon? If they have, perhaps you'll find another theme after reading about my visit to a Circus Meeting.

It was held in a garden thousands of miles away from the British Isles, in Kitwe, Northern Rhodesia. Instead of a toadstool, Brownie Packs in Northern Rhodesia for English, African or Indian children have beautiful magic pools made of prettily coloured rocks and shells and decorated with leaves of various colours and shapes. The Sixes are Bulbuls, Weaver Birds and Blue Starlings, well known birds in Rhodesia, and the Guider is called Wise Bird.

Compass Directions

As soon as the Brownies had sung the Brownie song round the Magic Pool, Wise Bird told them they had been invited to the circus but as no one knew quite where it was they would have to follow the compass directions which had been sent to her. One Brownie, who was working for her Golden Hand, had a compass and led the others round the garden until eventually all the Brownies reached the centre of the lawn where the circus was to be held.

Inspection

Of course you can't enter a circus without a ticket! These, marked 3s., 2s., or 1s., were issued by Wise Bird according to the appearance of the Brownies, the 3s. ones going to those with shiny badges, well cleaned teeth and clean nails, while the 2s. tickets were given to the slightly less perfect. On this occasion the 1s. seats remained empty!

Action Song

The elephants were the first item on the programme and all the Brownies joined in the action song, 'One elephant went out to play'. (If you want to try this, someone in the Company will probably know it).

Games

Then an alarming message arrived from the manager. The wild animals had escaped! The Brownies, of course, rushed to the rescue, chased and captured the wild animals (one half of the Pack) and then secured them firmly to the rose arch with round turns and two half hitches.

After this a visit was made to a side-show and all the Brownies had turns at shying at Aunt Sally. She

was drawn on a large sheet of paper, fastened to a pastry board, and propped up against a chair. Anyone who hit her with a bean bag scored a point.

Pow Wow

By now, the meeting time was nearly over and as there was the all-important matter of the Pack's tenth birthday picnic to be discussed we had to leave the circus hurriedly to go to Pow Wow.

If there had been any more time, Wise Bird might have included some kind of creeping-up game in which the Brownies could have stalked one of the animals. Then the keeper might have needed special food for the animals and if he showed the Brownies the kind of leaves and twigs he needed they could have collected some for him.

To round off a meeting of this kind an animal story would be suitable and possibly the Pack might agree that everyone should try to do at least one good turn to an animal during the week.

Perhaps your Brownies would be interested to know that the Brownies who enjoyed this meeting asked for news of Brownies in the United Kingdom and sent all their love and good wishes.

(Miss Brambleby has just returned to England after training Guiders in Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland for the past few months.—EDITOR)

My Pack's Favourite Game—IX

Little Train Puff Along

Sixes line up in their stations (Six Corners) and become engine, tender and carriages.

Signalman (Brown Owl) stands in the centre of the room with the Stationmaster (Tawny), who scores points for the first correct Six. The Guard (Pack Leader) waves her flag and the trains chuff round the room, singing to the tune of 'Jingle Bells':

*Little train, puff along, on your merry way,
Find out what the signalman is telling you
today (repeat).*

The Signalman then signals various letters in semaphore, e.g., W-whistle, S-slow (walk), E-express (run), T-tunnel (crouch), H-halt. At halt, the engine is changed and the game starts again. The game continues until all the Brownies have been the engine. The Six scoring most points are the winners.

JEAN BAILEY [1st and 2nd Shrub
End Packs, Colchester]

The GUIDER

Gladys Commander visits Wilson Creek Camp, Vancouver

IT WAS DUSK when we reached Horseshoe Bay, Vancouver, and dark when our ferry arrived so I didn't see much of the surrounding countryside except occasional lights on the islands we passed. The nice woman at the Buffet on the ferry looked at our World Badges and said, 'I expect you are on your way to camp at Wilson Creek?' Then she told us she herself was a Guider and was travelling with a party of Guides to the 'Trillium Camp' at Doe Lake this July. We were still talking when the ship's siren announced that landing was imminent so, with the presence of mind which one expects from Guiders, she found two paper cups, poured our tea into these, and despatched us to the lower deck where the cars were.

We were soon at camp after a drive along a road bordered by firs and cedars and stopped on the shore at a log hut known as Brock Cottage—after Mildred Brock, a friend of Guiding, to whom it is a memorial.

In the morning I hurried out to explore and was delighted to find how close we were to the sea and the lovely trees—mainly Douglas Fir, Cedar, and Hemlock—behind us. To my surprise I found the beach almost covered by timber—chiefly logs which had escaped from the rafts which come down the inlets and the coast. Never before have I camped with such an unlimited supply of firewood!

Because of the lack of turf and the rocky nature of the ground and the danger of fire most of the camping is in huts but one of the five equipped sites had wooden platforms for the tents (the Guides

one or two tents; Guides are encouraged to graduate from sleeping in huts to sleeping in tents. Each site had six huts, usually with two-decker beds, taking six Guides, and one hut for Guiders. The kitchen unit has a roof and floor but open sides, and contains the stove, built of brick, with an iron sheet on the top, and a chimney with a spark arrester, tables and



The table and tent poles are 'home made'

benches for cooking and others for meals. Sometimes there is a cook who is assisted by the cook patrol, and at other times a Quartermaster as in our camps.

The lats are permanent and are built behind each site; the Guides in each hut make their own wash-houses, using timber and leaves for thatching. In addition to the sleeping huts and the kitchen there is a large recreation hut, given by the I.O.D.E. (Imperial Order, Daughters of the Empire) for the use of the whole camp, a delightful little hospital with eight beds so placed that the patients look through a large window out to sea, a camp chapel, Ranger Cabin and a Brownie 'Hide-Away'.

Chimes as Memorial

The Chapel, built in a clearing in the forest, is quite beautiful. It is reached through a rustic gate, with flower beds on either side, and up a flight of steps. There are logs flattened at the top for seats and a rockery with a cross behind the altar. The newest addition to the Chapel is a set of chimes given in memory of Kae Boulton, the late Provincial Secretary.

The Brownie 'Hide-Away' and the Ranger Cabin have dormitories, a living room with a fireplace, and these buildings are used by Guiders for out-of-season camping as well as by Brownies and Rangers. The demand for Pack Holidays is so great that the owners of some of the camp sites are considering

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A Patrol at a Pioneer Camp, Wilson Creek

all sleep on 'lilos' or paliasses) and there is one grassy site for the sort of camping we do in England and which is referred to as 'Pioneer Camping'. Here the Guides sleep in tents and cook on an open fire and, in addition to this, each site has room for

'Cut the Red Tape' Competition

We invited Miss M. D. Yardley, M.A., Headmistress of Sydenham High School, G.P.D.S.T., to judge our 'Cut the Red Tape' Competition. Miss Yardley wrote in her 'Plain Speaking' article in the March GUIDER, 'Certainly my Sixth Form has a feeling that, in all ways, there is far too much red tape in Guiding, too much organization, too many petty rules, too much referring of every simple suggestion to a higher authority and they find it very sapping to initiative and enterprise.'

Miss Yardley sent us the following comments on the entries. "I was interested to find not the wide scatter of criticisms that I had expected but the same examples of 'red tape' given again and again, for example the slow and indirect method by which badges have to be ordered ('Whoever carried on a business like this?' queried one writer); the difficulties in the way of qualifying as a camp leader especially for those unable by reason of home duties to attend a weekend course; the delay before a qualified Guide camp leader can qualify to take Rangers to camp; doubtfulness of the necessity for, or validity of, written tests for Guiders.

It is hoped that the competition will bear fruit for the Movement through bringing these common causes of criticism into prominence. I found only one head-on collision—between the writer who thought most first and second class tests too difficult and the one who found her entrants themselves dissatisfied by the low standard for a pass. Although a sense of frustration through over-organization and an elaborate system of counter checking undoubtedly revealed itself, there was no captious note in the criticisms offered, no trailing of an individual grievance but all expressed a deep pride in Guiding and a desire to carry out the ideals of its Founder in the changed social conditions of today. I sensed, however, the natural clash between the caution of those in authority who know they carry the responsibility for the welfare and safety of the young and the impatience on the part of the young people of frustrating restrictions imposed from above. This is not unique to Guiding nor I fancy even to our own age: the solution, so far as it can be found, lies in frank discussion and in mutual tolerance and trust.

I choose the following for the first three places in order of merit.

1. Miss A. E. Grant, 3 Manor Way, Ruislip.
2. Mrs. Ethel M. Pratt, 6 Lynhurst Road, Hillingdon, Uxbridge.
3. Miss G. Paul, Ludgrove, Wokingham.

Miss Grant will receive the first prize of a week's training with all expenses paid, including fares, which was generously offered by the Deputy Chief

Commissioner, Mrs. Robert Bernays. Gift vouchers to the value of £2 2s. and £1 1s. respectively will be sent to Mrs. Pratt and Miss Paul.

I was sorry not to include Mrs. Anne Carter, of Norwich, who made three constructive suggestions—to include cycle tests for second and first class badges; also the use of the primus stove alongside lighting a fire; and to wear informal off-duty clothes for country activities, keeping Guide uniform for parade and 'clean' activities. But none of these, I thought, could strictly be called 'Cutting the Red Tape.'

Result of the 'Experiment in Pictures' Competition

The following pictures have been chosen to be hung in the C.H.Q. Restaurant:—

Group A. BROWNIES

Brownie Vivien Barden, Cluny Lodge, Sandown Avenue, Esher, Surrey.	1st Esher Pack Aged 9 years Medium used: Powder Paint
Brownie Barbara Elaine Woosey, 1st Underriver Pack The White House, Green Lane, Underriver, Kent.	Aged 10½ years Medium used: Powder Paint
Brownie Lorraine May. 21, West Street, Titchfield, Hants.	1st Titchfield Pack Aged 9½ years Medium used: Water Colour

Group B. GUIDES under 13

Guide Iris Meaker, 15, Grittleton Road, Paddington, London, W.9.	5th North Paddington Coy. Aged 12 years 5 months Medium used: Powder Paint
Guide Jane Mary Jones, Arfryn, Pontruc, Caernarvon.	2nd Caernarvon Coy. Aged 12 years 6 months Medium used: Water Colour

Group C. Open to all GUIDES

Guide Linda Sallnow, 55, Little Roke Avenue, Kenley, Surrey.	1st Kenley Coy. Aged 14 years Medium used: Poster paint
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Group D. RANGERS and CADETS

Air Ranger Susan Hedley, 15, Humbledon Park, Sunderland.	1st Sunderland Flight Aged 17 years Medium used: Powder paint
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Group E. GUIDERS and COMMISSIONERS

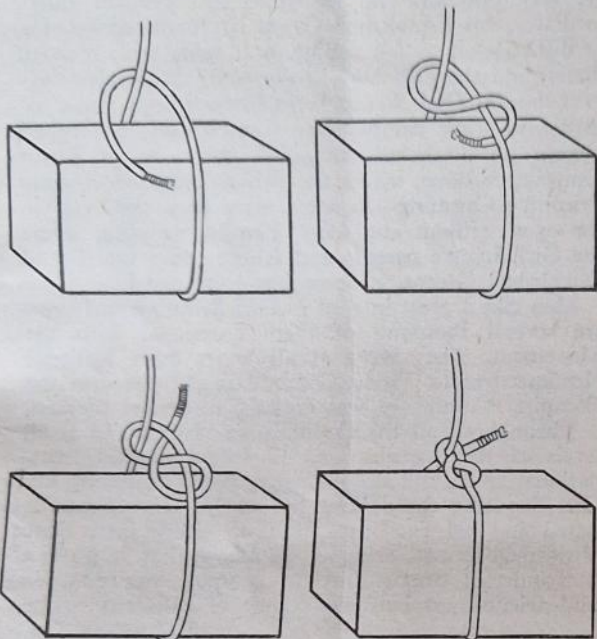
Miss Joan D. Owen, Upper Common, Kiln Road, Fareham, Hants.	Tawny Owl, 4th Fareham Pack Medium used: Water Colour
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Testwork Ideas for Brownie Guiders—VIII

Knotting—II

by Ellen Laing

THE most important part of our job in teaching Brownies how to tie knots* is to show them the use of the knot. This point was brought home to me once when we had been doing a lot of parcel tying in the Pack with Golden Hand Brownies. One day, not at a Brownie meeting, I asked two of these girls



The packer's knot: Brownies learn it more easily by tying it first round a box or book

to wrap up a box ready for the post. The parcel was done up very neatly but with no attempt at using a slip knot—obviously only for use at Brownie meetings!

A slip-knot for parcel tying: Although any slip knot is accepted for the Golden Hand test it is well worth while teaching Brownies the packer's knot because, once pulled tight, it will remain so without another hitch to keep it in position.

For the packer's knot use a box or book as a parcel at first, and a thick string, rather than a cord, because this pulls tight more easily. Lay the string round the parcel, keeping the standing part towards yourself. Take the end round the standing part, then over and under itself, and down into the loop, making a very obvious figure of eight. Pull tight.

The round turn and two half hitches is used for

*See 'Knotting' on page 203 July GUIDER.

For the round turn and two half hitches keep the standing part taut

tying a rope to a spar, or ring, or hook. The harder the rope is pulled the tighter grows the knot, so it is excellent for tethering an animal or a boat, or for tying a string on to a pulling toy.

For the round turn and two half hitches, twist the end of the cord round a spar, then over the standing part of the cord and up through the loop thus made. Do this twice, then pull the long end. It is much easier to do this knot if the standing part is kept taut. If you are fixing a dog's lead to a railing, the dog will keep it taut for you!

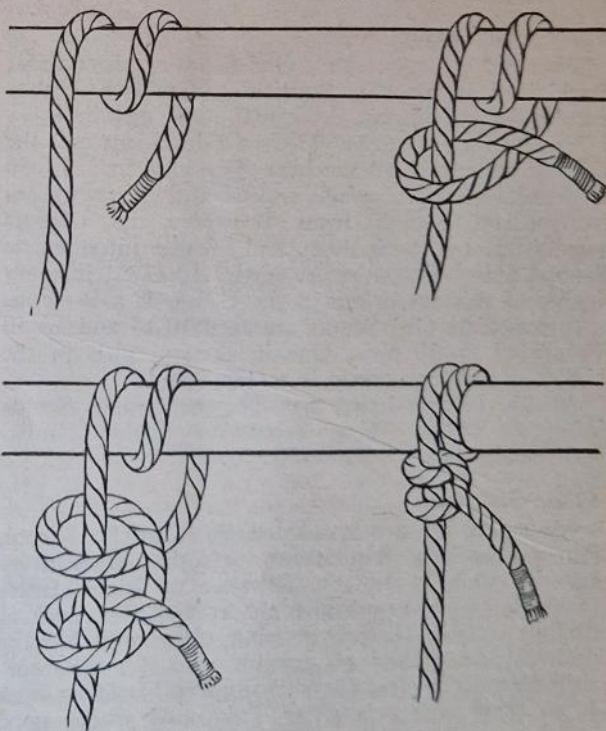
Activities for practising knots

Each of the following activities give practice in all the knots in a fairly natural setting, with plenty of other things to do as well. A Six is an ideal group for this kind of activity. The Sixer can have a card describing the scene, and she is left to divide up the work and find the necessary materials.

We must remember to allow plenty of time for this type of activity. The Brownies like to do the whole thing thoroughly, going into more detail than we would, and it can't be picked up again next week!

The Invalid: A patient is brought in, put to bed, her hair (a tail of wool) neatly plaited, her cuts washed and bandaged. A tray may be prepared for her lunch, a bunch of flowers brought to her, a parcel

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Three Months in the States

MARY Hunt of Wales, and I have just spent three months in the United States to see as much as possible of Girl Scouting, from administration to Troop level, including training and camping and in return we told a great deal about Guiding in the United Kingdom.

After three days in New York, we travelled to Washington, D.C. where we attended a week's course at the International Centre. It is run by the United States Department of Education and proved of great interest and value. Lectures were given in all aspects of American background and life, from education and religion to Government and foreign policy.

On the completion of this course we parted for two months. During this time Mary visited three Girl Scout Councils in Pasadena, California; Minneapolis in Minnesota, and Westport in Connecticut. My schedule included visits to the Councils of Tampa in Florida, Memphis in Tennessee, Hingham in Massachusetts and New London, Connecticut. We both spent a short time at Camp Edith Macy, the National Training Centre for Girl Scout Leaders.

The number of Girl Scouts covered by a single Council ranged from 3,000 to 15,000. We attended and spoke at Council, Board, Neighbourhood and Troop Meetings, went to camps and trainings, and appeared on T.V. and spoke on the radio. This sounds like hard work and so it was, but we had plenty of fun too! In our spare time we managed to do some sailing, bathing (in water temperatures of over 80 degrees!) and water skiing, and paid visits to hear the New York Metropolitan Opera Company and 'Pops' Concerts and watch the Russian Ballet.

1 in 8 a Girl Scout

What did we learn about Girl Scouting throughout the U.S.A.? It is a very flourishing movement with a membership of almost 3,000,000. One girl in every 8 American girls, aged 7-17, is a Girl Scout and the Leaders are nearly all mothers. The girls in a Troop are usually all the same age, and when they 'fly up' to Intermediate Scouts from Brownies the Leaders usually 'fly up' with them, and become Intermediate Scout Leaders. Brownies are aged 7-10 and 1 in every 4 girls of this age group in the U.S.A. is a Brownie.

Intermediate Girl Scouts are aged 10-14 and are in Troops of 8-30 girls. One in every 6 girls in the U.S.A. of this age group is a Girl Scout.

At 14, Intermediates may become Senior Scouts (Mariner Scouts, Wing Scouts or Senior Scouts) and remain until 18 years old.

Troop Sponsors

Most Troops are sponsored by Church, School, Parents-Teachers Association, or other community agencies such as Rotary, Kiwanis, or Lions International. The sponsors give aid in such directions as finding suitable leaders, meeting places and helping with equipment and programme resources. Sponsorship does not involve financial support. Usually a week is set aside each year when Troops do special good

turns for their sponsor. These are very varied.

There are no Cadets but Seniors may, in their last year of Senior Scouting, serve as Leaders-in-Training in Troops, or as Counsellors-in-Training for Camp Leadership, as well as taking part in their ordinary Troop activities.

At a Day Camp the girls go out each morning and return home in the late afternoon, usually for four days a week for two consecutive weeks. These camps are very popular with Brownies and younger Intermediates. An Established Camp has permanent living facilities, such as log cabins, and tents with wooden floors, and the girls stay in the camp for twelve days to a month. Girl Scouts from many troops come together in these camps. Day Camps and Established Camps have specially qualified staffs. Some Troop Camping is done, whilst the Senior Scouts do mainly Primitive Camping—in some areas they sleep out in the open without any tents. Family camping, where the Girl Scout's parents and family camp together at Established Camps, is becoming quite usual.

Men take a great interest in Girl Scouting and there are several thousand of them connected with the Movement. They serve at all levels from National Headquarters to Troop Committees. In one area the Camping Committee was entirely composed of men.

Throughout all the Councils we visited, and at all levels of the organization, we found a great international spirit and deep interest in Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting throughout the world. Having participated in this exchange of Girl Guide/Girl Scout Visitor-Observers' scheme, we know that it provides a wonderful opportunity to promote understanding and friendliness between people of different nations.

ELIZABETH IMRIE

Knotting

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may arrive by post to cheer her up and so on.

The Picnic: Food is prepared (plasticine), sandwiches neatly wrapped and tied, dishes made of newspaper, the basket packed and off we go! Baby brother needs a string tied on his cart, or he falls and needs a bandage. He may slip in the pond, and anyone who can make a clothes line (by joining handkerchiefs together) and tie it to a tree, so that his clothes may dry before it is time to go home, is a very useful person.

Perhaps you are thinking that I have wandered a long way from my subject 'knotting', but it is only by letting the Brownies see knots in their proper perspective that we can hope to have them used in everyday life.

THE GUIDER Photographic Competition

August is a good month to take photographs of Cadets for THE GUIDER Photographic competition. For full details see page 195 July issue. Closing date 30th September, 1958.

THE GUIDER



Training Pages



The 'Out' in Scouting

by A. M. Maynard

IS THERE a Guider who has never enjoyed living in the open, with every sense sharpened, or one who has never known the thrill of a tramp in the country, knapsack on back, battling against the elements, feeling sorry for those hugging the fire at home? If such a Guider exists—I hope she does *not*—she will find it difficult to realize what the appeal of the OUT is to her Guides. A number of good reasons will occur to her why every meeting should take place at Headquarters; she may even come to believe the Guides prefer it. But let her prepare one simple track, even through a town, at night, if necessary, and watch their reactions.

The other day I heard of a competition cancelled because it was raining—to the great disappointment of the Guides. Is that necessary in these days of plastic mackintoshes and the money to buy them? Is not our climate often the only challenge our Guides have a chance to meet? Treat them as sugar plums and we shall make them ones!

When the gale swept the south coast in 1956, driving many Troops and Companies home, the Company in the field where I was kept every tent up. They were *prepared*. Almost as if it had been rehearsed the few Guides who were allowed to help rushed round in swim suits and sweaters, keeping the bell tents standing with the aid of ropes and pegs from the kitchen shelter; the others kept themselves and their bedding dry, ready for the worst should it happen. Not a tent fell, while in the neighbouring camp not a tent was standing. I asked one of the Guides at the end of the time if she had enjoyed camp. 'Yes,' she said, 'but I should have liked another storm!'

To a boy or girl 'going out' means action. The other day a Guider suggested a walk to her Guides. 'Not if it is a nature walk, Captain', was the answer she got. How one sympathises with them, remembering one's own childhood.

The Founder's Training

B.-P.'s first introduction to nature, in the woods near Charterhouse, was certainly doing something about it. Cooking on a fire in the hollow, hot and hidden; getting dead wood from the trees as wood from the ground was damp and would cause smoke, leading to his being found out! Freezing in front of a tree and seeing his searchers pass right by him. What a lot he was learning about nature and her ways while having a wonderful time and gaining initiative, control and courage. That must be *our* approach. Let us once

more remember that while the adult is searching for rest, order and safety, youth is searching for action, excitement and danger.

One Sunday morning I was watching a party of girls hauling a perambulator, with a baby in it, up a very steep bank. I stood by to render First Aid but all was well, the baby did not fall out! I asked them what they were doing and their leader said: 'Our camp is up this hill and the enemy is across the way in the other wood.' The leader of this game was an ex-Patrol Leader in a Guide Company who had lately got slack and lost interest. Had the Guide Company failed to provide her with the challenge she needed? Perhaps if the Guider had followed B.-P.'s advice to learn from young people what they want she might have discovered a very useful ally, one that could supply the imagination she lacked.

Nature Lore

The love of discovery begins at birth and unless interrupted by too much instruction continues through life. The other day I came across a group of very small children who said they belonged to the 'Finders-Out Club'. But to start the search we must first know what we want to find out. To be told 'Twelve things in their natural surroundings and something of interest about them' has no power of appeal. The Guider has to arouse a Guide's curiosity by definite questions, according to circumstances, or fall back on those excellent little '*I Spy*' books. Suppose you live at the seaside and send your Patrols out at low tide, with an '*I Spy*' book, to see what they can find. The Patrol will soon be eagerly searching and on spreading out their collection will then be very anxious to know something of interest about it because now it is theirs—and ownership increases interest.

A Supper Hike

Perhaps the most delightful and the most valuable thing to do out of doors is a supper hike. Starting with your Patrol Leaders, share with them the fun of trying to cook on an open fire. If you are not experienced, learn from the experience of others. Take a small book such as *Just How* with you, checking up as you go along. Soon your Leaders will want to qualify to take out their Patrols and so the work goes on. When I met some of my old girls the other day it was the supper hike we used to have they talked about—and the point that pleased me most was that they had introduced their families to the joy of it.

Back issues of THE GUIDER, including the Special Training Pages are still available from C.H.Q.

For your Brownies

Wool Trail: Have you tried one? To lead to outdoor meeting place perhaps? Lay a different colour for each Six, each Six collecting its own colour. Let first Six to follow trail collect least conspicuous colour (*why?*). Let last Six bring in any colours left beside their own. In town use ordinary oddments of wool, tucked in fences and bushes; in tall grass or undergrowth use short pieces of rug wool. In busy places an older person should accompany each Six (courtesy, road safety, hints on following trail); in country, supervision can be more distant but still necessary; in either case let Brownies themselves have thrill of tracking down victim.

Tip, Tap, Toe: Brownies go out in threes (with adult supervision according to area) to find *one* treasure that they can bring in *hidden* on one of them. They notice what it looks like, what it feels like and where it was growing; on return, after given time, each three, in turn, describe treasure under their three headings in Pow Wow circle. When another thinks she knows what the treasure is she indicates with usual Pack Pow Wow sign and is given chance to say. Threesome then shows the treasure where it was hidden.

(N.B. Give *very* careful instructions about where treasures may be picked. Comments from Guiders can help Brownies to look and notice more closely: 'Didn't they describe that well—especially the bit about the prickles?' Or 'Fancy our not recognizing that one! I'd never noticed the stripes on that flower before, had you?')

(Query: What's the point of Brownies bringing the treasure hidden on them? Why would an outsize Pack not enjoy this game?)

Observation Game: Pack is seated in a circle and a nature object is passed round. Each Brownie must say something fresh to describe it. It is amazing how many things they can see in a single flower.

Matching Leaves: Pick one leaf of every available plant where meeting is being held and put them in large bag. Brownies pick out one leaf and run off to find one that matches it and bring back both to Brown Owl. If correct, Brownie gets an acorn or spill. When all leaves have been matched Sixers count up their acorns.

Observation in Sixes: Fasten a Brownie belt and put it on the ground in a likely spot. Then let a Six, or two or three Brownies working together find out all they can about the plants, insects and anything else that they did not know about in the area inside the belt. Different areas will show very different results, so space the Sixes out well.

THE GUIDE

Guiders will find it worth keeping an eye on the 'Little House Emblem' series now running in THE GUIDE. 'Child Nurse Badge' was published in the issues of 18th July and 1st August and the other badges will be appearing at intervals in the next few weeks.

For your Guides

For early summer mornings

Required: pieces of black mounting paper, small quantity of French chalk.

Search for perfect, accessible spider's web (uninhabited!) Slip paper behind it and transfer complete web on to sheet. Dust with French chalk and gently blow off surplus; chalk will stick to gummy threads. Fragile picture of web remains.

For a Hot Day

Required: Piece of drawing paper or postcard. Produce picture (e.g. of part of camp site) using only natural materials as paints (e.g. juice of berries, burnt twigs, grass, earth).

Commando Course

Instructions for making plaster casts are in *Be Prepared* by A. M. Maynard who contributed the following items:

1. Try a simple track of grass cuttings laid near the lamp posts in towns, leading to a treasure; it's a start.

2. Guides love preparing and carrying out a Commando course, making rope ladders to get up trees and rope bridges to cross streams or learning to use a rope to climb in an old gravel pit or rocky bank; learning to hold a fire sheet and jump into it (the Fire Brigade will usually help and experts are essential if there is an element of real danger). It is safer and the thrill of learning to do a thing really well gives 'Be Prepared' a new meaning. Rovers might help, too. Possibilities depend on your locality and great care and skill is needed in preparing a good course. Will Guiders who have overcome difficulties write to the Editor and so encourage others?

3. Each year I see many well run camps but though there is an open common with excellent cover near by wide games are not part of the programme—a great opportunity missed. Yvonne de Vry's article in the May GUIDER gives a basis on which to build and shows snags to avoid; many games that B.-P. thought it worth while to include in *Scouting for Boys* can be played in camp.

(The 'A' fire was described in last month's GUIDER. (Note: It is regretted that in the illustrations on page 213 of the July GUIDER the length of the basic sticks was exaggerated. They should only be 6—8 inches long as stated in Miss Soutter's article.)

Have you used it or tried it out with P.L.s?

(See also 'Making Rope Ladders' on page 251)

Idea for Camp Challenges

Guides qualify for the Sign of the Cunning Hand (light a fire first match), or of the Supple Limb (climb a tree 12 feet); or the Seeing Eye; or Listening Ear; or Keen Scent (recognize four different twigs by scent alone), etc. Suit challenges to locality, and experience of company. Give definite token for each achievement.

Does your Company take THE GUIDE? There have been charts on hiking, mapping, and using your eyes in recent months, and articles on camp and other outdoor activities.

For your Rangers or Cadets

THE saying 'If you don't get out, then clear out' is a wise one, for how can we render service by taking our Promise out into a Wider World, unless we do get OUT. And this does not just mean going for hikes, etc. The OUT for Rangers or Cadets needs to be taken in its very widest sense. By getting out we train ourselves in:—

Observation

Understanding

Thoughtfulness, all very valuable.

The following ideas have all been found successful; decide for yourself what the value of each one is.

Art Gallery Quiz: Visit an art gallery, giving each Ranger or Cadet a previously prepared 'guide' which might include such simple questions as 'How many heads are there in Reynolds' "Heads of Angels" and longer ones asking for descriptions of Turner's pictures or comparisons of landscapes by Constable and Gainsborough. Choosing a picture and saying why you would like it is always popular. Questions can be given to Rangers or Cadets as a challenge and answered during a certain period.

Local Knowledge Quiz: This can be one when the answers can all be found by visiting buildings etc., such as 'what is the date over the Parish Church door?' This type of quiz can easily form part of a weekly meeting, or you can have a more advanced one which would need longer, when research into books is necessary to complete the answers.

Weekend Exploration: Each couple is given sealed orders; all they know is that they need to be self-supporting for 24 hours. They meet and open their orders which tell them to get to a certain place how they like; this should be a little way out in order that they can explore unknown country. On arrival they read their next instructions which lead them on from one clue to another until they all arrive at the same place to spend the night. The clues should include walking to compass directions, visiting ancient buildings, notes of particular local interest, etc.

International Outlook: Each group choose a country and find out all they can by visiting travel agents, libraries, etc., then all speak on their country and show any exhibits available.

Hiking with a Difference

On a winter evening in jeans and duffle coat; on early summer mornings before work; on an island; up a mountain; down the river; on a combined expedition with the Rovers. There are many suggestions in the *May Scouter*. Borrow a copy and make a note of them.

And Camping, Too (See P.O.R.)

Youth Hostel style; in caravans; in barns or lofts; in home-made tents.

Subjects for Discussion

1. *Is it true we are losing a number of modern girls who would be Rangers, because we are too much of an outdoor Movement?*
2. *Should the Committee for a Ranger-Rover Camp include a Ranger Guider and a Rover Leader?*

For YOU

Miss Maynard's article on 'The OUT in Scouting' is a challenge to us all. What can we do to meet it? Does she really believe we all shirk going out with our Guides? We don't really or, if we do, it is often because we feel we don't know enough and will fail them. Apart from tracking and other adventures indicated in the article, we feel the need to know something about things that live and grow outside. The knowledge needn't be great and actually needn't exist at all, providing we have enthusiasm and a desire to learn. Enthusiasm of the infectious kind, so that our Guides will want to learn. We can all do that together.

Town Companies feel that there is nowhere suitable or even possible for activities or to observe 'nature'. Determination will usually prove it is possible. Apart from vacant spaces and public gardens, there are private gardens, and often Commissioners or members of the Local Associations and Trefoil Guilds are quite pleased to let Guides use their's, knowing that great care will be taken. Even country Companies sometimes have difficulty as all ground seems to be private. A little searching about and asking farmers and land-owners will usually reveal excellent places within reach. Your local C.A. will gladly help too, and will tell you where and when camp sites may be used.

Whether in town or country certain precautions are necessary. The one about firelighting is important; to be sure that Guides are taught to choose safe places, not only to avoid burning valuable timber etc., but also to safeguard property. Remember to remind Brownies and Guides to shut or leave open gates, as they were found, not to cut growing branches either for burning or to study them. Even wild flowers should be cut and not wrenched up by the roots. These things may seem too obvious to mention, but, alas, are sometimes forgotten.

Guides should never be on their own in less than threes, and they should all know exactly when and where the final meeting place is, and come home together. Warn them not to accept lifts from strangers—Guides do not 'thumb lifts!' Need it be stressed that everyone should return as neat and tidy as possible—it is such a bad advertisement to see an untidy party of Guides and the fact of having been for a hike or 'game' in the country is no excuse!

The main thing is the Guider's attitude towards 'nature'. It is always with us, and a lasting evidence of the marvels of creation. That is reason enough for wanting to learn about it. It is also a lasting joy which increases with knowledge, so do introduce it to your Guides and with them be 'friends with the outdoor world'.

I Spy Books (Nature Series 1s.) sold at C.H.Q., and most booksellers.

Observer Books (5s.) on flowers, birds, trees, fungi and many other subjects.

The 'For the Pocket' series of reference books are good, too. Borrow one from the library for your holiday or camp.

Have you read 'Let Nature be your Guide'?

The Month Outdoors

THIS MONTH seize every opportunity afforded by holiday or camp to develop an eye for the country by looking at big areas of sky, sea, moors, fields. For periods of ten minutes or so, stop, look and listen *without talking* (a) because your ears can help your eyes, (b) sounds carry far in the open—test this (c) animals have acute hearing and avoid us.

At the Sea

Note down what you observe in ten minutes—the number of gulls flying or on the water. The head of a seal appears rather like a football. Black ducks flying in line one behind the other are probably scoters. The head and neck of a cormorant fishing come up like a periscope. The gannet—a large white bird with black wing tips—fishes by plunging into the sea from a height, throwing up water in a great splash.

Another time concentrate on the shore for different kinds of seaweed, shells and insects—especially where you have seen birds feeding. Try to decide their food.

By Rivers and Damp Places

Judge from a distance which is likely to be damp ground, by noticing water-loving trees like the alder; and which is dry ground by observing the way bracken stops abruptly on encountering wet conditions. Check to see how accurate you are.

In Mountains and Moorland

Look at the sides of mountains for any well defined trails, then (particularly in red deer country) scrutinize those paths to find the animals that made them. If possible, use field glasses.

Turn in the direction of any sound you hear—these may be warning notes of a bird or animal that has seen you. The ptarmigan has a very human snort. The alarm note of a roebuck is not unlike the bark of a terrier. A 'mewing' can direct your attention to a buzzard circling high in the air. Imitate sounds to fix them in your memory.

Use hands and arms to imitate the wing action of the larger birds—it helps with identification to know whether the wing tips were upturned, or the end feathers widely separated.

In Farmland

Barley, oats, wheat will be harvested this month. As the last of the field is being cut, and the corn left standing decreases, so pheasants, rabbits, foxes, whatever is there, breaks for cover and streaks for the nearest hedge.

Swallows are now gathering up for their departure from this country. They are often seen on telegraph wires. Pick out the yellow edges to the mouths of the young birds, and compare their dingy backs with the glossy blue/black of the adult; and their short tails with the streamers (the long outer tail feathers) of the adults. Are the young still being fed by the adult birds, and how often?

PHYLLIS HAGER

A. M. MAYNARD interprets

Baden-Powell's Outlook

THE underlying feature of Scouting is the spirit of the movement and the key that unlocks this spirit is the romance of woodcraft and nature law.

'Where is there a boy or, for that matter, a grown man, even in these materialistic times, to whom the call of the wild and the open road does not appeal?'

Guides, the very name B.-P. gave us, reminds us of mountaineers in Switzerland who guide people over difficult passes by their skill and bravery, as well as the famous Corps of soldiers on the North West frontier. 'It is no fun to walk by easy paths, the whole excitement of life is in facing difficulties . . .' The Founder goes on to say 'It is the case with most girls nowadays . . . They want to tackle difficult jobs themselves in their life, to face mountains and difficulties and dangers, and to go at them, having prepared themselves to be skilful and brave . . .'

'Scouting is a game where we all go adventuring together, older and younger folk, picking up health, handcraft and happiness.' 'The only woman who can hope for real success is the one who, while commanding the respect of her Guides, can place herself on terms of comradeship, entering into their games and laughter.'

'As B.-P. said 'the town park can be transformed by a child's imagination.' If a Guider will allow herself to be led by her Brownies or Guides, and has not lost her own love of exploring and tackling difficulties, games can be invented which will bring all the thrill and character training which the more fortunate children who live in the country can find.

'Nature lore is the key activity in Scouting . . . the outdoors is par excellence the school for observation and for realizing the wonders of a wondrous universe. It reveals to the city youngster the stars are there beyond the chimney pots and the sunset clouds in their glory far above the roof of the cinema theatre, and by means of this he can be brought to higher thought and to the elements of faith in God and to the part he has to play in his duty to God.'

'The habit of living indoors grows as towns grow bigger and entertainment places increase. Our object is to wean our youth from this and make the out of doors attractive to them. The open air life is the real objective of Scouting and the key to its success.'

'Camp is the great opportunity and should take place in some form as often as possible and any preparation out of doors to become good campers is a step in the right direction.'

'I could not help thinking as I wandered round the camp at Gilwell that here in this complicated electronic age, the glorious simplicity of pitching a tent, lighting a fire, and cooking dietetically improbable meals has just as much attraction and enjoyment value for the boy of today as it had for the boy of any previous age.'—from the 'Gilwell Letter' in THE SCOUTER.

Forewarned—but NOT Forearmed!

I CAN'T SAY I hadn't had warning of the various snags! It was with all these ringing in my ears that I attended the meeting of the Rally committee. 'On no account', counselled my more experienced friends, 'let them have a fire'.

Whatever else happens that, it appeared, would be the worst possible mistake. It would obscure the view of singers and conductor alike and as the affair was, in any case, to take place in broad daylight it would be pointless.

'Insist on a microphone,' was the next bit of advice 'and *do* make them provide something for you to stand upon or else no one will see the beat. And what is the use of a conductor who cannot be seen?' Ah, what, indeed?! A circle of Guides, I gathered, was also a big mistake, so I was also to beg 'them' to dispose the gathering in a semi-circle if possible. Thus armed with all the good advice possible, and with a firm resolve to have no part in the proceedings if not allowed these very modest requests, I went off to the meeting conscious, rather smugly, that I had been somewhat astute to gather my information from the most experienced sources!

I was given a fair hearing, I must allow that. My first plea re the fire, fell on deaf ears. 'Have a camp-fire *without* a fire? How ridiculous! Unheard of! Won't be the same at all,' said they. 'In any case, we shall only have a little one.' So not to appear unduly dictatorial, I reluctantly acquiesced. 'As to a mike', said the Chairman, 'there are only to be 5,000 Guides, so it isn't really necessary as you have a very "carrying" voice anyway!'

This was where I really stood up for my rights. 'No mike, no me', I said firmly. Seeing the glint in my eye, a mike I should have, they promised.

I arrived on the ground in good time, hoping that I would be given a little time for rehearsal. The fire was being laid as I went up. It certainly looked a little bigger than I had hoped but the sods were cut now, and maybe the fire itself could be kept low. No sign of anything to stand on (except the turned back sods); however, there was yet time.

We did have a rehearsal, which did not seem too bad, although the singing was a little patchy. I put that down to excitement and no

'A "mike" isn't necessary', said the Chairman



audience and carried on amid all the comings and goings of various bewildered Guides and Guiders. The hour approached when the camp fire was to be lit—to be done with some ceremony and a Torch bearer clad in mystic garments.



Hemmed in on every side!

A small hand-microphone was thrust into my hand, the Torch-bearer approached, applied the torch to the fire, which, by the way, stood as high as me, and with a mighty whoosh! up soared the flames to about twenty feet. I felt that I was about to perish like a medieval witch . . . burned at the stake!

The whole gathering was moved back a foot or two and the camp fire began. Unfortunately I could not move back—even an inch. I was firmly hemmed in on every side by a brown and blue sea and there was no escape. Added to the heat, which was prodigious, a playful wind had sprung up and the smoke was in my eyes. Whether the Guides at the back sang at all I shall never know, which is perhaps just as well. Certainly, there was *some* singing but as I was in such discomfort with smoke, turfs, mike, etc. my one aim was to get through the programme and escape to a saner and more comfortable world.

There is one great solace, however, which gives me a great deal of comfort whenever I think of that day. I shall be able to give lashings of good advice to any conductor requiring same, if, and when, there is another big camp fire.

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Palace Diary by Brigadier Stanley Clark (Harrap, 21s.). There may be little in *Palace Diary* that most readers don't already know from the national press, but this puts the

main events in the life of our Queen in chronological order from 1947 in an authorized book. The very fact that it is not dramatised makes it abundantly clear that Her Majesty is indeed fulfilling her 21st birthday declaration—'that my whole life . . . shall be devoted to your service'.

An incredibly busy public life, with few hours of relaxation or privacy, makes Queen Elizabeth an outstanding example of a Guide who lives the Promise and Law to the full. She became Queen at the age of twenty-five and 'duty' has added more and more to her enormous task, but that duty is so perfectly carried out that it is also a pleasure. Commonwealth and foreign delegates, representatives of sport and the arts are only a few of those we meet in this absorbing book, as well as sharing visits to many lands. *Palace Diary* is an education, a joy and a book that is a pleasure to recommend. E.M.B.

A Handbook of Flags, by P. Kannik (Methuen, 16s.). 'Have you heard? There are six new Tenderfoot members of the World Association and Captain wants us to describe the national flags of each. I've searched everywhere and cannot find them all.' 'What is the meaning of the United Nations flag? You know, it's in the Pre-Enrolment Test'. 'Someone was asking the other day about Mexico and I couldn't tell them a thing'.

How often have you heard comments like these and not been able to help? Here is your answer. In a compact, handy, almost pocket size, is gathered together a most comprehensive book on flags of all nations, clearly illustrated in colour, with a quick note-form comment on each. Odd flags, unusual flags, in some cases the history and meaning of individual flags—it's all here, a book full of fascinating information which will whet your appetite for more. The cost appears high; if you look at the book you will realize that it is ridiculously low for what is offered. E.A.W.

Instructions to Young Naturalists—II, Insects, by L. Hugh Newman (Museum Press, 12s. 6d.). What are your reactions when some enthusiastic Guide arrives clutching a jar containing some strange looking crawling creature and greets you with 'Look what I've found, Captain! Isn't he lovely? What is he?' Though delighted at the Guide's interest, you may be unable to share her enthusiasm, and be extremely aware of your own ignorance. If so, you and she should study this book together.

Book Reviews

Mr. Newman says, 'I have not meant this to be a handbook on entomology but simply to awaken your interest in insects and give you the desire to go ahead and find out more about them.' He certainly achieves his object for not only does he give clear descriptions, illustrated with lovely photographs, but he includes the most fascinating bits of information about them. Did you know that grasshoppers have their hearing organs in their front legs, or that bees on their return to the hive perform a dance to tell their friends where honey may be found? I do not think this is only for young naturalists—no one, young or old, could fail to be interested by it. E.C.P.

Plants and Animals of Pond and Stream, by W. J. Prud'Homme Van Reine (John Murray, 12s. 6d.). A companion volume to *Plants and Animals of the Seashore*, this handy guide, translated and adapted by Mona C. Harrison, contains drawings and brief, clear descriptions of over five hundred plants and animals found in and near fresh water. In most cases the illustrations are to scale, but some are misleading in this respect. Some of the birds described are rare vagrants to the British Isles and even then not particularly attracted to water, and one wonders why they have been included. The sections on plant life and amphibious animals are particularly valuable and exhaustive. M. M. H.

Approach to Theatre for Student Producers, by Frances Mackenzie (French, 5s.). As Principal of the British Drama League Training Department, Miss Mackenzie has communicated her own enthusiasm and love of the theatre to countless students at the summer schools and the short full-time course, which she inaugurated, for producers and instructors in amateur drama. Now she has given us this handbook which will not only be a delightful reminder to all those who have benefited by her tuition but is also a most valuable contribution to the advice available for amateur producers.

Miss Mackenzie goes to the heart of the matter in dealing at some length with the elements of a good play and how to recognize what will make 'good theatre.' There are notes on the other elements a producer has at his disposal in bringing a play to life—sound, movement, shape, and colour. There is much wise advice on the management of rehearsals, cast, and the development of the actors. Some of us may be slightly daunted by the long list of attributes required by a producer: running the whole gamut of the alphabet and concluding with talent, tact, and a vocabulary of vivid words! But the author writes with wisdom and humour and is well aware of the problems, both large and small, which beset the amateur producer.

E. P.

Letter from Aden

ONE of the smallest Crown Colonies at the southern end of the Red Sea, on the fringe of the desert, Aden is one of the busiest ports in the world. It is dominated by the famous 'barren rocks' and has a population of 150,000 in an area of approximately 75 square miles. Climatic conditions can be trying but on the whole residents are extremely healthy.

We have an ever increasing number of Guides and Brownies and a Local Association. At present there are five Guide Companies and five Brownie Packs and these are very cosmopolitan as we have so many races living among us. In Centenary year we sent three Guides to the Windsor World Camp.

Among our senior Guides there is purdah and in order to respect the customs of these Moslem girls meetings are held in secluded compounds. Camping activities are restricted. Language is a great barrier to the European Guider but with the help of some of the older girls, who have been taught English and can interpret, we overcome all difficulties. In the last year some of the senior Guides have joined Cadets.

Aden offers many opportunities for the Swimmer's Badge and very few European Guides return to the United Kingdom without winning it. The girls are good at sewing and embroidery although there is no local work of this kind.

BARBARA S. HAMILTON

For the Camp Fire Circle—and Elsewhere

Three Plays by Eileen Peake (Girl Guide Association, 1s. 9d.). These sketches—'The Friendly Way', 'This Paper Age' and 'We Remember B.-P.'—have the supreme virtues of being thoroughly practical, and adaptable to any conditions. They offer first the initial idea and the framework that is needed and they can be expanded to suit the most ambitious tastes or reduced to the resources of any small Company.

The music is skilfully used to suggest mood and atmosphere, especially in the pungent anti-litter sketch, 'This Paper Age', which would make a wonderful camp fire item in the holiday months. (By the way, the old style picnic party could surely be dressed in any period up to 1900?)

'The Friendly Way' is a good answer to the constant demand for a fresh Thinking Day programme, while the last sketch, 'We Remember B.-P.', is inspired in its directness. It brings B.-P. to life as a real person, vital and relevant to the smallest recruit.

Like all Eileen Peake's work, these little plays show integrity and the skill of a practised hand. Only knowledge and experience can make simple things so effective and so workable. They are really play 'kits' on the lines of the 'Do It Yourself' series.

M.C.C.

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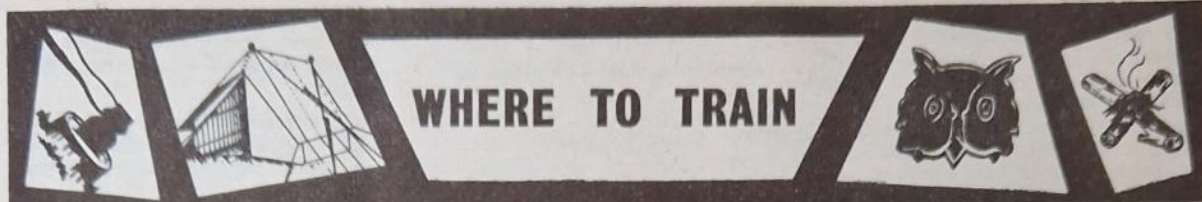
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Fare Bursaries: Assistance will be given to Guiders on a basis of four-fifths of the railway fare in excess of £1.

Angela Thompson Bursaries: These bursaries are available for any Promise and Law Training (not necessarily at the C.H.Q. Training Centres) and are the same value as the Fee Bursary mentioned above.

Guiders wishing to apply for any of the above bursaries should get in touch with their *District Commissioner*, who will obtain 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.

It is regretted that applications for bursaries cannot be considered after the training has taken place.

FOXLEASE Lyndhurst, Hants

August
12-22 Patrol Leaders (*Full*)
26-2 Sept. Guide and Brownie Guiders

September
* 5-15 Holiday period for Guiders and members of the Trefoil Guild and Local Associates (Guiders may bring their mothers)

19-23 Middlesex West
26-30 Oxfordshire

October
3-7 Guide Guiders (Training the Patrol Leader):
Brownie Guiders

10-14 Camp Fire Training
17-21 Guide and Brownie Guiders (Warranted Guiders)

†24-28 Cadet Guiders and Commissioners

31-3 November Hampshire

November
7-11 Guide and Brownie Guiders

14-18 Hertfordshire
21-25 Ranger Guiders (all sections)
28-1 December Guide and Brownie Guiders

WADDOW Clitheroe, Lancs

August
9-16 Lancashire Community Council Drama Committee
23-30 Methodist Youth Fellowship

September
2-9 Guide and Brownie Guiders
12-16 Guide and Brownie Guiders (emphasis on World Guiding)

19-23 Land Ranger Guiders
26-30 Guide and Brownie Guiders

October
3-7 Commissioners (under two years' experience)

10-14 Woodcraft
17-21 Guide and Brownie Guiders
24-28 Guide and Brownie Guiders
31-4 November Guide and Brownie Guiders

November
7-11 Guide and Brownie Guiders (emphasis on preparation for Camp and Pack Holidays)

14-18 Guide and Brownie Guiders
21-25 Camp Fire Training
28-2 December Guide and Brownie Guiders

December
6-7 Yorkshire Central Scouters' Conference

*There will be training sessions at the week-end and opportunities for outdoor activities during the week if required. Booking may be made for the full period or part time.
†Separate trainings. When applying please state for which group.

M.T.B. 630

August
9-16 Guiders (sailing opportunities)†

September
6-13 Guiders
20-27 Guiders and Rangers
For full details of trainings for Rangers see *THE RANGER*.

†The staff for the Guiders' Training, 9th-16th August, are all qualified sailing people, though general boat-work will be available for those who want it. Guiders anxious to obtain sailing experience are advised to apply to attend this training.

Fees: £4. 4s. 0d. per week.

Applications should be made to Miss V. Lees, Lower Radway House, Bishopsteignton, S. Devon, enclosing a booking fee of 14s. and a stamped, addressed envelope.

C.H.Q. TRAININGS

A Handcraft training will be held at C.H.Q. from 24th-26th October. Subjects: Basket Making, Lettering and Poster Work. Further details will be published later.

A Conference will be held for County Extension Secretaries at Commonwealth Headquarters on November 15th and 16th. Further information can be obtained from the Extension Secretary, C.H.Q.

DIPLOMA'D GUIDERS' CONFERENCE

The Conference will be held at the Hayes, Swanwick, Derbyshire, from 10th-14th October, 1958 for all Diploma'd Guiders.

Applications should be made as soon as possible to the Secretary, Commonwealth Training Department.

For further details see the April issue of 'The Trainers' Quarterly News'.

ENGLAND

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

Brownie Guiders: A training for Brown Owls, accompanied by their Tawny Owls, will be held on Saturday, 27th September, from 11.30a.m.-7p.m. Fee: 4s., including tea.

Guiding in the Commonwealth: A training on Guiding in the Commonwealth will be held on Saturday, 4th October, from 11a.m.-7p.m. Fee: 4s., including tea. The training will be of interest to all Guiders and Cadets.

Camp Trainings: A series of Camp trainings for experienced Guiders will be held on Wednesdays, 29th October, 12th and 26th November from 7-9p.m. Fee: 3s for the course. These trainings are planned particularly for experienced campers who may like an opportunity of broadening their knowledge and gleaning fresh ideas. The syllabus will include training through practical camp handcrafts, programme planning, woodcraft and

allied activities, the possibilities of Campfire. A general theme will run through the three trainings and it is hoped that as many Guiders as possible will try to attend all three, although it is realized that this will not be possible for everyone. Further details will be published in the September GUIDER but applications will be accepted now.

Extension Guiders: A training for all Extension Guiders will be held on Saturday, 1st November, from 11a.m.-7p.m. Fee: 2s. 6d. Further details on application to the Secretary, English Training and NOT to the Extension Department.

Cadet Guiders: A training for Cadet Guiders, Commissioners and any Guiders interested in the Cadet Section, will be held at the Manchester Girl Guide Headquarters, Gaddum House, Queen Street, Manchester on Friday, 26th September, from 7-9p.m. and on Saturday, 27th September, from 11a.m.-7p.m. There will be no training fee. For application forms and particulars apply to the Secretary, English Training Department, C.H.Q.

SCOTLAND

Netherurd House, Blyth Bridge, West Linton, Peeblesshire

August
12-19 Patrol Leaders' Woodcraft Camp
26- 2 September Commonwealth and International Week (Edinburgh Festival)

September
12-15 Ayrshire and Bute
19-22 GLASGOW E.N.E. DIVISION
26-29 Guide and Brownie Guiders (places reserved for Clackmannanshire)

October
3- 6 Glasgow N.W. Division
10-13 West Lothian
17-20 Renfrewshire
24-27 Guide and Brownie Guiders (special sessions for new Guiders)
31- 3 November Cadets and Cadet Guiders

November
7-10 Extension Guiders
14-17 Guide and Brownie Guiders
21-24 Promise and Law
28- 1 December Prospective Certificated Trainers

December
5- 8 Camping Conference
12-15 Rangers

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.

WALES

Bronciron, Llandinam, Mont

August
8-12 Closed
12-19 Patrol Leaders
22-24 Closed
28- 1 Sept. Leadership Training (Rangers, Cadets and Young Guiders)

September
5- 7 Closed
10 Trefoil Guild Conference
12 Local Association Conference
19-21 Ranger Guiders (all sections) Open for County Booking (small county)
26-28 General Training (sessions for new Guiders)

October
3- 5 L.E.A. Course
10-12 Closed
14-15 County Commissioners', County Secretaries', and Treasurers' Conference
24-26 General Training
31- 2 Nov. Closed

November
7- 9 New Guiders Commissioners
14-16 Central Glamorgan
21-23 Drama, Camp Fire, and Dancing
28-30 General Training (sessions for new Guiders)

December
5- 7 Open for County Booking
12-14 L.E.A. Course

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. Places will also be kept for Overseas and International visitors.

ULSTER

Lorne, Craigavad, Co. Down

September
12-14 Reunion for Queen's Guides
19-21 Co. Down Scouters' Conference

October
3- 5 Guide Guiders
10-12 Patrol Leaders
17-19 West Division Belfast
24-26 South Division Belfast
31- 2 Nov. Brownie Guiders

November
7- 9 Camp Training
14-16 West Division Belfast
21-23 Pre-warrant
28-30 Ranger

December
5- 7 Pre-warrant

Come to Lorne for your Holidays. The Ulster Guiders' Training Centre is open for holiday bookings during July and August. It is an excellent

centre within easy reach of the sea, country and town. For further details see June GUIDER.

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

Applications for Training at Foxlease, Waddow, Netherurd, Bronciron and Lorne. All applications should be made to the Training Centre concerned. Such applications must be accompanied by a deposit of 7s. 6d. (in the case of Netherurd 5s.) and a stamped, addressed envelope. Please state in original application whether you are a Guide or Brownie Guider.

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Shared room per night	12s. 6d.
per week	£3 15s. 0d.
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per week	£4 7s. 0d.
Single room per night	16s. 6d.
per week	£5 0s. 0d.

CAMPING AND HOLIDAYS

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

Hindleap Warren, Forest Row, East Grinstead: Details of these unequipped sites (solid shelter available) from Miss Swan, Ballards, Forest Row, Sussex.

Pack Holiday House, Waddow: Applications should be made to the Secretary, Waddow Hall. They must be accompanied by a written recommendation from the Guider's C.A.

Foxlease and Waddow Campsites: For details see February GUIDER. (Foxlease campsites are now fully booked.)

The Guide Club

For the remainder of the year the subscription is £2 2s. instead of £4 4s., with an entrance fee of £2 2s. The Club offers many facilities, including inexpensive meals, writing room, drawing rooms, television, washing and ironing rooms, comfortable beds. Membership open to all with a present or past connection with Guide Movement throughout the world. Full details from the Secretary, The Guide Club, 46 Belgrave Square, London, S.W.1.

The Guiders' Postbag

Hill Climbing Precautions

I am concerned that the many Guiders, Cadets and Rangers who may be spending a summer holiday in the Lake District or other hill area should enjoy the hills to the full without running unnecessary risks or giving other people undue trouble. May I offer some advice for those who are not used to hills?

1. Be well shod. Boots are best but nothing less than sensible shoes should be worn. Soles, either nailed or ridged rubber, will give a firm foothold. Leather slips on grass, and crepe or smooth rubber when wet.
2. Always carry spare warm clothing. It will be cold on top.
3. Take extra food in case you are delayed.
4. Have a map and compass and know how to use them.
5. Tell someone where you are going.
6. Remember a simple walk home can become a serious expedition in a storm. Watch the weather and be wise.
7. If you want to do rock climbing go with an experienced climber. There are various climbing schools and climbing clubs, though not all clubs will teach beginners. It is also possible in some places to hire a mountain guide.
8. Never climb alone.

If these simple rules are followed I am sure some of the unnecessary accidents will be avoided.

MARJORIE COBHAM (Ladies' Alpine Club)

Sam and Evelyn

The many Brownies, Guides, Rangers and Guiders who sent donations as a Coronation Tribute for Guide Dogs for the blind will be delighted to know that Evelyn Searle, who is now a member of the Devon Trefoil Guild, has a firm friend in Sam, the dog presented to her by members of the Movement. Every day Sam and Evelyn go for walks from the farm at Umberleigh, Devon, where Evelyn lives with her sister and she often does the shopping in the village two miles away. Her sister writes that Evelyn still talks of the memorable day when she came to London as one of the chosen representatives to take the Tribute Cards to Buckingham Palace for H.M. The Queen.

Through Sam, Evelyn is now independent and able



'Odd, how well they sleep on wet nights, isn't it?'

to go where she chooses. Please remember that there are many other blind people waiting for a 'seeing eye' and that the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, 81 Piccadilly, W.1. are very grateful for donations, big or small.

VERA ARMSTRONG

County Purpose Day

Having recently acquired a camp site and Pack Holiday House in our County, the funds were very depleted and it was obvious that we should need to have a money raising effort of some sort. So we decided to have a Purpose Day when everyone in the Guide Movement worked for money on that day. I was indebted to Miss Jackson, of Derbyshire, for the idea and information, as her County had done the same thing last year with great success.

The scheme took very little work beforehand and cost very little—the only outlay being printing of bills and job cards. The Commissioners approved of the scheme in the winter and about Easter we had everything ready. We had some large notices and many thousand handbills and job cards and a stencilled letter for the Guiders and Trefoil Guild and Local Association members. The letters were sent out some time before, and later the handbills, and then the job cards. The point we emphasized most of all, was that the handbills should be distributed to parents, relatives and friends—not a door to door distribution, although, I am afraid in some cases owing to the enthusiasm of the Guides and Brownies, this did happen.

The jobs done were numerous and the result of our effort amazed us all—£2,070, and best of all the Guides and Brownies enjoyed it enormously—much more rewarding than the ever recurring bazaar. We do not intend to make this an annual event but will only repeat it when necessary.

Perhaps this information may be of interest to other Counties in need of money.

BARBARA ARMSTRONG [County Commissioner, Northumberland]

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The Annual General Meeting

The Hon. Treasurer's Report

IN presenting the 1957 Accounts to you I propose to follow the example set by my predecessor, and to take you through the principal items.

If you will turn to Page 25 of the *Annual Report*, you will see set out our Equipment and Periodicals Account for the year. This gives the complete picture of the trading activities of the Association as well as the production and the sale of our Periodicals. On the right-hand side at the top is the total of our sales of equipment, literature and badges, which amounted to no less than £338,889 compared with £267,477 for 1956. This record total, over £70,000 more than in 1956, is undoubtedly due to a great extent to our Centenary activities. While we do look forward each year to an increase in our sales, an increase which is usually in proportion to any increase in our membership, we cannot, in a normal year, expect the increase to be as great as this, and for 1958 we have estimated that our total sales will be in the region of £305,000.

Below the figure for total sales you will see the net profit made on our Periodicals which, in spite of increased costs, shows the very satisfactory figure of £964. On the other side of the Account we show the cost of the goods sold—£246,386, to which must be added the overhead expenses of running our shops, amounting to £69,320.

The expenses show a substantial increase compared with 1956 due, in part, to the inclusion of the cost of a new branch shop at Newcastle, and to a substantial increase in our basic rate of wages and salaries which were very necessary to bring our scales into line with those of comparable organizations. In passing, I might say that we were very glad to be able to do this for our staff. After taking these costs from our total sales and profit on Periodicals, we are left with a very satisfactory profit of £24,147 to carry forward to our Revenue Account which is set out immediately below. Here, on the right-hand side, you will find, in addition to this figure of £24,147, our income from investments amounting to £4,596 and £31,384 received from membership contributions under the Finance Scheme.

On the other side of the Account are set out the costs of the general administration and maintenance of Commonwealth Headquarters, including such items as rent, rates, lighting and heating and repairs, but not including the cost of the various Departments which give service to the Movement, which are dealt with in the Revenue Appropriation Account to which I will be referring later.

You will see that administrative costs have risen slightly in comparison with 1956, but this was no more than was expected. It is satisfactory to see that the cost of general repairs, maintenance and cleaning has hardly changed.

After taking these administrative costs from the total of income from our Equipment Dept. and other sources, we are left with a balance of £36,012 to carry forward to the right-hand side of our Revenue Appropriation Account, which you will find set out on page 26. On the left-hand side of this Account we show the costs of the various Departments serving the Movement, of Training, and other special expenditure and grants. You will find the total expenditure was £35,582 compared with £29,319 for 1956. This is due mainly to the general increase in salaries and wages which I have mentioned before and which, of course, applied to all Departments, and to additional staff temporarily engaged to cope with the extra work of Centenary Year. After taking all these from the balance brought forward from the Revenue Account we are left with a surplus of £430 on the year's work. I think you will agree that this is

a very satisfactory outcome for a year of great activity when it was particularly difficult to forecast our income and expenditure with great precision, and at this point I would like to pay a tribute to the work of Commander Brickdale and the members of his Finance Department as well as to Miss Nicoll and the work of her Trading Department.

If you will now turn to the left-hand side of the balance sheet, set out on page 24, you will see our liabilities. After deducting a small deficit on the realization of a holding in a company which went into liquidation, we have added the surplus of £430 to our Accumulated Fund, which now amounts to £214,304. Donations received during the year total £6,643, and include money still being received under covenants given for our Endowment Fund, and this, together with some small legacies, has been carried to our Endowment Fund, bringing the total of this Fund to £82,382, compared with £75,298 in the previous year.

Our other Reserves which you will see set out below remain unchanged. In this connection I might mention that the recent alteration in purchase tax will cost us in the region of £1,000, but thanks to the existence of the Reserve for this purpose, we can face this with equanimity.

Below these Reserves you will see the amount of our Creditors and Payments Received in Advance, which is slightly smaller than the corresponding figure in 1956, and our Bank overdraft of £21,762. I will say more about this in a moment.

You will find on the right-hand side our various assets.

The figures for land and buildings, leasehold property and furniture and fittings, show little change on the year.

The book value of our investments shows little change, but I must point out to you the sad fall in their market value which, at the end of the year was £100,359 which, as you will see, is some £18,000 less than the book value of £118,353, and I regret to report that this is also some £7,000 lower than it was in 1956. Fortunately, however, our Gilt Edged securities have risen somewhat in value since the date of the balance sheet, and almost all our investments are in dated Stocks which will eventually be redeemable at par. There should be no fear, therefore, of our suffering a loss on these over a long-term period, since their cost was substantially below par.

Below the figure for investments you will see mentioned the £9,000 loan to the Guide Club, against which is being set off and invested an annual sum towards its redemption. This is now represented by £3,942 invested.

Next to this we come to an important item, our Stock-in-Trade amounting to £103,666. You will see that this is over £21,000 more than at the end of 1956. This Stock has been carefully investigated and we are quite satisfied that all obsolescent goods have been fully written off. The stock is large because it was difficult to foresee precisely what demand we would have to meet during Centenary Year, and as you have already seen the total sales were £70,000 greater than in the previous year, which necessitated carrying a larger stock.

The next item you will see on the Balance Sheet is £46,545 for Debtors, Accrued Interest and Payments in Advance. This figure includes the amounts owing by all our current customers who have ledger accounts with our Equipment Department, and this increase, compared with 1956, is due to the increased volume of business. The item for Cash in Hand immediately below this merely represents the current cash in process of being banked.

Following these items you will find a summary of the

assets and liabilities of the Special Funds. These show little change on the year and do not, I think, call for any special comments, although I should perhaps point out to you that the investments shown at cost at £155,191 are, in fact, worth only £120,909, but the same conditions as applied to the General Fund obtain also in this case, and there is no need for special anxiety. You will also notice that the Special Funds have a large cash balance of nearly £25,000, and so although we showed an overdraft in the General Account, we are just about in balance vis-a-vis our bankers, and we have not suffered any Bank interest charges during the year.

Reviewing the accounts as a whole, I think that the most striking point is the extent to which we must depend upon the sales of our Shops to balance our income with expenditure and to meet increased costs. While we do receive some increase in our income from Membership Contributions, corresponding with the rise in Membership, this is a relatively inflexible source of income, and it is upon the increased sales of our equipment and periodicals that we must depend to meet

increased expenditure.

We are giving our most careful attention to this problem and are investigating every possible way in which we can place the goods from our Shops within reach of our members. We realize that not only is it sometimes inconvenient to order by post but it is also much more interesting to be able to select the goods at a shop where there is a choice displayed. We have asked Commissioners to let us know what facilities exist in their neighbourhood to buy our branded goods, and I must here remind you that all goods supplied by Headquarters are marked with our label. Where no facilities exist we are trying to arrange for Agents but these Agents are not compelled to stock only goods supplied by ourselves. The members of the Movement can help to a very great extent by asking to see the label and insisting on purchasing goods supplied by us. It is obviously only a matter of common sense that it is far better to buy goods from us, where a proportion of the profit goes back to our own Movement, than it is to buy goods supplied from other sources.



What does 'L' Stand for?

SCHOOL holidays had come round again—and the County rally. The 2nd Blank Company, getting ready for their display, suddenly pounced on Lieutenant to ask what a trefoil with an 'L' meant which another Guide was wearing. Lieutenant was new and didn't know, nor did Captain, but she volunteered to ask the District Commissioner at the next opportunity.

'I'm glad you've asked because last time I saw the 2nd Blanks there seemed to be several Guides who might soon be leaving to start work and perhaps couldn't get time immediately to join Rangers. Do try to persuade them for the time being to keep in touch with Guiding by joining the Lone Section. They'll only have one monthly letter to cope with, which will give them plenty of training and suggestions for things they can do on their own—and if the Lone Captain doesn't live near enough she will still be glad of your help with testing. There are Lone Rangers, too, Land, Sea and Air. These are usually County Companies. Very often Lone Rangers can join a Ranger Adventure Camp for part of their holidays.'

At the next meeting of the 2nd Blanks Captain explained all about Lones and asked if any of the Guides had cousins or friends living on remote farms or at boarding schools where it wasn't possible to join a Guide Company. At least six of them were eager to pass on the good news about Lones.

Did you know all about Lones and have you told your Company about them? Look at *P.O.R.*, page 102. And remember to invite any Lones in your area to meetings in the holidays or to camp.

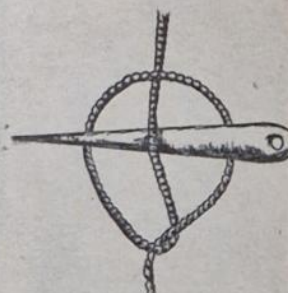
MARGARET NEWCOMB
(Captain, Lone S.R.S. Druid)

How to make Rope Ladders

1. Get two fairly long ropes of equal lengths. Leave enough to fasten over the branch. In the left hand rope make a **man harness hitch**; the hitch when made should be at least six inches long.

Take the right hand rope and make a **sheet bend** into the loop of the man harness hitch, then make a man harness hitch in the right hand rope; this hitch will have to be made either left handed or else by the maker facing the other way so that the loop when made faces the same way as the other loop. Into this loop make a sheet bend with the left hand rope and so on until you have made the length of ladder you require.

2. Get either one fairly long rope or else two shorter ones, and the number of rungs you require. (Do not have the rungs too short). At each end of the rung make a **marline spike hitch**, but be sure that the rung rests on the twisted bit of the hitch; if the rung rests on the other part of the hitch it simply becomes a loop out of which the rung will slip.



A Marline spike Hitch

Rope ladders with rungs can be made with **clove hitches**, but if they are in use for the whole time in camp the clove hitches jam and are very difficult to undo.

Both **Man harness hitch** and **marline spike hitch** are very well illustrated in *Gilcraft's Knotting*.

The **Man harness hitch** is also in *More Knots for Scouts*, and the **Marline spike hitch** in the *Girl Guide Book of Knots*.

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Headquarters Notices

AWARDS

The Oak Leaf: A new medal, the Oak Leaf, is replacing the Certificate of Merit for Good Service, and, as some readers may have noticed, this title is already being used for awards of this class although the medal itself is not yet in stock.

The Certificate of Merit is being retained for Gallantry and Fortitude as at present.

Training

Brownie Diploma: Miss A. J. F. French—Fife

Guide Diploma: Miss M. Brimelow—Cheshire

Amendment

Guide Diploma: Miss B. Ryrie, Hampshire, not Dorset

IN MEMORIAM

(Miss Mabel Williams died on 18th June, after a long illness.)

It is just three years since a small party gathered at Guide Headquarters to have lunch with Mabel Williams, to offer her our heart-felt congratulations, and to speed her on her way to Buckingham Palace, where she was to receive from the Queen the M.B.E. which, to the great joy of her friends, had been awarded to her for her Guide work among mentally handicapped girls.

It was in January, 1948, that Mabel Williams was appointed Assistant Commissioner for the M.D. Group of the Extension Section. On her devolved the work of planning the future of this group so that the girls of high mental grade living in M.D. Hospitals should be able to join the Guide Movement, be able to benefit from the training and fellowship with other Guides within and outside their hospitals, and in their turn make a contribution to Guiding and to the service of the community in the same way as other Guides and Rangers.

Her vision was clear, founded on knowledge and understanding and illumined by faith; her judgement was sound, never lacking in kindness but never perverted by sentimentality. Her personality was vital yet serene and gave confidence to those who turned to her for advice or help. Her influence was strong, felt and acknowledged both in the Guide Movement and by workers in the field of mental health.

Mabel Williams' work at Calderstones M.D. Hospital continued for thirty-one years and the love and respect in which she was held was deep and true. She was a J.P., sitting regularly on the Bench at Clitheroe and Preston, and this year was appointed Deputy Chairman of the Clitheroe Bench.

The first Guider's warrant which Mabel held was as a Lieutenant in the 4th Eccles Company and was dated 21st November 1923. Her record of Guide Service, as Guider, C.R.A., District Commissioner, and Assistant Extension Adviser was never broken. Her work lives on. She was loved by many and her friends are enriched because of her.

M.G.H.

Miss Marguerite de Beaumont writes of her friend in Guiding, Miss Sylvia Pratt, of Great Bedwyn, Wiltshire, who died on 28th June, 'She was undoubtedly a true Guide in every sense of the word, and I

should like to pay tribute to her.' Miss Pratt first held a warrant in 1922 as Captain of the 3rd Richmond Company, and from then until 1947 held appointments as Guide and Ranger Captain and Brown Owl in North Sheen, Twickenham and later, Great Bedwyn. Her high spirits and her keen sense of humour made her welcome wherever she went, and although ill-health came her way, and she had to give up many of her activities, she never lost her interest or her cheerfulness. 'A merry heart goes all the way', and 'Prattie's' (as she was affectionately known to everyone) without doubt, went right to the end of her journey.

NOTICE BOARD

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award for Girls

About seventy Land Ranger Companies have now been accepted to work for the award for the first experimental year. Many local authorities, youth clubs, schools, firms and voluntary organizations will be starting in September when the pilot scheme is to commence.

Cadet and Ranger Programme

A non-residential Promise and Law Training, for Rangers and Cadets only, will be held at Commonwealth Headquarters on Saturday, 22nd November from 2.30 p.m.—9.0 p.m. and on Sunday, 23rd November from 2.0 p.m.—4.0 p.m. The cost for the weekend, including meals, will be 5s. For full information apply to the Ranger Branch Secretary, C.H.Q.

May we Introduce

A short series of talks have been arranged in the 'May we Introduce' series for October and November, 1958. These will take place on Thursday evenings at Commonwealth Headquarters at 7.30 p.m. and the subjects will include *CHARM*, *MUSIC*, *SPAIN IN 3-D*, and possibly *ATOMIC NEWS*. Keep the dates and times and watch *THE RANGER* for further news.

Ki-Ro Training: There will be a Ki-Ro Training for Catholic Guide and Brownie Guiders at St. Mary's Schools, Derby, on Saturday, 27th, September and Sunday, 28th, September. Enquiries to Miss M. Quinn, Rosarie, 323, Osnaeston Park Road, Derby.

Cheap matinée seats: 'Windjammer', a highly recommended film, especially for Sea Ranger Crews, is showing at the Cinemiracle Theatre, Odeon, Tottenham Court Road, W.1. (near Warren Street underground station). Application forms for cheap matinée seats on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 2s. 6d. (normal price 5s. to 15s.) are available from Sea Ranger Coxswains in London and the home counties, or from Branches Dept., C.H.Q. There is no minimum number for parties, but the film begins at 2.30 p.m., orchestra 1.45 p.m.

Scooters and Mopeds by I. R. Hingston (Iliffe, 7s. 6d.). Do you ride a scooter or a moped? If so, then this book is a must. I wish I had read it before learning to ride my own scooter. It tells you clearly and concisely everything you need to know about your machine, and includes over sixty diagrams. P.L.

Classified Advertisements

The Girl Guides Association takes no responsibility for statements contained in any advertisement, nor for any subsequent correspondence in connection therewith. The right is also reserved to refuse any advertisement not considered suitable. Advertisements for the sale of clothing (except uniform) cannot be accepted. Charge 2s. per line, Personal; 4s. per line, Trade; Box No. 2s. (for members of the Movement, 1s. 6d.). Advertisements must be received by the 1st of the month for insertion in the next issue.

EMPLOYMENT OFFERED

United Ipswich Hospitals Training School for Nurses.—

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

Are You Wanted? Yes, you are urgently, if you are interested in unmarried mothers and their babies, and you are a nursery or any other kind of nurse. Even more so if you have a friend who shares your interest and can cook. Will you both apply for particulars to Miss Gross, 23, Ferndale Road, Woking, Surrey?

House Matron for Mother and Baby Home, preferably C. of E., aged 25-40, valuable experience in social work, good salary offered, apply Superintendent, the Grange, Wilshire, Blackburn.

Mother's help wanted urgently. Modern house in country near Fordingbridge, 2 children, 3 years and 11 months. Write to Mrs. W. B. M. Drake, c/o Miss Hacon, Homestead, Dawlish, Devon.

St. Hilda's East, Bethnal Green. There is a vacancy for a resident assistant to the Warden of the above Settlement. The post will combine some secretarial duties with general social work in the area. Salary according to experience. Apply to the Warden, 3 Old Nichol Street, Bethnal Green, E.2.

Assistant Matron required September Girl's day School, Sussex. 30 boarders, Guider welcomed. Box No. 952.

Assistant, staff of two, wanted for Anglican Home for girls, near Ashford, Kent. Eleven beds, two cots. Cooking essential. Post might suit widow. Salary scale. Apply Organizing Secretary, Diocesan House, Canterbury.

Oakwood Hospital, Maidstone; Enquiries are invited from girls between 16 and 18 years of age who are interested in nursing as a career with a view to enrolment as Pre-Nursing Cadets at the above hospital. Cadets will work in the departments and not in the wards. Full particulars of the scheme and training course, together with rates of pay etc., may be obtained from the Matron.

The Prince of Wales's General Hospital, London, N.15 (300 beds) Applications are invited from well-educated young girls aged 18 to 30 years for training. The hospital was originally the Evangelical Protestant Deaconesses' Institute, founded to train nurses for work in the mission field. This connection with the mission field still continues, as the training is peculiarly suited to girls with such a vocation. Schools commence January, April, July and October each year. Eleven weeks in Preliminary Training School before entry to the wards. Training allowance commencing at £273 p.a. Nurses on the supplementary registers are accepted for a reduced period of training. A brochure with application form may be obtained from the Matron.

Assistant Warden (resident) Bristol Shelter for women and girls—average number 15. Would consider respon-

sible applicant with child under 5 years. Good accommodation and working conditions. Apply Mrs. Eliot Trapnell, 6 Norland Road, Clifton, Bristol 8, giving age, references and full details of experience.

HEADQUARTERS VACANCIES

Membership of the Movement is always an advantage to applicants for posts at Headquarters. For salary scales see **THE GUIDER** for July. Pension fund for those over 25. Restaurant concessions. All applications should be made to the Department Secretary in writing, giving full details of age and experience.

General Secretary:—Will shortly require Personal Assistant, experienced in office organization. Commencing salary from £450 according to age and experience. Applications to the General Secretary.

Overseas Department:—Applications are invited for an interesting appointment falling vacant in September as Assistant Secretary in the Overseas Department, with particular responsibility for hospitality to visitors from overseas. Qualifications: Interest in people of the Commonwealth, office experience and typing. Age not exceeding 35 years. Salary £432—£500, according to qualifications. Applications to the Secretary, Overseas Department, giving full details of age, and both Guide and business experience.

Finance Department:—Experienced shorthand/typist, good speeds and used to figure work. Part-time (10-4.30.) considered.

Experienced Senior Clerk with knowledge of book-keeping.

General Clerk, preferably between 18 and 25 years of age.

Registrations Department:—Clerk required for accurate and careful record keeping.

Equipment Offices:—Shorthand/typist, experienced, to work for two buyers.

Stock Control Office:—Clerk/typist. Responsible post for an experienced typist with an aptitude for figures.

Mail Order Department (Export Section):—Invoice typist. Experienced and able to do own calculations and extensions, and with knowledge of export documentation.

Mail Order Department:—Invoice typists able to do own calculations.

Invoice copy typist (no calculations).

Invoice clerk with aptitude for figures but no typing needed.

Foxlease:—A post with good working conditions in pleasant surroundings is offered to a young active Guider with experience and/or training in homecraft. Salary according to experience. Full particulars from the Guider in Charge, Foxlease, Lyndhurst, Hants.

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Blakedene, Lilliput, Dorset.—Easy reach Dorset coast. Brochure.—Rosamond Douglas and Janet Foster.

12 Hans Road, Knightsbridge, London, S.W.3 (KENSington 5951). Ideally situated for sightseeing and shopping. Comfortable rooms (some with private baths) and breakfast. Guests welcome for long or short periods.—Further particulars from Miss Adeline Willis.

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HOLIDAYS AND CAMPING

Beaumaris, Isle of Anglesey, for delightful summer and autumn holidays. Good centre for sightseeing and walking amidst beautiful scenery. Supper, bed and breakfast in comfortable Guest House run by Guider.—Apply Miss B. G. Bowen, Plas Hyfryd.

Holiday in Guider's home—garden, sea and Downs. Moderate terms.—Apply Miss Lovegrove, 1 Peverel Road, Worthing, Sussex. Phone Worthing 6490.

Dartmoor—Furnished flat: bathroom, electricity. Summer 3½ to 5 gns. weekly, winter 35s. Miss Earle, Manaton (Tel. 224), Devon.

London—Holiday Parties up to 20. Bed and breakfast in students' Hostel 16th—30th August. The Heath, 2 Holford Road, London, N.W.3. (4 minutes from Tube.)

Up to three guests welcome from 1st September for a few days, 10s. 6d. per night—bed and breakfast, h. and c. Close to sea, Folkestone West. Box No. 951.

Lifesaver wanted Guide camp South Devon, 12th—20th August, expenses paid. Miss Clark, 71 Sussex Road, Maidstone, Kent.

FOR SALE

Advertising Pencils, Brushes, Combs.—Raise funds quickly, easily. Samples.—Price List from Northern Novelties, Bradford 2.

250 Scent Cards, 18s. 6d.; 1,000, 52s. 6d. Concert tickets, 250, 12s. 6d. Memos, posters, samples free.—'G' Tices, 11 Oaklands Grove, Shepherds Bush, W.12.

Girl Guide and Brownie Pencils for Fund Raising. Top grade H.B. black lead pencils in eight attractive colours, printed with your Company details and Official badge (by permission). Buy from the actual producers at wholesale prices. Samples and a complete list of Fund-raising Novelties sent on request.—Airedale Press, Ltd., P.O. Box 60, Bradford.

Brownie Overalls. Six 27 in. very good condition, 8s. 6d. each plus postage. Also two small berets, new. Miss Longsdon, Brancaster Staithe, King's Lynn, Norfolk.

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Wilson Creek Camp, Vancouver

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adding Brownie Cottages to their sites; certainly Vancouver Brownies are very lucky to be able to take their holidays where there are beaches to play on, safe bathing, and woods to explore.

The only other people in camp at the beginning of our weekend were a working party of Rangers and Guiders sleeping in the Brownie 'Hide-Away'. I was interested to find that in our small party there was an English Ranger from Birmingham, a New Zealand Ranger from Auckland, and a Dutch Guider from Indonesia. We found plenty of songs in common and our camp fire was enlivened by a seal which swam and splashed a little way out to sea.

The next day was a glorious one and the 'invasion' for the opening of the campsite for Burnaby (a suburb of Greater Vancouver) began while we were swimming—Guides, Brownies, their Guiders, Commissioners, Mums, Dads, L.A. Members, and other friends and well-wishers. They explored the camp, paddled and bathed, picnicked, and enjoyed themselves generally in the warm sunshine.

The ceremonies started by Guides and Brownies marching on to the site where the visitors had already assembled to a march played by the Salvation Army Guides. There were prayers, hymns, and several speakers, and then a Colour Party of Rangers broke the Flag for the first time on the magnificent flagpole and after 'God Save the Queen' had been sung, the site was declared open.

Citizens Association Prepare Camp Site

I was interested to hear that a great deal of the work on this site had been done by the Burnaby Citizens' Association. Many of the men had spent weekends at the camp working voluntarily at clearing the land, building the huts, and L.A. members had spent the weekend in camp cooking their meals—an admirable interchange of service!

As we crossed the Sound by ferry that evening I thought how lucky these Brownies and Guides were to have such a lovely camping site—but I also thought, nostalgically, of the fun it is to arrive at a field in England and turn it into a home in several hours, and to depart after a week of happy and adventurous camping leaving 'nothing but our thanks'.

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