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Comments of the Month

Can you do the Twist? Are you one of the Guiders or Commissioners who have to bring every small problem up before the nearest committee or are you up-to-date enough to know how Guiding can be adapted to suit the modern girl without altering the letter of the law? In short, have you initiative or do you pass the buck?

GRACE A. McBride
[Training Adviser for Ulster]

How often do we hear: 'I could never do all that Miss Blank does.'

Do we, perhaps, fail to delegate jobs or use all help that is available and undertake too many ourselves? If we do, it surely makes the finding of a successor in a particular job well nigh impossible.

SUSAN COLTMAN
[County Commissioner, Lincolnshire South]

B.-P. always hoped that every Guide would have a chance to go to camp. Even if we had enough licenced Guiders to take every Guide would it be true to say that all camps really are fun or that every Guide would want to go?

Is camping a priority activity in our Companies? Could our camps be more exciting, more adventurous, not forgetting that finding a glow-worm or watching the sunrise can be just as thrilling as crossing a home-made monkey bridge.

S. M. CANADINE
[County Commissioner, Gloucestershire]

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Silly, senseless, unnecessary restrictions imposed by some adults to curb, control, train the young have no place in the Guide programme, whether they be connected with camping and gaining camp qualifications, Senior Branch and mixed Scout/ Guide activities, the wearing of uniform or the testing of proficiency badges.

Have you any 'restrictive red tape' in your County, Division, District, Pack, Company?

JOAN TAINSH [Duke of Edinburgh's Award Adviser, Wales]

I must have been about 13 when my sister was a Brown Owl and had her Brownie Pack in Covent Garden. I used to stand in awe as she left the house, spick and span, with shining, big, brown gauntlet gloves, large brimmed hat, turned up at the side, and what seemed to be a vast amount of impedimenta hanging from the belt round her waist. I always remember the evening she returned from a meeting and told the family how the brother

of one of her darling little Brownies had thrown a jellied eel at her as she rounded the corner and how the eel had become lodged on the brim of her hat! I often wonder if this is why most Guiders now wear hats without a brim?

CHARLES MACLEAN [Chief Scout]

In our training of Brownies, Guides and Senior Branch members do we lay enough importance on courtesy?

A little courtesy is one of the best ambassadors the Guide Movement can have. The present day girl is shy of the word. Is it not for us to point out to her it is not dead?

HELEN TOMKINSON [County Commissioner, Surrey East]

In the Senior Branch we are told to use our discretion about the wearing of uniform. I heard recently of a Ranger Unit, on holiday in Switzerland, climbing a mountain in complete uniform, and of a Sea Ranger Crew, camping close to the sea. all arriving for a swim wearing Sea Ranger caps. This lack of discretion makes the Movement look silly in the eyes of the public and I am sure Senior Branch members think it most unreasonable.

M. Collins
[Sea Ranger Adviser for England]

As the Chief Guide's visit approaches more and more Queen's Guide Badges are applied for! Each represents a lot of work by the many people involved (often people outside the Movement). It is worth while? Part of the answer lies in the records of service, many of which indicate that the service begun for the badge has not stopped with its attainment and has been of a very high standard.

Just a thought: how vital is service to the success of all our Guiding?

JANET M. MEIKLE [Guide Adviser, Scotland]

CHRISTMAS CLOSING, 1962

The C.H.Q. offices and the shop will close on Friday evening, 21st December, and reopen at the usual times on Thursday, 27th December.

The C.H.Q. shop will remain open until 6.30 p.m. on the two Thursday evenings, December 6th and December 13th.

England's Senior Branch Rally

The English Senior Branch Rally, held in London on 3rd, 4th and 5th of November, was honoured by the presence of H.R.H. Princess Margaret and H.R.H. The Princess Royal. Princess Margaret, with Lord Snowdon, attended the performance of 'The Flame' at the Albert Hall on Monday evening and other guests included the Lord Mayor of London

and the Lady Mayoress.

Our President, H.R.H. The Princess Royal, was the guest of honour at 'The Flame' on Saturday afternoon and she also took the salute on Sunday, from the Prince Consort Steps, at the March Past of 5,000 members of the Senior Branch, and attended the service in the Royal Albert Hall. At the saluting base were the Chief Guide, the Chief Commissioner for England, the Chief Scout, and the Mayor of Westminster and the Lady Mayoress. Four hundred and ninety Units from sixty-six counties were represented in the March Past. The column was headed by the World Flag and the flag of St. George. The Band of the Coldstream Guards played for the March Past and also at the service in the Royal Albert Hall. Lt. Col. Douglas Pope, the conductor, congratulated the 2nd Mortlake (B.-P.) Scout Band which played at the assembly point.

The service in the Royal Albert Hall was conducted by the Rev. Guy Stanford, Minister of Askew Road Methodist Church, London, and the address was given by the Bishop of Guildford, the Rt. Rev. George E. Reindorp. There were so many applications for the Royal Albert Hall service that another service for over six hundred Rangers, Cadets and Commissioners, conducted by the Rev. D. W. Cleverley Ford, was held in the Parish Church of Holy Trinity with All Saints. This was attended by the Hon. Edith Hazlerigg, Deputy Chief Commissioner for England, Mrs. Allan Laing, Senior Branch Adviser, C.H.Q., and Mrs. Kenneth Nichols, Vice-Chairman of the

Organising Committee.



H.R.H. The Princess Royal, accompanied by The Hon. Beryl Cozens-Hardy, arrives for the service on Sunday afternoon

A service for Roman Catholic members of the Senior Branch was held at the Brompton Oratory where the preacher was the Rev. M. S. Napier. Here Mrs. Parker-Bowles, Deputy Chief Commissioner for the Commonwealth, represented the Chief Commissioner for England.

The collection at the services amounted to £310 which was given to the Freedom from Hunger Campaign to buy milk cans for a milk processing plant.

Five hundred Land, Sea, and Air Rangers and Cadets took part in three performances of 'The Flame', devised by Mrs. F. Goodwin, produced by Miss Mary Jackson and directed by Mr. John Terry. Based on the desire of young people to give service, the spectators were shown how this was carried out by a series of mimes, dances and spot-lit tableaux.

The entertainments of Saturday afternoon and evening and on Monday evening in the Royal Albert Hall were in two parts. At the opening, the vast arena was empty

The 'cool cats' with their rhythmic and colourful movements were most impressive



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but for a huge trefoil traced on the ground as the procession of standard bearers and their escorts appeared from many entrances. Slowly and with dignity, the richly hued Standards of the guests of honour and the counties of England formed a mosaic of colour which gradually faded as they were carried off again.

All this time there had been a background of 'Guide blue' in the choir as its members, in open necked, short sleeved dresses, waited for Miss Daphne Bird to come down from the organ to conduct the camp-fire singing. Choir and audience joined in such favourites as 'Greensleeves', 'If You're Happy', 'The Rain Song', 'Kum Bah Yah', 'Rio Grande', 'Swing Low' and, at the special request of the Chief Guide on Saturday evening, 'Why Shouldn't My Goose?', ending each time with 'Jubilate Deo'.

with 'Jubilate Deo'.

'The Flame' opened with four
Guides on a hike discussing whether or not it would
be worth while going on to the Senior Branch. As they
sat round their fire they heard a voice, the flame of the
love of mankind, telling them that in the Senior
Branch there would be many opportunities to carry
the Promise out into a wider world.

Wondering, they saw spot-lit various activities climbing, child welfare, canoeing, farming, fire-rescue, motor cycle maintenance and parachute repairing among others.

Jill, Jenny, Jackie and Joan did join the Land, Sea, Air and Cadet sections of the Senior Branch and we watched them helping with a Brownie Pack, knitting squares for refugees and helping to clear a bombed site to make it into a playground for children.



The Chief Guide greets the vast audience in the Albert Hall. On her right is Lady Burnham, Chairman of the Rally Committee



H.R.H. The Princess Margaret, with the Chief Commissioner for England, walks through the Guard of Honour drawn from six counties

Few spectators will forget the colourful and dramatic grouping on that bomb site or the graceful, sinuous rhythms of the 'Cool Cats' dance-movement.

The four girls' sphere of interest widened and they go abroad; international friendship was portrayed through all the airport bustle and excitement as Guide and Girl Scout parties arrived and departed. Finally, the three Rangers and the Cadet were seen serving a community in a distant part of Europe as 'The Flame' ended with a gay, whirling dance of villagers and girls as the voice of 'The Flame' reminded them that all service is service to God.



Rock climbing—one of the Senior Branch activities in 'The Flame' watched by the girls just leaving Guides

Extracts from the address by the Bishop of Guildford, the Rt. Rev. George E. Reindorp, at the English Senior Branch Rally Service in the Albert Hall

'Tell the Truth and Know the Facts'

IT was market day in a country town and everything

was bustle and excitement.

On my side of the square was the pot and pan stall, the second-hand clothes stall and the fruit stall. The man at the pot and pan stall was clanging and whistling as he had done for thirty-six years. The woman on the second-hand clothes stall was putting all those clothes which the moth had most recently attended further out of sight and all the other ones nearer the customers; and the fruit stall man was polishing up the Canadian apples in the hope that they would look like English apples.

It was, in fact, market day in an English country town. Suddenly from the other side of the market square came a little old man. He was very short. He was covered in cobwebs. He had bright blue eyes and on his back he had a stool. He found a little part of the square where nobody was. He took down his stool, sat on it, lowered his head, closed his eyes and

went to sleep.

The news of this got round and soon there came along one of those women who, having no business of her own to mind, spent her time minding other people's. She tapped the old man on the shoulder and said; 'Well, my man, what are you selling?' 'Dreams', said the little old man. 'Greens?' She walked away touching her head because, of course. she was one of those women who never said anything against anybody: and so she spent the rest of the morning telling everybody about it. It got round to one of those men who are famous for their horse sense: though if you knew him well, you realised

From England's Chief Commissioner

WOULD like to thank all Commissioners and Guiders who helped the Senior Branch in all sorts of ways connected with the English Senior Branch Rally,

The Rangers and Cadets looked really smart at the March Past, which reflected much credit on their Guiders, and I am sure that all present were impressed by the dignified way in which the Standards were carried, and by the very good singing of the choirs. I know also that 'The Flame' was much

The Rangers and Cadets who took part in this Rally could not have reached such a high standard without the support of many other Rangers and Cadets, nor without the help and backing of their Guiders. Thank you very much.

Bayl Countral

he hadn't the sense of a horse. He tapped the little man on the shoulder and said, 'Well, my man, what are you selling?' 'Dreams', replied the little old

'How much do they cost?

'That depends on what dream you want.' 'I think I would like to dream I was as rich as

Just one penny,' said the little old man.

'When do I get my dream?'

'Tonight.'

And he did. But when he woke up he was just the same as he had been.

'If there were dreams to sell, What would you buy? Some cost a passing bell; Some a light sigh, That shakes from life's fresh crown Only a roseleaf down. If there were dreams to sell, Merry and sad to tell, And the cryer rung the bell,

What would you - and you - and you in the back - and you up there - buy?

If there were dreams to sell what would you buy? It matters you see, because where your dreams and your treasure are there will your heart be also.

You have got many dreams. I want to suggest one now. That you might be an active, intelligent, virile Christian. Note the words, active, intelligent, virile Christian . . . If they ask you what the Bishop said to you in the Albert Hall, this is it:

Tell the truth and know the facts.

I imagine that somebody here is saying, 'Have I come up here, all this way, I, a Ranger, a Cadet, to be told by some Parson from little Guildford, to tell the truth? Where does he think I come from? I am 18, I am 14, I have always told the truth...' Have you? Do you tell the truth to God in your prayers?

'Help me to get through the G.C.E. I have really done no work, but still . . .

Help me to control my temper ... but Mum is often terribly difficult.'

We are all so good at avoiding this, getting out of that, 'How much can I get away with?'

Do you tell the truth to God? Do you tell the truth to your friends? Those of you who marry have got to tell the truth to two people—to God and the person you are going to spend your life with. You will have to learn to say: 'Darling, I am sorry.' 'Darling, I was wrong.' I was wrong.'

Supposing that every single person went out of the Albert Hall determined to tell the truth for the rest of the year. You said just now in your litany that you would Do would. Do you mean it?

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The Night Sky in December

by Patrick Moore, F.R.A.S., F.R.S.A.

I AM very sorry that there was no 'Night Sky I in November'! I wrote it, but unfortunately it was lost in the post, and as I was absent abroad I did not know until too late that it had failed

to reach the Editor's office.

1962 has been an exciting year in space, even if men have not yet been to the Moon; one of the most exciting features is the United States' rocket to Venus, which should pass within 21,000 miles of Venus about 14th December. We are hoping that it will be able to send us information about the planet by means of wireless. This will be helpful, because we know so little about Venus; we can never see its surface, because of the thick, cloudy atmosphere around it. If you want to identify Venus this month, look in the eastern sky before sunrise, and you cannot miss it; it is remarkably brilliant.

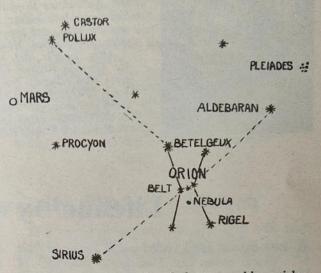
In the evening sky, the grand constellation of Orion dominates the scene. It is to be found in the south-east, with its starry Belt and its two leaders, Betelgeux and Rigel. Note, too, the milky-looking Sword below the Belt. This is a patch of gas known as a nebula, and it marks one of the places where we believe that fresh stars are being born.

From Orion you can find various other groups-Taurus the Bull, with Aldebaran, red in colour, and the star-cluster of the Pleiades or Seven Sisters; Gemini the Twins, with its bright pair, Castor and Pollux; Orion's dogs, the Great Dog with the glittering Sirius and the Little Dog with Procyon; and Capella, in the Charioteer, which is almost overhead during December evenings. It is of the same colour and temperature as our Sun, but is 200 times more luminous.

This winter there is an addition to the Orion group. This is Mars, the Red Planet, which will be bright all through the spring. It looks like a red star, and it is not easy to remember at first that it is so totally different. A star is a sun; Mars is a small globe, only half the size of the Earth shining

by reflected sunlight.

Mars is further away from the Sun than we are, and so takes longer to go once round; its 'year' is 687 days, as against our own 3651. However, the 'day' on Mars is only half an hour longer than that of the Earth. The planet has a thin atmosphere, which we would be unable to breathe; it is thought that vegetation exists there, and there must be some ice at the poles, but few modern astronomers think it possible that animals can live on Mars. There are certainly no men, though in the future no doubt men from Earth will land on the Martian surface. The planet has two moons, but both are much smaller than our moon.



I hope you have found these monthly articles interesting. I have enjoyed writing them - and to all those of you who have Guides working for Star Gazer Badges I wish you the very best of success.

THE WORLD CONFERENCE 1963

AT THE 18TH World Conference in Denmark in 1963, two days are being set aside for a special study on the theme:

Essential Values: World of Today: Youth of Tomorrow.

Many trends in the world of today are a challenge to Guiding. To meet this challenge we ought to be able to interpret to young people what we believe to be essential values in such a way as to make these a living reality and to help them to adjust to our changing world.

At C. H. Q. a Study Group has been set up to advise the British delegation to the World Conference. The Group is anxious that its contribution should be based on up-to-date knowledge of the way members of the Movement, and in particular young adults, are thinking about modern situations.

It has therefore invited a few counties to contribute to this study but, in addition, it would be very glad to hear from any Guider or Senior Branch unit who would be interested to give consideration to the question of what are essential values, how far our beliefs are shared by those with whom we work or study and live, and the existence and effects of conflicting standards in society.

Further details of the study will be sent on application to Miss M. White, c/o C.H.Q.
Completed reports should be returned to C.H.Q. by 1st February, 1963, and will also be used by the Guide representatives to the British National Conference on Social Welfare.



MRS. FRANCOISE RIGBY, the Founder of 'Lifeline,' was born in Belgium. MRS. FRANCOISE RIGBY, the Founder of Electric, and work in Belgium.

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After the war Mrs. Rigby was awarded her the Order of Merit for her the German Federal Government awarded her the Order of Merit for her work with refugees. For the past eight years 'Lifeline' has been helping thouwork with refugees. For the past eight years for houses, furniture, training for sands of D.P. families by giving them grants for children. 'Liteline's' main attentional grants for children. 'Liteline's' main attentional grants for children. sands of D.P. families by giving them grants for children. 'Lifeline's' main office is work and tools, and educational grants for children is also a Scottish office at at 67a Camden High Street, London, N.W.1. There is also a Scottish office at 44 Frederick Street, Edinburgh, and one in Germany.

'Lifeline' by Francoise Rigby

A FEW months ago I visited the K. family in their camp rooms in Munich-a collection of Barracks built during the war to house some of the millions of slave labourers recruited by the Nazis from all over Eastern Europe. Meant only as temporary shelter, these barracks were finished by the time the war ended, but the Allied Troopsfaced with the huge problem of these Displaced Persons-postponed their destruction so that the D.P.s would at least have a roof over their heads while waiting for repatriation.

That was a long time ago .

There are still hundreds of these barracks all over Germany. They were not listed as official camps so that they were not included in the World Refugee Year plan. But the people inside them are just the same D.P.s found in the official camps, with the same tragedies behind them, the same hopes . . .

The K.s are one of those families. Mr. K. was taken from his father's farm in the Ukraine and sent to Munich for forced labour; his wife was only a small girl at school when she was deported from Poland. In this camp they found a shelter. They now have six children and only two tiny rooms, the largest 9 x 10 ft. at the most. We found Frau K. very busy. With a home full to overflowing with children, broken-down furniture and packing cases, cleaning the floor was not easy. That day, she had decided to have a go-the children were sent out, the bits and pieces of furniture were piled dangerously in corners and she and her husband were scrubbing.

On previous visits I had found the little home so dirty, Frau K. so uninterested, that I wondered whether we were right to give them a new house? Were we working on people who would not make good use of the money so generously given by all our friends in England? I was wrong. Already the hope of a new house had worked wonders and you should see them now! They have moved to our housing project in Waldkraiburg, Bavaria, where they are the proud tenants of 'Ilford' House. The home is clean, the children well dressed, the new furniture beautifully kept. Mr. K, who had for years been unemployed and was not very strong, is now a different person, working with enthusiasm in the garden every minute he has to spare, and he has a full-time job, earning £12 a week whilst, before, he had only received welfare assistance.

That is one of our success stories and there could be thousands more, equally successful, because there are still thousands of these families living in the most deplorable conditions all over Germany, waiting



The K, family now happily installed in their new home in Bavaria

for us to help them. We can, in fact, see the end of the road; the problem of the D.P. is, at long last, nearly clear. Another two years and we think we shall have traced and registered all the families in need and obtained for them housing, furniture, etc. We are on the last lap but, as we all know, it is always the hardest part of all. So many people feel that this dreadful problem has been solved by World Refugee Year. Indeed much has been done but not enough and we still need funds very badly.

The October issue of THE GUIDER gave this

quotation from our Prime Minister:

'Youth, it must always be remembered,

has not only rights but responsibilities; not only claims but duties to society.'

It is, in fact, thanks to the Guide International Service that we became aware of the problem, in 1952, and we were very proud to follow in their footsteps and continue the work which they had so courageously started.

We know how very generously young people do respond when a responsibility is pointed out to them. Will you help us now that the task is so nearly completed and fulfil the responsibilities to these D.P.s which, many years ago, you shouldered before anyone else was aware of the problem.

An Idea for a Christmas Good Turn

How YOU Can Help Ockenden Venture Children

Many of our members want to do something for refugee children through the Ockenden Venture and don't quite know what to do. Perhaps an account of what we did in the County of Birmingham may give ideas.

When the Girl Guide Jubilee Year and World Refugee Year coincided we determined to raise £1,000 to sponsor a child through the Ockenden Venture. So sure were we that we could achieve our target that our ten-year-old protége, Wanda Krupa, chosen by Miss Pearce, founder of the Ockenden scheme, arrived at the Haslemere home in November, 1959. Newspaper headlines 'Guides Take a Gamble' spurred us on to greater efforts.

First we had a 'Bring and Buy Sale' at our headquarters. Miss Pearce opened the sale and the £478 13s. raised was mainly due to the magnificent efforts of the Local Associations.

Next was the Jubilee Camp Fire held in the Birmingham Central Hall where the money raised by all Districts in the County was presented to the Lady Mayoress. Would we, could we, possibly have raised the necessary £1,000? Imagine our surprise and delight when the result was announced—£2,750! Money sent in afterwards made a total of £3,278 17s. 8d.

Now we were faced with a different problem—what to do with the surplus. After much discussion, it was decided to sponsor two more children, so in November, 1961, Marta Kiesek arrived, to be followed in June, 1962, by Lesia (Alexandra) Dyriw.

The £278 still in hand was given to buy washing machines for the new Ockenden Trust houses.

All went well, but in November, 1960, before the arrival of Marta and Alexandra, Wanda, now at Beech House, Reading, was found to be desperately in need of clothes. A 'Mothers' Committee' was formed to deal with all the problems arising from our sponsoring of these three children, and they asked each District to give 10s. a year for clothing and shoes for the girls, and they also have a 'bank' of really good second-hand clothes.

It is our intention that all three girls will have holidays with people in the county so that we may know them better and that they will feel that we really are their friends.

If any Company or Pack wants to do something for children as its Christmas 'good turn' I wonder if they would consider earning money for frilly petticoats, nylons, or other pretty 'extras'. The girls treasure such presents so much that they always wash and look after them most carefully.

Any such presents may be sent to Miss Pearce, Ockenden Venture, White Rose Lane, Woking, Surrey, who will see that they are wisely apportioned to the various Ockenden Venture Homes.

[Division Commissioner, King's Norton]



Miss Pearce, founder of the Ockenden Venture, with a group of new arrivals at Broken Hill, Woking

The Meaning of Christmas

by Dr. William Neil, Warden, Nottingham University

GETTING ready for Christmas'—we all know what that means, or do we? The obvious things we shall not forget are the Christmas cards (different prices for different people!), presents (often out of the pass-me-on drawer from last time), a tree, some holly and a hopeful bunch of mistletoe. We shall have been reminded so often of how many shopping days there are left, our eyes will be so satiated with tinselled shop windows and fairy lights, and our ears so deafened with the endless blaring of Christmas music on T.V. and radio that most of us will be thankful to have a rest when it is all over. Add to that the Christmas dinners and a spate of upset tummies and even a Brownie might begin to wonder if Christmas is all that it is cracked up to be.

I am going to run the risk of being called a cantankerous old Scrooge by saying that the way we celebrate Christmas nowadays has gone off the rails. We spend far too much money on presents for people who do not need them, far too much money on Christmas cards, eat too much and drink too much and in the middle of all this phoney 'jollity' forget that two thirds of the world's population are underfed, that lonely old age pensioners are lucky if they get a hot meal, and that refugees are still crowded into miserable camps through no fault of their own. Is it surprising many people are beginning to wonder what Christmas has to do with Christ? First Priority

What we need to do is to get our priorities right. Christmas does not exist to put money into the pockets of the shopkeepers through a great national spending spree. Nor was it ever meant to be an occasion for an annual guzzle.

Can I plead with you to help the Church to cut through the sentimentality and cut out the extravagance? Remember that in Christmas week the Church remembers not only the Birth of Christ but the Massacre of the Innocents and the Martyrdom of St. Stephen. This is not the tinsel of fairyland but the real world in which we are living -a world of suffering and cruelty as well as a world of charity and kindliness.

What we have got to do is to recover the real significance of Christmas, which is that into a world where there is harred and unhappiness, prejudice and intolerance, self-interest and boredom, the God who made us all and cares for us all has sent his Son to help us to become what we were meant to be-children who love their Father and because of that love each other. God showed his concern for us by sending Christ to challenge our unconcern for each other.

The symbol of Christmas is not a red-faced Santa Claus in a department store but a Mother and a Baby-the symbol of love and care, of simplicity and need. Are we 'getting ready' to make that the centre of our Christmas celebration? Don't think I am trying to be a killjoy and rob Christmas of its fun. It should, of course, be a happy time, of family reunions, carols and party-games. It would be a sad thing if we could not look forward to a special time in the year when there is more gaiety, laughter, and friendliness than usual.

But can we be gay and jolly with an easy conscience if we are doing nothing to share our happiness around? Let me make some practical suggestions. Instead of buying Christmas cards, make your own. Don't give presents just because you know you will be getting something in returnrather give a present to someone who you know can't afford to give you one. Make your Christmas decorations simple and you only need a small tree. From the money you save on all this send something to the 'Save the Children Fund' or 'Oxford Famine Relief.'

Try to find out if there is someone from overseas who would welcome an invitation at Christmas, and ask the local W.V.S. or some such organisation about old people who need some help and cheering up. I am sure there are dozens of other things you can think of yourselves once you determine to make Christmas not just something to benefit yourself but to spread happiness among other people.

'O Come all ye faithful' But all this is on the fringe of the real hub of Christmas which is an act of worship and thanksgiving. Whether it is Midnight Mass or morning service the heart of the whole business is the acknowledgement of what God has done. Christmas is an empty shell—dangerously empty—unless we give pride of place, not to trees and holly and presents, but to grateful thanks for the Child of Bethlehem and all that He has meant for the world. So in company with people in all parts of the globe our thoughts must be focused on this greatest event in history. If we make the Christmas service the heart of our celebrations the rest will fall into its proper place and this most wonderful time of the year will be a real festival of joy and happiness.

Easy-to-Make

Christmas Decorations

by Elizabeth Wall

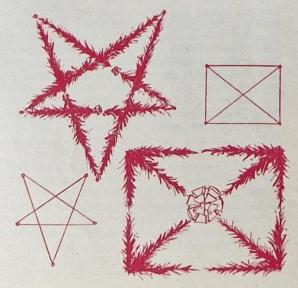


A decoration for the wall can be made by stretching fine string or wire in the shape of a star or an oblong over picture hanging pins.

Bind little sprigs of pine to the string, their thin ends pointing to the centre. Add a big silver star or rosette.

Make a star in the same way and trim with clusters of red beads.

This makes a good table centre with a tall red candle, in a safe holder, in the middle.





A flying angel has two pieces of pipe cleaner as the foundation.

Push the short end through the hole of a wooden bead head.

Make cartridge paper cones for the body and arms and stick with adhesive.

Add fringed wings of paper, paint in the face features and attach a pine sprig and wreath.

Joseph and the Trees

by Rhoda Power

THE Holy Child was asleep in a manger. Mary, his Mother, lay on the ground beside Him, with her head pillowed against Joseph's knee, for he had promised to watch over the Baby while she

For a few moments Joseph, too, had closed his eyes, and was dreaming of his home in Nazareth, when the Baby gave a low cry. Mary stirred in

her sleep, and Joseph looked up.

The stable was dark, but a star shone through long crack in the roof and threw a beam of light across the manger where an ox, an ass, and a horse were pulling away the last wisps of hay. Moving gently, so as not to disturb Mary, Joseph stood up. A little shivering whimper told him that the manger was bare, and that the Child had now no soft hay to lie upon and no covering to keep

With an angry word, Joseph drove the animals into the far corner of the stable. 'Could you not



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have waited until morning?' he asked, striking the ox on the flank. 'See what your greed has done The Child will freeze in the cold.

The sound of the blow and a long wail of distress from the Baby woke Mary. She lifted herself on her elbow. 'Dear Joseph,' she said, 'do not strike the poor beasts. The hay was theirs. If they were too hungry to lend it to us, we have no right to be angry. Give me the Child, and I will wrap Him in my mantle.'

Still grumbling, Joseph lifted the Baby from the manger and put Him into Mary's arms.

But the blue mantle, which Mary had spread to dry on the wheel of an old wagon, was of no use. It was still wet with the snow which had been falling when she and Joseph had taken refuge in the stable.

Joseph looked at the shivering Child, and his eyes were sad. 'No one will help us,' he said bitterly. 'The man and his wife would not take us at the inn, and the animals will not lend the hay to warm us and the Child. Everyone is against us.'

No one is against us,' answered Mary, rocking the Baby and looking gently at Joseph. 'The Innkeeper and his wife lent us their stable because we were tired and their house was so full that they could not take us in. The animals gave us their manger because there was no cradle for the Child. The people and the beasts have helped us, perhaps the trees will be kind too. Dear Joseph, tell them that we are cold and need some branches for a fire.'

Then Joseph gathered his sheepskin coat around him, opened the stable door, and went out into the snow.

The ground was white, but the flakes had stopped falling and the air was very clear in the starlight. The gaunt trees stretched their leafless branches towards the sky, and here and there a little icicle hung like a jewel from the end of a twig. There were fig trees and olives, small stunted oaks, and a withered holly. In those days the holly had no red berries and its leaves were not evergreen but fell in the autumn, so that the branches were bare. It looked so shapeless and ugly that Joseph twitched his coat away in disgust when one of its branches caught on the wool. He turned and looked at the fig tree.

'When the sun shines, the fig has so much fruit,' thought Joseph, 'that it will not miss a few dead twigs. I will ask the fig.'

But the fig tree was indignant. 'Do you know what you're asking?' it said.

'Just a few sticks to make a fire for a Child who is cold,' pleaded Joseph.

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'At all times of the year,' answered the fig tree haughtily, 'my branches lend beauty to the hillside. In the warm weather they are laden with fruit, and the children of Bethlehem rejoice in them. Even when I have no fruit, my silver bark is a joy to all who look at it. Shall this loveliness be burnt for the sake of one child, when so many enjoy it? No, find your sticks elsewhere, old man.'

Distressed and disappointed, Joseph turned away. The air was growing very cold, and he was troubled. He hastened up the hill, searching to right and left, until he came to a group of olive trees. They looked so soft and lovely in the starlight

that he was sure they would help him.

'Trees,' said he, 'in a stable near the inn a little Child is dying of cold. He has no fire. Give me, I pray you, a few pieces of your bark for fuel, that I may warm Him and His Mother.'

'Did vou hear that?' shrilled the eldest olive tree, its branches trembling with anger. 'We who give oil and fruit to all the hungry children of Bethlehem are to be stripped of the bark, which keeps us warm, because a strange child is cold. Go back to your own home and get wood.'

'Yes, go back to your own home,' echoed the other olive trees; 'find your fuel there, old man.'

So once again Joseph passed on. He stood before the oaks. 'Will you give a handfull of twigs?' he asked; 'there's a Child in the stable, and He is crying with the cold. If I do not make Him a fire, he will die.'

But the oaks answered roughly, 'Leave us alone. Why should we make ourselves bare and ugly for a stranger, when the children of Bethlehem love us? In the spring they decorate their houses with our leaves, and in autumn they play with our acorns and oak apples. The more twigs you burn, the fewer leaves and fruit shall we bear. Begone, and find your firewood elsewhere.

Sadly Joseph retraced his steps.

Mary was wrong,' he thought. 'All the trees are against us.'

Just at that moment something pulled at his sheepskin coat - it was the ugly holly-tree.

'Let me help you, Joseph,' it said, 'no one will miss me, because I am so brown and ugly. I have no fruit for the children to eat or play with. My leaves are so prickly that no one picks them to decorate the houses, and they die so soon that they give no beauty to the hillside. This is the only time a child has wanted something which I can give. Take me, Joseph.'

So Joseph loosened the earth around the roots of the holly, and pulling the tree out of the ground, carried it back on his shoulder to the stable: he

broke it in pieces and made a fire.

All night long the branches burned with a steady flame, and all night long the stable was warm and the Baby slept peacefully. In the morning, when the fire had died down, clusters of scarlet embers glowed in a heap on the ground, and still the stable was warm.



All readers of THE GUIDER wish the Chief Guide a very happy Christmas which she hopes to spend with her daughter, the Hon. Mrs. Gervas Clay, in Northern Rhodesia, after her present tour in Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, Malaya and Singapore.

Here she is seen arriving at a Rally in Glasgow with its President, Lady McCance, and Miss A. Kennedy, during her visit in October to eleven Scottish counties.

ROAD SAFETY

Badly lit streets and dark country roads can be death traps to pedestrians just because the motorist cannot see them in time to avoid disaster. RoSPA has produced excellent arm bands made of a special material which lights up brilliantly when caught in the beam of a vehicle's headlights and so makes the wearers visible to drivers. Prices are: 1 dozen 22s.; half a gross £6 6s. 0d., and one gross £12 5s. 0d., and they can be had from RoSPA, Terminal House, 52 Grosvenor Gardens, London, S.W.1. State whether they are for adults or children.

Joseph and the Trees

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'Poor little holly-tree!' said Joseph; 'there

is nothing left.'

Happy little holly-tree!' said Mary, 'it has warmed the Christ-Child. Because of this, every holly-tree all the world over shall have leaves that are always green and berries as red as the embers of this fire. And when children remember the Christ-Child's birthday, they will make their home beautiful with holly.'

Ever since that night the holly has been an evergreen with berries as red as fire, and people bring it home at Christmas.

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Christmas Customs in Other Lands

In Norway

Have you ever put up oat sheaves for the birds or tasted smultringer (lard rings)? You could do both at Christmas in Norway, where we celebrate Christmas Eve as the greatest day, with Christmas Day and the following day as holidays.

According to traditions church bells are heard chiming at five o'clock on Christmas Eve, 24th December, when the Christmas celebrations begin.

Coming home from church while the church bells are chiming you find spareribs, boiled cod, 'lutefisk' (potash fish), or rice pudding waiting for you. Soon you are walking around the Christmas tree that has exciting parcels underneath. Later on, you get many kinds of homemade Christmas cakes, fruit and nuts. The following days several parties will take place. And we celebrate twenty days of Christmas!

The birds are not forgotten either. An oat sheaf is placed on the top of a pole in the yard or on a gateway or a gable, and that is the birds' Christmas

celebration.

Living on the farms, there is a kind old man called 'nisse'. He is always old and grey, and he is so good if you are good to him. If not, he could do a lot of harm. So you will understand that every farmer must be on good terms with the nisse.

The nisse loves porridge, we call it 'rommegrot', and the farmer must never forget to bring a bowl of rommegrot to the barn on Christmas Eve.

The nisse has always wooden shoes, white beard and a tall, pointed red cap, and he is so tiny. He has not got a thumb. His hands are hairy and he hisses.

The nisse is seen in the barn. Two kind eyes will suddenly look at you through a bundle of hay, or you will see him as a shadow darting across the floor as you open the door, and then he will disappear up into the rafters.

ASE BULL WILLOCH [Editor 'Norsk Speiderpiken']

In Switzerland

Between St. Nicholas's Day and Epiphany, in many rural areas, groups of young people are to be found walking in procession through the streets of the village, dressed up as the Three Kings and

their retainers and carrying in their hands big stars illuminated from the inside. These Star Singers call at each house, singing Christmas carols, and ask in traditional words for gifts as a token of gratitude for the singing. The gifts of nuts, apples, home-made cakes and coins are collected in the potato sack they carry with them. The edible gifts are divided among the singers but the coins are given to school funds or to children in need. Only when the very last of the farms has been visited will the children return to their warm homes.

On 4th December, St. Barbara's Day, branches of the cherry tree have been cut and put into warm water so that they may be blossoming on Christmas Day as a token of the fulfilment of the family's hopes and wishes for the future.

Until recently in the Appenzell, one of the cantons, it was the tradition that on Christmas Eve St. Nicholas brought his gifts of a wooden bowl, filled with apples, walnuts, dried pears and a heaped up pile of dough-rings and gingerbreads, in token of the hope for future plenty. The more modern conception of the Christmas tree and the Christmas Child who brings gifts were unknown.

In those parts of the country where an open fire still warms the main room the yule log is to be found. The men of the family bring in a very big, dry log, sprinkle it with wine and oil and place it on the fire. As soon as the log begins to burn the family gathers for a meal made up of traditional dishes. Christmas carols are sung, Christmas tales are told and in Catholic homes the family goes to Midnight Mass. The yule log continues to burn to keep the room warm for their return after which a small meal of home-made cakes is eaten and hot punch is drunk. The ashes of the yule log are preserved because healing and protective qualities are ascribed to them.

On New Year's Day groups of children go from house to house to wish everyone a Happy New Year. Set phrases, handed down for generations, are used and gifts of bread and cake are expected in return for the wishes. It is thought that those who do not give, or who do not give generously, will be in need during the coming year.

A. EGLOFF

In Sweden

It is said that people in Sweden always find things to celebrate. Not only do we make the most of the arrival of Christmas-also its disappearance leaves scope for celebration.

The 13th of January, St. Canute's Day, is the last day of Christmas. In the afternoon the local band meets in the square or the market-place to 'play out Christmas' with all sorts of Christmas

tunes, both merry and solemn.

Then comes the children's turn. Home they go in groups to 'plunder the Christmas tree.' The 'plundering' is a party, starting in a nice and wellbehaved way with cocoa and cakes, games of all sorts, and dancing round the tree. It ends in a proper plundering of the tree, where crackers, funny hats, and bags of sweets and fruit have been hung up for the occasion. Then follows a whirldance round the house into all rooms, closets, and corners, and at last the dancers seize the Christmas tree and dance it out into the back garden, where they sing a farewell to the old friend and to Christmas.

Quite a few Companies arrange a 'plundering' for the Guides and their friends instead of a party before Christmas, when the girls are so busy preparing presents, plays, and celebrations. An idea for your Company?

BARBRO NILSSON

Bush Christmas

Whilst the Northern Hemisphere may be covered in a mantle of snow many Australian Guides and Brownies will be having their Christmas dinner in the bush or on the beach, under cloudless blue

skies and a blazing sun.

If they go to the beach they will still have turkey but it will be served with salad and plum pudding with ice cream. If they choose the bush they will have a barbecue perhaps (using a properly built fireplace because we are not allowed to light fires out of doors during the summer owing to bushfire danger-not even Guides and Brownies who always put them out properly). They will cook steak, chops or sausages and have the billy boiling for a cup of tea with the soft aromatic smoke from the gum leaves adding its own flavour. A greedy kookaburra may be sitting on a branch overhead, his beady eye watching for scraps.

Perhaps at the end of the meal the Guides will make dampers from self-raising flour and a little salt mixed with water to a firm dough. Pull out to about six inches in length, then find a green stick with a pointed end and twist the dough around the stick so that it looks like an ice cream cone, cook gently in the ashes till the damper will leave the stick easily. Fill the inside with butter and jam, it's delicious!

KATHERINE BUCHANAN [Editor 'The Waratah']

In Canada

In Canadian cities where electric power is often abundantly plentiful it has become the fashion for each house to decorate an outdoor tree or trees with strings of coloured lights. These strings are specially wired to withstand the weather. At first it would perhaps be just one house on the street that had a small evergreen planted near the front door. This looked so charming after a fresh fall of snow that soon all the other houses on the street planted evergreens and followed suit.

The lights go on about a week before Christmas and stay up until New Year's Day. During that happy season it is possible to drive for miles along residential and suburban streets through a veritable fairyland of snow and twinkling coloured lights.

Most cities and towns have one huge 'civic' tree in a conspicuous place downtown for everyone to enjoy. In our small town the parents are invited to bring their younger children to the tree a night or so before Christmas. There is carol singing and then Santa Claus arrives on the big red fire engine and gives out bags of candy and small gifts to the children.

Christmas dinner menus in Canada vary with the origin of the family concerned. The majority being of British descent celebrate this homecoming event with traditional British dishes. French-speaking Canadians have their own French menus, while newcomers from many lands have brought their own traditions with them

ELIZABETH HOOPLE [Editor 'Canadian Guider']

In the United States

Out in Minnesota the Scandinavian people still have traditional Christmas foods, which are enjoyed not only by the older folks but by the third and fourth American-born generations as well. No Christmas Eve would be complete without lutefisk, a dried fish that is prepared in several ways. To begin with, the fish is as hard as a board and must be soaked for days and days before it becomes pliable enough to cook. After it is cooked, it is a delicious white fish that is served sometimes with



a cream sauce and sometimes with melted butter and mustard seeds sprinkled over the top.

Polish immigrants, who settled in the large manufacturing cities of the north east, brought many of their delightful Christmas customs with them. On Christmas Eve the family eats a traditional supper which is prepared largely from dairy products and contains no meat. After the head of the family has asked a blessing, a flat wafer-like bread known as oplatek is passed around the table and each person breaks off a small piece. The meal begins with a cream of fish soup or with a beet soup called barszcz and pierogi, which are little flat dumplings filled with cheese, jam or mushrooms. The main dish is fish . . . After the Christmas Eve meal has been served the adult members of the family attend Midnight Mass at which many traditional Polish carols are sung.

A. ROBERTS [From 'The Girl Scout Leader']

RECIPES

From the U.S.A.

Jelled Cranberry Sauce (to accompany turkey)

4 cups of fresh cranberries

1½ cups water 2 cups sugar

Boil the cranberries in the water until they pop open (5 to 10 minutes). Remove from heat and stir in the sugar. Pour into moulds and leave until jelled.

Ambrosia (a popular dessert in South-eastern

States)

I fresh coconut: 1 doz. or more oranges: Sugar Before breaking open the coconut, drain out the milk by inserting an icepick into the soft spot on the end; save about half the milk. Into it, grate the coconut meat.

Peel the oranges, skin the sections, and remove

the seeds, saving all the juice.

Place a layer of orange in the bottom of the bowl, then a layer of coconut, then sprinkle with sugar. Repeat layers until ingredients are used up.

The flavour is enhanced if the dish stands over-

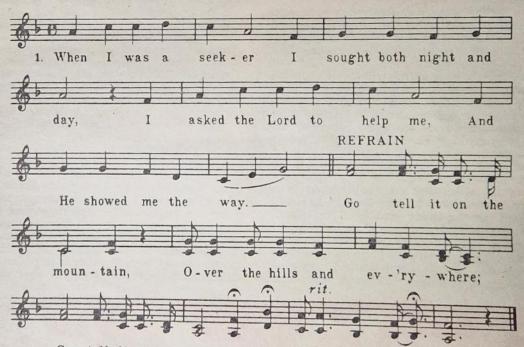
From Sweden

Fattigmans-kaka (poor man's cookie)

To 4 eggs add 4 tablespoons of water and beat until light. Kneed in sufficient flour so that dough will roll thinly with rolling pin. Cut in diamond shapes, prick with fork and fry in deep fat. When done, sprinkle lightly with confectioner's sugar.

MRS. JAMES FOSTER, AUSTIN, MINNESOTA

'GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN'



tell it on the moun-tain That Je-sus Christ is _

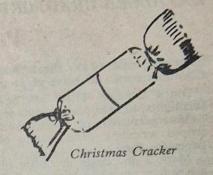
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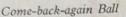
And if I am a Christian I am the least of all.

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Presents the Pack Can Make

by Barbara Thornely





CHRISTMAS CRACKER
Materials: crêpe paper 11 in. x 6 in.
(stretch short way).

Grease proof paper 10 in. $x 5\frac{1}{2}$ in. Tissue paper 10 in. $x 5\frac{1}{2}$ in. Thin string or fine cord.

Toilet roll centre or strip of thin card 5 in. x

5½ in. rolled. Rubber glue and an elastic band.

Method: Fold or wrap toilet roll centre in scrap of tissue paper, pushing it well inside and leaving room for gift.

Lay papers down in this order—crêpe, tissue, grease proof. Fold edge of crêpe over the others. Place the toilet roll centre on and roll up like a sausage, folding in end of crêpe as at start. Secure with elastic band.

Tie one end of papers tightly with cord as near to the tube as possible. Place gift in tube then tie other end and finish with bow to make it easy

Push fingers inside crêpe paper at the ends and stretch slightly. Fringe all the papers with scissors. Decorate with band of contrasting crêpe, paper flowers, Christmas stickers etc., using rubber glue which will not wet crêpe paper.

TWO BALLS

Materials: 1. Nylon stocking, newspaper, needle and thread. 2. Newspaper, cold water paste, shirring elastic, *long* darning needle.

Method: The first list of materials makes the ever popular nylon stocking ball. The toe of the stocking is stuffed with a small ball of newspaper and repeatedly twisted and turned inside out until all the stocking is used and the end fastened with stitching. This makes a good present either for the Pack or for a small brother or sister.

The second kind of ball can be made from a ball of dry newspaper bandaged with strips of newspaper dipped in cold water paste. It is dried slowly then painted with children's water colours. (I find the top of the oven after cooking or the top of the radiator the best places). To make a come-back-again ball thread a long darning needle with a double piece of shirring elastic with a large knot on the end and push it through the hardened ball.

KNITTING NEEDLE HOLDERS — a gift for Mother

1. Materials: a tidy newspaper folded into two.
a strip of washable plastic shelf paper 12 in. x
15 in. or gingham of same measurements.
celotape or needle and thread.

strong scissors.

Method: Roll the newspaper tightly to make a solid short roll, secure with celotape and cut open ends level. Roll in shelf paper, leaving cut end open and folding other end neatly and fastening with celotape. If gingham is used this will have to be sewn.

Knitting needles may be pushed in open end and will be held secure by the tightly folded newspaper. Corrugated card can be used instead of newspaper. (Note: Adult help is needed for the cutting).

2. Materials: 15 in. long card roll, e.g. part of one on which fabric comes to the shops.

cocoa or similar tin lid to fit end of roll nylon stocking

scraps of felt, wool, etc.

celotape rubber glue

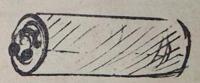
fabric to dress tube.

Method: Roll small ball of newspaper in stocking and fold stocking inside out again and again until only top is left. Secure this to top of tube with celotape.

Make face with scraps of felt, wool, etc.

'Dress' tube by wrapping in scrap of material and firmly fasten with either stitching or rubber glue.

Push cocoa tin lid on other end. The doll will then hold mother's knitting needles.



Holder No. 1.

Holder No. 2.



Pack Party Decorations

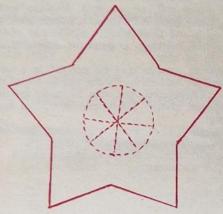
Brownies can make these simple things for Christmas parties at home or in the Pack.

Dutch Candles: These can be made to hold small gifts, to hold place names or as decorations.

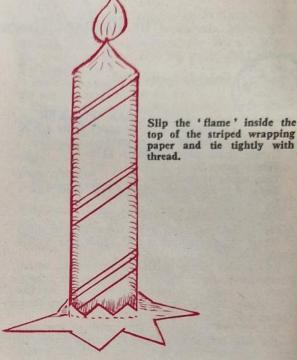
Materials: Stars cut from coloured card, candy striped wrapping paper, scraps of orange crêpe paper for flame.

Mark 1 in. circle in centre of star and cut across four times as in diagram. Bend up the points thus made.

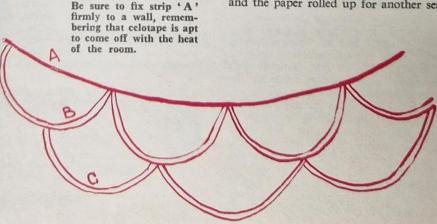
Make cylinder of card, fix with celotape and cover with striped wrapping paper. If wanted for presents, fill 'candle' with sweets, handkerchief or what you like and stick into hole in star. Put scrap of orange paper in tip for flame.



The star forms the candlestick with the cut out circle adjusted to fit the candle.



Garland Decorations: These can be made from 1½ in. wide lengths of crêpe paper in three or more colours. It means more work but does keep the paper loops from stretching with their own weight and heat of the room if the paper is first twisted round string or sisal. If this seems extravagant the string is as new when the decorations come down! Strip A is the base and strip B is joined to it in shallow loops at roughly 1 ft. intervals. The third colour, strip C, is then joined to the centre of loops B as in the diagram. If the joining is done with pins, they can be removed and the paper rolled up for another season!



The Blue Flood

by Mary Chater

ALL MY thoughts round and about the subject of Dance Drama have been driven back again and again to a certain 'moment of truth' in the story

of Guiding. The scene was the Harringay Arena, a not very inspiring kind of hangar, badly lit and with a high roof. I was in the large audience, next to our Drama Adviser, Mrs. Bergel, and we waited for the start of Kitty Streatfeild's last pageant 'The Chief's Birthday'. Suddenly the magic of the Karelia march burst upon the air, and at the same moment, like a flock of birds, troops of Guides leapt into the arena, apparently air-borne by the rhythmic energy of the music, leading them on and on. They were in camp overalls, bare legged, unhampered by belts or ties, badges or lanyards. They seemed to us to be creatures of another world as they poured on in a blue flood of dancing life. The thrill of that moment was unforgettable and we owed it to Geraldine Stephenson who had made her first contact with the Guide Movement.

I am not concerned now with the value of having an artist as director of a public performance, though that is a very obvious lesson. What is going round and round in my mind is the connection between those dancing Guides and all the members of our movement in my district and yours. I believe they were not just very lucky girls who can melt away, forgotten, into the past. I am sure that they showed the inner spirit of all Guiding when it is rightly understood and practised.

That spirit lies in the freedom of a whole and unimpeded personality. The impediments from which we suffer are not actually belts and badges; these take the rightful place when they are symbols of service and order. But we do all suffer from the worship of forms, achievements and measurements at the expense of life and freedom. Our emblems, our uniforms, our pattern of work, are all nothing unless they are expressions of a fuller and ever-growing life, a means to an end, but not ends in themselves.

The movement was given to us to bring girls to life, to help them to apprehend more thoroughly and to communicate more readily. Sympathy for suffering, delight in beauty, exhilaration through music, the wonder roused by the pattern of creation, should be more deeply felt and more readily expressed because we are Guides.

I suggest that the dancing flood at Harringay has something to say to us all. Instead of dismissing the idea of Dance Drama as a fantastic extra, we may well consider how we can best introduce into our Guiding at all levels that element of freedom and naturalness for which it stands. We begin with such

things as genuine first aid, done with awareness instead of boredom or giggles; with alertness in observation and control in movement; with sincerity in our singing, dancing and acting, and it goes on to seize opportunities of further training in the arts where they occur.

Our ladder of progress is infinitely variable. To call a smile to the face of a sulky child, to help one awkward girl to use her limbs, to give confidence and naturalness to a self-conscious adolescent, to integrate one personality, these may be worth even the ransom of a Queen's Guide.

'FRIENDS OF FOXLEASE AND WADDOW'

A SCHEME FOR LINKING Friends of the C.H.Q. Training Centres is to be launched in January, 1963.

'Friends of Foxlease' and 'Friends of Waddow' will pay a minimum subscription of 5s. per year, and in return will receive an annual Newsletter on Thinking Day. There will be Garden Parties and Open Days for Friends from time to time and they will, of course, always be welcome to visit the Houses whenever they wish to do so.

Leaflets for free distribution have been prepared in connection with the scheme and will be available in January (and not before) from the Training Centres on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope.

All communications should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, 'Friends of Waddow', or 'Friends of Foxlease' at the Training Centre concerned.



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Tell the Truth and Know the Facts' -continued from page 360

Do you know the facts of the Christian religion? Do you know what it is that Christ said — not what the papers said He said or the telly or the radio? Do you know what He said about people like you and me who have just a little gift and do not use it? Do you know what He said about the right use of money, about human relationships, about self discipline, about the next life, about the kind of character He admired?

Can you get a Bible and just underline in St. Mark's Gospel what Christ said. Then, ignoring the chapters and verses, read those words straight through. It won't be more than a very few columns in a newspaper.

You must really know what Christ said and when a lie is told about Him you Seniors have got to nail it. When He is attacked you have got to defend Him.

Does anybody know a place called I won't tell you the name because some of you may come from there just an ordinary place? In that particular place some years ago there was a little band of people — very ordinary — a sailor, a comptometer operator, a housewife, a parson, a policeman, two typists, a scientist, a school mistress, they are the ones that come to mind but there were more of them and some of them younger. They bound themselves together to do two things — to tell the truth and to know the facts. They used to meet Sunday by Sunday to pledge their life to humanity and to take the Bread and Wine that make men and women strong, but

they didn't talk much about themselves. Then one day to their amazement there came a message that they were to be received by the king. Tremendous excitement - the women rang each other up and said: 'My dear, what shall we wear?' The men came in their ordinary clothes. When they met on the local railway platform all the women had done what most women do on these occasions — they had risen to a smashing new hat! They went up to town. They were shown into the ante-room at the Palace and put themselves straight, this band of ordinary people. The king came in and said very simply: 'I just wanted to thank you for helping me with my work.' The most awful silence followed. Then one of the men, pulling at his tie like a nervous Englishman, said: Majesty, I think there must be some mistake. Of course we have seen your pictures, heard you on radio and seen you on television but never met you - but we have just bound ourselves together in prayer and worship; to tell the truth and know the facts. I don't think you can mean us. We are very ordinary people.'

The king looked at him and then he looked at the others, and then the king looked beyond them to the city, and then the king looked beyond the city to three crosses, and very quietly he said to them, these ordinary people:

'Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these, my children, ye have done it unto me.'

I think you know who the King was.

Extracts from the address at Holy Trinity with All Saints by the Rev. D. W. Cleverley Ford

'These twelve Jesus sent forth'. (Matthew 10, v.5).

Do we know the names of the twelve Apostles? Everyone thinks he does, but always gets stuck. Which means that not all the Apostles hit the headlines. There were Peter and James and John, but also James the Less, Simon Zealotes and Jude; men who scarcely ever spoke and of whom nothing is recorded in the New Testament at all except that Jesus called them.

Perhaps some girl is rather shy. She isn't the one who is always coming to the front. She isn't picked on to do the important jobs; she just carries on in the background. What I want to say to you today is: Christ chose three or four men like that to be his Apostles; chose them and wanted them. There is a place for the quieter people in the background like Jude. There is always something we can do.

Secondly, we must organise our resources. It is not always the people with the most gifts in life who come out on top. There isn't one of us who hasn't got some assets, some skill, some charm. But however much or however little we have, nothing much will be accomplished by us unless we get it organised, unless we get it focused.

The best focus for a life of any one of us is the service of other people who stand in need. This integrates us and makes us into strong and wholesome people. The Apostles were all different but Jesus

chose each and sent them forth. In ministering to their fellows they organised their individual resources and knit themselves together.

Is your life in focus or is it a blur? Are the outlines all hazy, smudged and indistinct? Then perhaps you haven't got a clear aim in life. You haven't realised that Christ is calling you to himself and then sending you from himself out to strengthen other people in the path of life.

There are two sides in this — coming to Christ and going out from Christ. Are you coming to him as you should in your Church and in your private prayers? Are you going out from him as you should to give a lead where Britain needs it now, in good quality work, accepted responsibility and widening your interests. Working with far higher motives than mere personal gain? Women have a far greater influence upon the quality of life in a country than they ever imagine. It is largely what you are that determines what Britain is. Whatever our gifts, whatever our calling, we should get our lives into focus on this one purpose of helping others in need around us.

So I invite you this afternoon to renew your vow of service in this Church today and make this your watchword: 'Not first what I want but what my neighbour needs.'

Extracts from the sermon at Brompton Oratory by the Rev. M. S. Napier, Cong. Orat.

'Make me to know Thy ways, O Lord; Teach me Thy Paths, Lead me in Thy truth, and teach me, for (Psalm 25).

Thou are the God of my Salvation.'

Today you have taken part in the Senior Branch Rally, and having paraded and marched past Her Royal Highness, The Princess Royal, you have come to this church to give thanks to God for the privilege of belonging to such a magnificent movement. It is only a short time since I remember seeing the Chief Guide, Lady Baden-Powell, kneeling in this church at the Pontifical High Mass with which Catholic Guides celebrated the jubilee of the movement.

After the Mass was over, she came and stood on the steps of the Oratory House and spoke to the girls crowded before her. 'The first fifty years', she said, 'is only the beginning.' She was right, of course. A movement must move. It does not look backward but forward. What a tremendous beginning it has been. In 1906 nobody had heard of Boy Scouts. By 1908 the famous camp on Brownsea Island had taken place, but still nobody had heard of Girl Guides. In 1910 the world knew that the Guides had arrived . . .

Guiding, like Scouting, is not non-denominational but inter-denominational. Religion is not watered down to something so feeble that it satisfies nobody, but every Church and religion is represented in the movement with complete freedom to worship God in the way which it believes to be true. That is why you Catholics have come to the Oratory this afternoon while the other Cadets and Rangers are attending a service in the Albert Hall. Many of you, I expect, belong to units attached to churches, but others of you

who may belong to units of mixed religions know how careful your Guiders are to see that you are able to fulfil your religious duties. Unless then we are working for God in Guiding we are missing the whole point. It cannot be stressed too often that Guiding is training.

On such a day of enthusiasm and excitement aroused by a great gathering of your fellow Cadets and Rangers, remember as Catholics how at this time in the city of Rome another great gathering is taking place of all the Catholic Bishops throughout the world, met in Council to seek the means of bringing truth, unity and peace to all mankind. During these vital months they, in their high estate and with their heavy responsibilities, must never be out of our prayers.

When the time comes for you to leave active Guiding, you will take with you all that you have learnt during these years, the most impressionable of your life. The Guide Law will go on being an inspiration to you, and having once been a Guide you will continue to be a Guide. Be in fact what the word says. Be a Guide to others younger or weaker than yourself. Be a leader, the world is short enough of them. Have the courage to step out and speak up, because you at least know where you are going. You will not be alone because it is God who guides you. 'Make me to know Thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy Paths. Lead me in Thy truth, and teach me, for Thou art the God of my Salvation.'

The Guiders' Postbag

Where Does Our Training Go Wrong?

During the course of the Senior Branch Rally I was outside the Albert Hall in company with a good number of Senior Branch members when I saw England's President, Lady Burnham, carrying a large box. As I walked towards her, she was approached by three Rangers, and I was just thinking 'Oh good, they're taking care of that one', when I realised with extreme astonishment that they were merely asking to be directed somewhere. It was abundantly obvious that Lady Burnham had no spare hand with which to indicate any direction, but the Rangers appeared oblivious of her burden or to the thought that any of them might help. I understand that Lady Burnham had walked quite a distance with the box (which fortunately was bulky rather than heavy) and had passed hundreds of the Senior Branch without being offered a helping hand.

It is a great pity that members of the English Senior Branch do not recognise their President, but what is far worse is that they should not offer assistance to anyone, whether in uniform or not, when the need is obvious.

Where does our training go wrong, that the underlying purpose of service does not manifest itself in the smaller everyday things, and that so many can 'pass by on the other side?'

EILEEN C. HARDY

[Cadet Adviser for England]

Upright or Willowy?

I do so agree with Miss Tanner's and Miss Lightfoot's letter on posture and uniform published in
the November GUIDER. I feel that though written
independently, the two are linked together. I was
able to watch the march past of England's Senior
Branch at their Rally and I noticed how good the
bearing was of those wearing the old type jackets
and how bad it was of those wearing the new. I
remarked on this to a Guider next to me and she
said she was sure it was because the old type made
one stand up to get the best effect while the new
one looked best if one drooped in a willowy fashion
to conform to the models in our fashion shops.
Personally, I could not decide if it was the cut of
the coats or the person inside but feel my neighbour
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An Idea for a Christmas Present

C.H.Q. periodicals can be posted to any country in the world. Have you thought of giving a subscription (3, 6, or 12 months) to friends in the Movement?

If you would like a free gift card to slip into your Christmas card, telling a friend that you have ordered a magazine for her, send a stamped addressed envelope (not smaller than 41 in. x 51 in.) to the Managing Editor, C.H.Q. You can get the card receipted by the newsagent or by C.H.Q. Periodicals Department before sending it.

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The Guiders' Postbag

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had hit the nail on the head as many of my friends who were smart and upright in the old type of uniform, and are still in their plain clothes, look the reverse in the new style.

Is it psychological and unconsciously they are no

longer proud of their uniform, or what?

VIOLET CLOSE

Christmas Good Turns

Last year we hit on a successful idea for a Christmas Good Turn which may interest other Companies. Each Patrol visited a housebound old person over the holiday period, wearing party frocks and taking small gifts such as a tangerine the Guide didn't eat herself or a cracker saved from a party. They sang a carol and took with them a party game, (beetle, old maid, snap, etc.) which they played together, with a Guide helping the old person if necessary. Visits lasted about three quarters of an hour. One Patrol has since visited their old person several times and one Guide calls each weekend.

Names of suitable old people can be obtained from the District Nurse and Guiders should call before-hand to make sure the Guides' visits don't clash

with times when relations are expected.

BERYL HEPBURN [Captain, 1st Radlett Guide Company]

An Opportunity for Service in Greece

GREAT BRITAIN has been invited to send two service teams to take part in Greek Service Camps during August 1963. This offers a unique opportunity for service to young Guiders and members of the Senior Branch who, if interested, should apply on C.H.Q. Nomination Forms (obtainable from your County International Representative) duly signed as required. These forms should be returned to your County Commissioner (in the case of England) and to the International Adviser concerned for applicants from Scotland, Wales and Ulster, by 5th January 1963.

Particulars of this thrilling adventure and necessary qualifications for applicants are listed below. It should be noted that there will be strict discipline during the camp which will be pretty strenuous and the climate

may be very hot.

Duration of event: Approximately 5 weeks between mid July and late August 1963. (Dates to be confirmed later.)

Cost: Approximately £70, excluding pocket money. It is likely that there will be a small grant from C.H.Q. for those selected and there would also most likely be other grants from applicant's County and U.K. Country.

Age: 18 - 21 years inclusive.

Qualifications

Health: Must produce a doctor's certificate stating that she is perfectly fit and in his opinion able to take part in a strenuous camp in a hot climate.

Her Commissioner or Captain must sign to say

she has plenty of stamina.

Travel: Must not suffer from coach sickness. Service in the Movement: At least one year.

Training: Must be prepared to do some training at home (learning Greek vocabulary etc.) and to attend a weekend training on 6th/7th April, 1963.

Be willing to accept strict discipline.

Special qualifications: Must be experienced and good camper. Must have good knowledge of cooking, first aid, child welfare, and be able to teach games and some simple handcrafts. Other skills such as carpentry, handywoman, knitting, needlework, toy making and woodman would be useful. Must be adaptable, tolerant and friendly and prepared to enjoy new experiences and unfamiliar conditions.

Previous Service Projects not necessary, but please mention any in which you have taken part.

Selection: Must be willing to attend a residential selection weekend in London in early March (probably 2nd March.)

The C.H.Q. Shop will remain open until 6.30 p.m. on the two Thursday evenings, 6th December and



T.S. 'Golden Hinde

Where to Train



Lorne

TRAINING BURSARIES

Guiders attending trainings at Netherurd, Broneirion, Lorne, Fox-lease, Waddow and the Training Ship will be eligible for bursaries. Any Guider may receive only one Bursary to help her to attend one training, but she must not have received a bursary before. Fare bursaries will be available only for the nearest Training Centre. In very exceptional circumstances, on the recommendation of the Commisrecommendation of the Commissioner, a fee and a fare bursary will

Fee Bursaries: This entitles a Guider to attend Foxlease, Waddow, Broneirion, Netherurd, Lorne, the Training Ship, at half rates for a shared room.

Fare Bursaries: Assistance will be iven to Guiders on a basis of fourfifths 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 writing to apply for any of the above bursaries should get in touch with their District Commissioners, who will obtain the appro-priate ticket or form from the Secretary, Training Department, 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 the training.

COMMONWEALTH **HEADQUARTERS**

The minimum age for prospective Guiders attending all residential trainings is seventeen years.

Application for trainings at Fox-lease, Waddow, Netherurd, Broneirion and Lorne should be made to the Training Centre concerned. Each application 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. Guiders attending weekend trainings may leave on Sunday evening or during Monday if unable to stay for the whole period.

FOXLEASE Lyndhurst, Hants.

December 29- 7 Jan. General

January, 1963 Guide (Preparing for Camp) and Brownie 11 - 15

Guiders Baptist Guiders +18-20 25-28 Camp Fire

March 1- 5 Guide and Brownie Guiders

8-12 15-19 Guide (Emphasis on 1st Class) and Brownie Guiders

22-26 Sussex

29-2 April a. Commissioners b. Cadet Guiders

April 5- 8 Middlesex E. 11-16 Guide and Brownie Guiders and Commissioners

(Easter) (a) Guide and Brownie 19-23 Guiders (b) Land Ranger

26-30 N.E. London

May 3- 5 London-over-the-Border 10-14 Guide and Brownie Guiders 17-21 Kent West

Guide (Training the P.L.s) 24-28

and Brownie Guiders
31-7 June. (Whitsun) (a) Guide
and Brownie Guiders (b) Seas (May 31st-June 3rd)

Tune 11-18 Extension Guiders 21-28 Guide and Brownie Guiders and Commissioners (Mothers and Babies)

July 4-8 Commonwealth Chief Commissioners

(Week) Guide and Brownie 12 - 19Guiders Air Ranger Guiders (12-14)

23-30 Guide and Brownie Guiders August

2-9 Guide and Brownie Guiders **13-23 Patrol Leaders

26- 1 September. Cadets (aged 16-19. Not more than two from one Company)

+Applications to the Secretary, Baptist Guide Auxiliary, 93, Gloucester Place, London, W.1.

September Holiday Week 6-13 Song, Dance Drama, Handcraft Circle 13-16 20-24 Guide and Brownie Guiders 27-1 Oct. Guide (Training the P.L.) and Brownie Guiders 20-24

WADDOW Clitheroe, Lancs.

November 30-2 December Guide and Brownie Guiders

December 29-7 Jan. Guide and Brownie Guiders' New Year Party

January 1963 25-27 N.E. N.E. Lancs. February

1- 3 8-11 N.W. Area C.A.s Guide and Brownie Guiders

15 - 18Music Party 22-25 S.E. Lancs.

March Guide (Preparing the Company for Camp) and Brownie Guiders

8-11 Guide and Brownie Guiders

15-17 Lancs. N.W. 22-25 a. Guide and Brownie Guiders. b. Sea Ranger Guiders (22-24) 29-1 April. Guide (Training P.L.s)

and Brownie Guiders

April 5-8 Guide and Brownie Guiders 11-16 Members of the Senior Branch helping in Companies and Packs or pre-paring for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award

19-22 Camp Fire 26-29 a. Guide and Brownie Guiders. b. Air Ranger Guiders (26-28)

May 3- 6 Guide and Brownie Guiders Yorks W.R.N.W. 10-12 17-21

a. Commissioners b. Cadet Guiders 24-26 Lancs. South

31- 5 June. Patrol Leaders (Whitsun) June

*14-18 Guide and Brownie Guiders (Emphasis on outdoor in town and country)

(1) Guide and Brownie Guiders (2) Land Ranger *21-25 Guiders (21-23)

*29- 6 July. Guide and Brownle Guiders

July (Mid-week) Commissioners 9-12 (with Babies)

**27-7 August. Patrol Leaders

August **21-31 Patrol Leaders

September 7-14 (1) Senior Branch Guiders (All sections). (2) Senior Branch Members (over 17) Guide (1st Class) and

20-23 Brownie Guiders

27-30 Leicestershire

* See page 347 Nov. Guiden

** Patrol Leaders' Training:

Guiders are reminded that only two Patrol Leaders can be accepted from any one Company and that they must be 13-14 years of age and have not attained their 15th birthday by the 1st August, 1963. They must not have attended any previous training at a Training Centre and must be able to stay the whole time. Guiders are therefore asked not to apply for places at more than one Centre. Places are allocated on 1st March, 1963, and applications, with deposits, should reach the Training Centre by that date but not before 14th February. A stamped addressed foolscap envelope should be enclosed.

Fees at Foxlease and Waddow 15s. 0d. Shared room per day ... per week ... £4 10s. 0d. Double room per day ... 17s. 6d. per week ... £5 5s. 0d. Single room per day ... £1 0s. 0d. per week ... £6 0s. 0d. TRAINING SHIP

Applications, accompanied by a booking fee of 14s., should be made to the Secretary, Training Ship 'GOLDEN HINDE' to the Secretary, Training Ship Golden Hinde, Branches Office; C.H.Q. Trainings will be cancelled if less than six applications have been received three weeks prior to

the training.

Fees: £4 4s. per week.

The training Ship Golden Hinde, which accommodates 28 trainees in addition to Guiders, can be booked for a week by a County or Senior Branch Unit. Those interested should write for further information to the Secretary to the Senior Branch, C.H.Q.

SCOTLAND Netherurd House. Blvth Bridge, West Linton, Pecblesshire November

30-3 December. Glasgow East, N.E. Division

December

7-10 Prospective Certificated Trainers

January

Patrol Leaders 11-14 Trainers' Conference

18-21 Glasgow N.W. Division

25-28 Guide and Brownie Guiders February

Advanced

County Booking 8-11 March

Senior Branch Guiders Guide and Brownie Guiders 8-11

Extension Guiders 15-18

Angus

29-1 April. Edinburgh

April 5- 8 Guide and Brownie Guiders C.H.Q. Training for Lone 19-21

Guiders Glasgow S.W.Division 26-29

The fees at Netherurd are the same as those at Foxlease and Waddow.

WALES Broncirion, Llandinam, Mon. December

1 Montgomery County Booking 7- 9 Open for booking

Open for booking 14-16

21-23 Closed

Closed 28-30

February Aberystwyth Scout and 22-24 Guide Club

March

Leadership Training

1- 3 8-10 Guide Guiders

Hereford 15-17 22-24

Closed.
Welsh Trainers Conference 29-31

ULSTER

Lorne, Craigavad, Co. Down. 30-1 Dec. Brownie Pre-Warrant January

West Belfast Division 11-13

18-20 Cadets

25-27 South East Belfast Division February

West Belfast Patrol Leaders

8-10 Camp Advisers

15 - 17Ranger Guiders

22-24 Cadets

March

Co. Antrim 8-10 East Belfast Scouters

15-17 East Belfast Division

77-74 Campfire

29-31 Brownie Guiders

Fees at Broneirion and Lorne Shared room per night ... 12s. 6d. per week ... £3 15s. 0d. Double room per night ... 14s. 0d. per week ... £4 7s. 6d.

Single room per night ... 16s. 6d. per week ... £5 Os. Od. CAMPING

AND PACK HOLIDAYS

Foxlease and Waddow Camp Sites: Applications for sites will be considered during the second week of January. They should be addressed to the Secretary, and the envelope marked 'Camp'. Suggested dates should be given, with possible alternatives, and approximate numbers, and (in the case of Foxlease) whether an equipped site is required. At Foxlease, camps may begin on any week-

day; at Waddow, Saturday is pre-ferred. During the main season bookings may only be for one week.

Applications should reach the Training Centre by 7th January, enclosing deposit of 5s. (which is enclosing deposit of 5s. (which is forfeited if the booking is cancelled) and the necessary foolscap envelope.

An Equipped Site is now available Waddow for Patrol Camps or Ranger overnight hikes. Situated near the house. Solid shelter available. Applications should be made to

the Secretary, Waddow Hall.

Ynysgain, Criccieth, N. Wales:
Applications for details of this C.H.Q. unequipped site situated near the sea should be made to the Secretary, Commonwealth Training Department, C.H.Q.

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. It is also ideal for Pack Holidays.

Fees: It is regretted, that owing to rising costs, the fees for equipped sites will be increased from 1st January, 1963. All details from the

Warden.

Pack Holiday House. Waddow: Applications for Pack Holidays in 1963 will be considered on and after 1st January, 1963, and should be made to the Secretary, Waddow Hall; they must be accompanied by written recommendation from the Guider's C.A.

Ulster Camp Site, Glen Road, Craigavad, Co. Down, is approximately 8 miles from Belfast on Co. Down coast near 'Lorne'. It is fully equipped for 40 campers (one large or 2 small camps). Excellent hut for solid shelter with Calor gas. Bookings, which begin on 1st January. to: Miss M. Williams, Church Road, Holywood, Co. Down.

THE SENIOR BRANCH NEWS

Do you read 'THE SENIOR BRANCH News'? That is what we ack all Guide and Senior Branch Guiders, and of course members of the Senior Branch themselves. We realise that most Guide Guiders feel that THE Guider and THE Guide provide as much reading matter as they have time for, but can you really afford not to know what the Senior Branch is doing? You all hope that your Guides will grow into Rangers or Cadets. Their Guide life is incomplete if it stone when they are 14, 15 or even 16, and they want to know what the Senior Branch has to offer. We welcome suggestions about subjects that would interest Rangers and Cadets so please urge them to write and tell us their ideas.

Book Reviews

'A Ring of Bells' by John Betjeman (Murray, 15s.). A selection of poems depicting the poet's life from childhood to late schooldays, divided into nine phases, all prefaced by passages from Summoned by Bells, this collection will be popular with young and old alike. Almost entirely narrative and factual, these poems carry the reader on in a pleasant rhythm not often found in modern poetry. I warmly recommend A Ring of Bells, perhaps especially to those who think they don't understand John Betjeman's poetry.

Treetops Hotel by Eric Sherbrooke Walker (Robert Hale, 18s.) What is this book about? Enterprise on the part of the author and his wife for having conceived the idea of an addition to their hotel 'Outspan' from which visitors could photograph animals in safety, and rebuilding it after Mau Mau destruction. African animals are perhaps the main topic, and delightfully so, for one learns a great deal about them in an untechnical way from one who surely knows more, after 30 years of living in their midst, than anyone else. Guests, royal and otherwise, spend hours by day and night studying the beasts. Our Founder, the Chief Guide and their daughters staved at 'Outspan' and Sir Robert Baden-Powell (as he was then) was so fascinated with the place that he asked the Walkers to build a cottage for him close by. 'Pax' the Hampshire home of the Founder, the Chief Guide and their family, was so named because they had bought it on armistice day after the first World War. 'I think I will call my cottage "Pax" too,' said R.-P. and so it became 'Paxtu'. History was made at Treetops for Princess Elizabeth unknowingly became Queen while she slept after having spent most of the night on the balcony watching the animals. I do recommend this well written book with its delightful photographs.

Blandford's Painting Books of National Costumes, Nos. 5 and 6, by Molly Davis. Six of these well produced painting booklets have been published, Nos. 1-4 dealing with Europe and Nos. 5 and 6 showing costumes of Asia.

The detail and the patterns of the costumes make them rather more difficult to colour than our own Brownie painting books but the older Brownies and the Guides would enjoy colouring them. Each booklet shows costumes from seven different countries and there are two figures or more on each page.

Since the price is low, 2s. per booklet, the books could be used to provide illustrations for International games or activities, especially if they were used in conjunction with our own painting books of Guide and Brownie uniforms of other lands.

Teenage Religion by Harold Loukes, published for the Institute of Christian Education by the S.C.M. Press at 8s. 6d., is the result of an enquiry into religious education during the third and later years in non-selective secondary schools. The first part gives recorded extracts from class discussion which include belief in the Bible, the character of God, Jesus Christ, life after death, suffering, praver and worship.

From this enquiry the author draws the conclusion that teenagers are interested in religious issues, that they have definite problems and that, 'if Christianity is to be relevant to the life of the teenager it must be seen to bear on those problems not in a spirit of negation or repression, but in illumination of their

meaning and hope of their solution."

I think for Guiders this book will 'high-light' the absolute necessity of including religious teaching and discussion in Guide programmes, particularly for the older Guides and for the Senior Branch. The second part of the book sets out a very interesting method of introducing and discussing problems of vital importance to us all and especially to young people growing

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The next Commonwealth Circle meeting on Wednesday, 12th December is the Christmas Party and will be held at C.H.Q. from 6.30 p.m. onwards.

There will be carols and games and a short Nativity play. The Christmas good turn will again be given to Ockenden, so will you please bring 2s. 6d. done up as a present to hang on the tree.

APPOINTMENTS

Chief Commissioner, Australia: Mrs. M. A. Buntine, M.B.E., vice Miss E. Manning, O.B.E., (as from 1st December, 1962).

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Camp Adviser, Wales: Miss Irene Atkins, vice Miss Jean Gilbert (as from 2nd October, 1962).

Lone Adviser, Wales: Mrs. Roger Lloyd (as from 2nd October, 1962).

Training Adviser, Overseas: Miss Elizabeth Carnegy, vice Miss M. Newnham (as from 1st January, 1963).

RESIGNATIONS

Island Commissioner, British Solomon Islands: Mrs. Freegard.

AWARDS

Good Service

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Miss Joan Motum, County Secretary, Kent West. Miss Isabel S. Murray, Assistant County Secretary, (Registrations), Birmingham.

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ing Committee, Derbyshire. Miss G. P. Odery, Captain, 10th Nottingham

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Letter of Commendation

Mrs. Shepherd, lately Assistant County Secretary, (Badges), Warwickshire.

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Gallantry **Bronze Cross**

Mrs. Tulia Koroi, Captain, Annesley Girls' School Company, Toorak, Fiji. Mrs. Koroi, mother of two children and headmistress of a Girls' School in Fiji, heard a thud and ran outside to find an unconscious man laying entangled in live electric wires, She immediately used a rubber hose to remove some of the wires and with the help of the man's fellow workers eventually succeeded in freeing him. Mrs. Koroi then gave artificial respiration and as the ambulance didn't come took the man to hospital in a taxi. The accident occurred while the man was climbing a coconut palm to inspect it for rhinoceros beetles and Mrs. Koroi's prompt and brave action undoubtedly saved his life.

Fortitude

Badge of Fortitude

June Aves, Post Ranger, 1st Kent West Post Ranger Company, Kent West. Although confined to her home, June takes a keen interest in Guiding and does all she can to help Company activities. She has always shown great courage and strength of character and is an inspiration to all who know her.

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Jennifer Barrington, Guide, 3rd Mumbles Company,

West Glamorgan, Wales. Throughout her illness lennifer has maintained her cheerfulness and endursince, setting a splendid example of the Guide spirit in adversity, and earning the admiration of those around her.

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May Filcher, Guide aged 14, 4th Stoke-on-Trent Company, Staffordshire. May has spent much time in hospital and although suffering pain has always tried to be cheerful. She has shown great determination and courage in overcoming many difficulties and joins in all Company activities that are possible for her.

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Christine Helliwell, Guide, aged 151, 16th Halifax (St. Paul's) Company, Yorkshire W.R.N.W. During several months in hospital Christine has never complained and is always ready to smile, whatever difficulties may arise. Her determination to overcome them has earned her the regard of all.

Badge of Fortitude

Anne Kneale, Brownie Sixer, aged 9, 1st Ramsey Brownie Pack, Isle of Man. Anne has suffered the effect of poliomyelitis for some years but has always coped with the disability this has caused cheerfully and courageously. She is an enthusiastic Brownie and has obtained her Golden Bar. Anne sets an excellent example to her Pack.

Badge of Fortitude

Patricia Scott, Patrol Leader, aged 151, 3rd Benton (Percy Hedley School) Company, Northumberland. Although disabled, Patricia has learnt to carry out many practical tasks and attempts all the usual Guide activities. She has kept her sense of humour in face of great difficulties and her determination and integrity have earned the respect and admiration of her fellow Guides.

Certificate of Merit

Geraldine Payne, Guider, aged 17, 5th Headington Company, Oxfordshire.

Training

Guide Training Diploma: Miss M. E. Davies, Glamorgan Central.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. R. H. Paul, who died on 22nd August, 1962, will always be remembered with affection by all those in the Guide Movement in Ipswich and Suffolk for her interest and kindness. She pioneered the Guide Movement in Ipswich in 1917 where she was Captain of the 8th Ipswich Guide Company (Tacket Street Congregational Church). In 1919 she became Division Commissioner for Ipswich, and from 1930 until 1946 she was the County Commissioner for Suffolk.

Mrs. Paul took a great interest in her Guiders and was always available to discuss their problems. She loved to have the Brownie Revels held in her garden, and the Brownies were delighted when she joined in their fun. In 1946 she received the Medal

of Merit.

Mrs. A. W. Hamilton, who died on 15th October, was Division Secretary for Airedale from 1927 to 1934. When the Ilkley Trefoil Guild (later the Rombalds Guild) was formed she was its first Secre-

NOTICE BOARD

A Holiday in Switzerland for you next Summer? As briefly announced in the November GUIDER, the International Department is taking a Ski House in the mountain village of Stoos, not far from Brunnen, for six weeks next summer and will be running it as an indoor camp. There will be some cooking to do and the usual chores but plenty of time for exciting excursions, and there will be a helping hand available to help you and your Company to make the most of your holiday abroad.

This venture is primarily for first visits abroad of Guide and Senior Branch Companies and for individual young Guiders, perhaps with a friend, wishing to gain experience in holidaying abroad in order to take their Companies at a later date.

Cost: Approximately £23 per head, including travel, board and lodging for 12 days and several excursions, but excluding pocket money and the cost of couchettes (if required).

Dates: For Guide parties and Guiders on their own: Leave London Monday, 29th July and return London Monday, 12th August or leave London Monday, 12th August and return London Monday, 26th August.

For Senior Branch Parties and Guiders on their own: Leave London Monday, 26th August and return London Monday, 9th September. Other details, including kit list, will be sent later on. Send your applications to the International Secretary, Commonwealth Headquarters, as soon as possible, stating preference of dates and likely numbers. Your Commissioner's recommendation should be enclosed with your letter and you should also inform your County International Representative. Applications will be accepted in the order in which they are received, subject to numbers and places available.

A visit to Salzburg and Vienna: Young Guiders and members of the Senior Branch between the ages of 18 and 22 years inclusive are invited to join a C.H.Q. party to Salzburg and Vienna. The party will sleep in hostels and be shown the sights in the cities and in the lovely countryside by members of the Austrian Girl Guides Association.

Dates: 25th May — 8th June, 1963.

Cost: Approximately £34 inclusive of travel and accommodation but exclusive of concerts and big excursions and pocket money. Every member of the party must belong to the Youth Hostels Association.

No qualifications are necessary except the recommendation of your Commissioner and a certificate of good health from your Doctor. Accommodation in Salzburg and Vienna must be booked soon so the applications should be sent very quickly to the International Secretary at C.H.Q. on nomination forms obtainable from your County International Representative.

A Conference for Baptist Guiders will be held at Foxlease, Lyndhurst, Hants., on 18th-20th January, 1963. Guiders of open Companies and Packs, who have Baptist connections, will be gladly welcomed,

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Headquarters' Notices (continued from page 381) as well as Guiders of Baptist Companies and Packs. The Chaplain and Guest Speaker will be the Rev. P. F. E. Amies, Young People's Secretary of the Baptist Missionary Society, and the Missionary Guider will be Miss J. Greenaway of B.M.S. Upoto, Congo Republic, Trainings will be taken by Headquarters' Trainers. For further particulars and application form please apply to the Secretary, Baptist Guide Auxiliary, 93, Gloucester Place, London, W.1.

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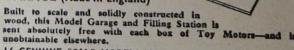
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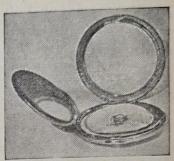
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