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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Deliveries of the first orders for this new overblouse have been held up owing to serious last-minute production difficulties, over which we have had no control, as will be shown from the following extract from the manufacturer's letter:

'We feel very unhappy at the position of the delivery of the overblouse, and would like you to accept our sincere apologies for the trouble and inconvenience that it has caused many of your Executives who have been responsible for the development and publicity of these garments. This also applies to your many Guides throughout the country, and we would like to apologize, personally, to every member, but this, unfortunately, is impossible, so we must tell you that the delay and our failure to deliver the quantities to time has been caused by many contributory factors, starting with the mill not keeping to their promises for cloth deliveries, etc. It is not in our nature to cover any mistakes by excuses, and we feel that we must accept any responsibility for the many disappointments that have been caused.'

In view of this situation, we very much regret that the overblouse will not be on sale until Saturday, 25th September.

A New Senior Branch Film



A 'still' from the new Senior Branch film, available early next year, shows the swimming bath at Woodlarks. It was opened in 1948 and some 650 handicapped people bathe there every year. Chair-bound people are wheeled into the water in a special chair and floated off by two helpers, thus avoiding lifting. The bathers wear tyre inner tubes which are always acceptable.

Made of static water tank plates, this L shaped bath was built by Colonel and Mrs. Strover, the founders of Woodlarks, helped by Rovers, and has been in constant use for seventeen years.

COVER PICTURE

This was taken by Mr. James H. Smith, of Totton, Southampton, when members of the Trefoil Guild helped to look after the children at 'Mothers and Babies' Week at Foxlease in June. For news of the Trefoil Guild Recruiting Drive in October see page 274.

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Patrol Leader Elections

by Muriel Jobling, Guide Adviser, C.H.Q.

THE PATROL LEADER is elected by the Guides' . . . So reads rule 52 of P.O.R. and, in different ways and at different times, according to Company tradition, Guides are elected to the privilege and responsibility of leading their Patrols. Those of us who have grown up in Guiding believe very strongly that whatever method of election is used it is important that the choice shall always rest with the Company or Patrol. Generally speaking, children know who will make a good leader and whom they wish to follow and, even if a mistake does very occasionally happen, they will learn from it. Yet, to some people outside the Movement, this practice of entrusting the choice of leaders to the Guides themselves is sometimes a matter of criticism and concern.

'The girls voted for their friends.'

'The loyal Patrol Second has been passed over.'

'After being a hard-working Leader for a year, she wasn't re-elected.'

These complaints from an Adviser's post-bag suggest that perhaps not enough help is being given in some Companies before an election of Patrol Leaders takes place. In this, as in other matters, Guiding is learning by doing and, if the Guides are to be helped to understand the elementary principles of democracy, they need advice from their Guiders on how to use a vote properly and to be reminded of their own responsibility to follow the leader loyally when once she has been chosen.

How can we set about using this principle of elected Patrol Leaders to achieve the best results? As Miss Hartley points out in her excellent book, *Not More Than Eight*, there are many possible ways of conducting Patrol Leader elections. Secret ballot by the whole Company or just the Patrol concerned;

nomination by Patrols to the Court of Honour (to whom the final decision is entrusted); nomination by the Court of Honour, followed by a secret ballot with the whole Company voting, or only the Patrols concerned—or any other method which the Guides and Guiders together decide. What it is important for the Guides to appreciate before an election takes place are the qualities which they need to look for in the girls who are to be leaders, and the Company should be given full opportunity to discuss this thoroughly before an election is held.

The Guides will usually have sound ideas of their own: 'She must set a good example.' 'She should

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always look smart.' All these examples have a familiar ring but, in addition, there are certain indispensable requisites which the Guider should see are borne in mind.

The first essential qualification for any leader is enthusiasm. It is impossible for anyone, girl or adult, to lead successfully without this. A new leader can be taught all the technical skills she needs by her Guiders; she will learn the arts of leadership by experience; she is bound to develop a sense of responsibility through the very fact of being a leader, but she will only successfully provide spontaneity of ideas and fun for her Patrol if she is happy in Guiding herself and thoroughly determined that both she and the Patrol shall enjoy every minute of it.

The Job Takes Time

It is important, too, that the Guide shall be willing to devote time to doing the job properly, including giving some time to attending Patrol Leaders' trainings. This ought not to mean appointing a person who is exclusively interested in Guiding and nothing else. After all, if Guiding is a true preparation for life, the girl needs to be able to fit what she is doing into the pattern of her home and school life as well. If she can do this, she is more likely to grow up into a responsible and useful citizen than one whose only spare-time preoccupation is Guiding.

A Patrol is entitled to expect that the Leader shall find time to train them, to take them on outdoor expeditions and to camp, to attend Court of Honour meetings and to be punctual and regular in attendance at the weekly meetings. If a girl is going to find it impossible, it is kinder to advise her not to agree to stand for election as a Leader in the first place because otherwise she will be in danger of letting down both herself and the Patrol who may have

mistakenly felt that she should at least be given a chance to act as their Leader.

A third attribute which a good leader should have is a concern for other people and especially for the other members of her Patrol. This willingness to consider the point of view of other people, and to try to care more for them than for herself, will come more readily to a leader who has grown up in a Company where the spirit of the Law and Promise is a true and vital force. Whilst the technical skills of Guiding (including the Second Class Badge which a Patrol Leader is required to have) are important, in the case of a leader, qualities are more important than qualifications and, in any event, a leader will soon discover the need to keep her technical knowledge one step ahead of the members of her Patrol.

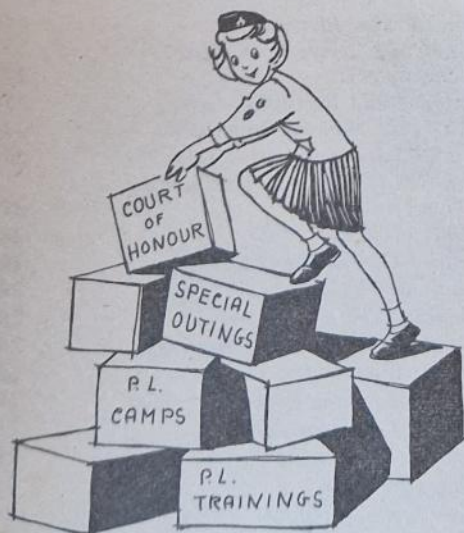
Once a Patrol Leader has been elected, it is her privilege, in consultation with the Guiders, to choose a Patrol Second who can help her and take the lead with the Patrol if she is unable to be there. A good leader will work closely in harmony with her Second and, if the Patrol Second is given a real part in sharing the Patrol with the Leader, she should in time make an even better Leader herself because she has had the advantage of her Leader's experience as well as her own.

Whilst it is a good policy for any leader to be teaching her job to the person immediately under her, it is important that the Second should realize that she was chosen initially to give help to the Leader personally, and it does not automatically follow that she shall take over the mantle of leadership if, and when, it is time for the Patrol Leader to go.

How the Guider Helps

Baden-Powell said: 'The main object of the Patrol System is to give real responsibility to as many as possible with a view to developing their character.' When the leader has been chosen it is the Guider's job to see that the Patrol is really left in the hands of the Leader so that she has the fullest opportunity to learn to lead, to organize and to take responsibility. The Guide will want to be a *real* leader, not just first in the row at Company drill or gathering in subscriptions or counting up the points for a game. If she is made to realize that the Company is there to forge ahead as she and her Guides decide, and if she is encouraged and trained to lead her Patrol well, she will gain one of the most valuable experiences which Guiding can offer.

The Captain's job is to make each chosen leader into a GOOD leader. Each one is an individual needing a different kind of help. Some are born



From 'Not More Than Eight' by courtesy of Jennetta Vise and Elizabeth Hartley

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'Taking up the slack'

THE POUNDS *DON'T*

LOOK AFTER THEMSELVES!

Illustrated by Virginia Chambers



Sterling leaving London

THE announcement of changes in the appointments of Hon. Treasurer and Vice-Chairman * give an opportunity to say something about the important responsibilities of those who help us with our finances.

Figures! The very word makes people shudder. We don't understand accounts, we say. Show me a page of figures and my mind goes blank. Newspaper accounts about our national finances—with talk about 'hard' and 'soft' currency areas, 'hot' money, sterling leaving London, with mixed metaphors such as 'taking up the slack' may indeed make our minds go blank, but our Guide finances, whether they be the Company funds, the County accounts, or the Association's financial position, are very much a practical part of our Guiding.

Fulfilling Our Commitments

It is money, or lack of it, which has a big say in whether the Guide Movement goes forward throughout the world or stands still. The World Association needs the quota from its member countries. Our contribution in Great Britain, at 1½d. per head of our total membership, comes to about £3,500 a year. The 'Thinking Day Fund' helps to strengthen the Movement in countries where there are special needs. Great Britain's contribution to the Thinking Day Fund in 1964 was £5,772 18s. 5d. Our own 'Guide Friendship Fund' (well over the £3,000 mark since its launching a little over a year ago) has already answered some heartfelt calls for help in the way that counts most of all—money, *at the right moment*.

It goes without saying that our Association, if it is to play its full part as a member of the World Association, and with responsibilities to the Branch Associations in the thirty-two non-self-governing countries of the Commonwealth, must be financially sound. Just how sound we are can be discovered from reading the audited accounts in the *Annual Report*. The sturdy self-reliance and thrift (in its widest sense), which is an integral part of our Guide training, is to be found in our financial policy too.

To many people, these pages of figures in the Report simply don't compare with the rest of it in interest or even importance. Yet these pages give us a story of their own—of reserves wisely invested on the best advice, of properties regularly maintained, brought up to date and expanded to meet new needs;

* See page 296

of a thriving wholesale and retail business, ploughing back its profits into the current account: of four magazines and some ninety books and about the same number of booklets earning money for the Movement as well as being valuable training aids.

For all our exciting Guide developments there is finance in the background. For every activity there is insurance and indemnity. To serve the membership there must be paid staff for whom up to date conditions and a generous Pension Scheme must be provided.

To keep open the C.H.Q. Restaurant all the year round for the use of members of the Movement and their friends, and for the staff who work at C.H.Q., there must be modern and hygienic kitchen conditions.

For trainers on assignments overseas, or for visitors from other countries receiving training or hospitality with us, there may be some quite complicated financial arrangements. Echoes of other countries' economic policies, currency restrictions and import regulations may be heard in the corridors of C.H.Q!

Our Thanks Are Due To . . .

These few details will give you some idea of the responsibilities of those who advise us on financial policy. The Association is indebted to our outgoing Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Gathorne-Hardy, who, in his eight years of office, never lost sight of the target of sound foundations and wise provision for the future: to the Deputy Hon. Treasurer, Dame Joan Marsham, and to the Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Dore, both of whom have served the Association in many spheres apart from the financial one. We are glad to have Dame Joan still with us on the Finance Committee, and to know that Mrs. Dore is keeping a sympathetic eye on G.B. as Chairman of the Finance Sub-Committee of the World Association.

We give a warm welcome and best wishes to Mr. P. C. Barnett and to Miss Ruth Tuckwell in their new responsibilities.

JOYCE BAXTER
[General Secretary]

Key Question

WHEN A GUIDE was taking a First Aid test she was asked:

'What would you do if your little sister swallowed the house-key?'

'I'd climb in through the window.'

(From a story told by the Bishop of Barrackpore)



Trefoil Guild Recruiting Drive

THROUGH our periodicals the Trefoil Guild is having a recruiting drive in September for:—

MOTHERS, AUNTS, OLDER SISTERS who have been members of the Guide Movement at any time.

RANGERS about to leave the Senior Branch.

CADETS who may not immediately be able to become Guiders.

The recruiting month will be October and the Trefoil Guild will be grateful for the co-operation and backing of all Commissioners and Guiders. Commissioners who are thinking of starting a Guild in the District or Division may find that this is a good moment to start. Guiders, please find out now the name of your local Trefoil Guild Secretary and where your Guild meets so you will be ready for any enquiries which you may receive through your Brownies, Guides, Rangers or Cadets. Guild Secretaries will arrange, we hope, some form of Guild publicity in their locality during the month of October to back up this recruiting drive.

Should you receive enquiries about the object of joining the Guild, the following reasons can be put forward.

Did you enjoy your Guiding? If so, you can keep

your link with the Movement by joining a Trefoil Guild because:

You can still meet your Guide friends and find new ones in your neighbourhood.

You can join with others in taking the Guide ideals into the life of the community.

You will be able, through the membership of the International Fellowship of Former Scouts and Guides, to contribute towards better relations among peoples of the world.

You will be able, if you wish, to work with a group in the service of the country or community.

You will have opportunities to continue to support the Guide Movement in any way that appeals to you and to keep in touch with local Guide occasions.

Guild members should be over 19 years of age. The Guild has its own Trefoil badge, membership card and armlet. Guild members do not wear uniform. The Guild meets at regular intervals with a programme planned according to the wishes of its members.

Leaflets are obtainable for recruiting purposes from C.H.Q. and Branch Shops in packets of 25 for 2s. 6d., postage 6d. These have a space for inserting the name and address of the Guild Secretary.

IRIS MORRISON

[General Secretary, The Trefoil Guild]

This Is Of National Importance

THE WVS is running a national scheme under the mysterious name of 'One-in-Five'. Its object is to reach at least one fifth of the women and girls of the country, and as many men and boys as possible, with information on what could be done to avoid becoming unnecessary casualties should there ever be a nuclear attack.

This information is given in one interesting talk which gives the basic facts about what would happen, what it will be safe to eat and drink and how to choose and prepare some place in the building where it would be safe to live until the danger from the radio-active rays from the fall-out dust had passed.

Many people have not the time to join the Civil Defence but it is important that everyone should have some idea how the terrible results of getting an overdose of radioactivity from the fall-out dust can be avoided and in the One-in-Five talk this is clearly

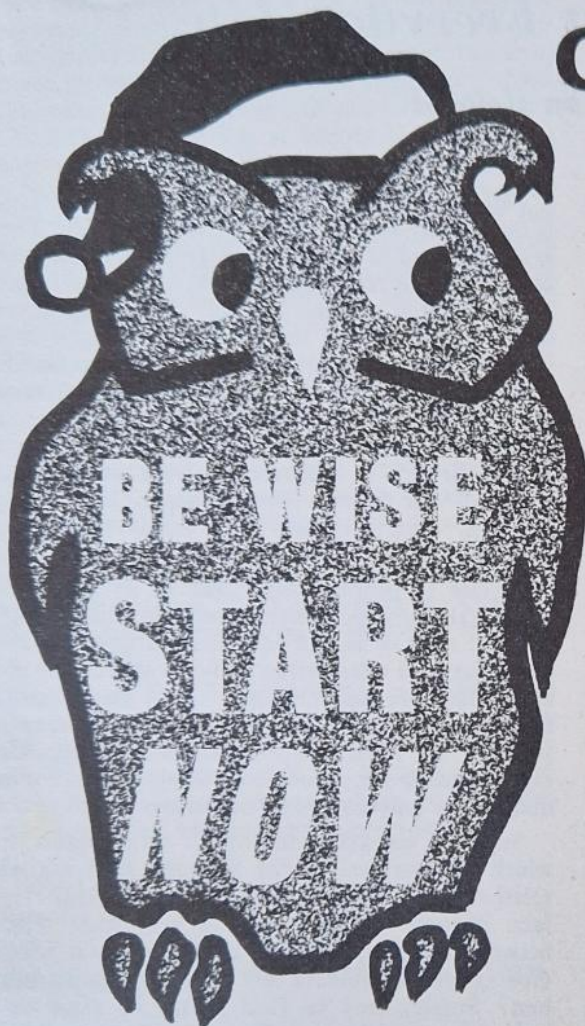
explained by specially trained speakers. The talk takes about forty-five minutes.

It is a well known fact that after a disaster people are stunned and are only too ready to follow and obey anyone in uniform and members of the Girl Guides Association, who could tell people what to do and where to go, would be invaluable, and very likely the means of saving many people from getting radiation sickness and so, probably, from death.

These talks are given all over the country, to large or small groups, among hospital staff, in factories and offices, schools, convents, church groups and youth groups. So far nearly a million and a half women, besides thousands of men, have heard them.

If, as we hope, you and your friends can find time to attend one of these talks, you can get details from your local WVS centre.

THEO ROBERTSON
(One-in-Five Dept., WVS)



CHRISTMAS FUND RAISING

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Our Promise in Everyday Life

by Christian Howard

ISN'T THIS QUITE CLEAR? Why do we need to do anything about it? Surely because for some at least at Senior Branch age (and no doubt for Guiders, too) it is unreal, unrelated to life, and therefore irrelevant—or at least it is not always easy to see that it has very much to say to one's everyday life.

Take for example honour, the very first Law we promise to keep. What has this to do with honesty, and what *is* honesty? It is pretty revealing to ask each member of a Senior Branch group to write down a list of common, petty dishonesties and then to discuss the lists. (It may be necessary to remind them that it is small and reasonably common dishonesties that are in question: the petty cash not a hold-up of the local Bank.) What they will argue about is what is, or is not, dishonest. As they do this, maybe the word 'honour' acquires greater relevance for their daily life.

Then take loyalty. Ultimately one hopes that this will, like duty to the Queen, lead to a discussion on good citizenship, but it needs to start with the conflicts of loyalty that are everyday occurrences. (Does loyalty lead to 'cliques'? Does one 'cover up' for a friend at school or work?) Clash of loyalties means choice and *how* to choose rightly means knowing something about the motives we act by.

Take a collection of newspaper or magazine advertisements (especially those aimed at the teenager) and ask: 'What is the motive that is being appealed to in this advertisement?'

The answers we give pass into a discussion of good and bad motives. What are *our* motivations? What do we really want from life? What, in fact, is our aim?

Perhaps service is the part of our Promise which is most easily seen as real and relevant today. There is a deep fund of idealism and generosity and readiness to give to real need (V.S.O., etc.). The tragedy is that so often it seems that only the few can answer with personal service the great and dramatic needs which touch the imagination: to feed the starving or to teach the illiterate to read. The service on our doorstep often seems in comparison to be tame and trivial. Maybe we need to help our Guides and Senior Branch to discover the *real* needs in the midst of our society. For example, have we, in Guiding, done anything very much to help the immigrant?

Service to people should lead us on to thinking about relationships between people, whether on a national scale or in our own small groups. For most of us, personal relationship is the most real, the most alive, thing we know. If this be so, may it not be right, to start here, and move through this understanding of relationship to thinking about God, rather than to start with ideas about God, of whom many have only an unreal or irrelevant conception?

Suppose we ask someone to write down that which is most real in her life, and then ask what relation does this have to her idea of God? If, in fact, it turns out that there is very little relation between the two, could it be because our idea of God is often devoid of any sense of relationship to him? Surely, duty to God makes no sense at all unless it means love of God and of our neighbour (and we probably have to start with our neighbour).

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Of course none of this is new, but perhaps my last suggestion may be. In these days many people have quite a considerable collection of colour slides. It is well worth while taking a theme on which to compose a meditation, using slides, music (record player or tape recorder), and perhaps a reading or two. I have done this (though with Guiders rather than with the Senior Branch) on such themes as Epiphany and St. Francis' Song of the Creatures, besides the well-known hymn version 'All Creatures of our God and King'. Matthew Arnold's prose version is in *Songs of Praise*, 434.

Finally, we must remember that these problems of unreality and irrelevance are not peculiar to Guiding: they are part of the whole contemporary picture. Our question is, can we, through our work in the Senior Branch, do something to help this generation to find the true way in everyday life?

THE IRENE MCKIBBIN MEMORIAL CABIN

THE Irene McKibbin Memorial Cabin is to be rebuilt of brick, with strong shutters to all the windows and using the original foundations, fireplace and chimney. The need for rebuilding is a sad one for the original wooden cabin, built in 1954, was broken into this spring by two boys, maliciously set on fire and burnt out in twenty minutes.

As many readers will remember, the Cabin was built as a memorial to Irene McKibbin, Training Adviser for Ulster, who was killed in an air crash outside Belfast in 1953. During the past eleven years the Cabin has been much used for training and recreation by Senior Branch Units and Patrol Leaders from all over the British Isles, and readers will be very glad to know that it is hoped that the Irene McKibbin Memorial Cabin will be opened again next spring. Please look out for information about booking in THE GUIDER.

GRACE A. MCBRIDE
(Chairman, Rebuilding Committee)



Photo: Studio Lisa

BOOK REVIEWS

The Queen Mother by Helen Cathcart (W. H. Allen, 30s.) Much has been written about Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother, but each new biography is welcomed and eagerly read. This one gives more historical background of the Strathmore family than others have and it adds to the interest. Perhaps rather much is made of possible pointers to the future of the young Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon. Be that as it may, a clear picture is given of the gentle, witty, intelligent and always considerate, young woman who became our Queen.

The author records, rather briefly, the crowded years that made up the life of the Queen Mother as Duchess of York and as Queen, in both of which roles she was an increasingly popular member of the Royal family and a greatly loved person.

In the latter part of the book, Helen Cathcart shows how the Queen Mother continues to take a large share of public duties and stands high in the affections of all with whom she comes in contact. E.M.B.

Pebbles on the Beach, by Clarence Ellis (Faber, paper covered 7s. 6d., cloth bound edition 15s.) is an excellent book, simply written, with illustrations which lead clearly into facts and supplemented by superb colour plates. Mr. Ellis writes an account of where the varieties of pebbles are to be found on our beaches and how to distinguish them, and learn about 'the birth, life and death of a pebble.' Chapters range from 'The exciting quest for semi-precious stones' to 'Pebble hunting as a hobby.'

Senior girls and Guiders will find this book value for money and fascinating. E.C.

Scout and Guide Clubs

AT THIS time of the year there must be many Senior Branch members who are leaving their Crews, Companies or Flights to go to College or University and I wondered if readers would like to hear about Scouting and Guiding in the Universities and Colleges.

There are Guide or Scout and Guide Clubs in twenty-four Universities and fifty Training Colleges in the United Kingdom. The Commissioner in whose area these are situated will be aware of their existence as she will have given her approval when they were formed, but, Commissioners, please, do not look on these Clubs as potential recruiting grounds for Guiders. The students live a very full life while at College or University and whereas they would be delighted to help with testing, or to be asked to camp-fires or District Competitions, they have not the time to give to running or helping to run a Pack or Company. They would always be willing to assist with joint Scout and Guide activities or where an extra pair of hands is needed in camp.

Aim of Clubs

What is the purpose of these Clubs you may ask? Primarily, to give service to the Community and to keep in touch with Scouting and Guiding. The Universities and Colleges all run an Annual Rally in camp when some specific piece of service is undertaken such as some form of nature conservancy or making a children's playground attached to a hospital. Recently fifteen students from the London Federation of Training Colleges helped to set up an Adventure Playground in Hampstead. This included the erection of an aerial runway, commando bridge and rope ladders and the clearing of a large area of brick and rubble.

Names of College and University Scout and Guide Clubs registered at Headquarters, with the names of the Secretaries, can be found in the September issue of THE SENIOR BRANCH NEWS. If there is a University or College in your area do find out if there is a Scout and Guide Club and make the members feel part of the District or Division.

JENNY LOCHHEAD

[C.H.Q. Adviser to Universities and Colleges]

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 - (b) Making a simple one-man shelter from a groundsheet or natural materials.
 - (c) Knowing what to do if lost in a forest, or in a mist in open country.
 - (d) Packing and carrying her equipment in a suitable manner.
2. Follow a trail. (The trail which may be of woodcraft signs, animal or human footprints, secret clues, etc. should cover $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 mile according to the locality.)
3. Stay alone and still in the open for $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour and report on what she has noticed of the bird, animal, plant, insect life, etc. around her.

NOTE: This clause may have been done previously in a suitable locality and a certificate brought to the test. (The design is the Indian sign for fire.)

Patrol Leader Elections—(continued from page 272)

leaders but they still need to learn how to use the powers of leadership wisely; others may be diffident and easily discouraged; all of them will learn much from the Guider's own attitude towards them and towards the work which they are doing together. Enthusiasm is caught not taught, and just as a Patrol expects a good example from its Leader in standards of courtesy, helpfulness and care of each member, so, too, do our Leaders look to us. We must see that we give them the right standards, train them to use the tools of Guiding properly and then leave them to get on with the job.

What next? Sooner or later the time will come when the Patrol Leader can manage quite adequately without our help—or perhaps her interest has begun to wane—or her school or home commitments are becoming too heavy. Now is the time to suggest that she needs to be thinking of moving on to the Senior Branch or to a Youth Club or that she shall simply stand down in her Patrol to give some other girl the chance of becoming a leader. In a Company where there is a tradition of annual elections it is wise to explain beforehand that the Leaders are willing to stand down to give this opportunity to others as this will save hard-feelings and heart-ache if a girl who was willing to stand for re-election is not in fact chosen as leader for another year.

Leadership is a privilege and a responsibility. Like the Patrol System, it is one of the vital ingredients of Guiding and, to quote again the Founder, 'it is unsurpassed in creating a sense of responsibility, solidarity and comradeship, and also in stimulating the Guides' imagination and joy in work well done!'

Once again the Girl Guides Association Handcraft Panel is indebted to Mr. A.K. Jameson, of the L.C.C. Art Inspectorate, and to Mr. John Mills for judging the 8th C.H.Q. Art Competition, and to Dr. Alec Hay for judging the 1st Handwriting Competition.

ART COMPETITION

THERE was a welcome increase in entries this year, particularly from overseas, and the Brownies, Guides and Senior Branch members who sent in are to be congratulated on their work and for the time and energy they have put into their pictures. As you will see from the list of prizewinners, published in THE GUIDER of 20th August, a large number of prizes this year have gone to Guides overseas. The principal reason for this is that in most cases their work has a far greater degree of excitement and imagination, coupled with freedom and bright colour. Quite a number of the entries from the United Kingdom, although very painstakingly produced and the result of considerable patience and care, lacked these essential qualities seen in the work of the winners from overseas.

Please tell competitors in your Packs and Companies that when they set out to produce a picture, today it is not a question of trying to compete with the camera, trying to put in immense quantities of detail, nor—and repeat nor—is it necessary to try and copy the successful work of another artist. All too often, in the competitions like the one we have just been running, far too many entries are obviously copies, and a copy can never have the quality or the value of an original. The successful artist, whatever the field he or she sets out to practise in, is always the one who is original, who is true to himself or herself.

So, next year encourage your Brownies and Guides to paint or draw exactly as they feel in themselves, expressing their own thoughts in the way they want to express them. In art today there is a far greater degree of freedom. You have only to visit galleries or look at illustrated books to see the thousands of different ways in which artists express the ideas and feelings they have in themselves. Those who do this most sincerely are those who are most successful.

Next year we hope that we shall have a far bigger entry. The rules will be more or less the same as last year, except that this time we have decided to widen the scope. Look out for details in THE GUIDER early in 1966.

JOHN MILLS

HANDWRITING SECTION

This competition produced a very large crop of entries, the bulk of them in the middle age group. Older competitors were fewer and in the oldest age group the entries were sparse. It should be mentioned, however, that two scripts in the senior group came from handicapped members of the Senior Branch whose work was judged well worthy of commendation.



Mr. John Mills

It must be remembered that this was a handwriting competition with the emphasis on writing: printed or formal lettering however praiseworthy and beautifully done is not handwriting. The judges were pleased to see lovely work of this kind but could not include it in their final selection.

In deciding on the awards, consideration was given not only to the actual writing: credit was given for general appearance of the whole page, the layout and the spacing. The good work seen indicated the care taken by many Guides over their entries. Styles of writing varied widely: the best scripts were in conventional round-hand, a few in copperplate, many in Marion Richardson or Italic.

Legibility was the prime quality looked for by the judges. Some very easily readable pages came from Fiji; several examples done in Chinese and Tamil showed finish and charm. The scripts which gave most satisfaction to the eye were done in Italic, some of them quite lovely.

One entry, not considered for an award, was the 23rd Psalm in beautiful lettering, surrounded by delightful decoration. The judges felt that, though outside the rules, it deserved high commendation.

Many entries would have gained if they had been written with a broad pen instead of with a pointed nib which takes no account of the difference between thick and thin lines. Younger writers are recommended to use a square-cut nib which may slow up their writing a little at first but, once its use has become familiar, the gain in legibility and the improvement in letter-shapes will be readily noticeable.

ALEC HAY

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Points of View

Cart Before the Horse!

One of our 9-year-old Brownies remarked the other day: 'If we are expected to come to Brownies with shoes we have cleaned ourselves and sometimes have them inspected, why is the shoe-cleaning test included in the Golden Hand Test, which is usually taken after we have been Brownies for some time?'

Yes, surely, this is putting the cart before the horse. We suggest that the shoe cleaning test should be part of Recruit work and perhaps washing and ironing a Brownie tie included in the Golden Hand Test in its place.

VERA JENKINS, Brown Owl, 5th Margate (St. James's) Pack, SHEILA LINDSEY (Tawny Owl), BARBARA BURWASH (Tawny Owl).

Answering Reading Cadets

Perhaps you would like to pass on my views to the Cadet who wrote in the July GUIDER for maybe she will then realize that the Founder had a very good reason for including semaphore in the training for Brownies! It's bursting with character forming qualities, Brownies all love it and at least half the Pack learns how to teach each other. It is excellent exercise for arms, backs, legs, necks, memory and concentration. It often shows up and encourages the early seeds of tolerance towards slowness and incompetence of others. The semaphore test is one in which the Brownies have close contact with Brown and Tawny Owl, people who care whether the girls learn or not.

I'm sure that the Founder would chuckle to know that Cadets and others wonder why semaphore is in the test and whether they will eventually understand his reasons.

All good wishes to these Cadets who are thoughtfully asking 'why', a good thing at any stage.

GLADYS HOLLOWOOD
(Brown Owl, 7th Nantwich Pack)

That New Overblouse

As a new, young and, I hope, modern Guide Captain, I should just like to say how terrible I think the new Guide uniform is. The material may be a vast improvement but a blouse hanging outside, three-quarter length sleeves and open neck—I pity the plumper girls! In my own Company belts are very popular and most useful for hanging things on. One of the joys of becoming a Patrol Second is to be able to wear a lanyard, and I know quite a few girls make their own . . . Pleated skirts, yes. The new caps, YES. These untidy, new blouses, OH, NO!

C. A. CAVANAGH
(Captain, 1st Cottenham Guide Company, Cambridgeshire)

Would it not be better for these pockets to be on the skirt and then the shirt can be tucked in? We think that belts should be compulsory for the purpose of knife and whistle carrying . . . The Guides are not satisfied that the All-Round Cords have been cut to a strip. They like to be asked 'Why are you wearing these?'

JENNIFER A. BISHOP
(Captain, 2nd Cadoxton Guide Company)
MARY A. BROWN, Lieutenant
JEANNE M. CHAMBERS
(Captain, 1st Dinas Powis Guide Company, S. Wales)

I would like to congratulate you on your recent efforts to bring the Guide uniform up to date. As a young Guider, would it be too much to ask for a similar reform in Guiders' uniform, perhaps pleated skirts instead of those terrible straight ones with those pleats at the back?

MARGARET HALSEY
(Lieutenant, Wandsworth)

As a British Guider at present working in Paris and Assistant (Lieutenant) of a French Guide Company, I do not wish to be too critical of the new uniform without having actually seen it, but from the illustration in last month's GUIDER I have one question—what happens in cold weather? The new overblouse has three-quarter length sleeves and an open neck which would make it very difficult to hide a jersey. In France the new Guide uniform consists of a white blouse, Company colour tie, navy pleated skirt and navy V-necked jersey, worn over the blouse and on which all the badges are sewn. Surely something like this would have been more practical in England, too.

PATRICIA A. MOYSE

I do not think I feel this way because I am a 'square' (I am only just 23) but why, oh why, must we suffer such a ghastly new uniform for Guides? I think my husband, a Scouter, summed up my feelings: 'If you are going to wear a uniform then let it look like a uniform and be smart.'

I. F. HAMMOND
(Captain, 1st Moulsham Lodge Company, Chelmsford)

My Guides join wholeheartedly with me in protesting about the overblouse's unsuitability . . . Surely the designer should have been told that a P.L. is proud to wear her lanyard to distinguish her from her Patrol . . . Why make badges smaller? They are hardly recognisable from a distance now and when so much hard work is put into earning them it seems a

shame that Guides should receive a minute scrap of cloth My last complaint is about the skirt. 99% of our Company wear the old style skirts as school uniform which is regulation style. Why do parents have to go to extra expense Pleats when mistreated in camp will look far worse than a flared skirt would. You may be thinking this letter is written by an old, tradition loving Guider, but I am, in fact, a mere 21.

PHILIPPA M. JOSCELYNE

When I arrived at my Company meeting on 30th July I found my Guides were most indignant at the new uniform They said the uniform looked 'messy and untidy and out of date' I am uneasy at the absence of consultation before the introduction of this new uniform. Before the last uniform was introduced in 1948 there was consultation with the Guides. This makes one wonder whether the Movement is ceasing to be democratically run

J. M. JORDAN
(Captain, 11th West Bridgford Company)

Now you and your Guides will be able to see for yourselves that overblouse which apparently worried so many of you in press pictures. It is, of course, a pity that there is dis-satisfaction (there are many also who do like the garment) but would it be possible to please all the present Guide members of the Movement—over 229,000 of them?

It would not be practical here to show you extracts from letters which have rolled in during the past two years which have played a large part in the decisions about the blouse. There have been countless comments from within and without the Movement about the need to get away from breast pockets and belts and berets and about many other details of our uniform which have been virtually unchanged for many years.

Very careful thought and planning have gone into the new design, not just by remote beings but by active Guiders. Can you conjure up a picture of a uniform derived just from these sample letters alone and then think of a composite picture arriving from consultation with all the Companies in the United Kingdom? I will not answer here each of your criticisms, so I'll just take one or two of your queries:

1. Of course pleated skirts are not compulsory, just one of the two patterns stocked in our Shops at the request of Guiders and Guides.

2. For some time to come Companies may have a harlequin appearance as old and new blouses and over-blouses must inevitably be worn side by side (as with berets and caps).

3. A V-necked jersey is indeed a most suitable garment to go over Guide uniform (see P.O.R. Rule 92) but just think of the expense of such an item becoming compulsory!

A. L. LAING
(Chairman, Uniform Committee)

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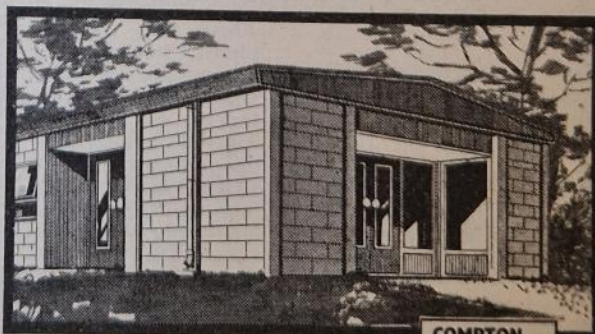
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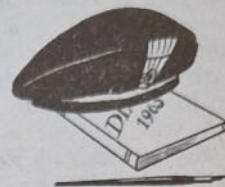
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From the Private Diary of a District Commissioner



MET nice Guide mother at coffee morning. She said: 'Aren't you being too kind to my daughter?'

Replied: 'You are indeed exceptional Mamma. What makes you say so?'

Told me sorry tale of daughter's working hard for Friend to Animals badge and finding nothing at test but cosy tea party with three poodles and parrot in attendance. 'I am sure that Miss Smith is very kind to animals,' said Guide mother, 'but all she did was to feed sugar to the poodles and make Mary do the same and ask a few vague questions about pets and say: "Well, dear, I am sure that you have earned your badge. I can see the poodles like you very much . . . I shall tell your Captain."'

Spoke on phone to Mary's Captain, who said Mary was first Guide for ages to take Friend to Animals but she wasn't surprised because Miss Smith had been doing it for absolutely donkey's years.

Said: 'How suitable! Will look into it at once' and sat looking pensively at list of badge testers until James noticed and said: 'Why so glum?'

Replied: 'Have been caught in flagrant dereliction of duty. Haven't checked for far too long on

standards of badge testers in District, some might even be dead!'

'In which case their standards would no longer be your concern,' said James, 'but what do you mean by standards—whether they drink or smoke or know the right people or what?'

Said severely: 'You know I mean nothing of the sort. I am interested in their standard of testing the Guides, at least I should have been,' I added more truthfully, 'but somehow it's slipped my mind.'

Told him about Miss Smith and said how disappointing it was not to have a stiff test if you worked hard.

James said: 'Too stiff a test disappointing too.' (Had seen old Colonel Blimp giving some poor kid instructions about sketch-map, rattling it off like machine gun so that she looked semi-conscious with fright.)

Cried: 'Now I know why three Guides have failed Map Reader. Why didn't you tell me?'

'Slipped my memory,' said James, 'after all I'm not District Commissioner.'

Hasty consultation with District Guider. Said: 'Shall we have badge testers' garden party, the dahlias are coming on nicely?'

Agreed would be good plan should rain ever stop long enough to look at them!

Told James, who became much excited but anxious about stiletto heels on lawn. Said: 'That is your province; we will lend out gumboots, we shall probably need them anyway.'

Date fixed and invitations out. Must think carefully what to say to them all, if they come, that is. Will Miss Smith bring poodles?

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Cautionary Tales

by Elizabeth Hartley

This Month's Topic :

SURPRISE

THE COMMISSIONER said to her friend who was also a Commissioner, though on holiday, 'Come with me tonight to visit the Brownie Pack. I've warned Miss Brown; she will be very pleased to see you. And,' she added, 'you may play a game with the Pack. I know you'll like that because you rather fancy yourself with Brownies.'

'I don't altogether care for your manner of expressing it,' said the visiting Commissioner, 'but I do like Brownies.'

Later that day, standing in the midst of a group of (apparently) uninterested and unco-operative little girls, she began to wonder if she did like Brownies after all. The game had been a flop and it was a game that she had used successfully with all the Packs in her own District.

Assuming her brightest smile, and gathering the rags of her courage round her, she said: 'Let's try the game again, shall we? Perhaps you didn't quite understand. Now, what we are all going to do is this . . .'

How wrong she was. By the end of the second attempt the Pack had disintegrated even further and was beginning to look positively sullen. The visiting Commissioner stood and looked at them and suddenly she had an idea which was more a suspicion than an idea. Turning to the Brownie standing next to her she said: 'How old are you, Brownie?'

'I'm six,' said the Brownie proudly.

'And you, Brownie?'

'I'm nearly seven, Commissioner.'

'And you?'

'I'm nearly seven, too.'

So on, round the circle. The visiting Commissioner understood. So did the Commissioner whose Pack it was. And so, ultimately, did the Brownie Guider.

Don't surprise your Commissioner like that! There is much talk about age grouping at present and experiment is in the air but until such time as we agree on a new age of entry and/or change the Brownie programme, we must not encourage the entry of the too young child into the Pack. It spoils the fun for the slightly older girl for whom after all the programme was designed, and it isn't even all that fun for the six-year-old because she is unable to take advantage of what is offered.

One day a Commissioner called on a camp which had come into her District. The Patrols came cheerfully to meet her. 'Who,' said the Commissioner, 'is this?'

She was looking with astonishment at the smallest Guide she had ever seen.

'Isn't she lovely?' said the Guides. 'She's our mascot.'

The mascot (Captain's five-year-old daughter, Commissioner was later to discover) sucked a finger and looked horribly coy. She was dressed as a Patrol Leader, in a uniform correct in every detail.

'She's got a whole trousseau,' chanted the Guides, 'camp uniform and a Guider's uniform. You should see her Guider's uniform.'

'Spare me,' murmured the Commissioner, and went forward to meet the mascot's mother.

Don't surprise your Commissioner like that! Delightful as the five-year-old may look, dressed up for some special occasion, think what the effect must be on a child who is 'admired of all admirers,' for a week on end, cooed over, petted, and spoiled by the Guides who would, probably, treat her like a live doll. If a five-year-old daughter has to come to camp, it can be an enriching experience for the mother, the child and the Guides, provided always that their attitude is a sensible one.

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The Commissioner, whose accepted custom it was, dropped into a Guide meeting one evening. The Guider gave her a beaming welcome. 'I'm so glad that you've come along tonight,' she said. 'I want you to meet my new Lieutenant. She has been with us now for nearly a month and is such a help. Miss Jones, do come and meet our District Commissioner.'

The Commissioner disguised astonishment as well as she could. She produced a warm (she hoped) smile, and a left hand shake (after all the woman was in uniform) and a few words of welcome. Before she left, she arranged to have a talk with Miss Jones over a cup of tea next day. 'After all,' she said to herself, in a comforting voice, on her way home, 'if Miss Jones really is as much a here-today-and-gone-tomorrow as her last Commissioner gave me to understand in her letter, and if she really never sticks to a

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job, she'll have gone before we have time to suffer too much from that unfortunate bossiness of hers, but if only Mary had come to me and said "I think I've found a new Lieutenant . . ."

Don't surprise your Commissioner like that! All Guider appointments are hers to make. We must help her to find people, of course, but she must have a chance of meeting them before they begin to work in Company or Pack. After all, it is she who has to straighten out the muddle or soothe the trouble which may occur. It would be for her to meet Miss Jones, at your suggestion, if you come across her before she does, and to talk kindly and straightly to her before deciding whether or not to give her a chance of working in the District. So much easier for her than having to rescue you (perhaps) from your unofficial Lieutenant whose bossiness you are already beginning to find a burden.

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HIDDEN TALENT

by Anne Carter, Chairman, Cadet Committee, C.H.Q.

'I've just moved into my new bed-sitter,' exclaimed a Cadet excitedly, arriving a little out of breath at the meeting.

'It's in the Doctor's house round the corner. I'm calling it "Bedside Manor" . . .'

Normally a shy, rather self-effacing young woman, no one had ever noticed before that under this thin, protective layer of reserve lay hidden the humorist. Now, after a little encouragement, she is much in demand for humorous stories and mime at camp-fires, all self-consciousness forgotten.

God-given talent there is in plenty, among Brownies, Guides, Senior Branch members and their Guiders. With some people it bursts out spontaneously, and one can echo gratefully the words of a line of the popular song 'Thank heaven for little girls!' With others, the talent is hidden rather more deeply, and it takes a great deal of digging out. Anything that we, as Guiders, can do to help the young to discover their own gifts, and to use them, is time and effort well spent indeed.

Life-long hobbies can begin in this way. A Brownie who has just discovered the delights of reading can be encouraged to tackle her Booklover's badge through joining a library. She will need help to be discriminating in what she reads, so that she may go on to enjoy reading more and more.

A Guide who is good with her hands can be shown how to do any number of things—to sew or knit, to cook or ring bells, to garden or make toys—the possibilities are endless. Such talents can be encouraged through badge work, and later through the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, the Ranger Certificates and evening classes.

A Cadet or Ranger who finds she enjoys leading

A Commissioner was driving through the village on a pleasant summer evening. 'I'll look in on the 3rd Willows,' she thought, 'I've not seen them for some time.' She drew up outside the village hall. It was shut. There was not a sound or a sign of a Guide. 'Good,' said the Commissioner, and drove home smiling.

Do surprise your Commissioner like that. One of them once said to me: 'To my mind, the hallmark of a good Company is that, if I want to see it, I have to say: "May I look in on Tuesday? Where will you be?"'

Hers was a country district, of course. In a town it would not be possible to vary the Company meeting place as frequently as that, but there are country Companies which meet, week in, week out, in the village hall, when there are woods and fields and streams all around. Your Company isn't like that, is it? If it is why not change as from now and really surprise your Commissioner?

camp-fire singing may be encouraged to do more ambitious part-singing, to take her Camp-fire Leader's Certificate (when she is old enough at eighteen), to join the local Choral Society and, if she has real talent, to have her voice trained professionally.

Camp may have produced some surprises this summer and what was learnt there can provide food for thought when planning the winter programme.

What about the girl who has been something of a trouble maker? Was it entirely surprising that she 'mothered' Q.M.'s two small children so well? They took to her in no uncertain fashion, and it was thanks to her devoted care that Q.M. was able to give her full attention to getting meals ready on time. Is this an unexpected side to her that can be followed up at Company meetings? Child Nurse badge certainly, and then maybe helping with the local crèche, run in conjunction with the Young Wives' Group? Is Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children a remote possibility for the distant future?

What about that Second who took charge half way through camp when her P.L. was summoned home unexpectedly? She had the Patrol eating out of her hand in no time and the members working together enthusiastically as a team. This was in surprising contrast to the most senior P.L. there—an excellent girl, fifteen last birthday—whose whole Patrol seemed listless and bored, which was such a disappointment.

Could it be that the fifteen-year-old is ready to go on to the more adult world of the Senior Branch or the Youth Club? She has already experienced the challenge of heading a team, of accepting responsibility, of coping with difficulties and of being someone important within the Company. This experience

is now part of her, and will be invaluable all through life, provided that the more adult talents that are now thrusting forward can be given the chance to develop in an environment that is geared to the needs of her age-group.

Camp has shown that the younger girl will respond to the call of leadership. Are elections of P.Ls. held frequently enough in the Company to ensure that every Guide has the opportunity to experience its delights and frustrations? Are regular P.Ls.' trainings held to help them to lead?

Leadership is such an odd quality! It cannot be learnt from a book, nor can it exist in a vacuum. It has to be experienced in action, and because it carries with it a certain status, and because status often generates self-confidence, surprising things can happen. Given the right measure of encouragement, the hidden talent of leadership springs up in the most unexpected people.

Everyone needs to be liked by their fellows and to 'shine' at something. How are we to help the Brownies and Guides who don't find this easy, the clumsy, the stupid, the difficult or the lonely? The tools to use here are imagination, patience and perseverance in the will to succeed, however long it takes.

'The Lady Mayoress is coming to tea today,' says Brown Owl at Pack Holiday.

'I wonder who can think of the nicest welcome for her?' Little groups are to be seen, planning this and planning that, but one Brownie, who always plays by herself, disappears on her own. Half an hour later she is back, carrying a beautiful bunch of wild flowers, tied up with the red braid which is usually kept for team games.

'What a good idea, Mary,' beams Brown Owl. 'Our visitor will be so pleased when you give her these lovely flowers.'

The Brownies crowd round her—Mary is beginning to be accepted, to 'belong'.

10 SURPRISES FOR GUIDE MEETINGS

1. A 'time bomb' parcel (loud alarm clock) is found by the door. A note tells P.Ls. how many minutes they have to collect whole Patrol and take cover outside.

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2. A time limit is set for a challenge activity. Half way through all the lights 'fuse' but the activity continues.

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J. LINES

3. A motorist rushes into the Company meeting. In swerving to avoid hitting a stray puppy, he has mounted the kerb.

Can the Guides help by:

- (a) Looking after his wife who has struck her head on the windscreen.
- (b) Directing him to nearest garage still open.
- (c) Telephoning an important client who is expecting him and saying what has happened.
- (d) Making a collar and lead for the puppy?

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4. A recording for a documentary broadcast on Guiding is to be made in half an hour's time. Can each Patrol prepare a speaker? She should be prepared to tell the interviewer about one aspect of the Movement: e.g., Origin, Promise and Law, International, Camping, Senior Branch.

A. LAMB

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5. Arrange for a few people, preferably strangers, to burst into a Company meeting and act a crime, e.g. robbery.

Tell the Guides that the police need witnesses of the crime and ask each Patrol to give an accurate description of what happened.

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6. Fireworks in the shops? A banger, or extra special rocket, a coloured flare—one of these could be the surprise in a meeting. Try:

(a) Explosion outside, victims, First Aid.

(b) Message attached to stick of rocket to start a trail. Or

(c) Flares for a will-o-whisp chase.

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7. Kidnapped! A uniformed man (Fire, Ambulance, Gas—your brother/cousin/friend) calls and asks for a Guide (or more) by name. They depart. A note is found, or another official calls, or the Guide's mother—and the hunt is on! Clues, confederates, a locked shed—colour it yourself. Too horrific? Well, you think up a SURPRISE!

M. E. BRIMELOW

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8. A small, frightened kitten (dummy) cannot get down from a tree and each Patrol attempts to rescue it. (Choose tree with high enough branches to test initiative, rope throwing, making rope ladder, etc.)

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9. A family (your friends dressed up) arrive at hall or meeting place and ask the way to some local place. All Guides draw map and best one is given to family.

When family has gone Patrols are told police have asked for description of family. Each Patrol provides one which is checked when family return. (Important points for police: colour of eyes, height, build, features.)

I. MORRISON

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10. Before the meeting arrange to see one Guide from each Patrol. Use a First Aid replica wound* to simulate a serious cut. Hide it under the girl's sleeve or sock. During a suitable activity give a pre-arranged signal for the girl to act 'injuring' herself. See how quickly each Patrol can react and leave their appointed task to deal with their casualty.

C. LLOYD

*(For hints on making 'wounds' see page 290.—EDITOR)



Illustrated by Marjorie Bartwell

SUPPOSE you wished to instruct your Guides in the art of plaster-casting. You would, of course, do it most efficiently yourself by putting on a sort of high-class cookery demonstration in which only the ingredients would be different—best quality dental plaster and modelling clay instead of flour and finely-grated suet. Your Guides would certainly be interested, but it would hardly be a thrill.

Another way of doing it would be this: at the end of a weekly meeting you should ask who can bring to the next meeting a large but good-natured and not-too-lively dog, and with it a small quantity of its favourite permitted food. This will inevitably set tongues wagging, but since 'surprise' is the element you must resist the temptation to reveal your true purpose.

Between meetings you should take what steps protocol demands in your locality to enlist the services of two stalwart Senior Scouts, Rovers, or young Assistant Scoutmasters who would be able and willing to demonstrate plaster-casting to your Company. At the interview with these two young men, you should mention, casually, that the demonstration will take place out of doors, of course, and that the Guides are preparing a patch of soft ground and will provide their own dog. This, in turn, will give the Scouts something to think about and will certainly put them on their mettle. (It is quite possible, of course, that your chosen pair will never in their lives have made a plaster-cast themselves. Not to worry. They will undoubtedly be well practised when they come to meet your Guides!)

On meeting night a great fuss will be made of the dog-visitor, and if someone could be found to give the Company a ten-minute talk on the care of dogs in general, so much the better. Meanwhile the task of preparing your tracking-pit might have been

INSTANT WOODCRAFT—1

by John Sweet

allocated to the Patrol Leaders, perhaps under the direction of the two visiting instructors.

From then on it would simply be a matter of lining up the Company on either side of the tracking-pit and placing the titbit of dog-food at the far end before bringing on the principal actor.

It is not suggested that the actual instructional content of the Scout demonstration would be any better than the polished table-top performance you might have put on yourself, but how different would be the atmosphere! Anyhow, you could try it and see what happens. It might even be fun for you too!

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Delicate leaf-skeletons can be collected simply by steeping the leaves in rain-water for a few days, then removing the soft, pulpy matter so that only the vein-arrangement is left. This should be floated on to a sheet of card, allowed to dry, then covered with transparent 'Fablon'.

You could also have fun organizing a Patrol Activity to see which Patrol can produce the best and most ingenious 'art gallery' of leafprints using a variety of pigments and techniques—carbon paper, candle-smoke, blueprint paper, boot polish, and so on.

Leaf silhouettes can be produced most effectively by securing your leaf lightly to a sheet of glass paper, then bespattering it by drawing an inky pen over the bristles of an old toothbrush.

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In September take with you to the Pack or Company meeting a rucksack or old weekend case packed to bursting with natural materials of all kinds—leaves, dead or dying flowers, berries, bark, moss, fruit. Provide each Six or Patrol with a large square of white card and organise a competition to see which can produce the best water-colour painting in natural pigments for your Art Gallery.

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This one went like a gun when our village Akela tried it recently on her tough little Wolf Cub Pack. It ought to appeal no less to Brownies.

Provide each competitor with an old cream carton and offer 'Flower Show' certificates for the three best bouquets of autumn tints and berries, etc. This would be quite an interesting item for Parents' Night.

THE GUIDER

Surprises for the Pack

by Joan Rigden

Illustrated by
C. Towner



SURPRISE, SURPRISE! These words uttered by a row of smiling friends on her own doorstep have sounded the knell of despair to many a young Canadian or U.S.A. housewife on her return home at tea-time, telling her that these same friends have seen, in her kitchen and sitting room, all those things that she had hoped would remain hidden from the world for ever! The over-flowing sink, the unshaken cushions, the un-emptied ashtrays that had been left in the mad rush to get off to work that morning, have all been discovered in the name of friendship and the 'Surprise Party'.

For the Brownies, however, the idea of a 'Surprise Meeting' should mean nothing but delight—something unusual, delightful, different and exciting to take them out of the normal routine of 'Brownies'.

Why?

For a variety of reasons—because the routine seems to need varying, the Brownies are getting too set into a pattern and need shaking out of it: because Tawny and Pack Leader have suddenly been 'prevented': because the W.I. is having a jumble sale in the hall; because it's spring . . . or autumn or the Pack looked a mess last week or the older Brownies are getting bored or out of hand . . . or any other reason in the world!

Where?

Just anywhere, according to what the surprise is, but here we should mention precautions. If the surprise involves going anywhere special such as the local hospital or Children's Home, a farm or museum, the people there must be carefully primed beforehand. If it means any special equipment such as boots, bus fare or a satchel, mothers must secretly be asked to provide them. If the return home is likely to be later than

usual, parents must know about it. Nothing spoils a surprise so much as a posse of anxious mothers awaiting one's return.

When?

Anywhen, as they so delightfully say in Sussex, but essentially at the time of the usual Pack meeting or it's not a surprise. The whole point is that the Brownies turn up expecting an 'ordinary' Pack meeting, if there is such a thing, and find that something quite different has been planned for them. This can certainly happen at any time of the year and each season has a suggestion of such an enterprise.

The expedition type of surprise is fairly self-explanatory but when dressed up with a theme becomes a real excitement. One of my most memorable was a 'Toadstool Hunt' when, Wellington booted and armed with polythene bags, we tiptoed through the meadows collecting toadstools. We had to go very carefully and creep up from behind or the best toadstools escaped! Besides, if you made a noise, the other Sixers would find those beauties behind the dead tree and spoil your triumph! This resulted in a battery of reference books and then trays on which to leave the fungi to shed their spoor on sheets of paper which were 'fixed' by an exciting sprayer the next week.

In the spring, of course, one can always spend a useful meeting being house agents for the birds. Each Six chooses several 'clients' and then the Pack goes out into whatever 'out' there is about, sometimes a short bus ride away, and finds suitable spots for their birds to build new homes. This type of surprise needs suitable preparation in testwork a few weeks beforehand but that shouldn't spoil the surprise.

There are, of course, the 'good turn' surprises. The various institutions in the neighbourhood are the obvious victims for this and are normally very kind and helpful about suggesting ways in which a surprise can be arranged to the benefit of both parties. A Hunting Party, the Brownies armed with sticks, each with a nail in the end, and a stout paper bag to fill with litter in the churchyard or recreation ground, can be quite exciting, and so can a weeding foray in the garden of the Old Peoples' Homes. Watch out that they are weeds that are being enthusiastically removed and not gran'fer's pet seedlings!

One of the values of this type of surprise is the 'come back' in the hall afterwards or at Pow-wow next week. A great deal of subliminal (to coin a phrase) wise teaching can be achieved in this way.



Sent in by
Muriel Hopkinson

'It would make a
super gadget for our
new caps!'

Next Month: More 'Surprise' Meetings

FIRST AID EMERGENCIES

by D. M. Wilson

SURPRISE is something which is unexpected or emotion caused by the unexpected.

ACCIDENT is something which happens unexpectedly so is a surprise.

Now that the holiday and camping season is nearly over and we will all be spending more time indoors during the next few months. I am going to deal with the cause, prevention and treatment of some home accidents.

The attitude in most homes is 'It couldn't happen to us,' and everyone is surprised when it *does* happen.

Electricity is one of the greatest miracles of our times and one we have all grown to take so much for granted but it is also one of the most dangerous discoveries: Most of the accidents caused by electricity could be avoided with a little care and knowledge, so I will discuss the causes and prevention.

CAUSE OF ACCIDENT	PREVENTION OF ACCIDENT	INJURIES WHICH COULD BE SUSTAINED
Inefficiently wired electricity and fittings.	Have all repairs and fittings carried out by a trained workman and when necessary checked by the Electricity Board.	Electric burns. Electric shock. Death by electrocution. Injuries from fire started by electrical defect.
Frayed electric wires and cable.	Prevent animals and children from playing with electric appliances and cables. Cables also fray by rubbing on rough surfaces. Check for fraying of wires at insertion of appliance and plug.	As above.
Cables and wires trailing across floor.	Have power plug outlet as near as possible to location of appliance or have wires and cables attached round wall not under carpet.	Old folk and children trip over cable, causing various injuries such as head injuries. Abrasion, scalds and burns caused by pulling over kettle of boiling water, electric fires, etc.
Power outlet sockets situated at floor level.	Have power plug placed at convenient height and safety sockets inserted.	<i>Child</i> puts finger into hole of plugs, causing burns and electric shock. <i>Older folk</i> fall over, endeavouring to insert plug, causing various injuries.
Several appliances in one socket causing overloading or heavy equipment in light sockets.	Check that points can carry the load and that the correct fuse wire is used.	This is a very common cause of fire and may also blow all the fuses in a building.
Unguarded fire.	Have all heaters guarded according to regulations.	<i>Child</i> catching glowing bar—badly burnt hand. Clothes catching fire or curtains or bed-clothes catching fire.

Fire or radio in bathroom.

Never take a portable fire or radio into bathroom. Have heater fitted to wall with ceiling string switch.

Death due to electrocution or electric shock.

Badly-lit stairs and passages.

Have all dark passages and stairs well-lit by a bulb of sufficient strength, and placed in correct position.

Various injuries caused by old folk falling or tripping over things left lying around.

As you see by this table most of these surprise accidents can be avoided by a little care and thought. If we, as Guiders, can train our Guides to look for faults, we are training the housewives of tomorrow and so protecting the next generation as well as this one.

Prevention is better than cure or First Aid and to 'Be Prepared' is to prevent surprises. Almost any injury can be caused by the careless use of electricity.

First Aid is rendered so as to prevent further injury until expert help arrives, so please do not try to make the Guides do more than they are capable of accomplishing.

TREATMENT

Fire

- Close all windows and doors.
- Call Fire Brigade (check that Guide knows various methods of doing so).
- Get help of adults and evacuate building. Switch electricity off at main before quenching fire.

Electric Burns

- Call medical aid and, if severe, ambulance.
- Treat as burns caused by any heat. Cover area with clean towel, handkerchief, etc.
- Treat for shock. Keep patient warm but do not overheat. Always be cheerful and divert attention by reading or playing with a child. Keep patient lying down and give a drink of tea, coffee or fruit-juice.

Electric Shock

Send for medical aid and ambulance.

- Remove patient from contact with electricity by
 - Turning off electricity at mains.
 - If this is not possible, do not touch patient with hands. Always stand on a dry surface as damp is one of the greatest conductors of electricity. Use dry newspaper or a dry walking stick or rubber gloves to touch patient.
- Apply artificial respiration. Any method: Mouth to mouth or Holger Nielsen and have these methods taught to Guides.

Head Injuries Caused by Fall

Send for medical aid or adult help. If patient is unconscious do not give anything to drink. Treat for shock. Keep patient warm but do not overheat. See that air passage is clear. Keep head turned to side and,

if possible, lower than body. Do not attempt to move patient until help arrives.

Fracture

Make patient comfortable. Keep warm. Do not attempt to move.

Abrasion

If not severe, clean with soap and water and apply dressing such as 'Elastoplast'. If grit or equivalent is in abrasion, apply a ring pad.

Scalds

Treat as for burns.

Always remember to keep calm and cheerful. Call medical aid and adult help. Do not attempt to move a patient until help arrives. It always helps to make a cup of tea, read or talk to the patient. Keep the patient warm but do not overheat. Do not let crowds gather.

As I started off by saying 'prevention is better than cure', let us train our Guides about the dangers of electricity as well as the advantages.

COMPETITION

Each Guide in Patrol finds out for next meeting:

- Where the main switch is in own house.
- How to call Fire Brigade and Ambulance.
- Name, address and telephone number of nearest Electricity Board.
- Main switch of Guide Hall.

Each Patrol stages an accident, gives preventive measures and treats injuries if:

- Grandmother falls downstairs because of fused bulb on landing.
- Mother gets electric shock because of frayed cable on iron.
- Toddler catches unguarded bar on fire.
- Little boy puts finger in plug holes, causing burnt finger and electric shock.

When staging accidents do train the Guides to be serious and not make too much of a game—it is a serious business. If possible, provide a telephone and do make the Guides use it realistically.

NEXT MONTH

'A. G. Ms. Needn't Be Dull!' by Marjorie Bass

'Can We Do It Again?' by M. L. Leeson

Faking the Casualty

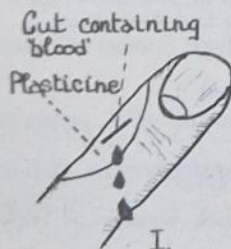
by Diana Sandford

'CAN WE HAVE a bit longer, please?' said the Patrol in unison as the Guider approached. There was the youngest member of the Patrol sitting with a great glaring gash across the palm of her hand, blood oozing in every direction. It was obvious from the interest of all the Patrols that the next part of the meeting would have to be scrapped but then this is what the Guider had hoped when she had let the Patrol Leaders experiment at the weekend.

First Aid interests most girls but like so many other things can only be learned by doing it. It is easy to know the theory and so different when the real emergency occurs with possibly panic, shock, the sight of blood, an unexpected complication? The Guides need to be prepared for as much as possible. They will enjoy being confronted with 'accidents', both for their tests and also as an occasional and unexpected surprise!

'Casualties' can be made to look amazingly realistic, and the Guides will find it great fun to learn something of the art of their make-up. Here are some hints:—

1. **A cut finger:** Mould a piece of flesh coloured 'Plasticine' on to the finger. Blend edges into skin with cold cream. Make a cut (See diagram 1) and insert 'blood' with a paint brush. (See below for materials used.)



2. **A burn:** Rub pink chalk on to skin (it spreads more easily if damp). To make a blister drop candle wax on to the area. Clear away any surplus wax. Edges of the blister raised slightly with a knife will look effective.

3. **A graze:** Lipstick with dark brown theatrical liner or brown boot polish for surrounding mud.

4. **A bruise:** Pale blue theatrical liner rubbed well into skin.

5. **Shock or fainting:** Flour or talcum powder on face.

6. **A cut other than on the finger:** Mould some 'Plasticine' on to a piece of polythene. Vaseline the surface of the plasticine and put over it a piece of old nylon stocking slightly larger than the polythene base. Make a cut in the stocking and plasticine and insert a strip of cotton wool soaked in 'blood'. Using spirit gum stick the polythene and stocking surround on to

place where cut is wanted. (Afterwards the wound can be removed with surgical spirit.) (See diagram 2.)

Here are some further tips for more serious 'casualties' for Senior Branch and experienced Guides.

1. **Protrusion from wounds:** Stiff polythene for glass.

2. **Blood pouring from wound:** Use rubber bulb with tube attached, fill with 'blood'. Insert end of tube between polythene and 'Plasticine' into cotton wool behind cut. Rest of tube should be strapped to limb and bulb held either under arm or at top of leg. When limb has been raised flow of blood will stop but an occasional squeeze of bulb, given by patient, will produce blood as heart pumping does. If 'casualty' needs to be around before the accident occurs blood can be stopped by a clip on the wound end of the tubing and the blood turned on when required! Rubber tube should be concealed from sight either by jersey or trouser leg, etc. pulled down to level of wound.

3. **Red flushed face:** Rub on to face No. 9 stick of theatrical greasepaint.

Remember it is important to be convincing, and a realistic situation is as important as the 'casualty's' make-up and good acting. Cut by a bread knife? Then bread, knife and kitchen scene should be apparent! A bicycle accident? A sprained ankle? These can well be staged outside. Do not be too ambitious and try everything at once, a little well done will be much more encouraging and the Guides will have ideas of their own to add!

Useful Materials

Crimson poster paint diluted as required or thickened with flour and water makes good blood.

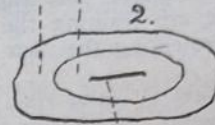
Flesh coloured 'Plasticine' from an art shop or from Harbutt's Plasticine Ltd., Bathampton, Bath, Somerset.

Theatrical make-up and spirit gum can be obtained from most large chemists. Greasepaint should be removed with removing cream.

Further help can be obtained from the Casualties Union Ltd., 316 Vauxhall Bridge Rd., London, S.W.1. They also publish a quarterly magazine at 3s. 6d.

(Ready made plastic wounds made by 'Plastifol' can be obtained from Browning's Ltd., Dept. G, 69 Aberdeen Street, Hull, Yorkshire.—EDITOR)

Old nylon stocking
Plasticine moulded
on polythene



Cut containing cotton wool
soaked in 'blood'

WHERE TO TRAIN



Foxlease, Lyndhurst, Hampshire

TRAINING BURSARIES

GUIDERS attending trainings at Foxlease, Waddow, Netherurd, Broneirion, Lorne, and the Training Ship are eligible for Training Bursaries. A Guider may receive only one Bursary to help her to attend one training, and she must not have received a Bursary before. In exceptional circumstances, however, a Commissioner may recommend a Guider for a second Bursary. This applies particularly when a Guider is changing to another Branch or be-

coming a Commissioner. Fare Bursaries are available only for the nearest Training Centre.

Fee Bursary: This entitles a Guider to attend Foxlease, Waddow, Broneirion, Netherurd, Lorne, or the Training Ship at half-rate for a shared room.

Fare Bursary: Assistance is given to Guiders on the basis of four-fifths of the railway fare in excess of £1, and is available only for the nearest Training Centre.

Angela Thompson Bursaries: These are available for any Promise and Law training (not necessarily held at a C.H.Q. Training Centre) and are of the same value as the Fee Bursary. GUIDERS should apply for these Bursaries through their District Commissioners, who will write to the Secretary, Training Department, C.H.Q. When applying, the District Commissioner should state the name and date of the training.

COMMONWEALTH HEADQUARTERS

Application for trainings at Foxlease, Waddow, Netherurd, Broneirion and Lorne should be made direct to the Training Centre concerned. Each application must be accompanied by the appropriate deposit and a stamped addressed envelope. Please state in original application whether you are a Brownie, a Guide, or a Senior Branch (state Section) Guider. Guiders attending weekend trainings may leave on Sunday evening or during Monday if unable to stay for the whole weekend.

The training Centres also accept other bookings from organizations outside the Guide movement (e.g., L.E.A.'s, Church groups, etc.) which, owing to lack of space, are not listed.

Telephones calls are accepted between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. only at Foxlease (Lyndhurst 2638) and at Waddow (Clitheroe 186).

FOXLEASE Lyndhurst, Hants.

SEPTEMBER

3-6 Trefoil Guild (For Presidents, Chairmen, Treasurers and Secretaries)
(Not more than two will be accepted from any one Guild)

7-14 Holiday Week
17-19 Camp-Fire
24-27 Guide and Brownie Guiders (emphasis on Tests and Testing)

OCTOBER

1-4 Guide and Brownie Guiders (emphasis on training the Patrol Leader)

8-11 London N.E.

15-18 Commissioners (by invitation)

22-25 Guide and Brownie Guiders

29-Nov. 1 Dorset

NOVEMBER

5-8 Senior Branch Guiders (all sections)

12-15 Guide and Brownie Guiders

19-22 Middlesex West

26-29 Drama Party

1966

JANUARY

30 DEC.-JAN. 4 New Year Party and Training

7-10 Campfire—'Sing and Play' (For Senior Branch Members and Guiders aged 17-30 years).

21-23 Brownie and Guide Guiders (Preparation for camp and Pack Holiday).

28-31 Hampshire Scouters and Guiders (Promise and Law).

FEBRUARY

25-MAR. 1 Brownie and Guide Guiders (Training the Patrol Leader).

MARCH

4-8 Commissioners and L.A. Chairmen

11-13 Brownie and Guide Guiders

18-20 Surrey North

25-28 1. Pre-warrant for Cadets, Ranger helpers and unwarranted Guiders aged 17½-20 years.
2. Cadet Guiders

APRIL

1-3 Brownie and Guide Guiders (Special emphasis on 'Adventure through the Unexpected').

Easter Training Period:

7-12 All Guiders and Commissioners (Part A)
(1. Promise and Law.
2. Outdoor Activities).

13-14 Holiday break for those who can stay.

15-18 1. All Guiders and Commissioners (Part B) (The World of Guiding)
2. Senior Branch Guiders (Up to 20 places)

22-25 Middlesex East

29-MAY 1 Brownie and Guide Guiders (Emphasis on the out of doors).

WADDOW Clitheroe, Lancs.

SEPTEMBER

10-13 Music and Drama in the Company and Pack
17-19 Guide and Brownie Guiders
24-27 Guide and Brownie Guiders (emphasis on outdoors in town and country)

OCTOBER
 1-4 Co. Durham
 8-11 Guide and Brownie Guiders
(emphasis on tests and testing)
 15-18 Commissioners, Guide and Brownie Guiders
 29-Nov. 1 N.E. Lancs.

NOVEMBER
 5-8 Guide and Brownie Guiders
 12-15 Senior Branch Guiders (All Sections)
 19-22 Guide and Brownie Guiders
 26-29 Music Party

1966
JANUARY
 30 DEC.-8 JAN. New Year Party and Training
 21-23 Scout/Guide Weekend
(By invitation)
 28-31 Brownie and Guide Guiders

FEBRUARY
 4-6 S.E. Lancashire
 11-14 Brownie and Guide Guiders
 18-21 Brownie and Guide Guiders
(For the 18s-25s, who are invited to bring a non-Guide friend).

25-28 N.W. Area Camping Conference

MARCH
 4-7 Brownie and Guide Guiders
(Tests and Testing)
 11-14 South Lancashire
 18-21 Brownie and Guide Guiders
(Some sessions for Commissioners)
 25-28 Brownie and Guide Guiders
(Divided training sessions for Guide Guiders according to experience.)

APRIL
 1-3 Brownie and Guide Guiders
 7-14 Leadership Training for the 15-18-year-olds *(Up to 10 places for non-Guides)*
 15-18 Camp-fire Weekend *(15 places for newcomers)*
 22-25 English Prospective Trainers
 29-MAY 1 Brownie and Guide Guiders

Fees at Foxlease and Waddow
 Shared room per day ... 20s. 0d.
(Minimum fee for weekend £2)
 per week ... £6 0s. 0d.

Double room per day ... 25s. 6d.
(Minimum fee for weekend £2 11s. 0d.)
 per week ... £7 13s. 0d.

Single room per day ... 30s. 0d.
(Minimum fee for weekend £3)
 per week ... £9 0s. 0d.

Deposit 12s. 6d.

TRAINING SHIP 'GOLDEN HINDE' 1965

SEPTEMBER
 4-11 Guides
 11-18 Senior Branch
 Fee: £5 5s. 0d. per week, deposit £2 returnable up to six weeks before commencement of training.

Requests for application forms should be sent to the Secretary, Golden Hind, Branches Office, C.H.Q. and must be accompanied by a stamped addressed foolscap envelope.

ENGLAND

Two of the following trainings will be held at C.H.Q. and the third at Bristol. Applications to the Secretary, English Training, C.H.Q., enclosing a stamped, addressed envelope and the appropriate fee.

Drama: Mr. Norman Ayrton will be the principal trainer, assisted by specialist members of the Movement, at a course of three trainings on 'The Use of Drama in Guiding', to be held on Wednesdays, 6th, 20th and 27th October from 7-9 p.m. Fee for the course 3s.

These trainings will be a follow-up

of those held last autumn, but are open to any member of the Movement over the age of 17½ whether or not they attended the previous course.

Guide Guiders: There will be a training for Guide Guiders on Saturday, 23rd October, from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. and on Sunday, 24th October, from 2-6 p.m. on 'The Promise in a Changing World' and 'The Guide Service Flash'. Fee for the weekend 6s. 6d. including tea on both days. *(This training was postponed from 15th/16th May.)*

Extension Guiders: There will be

a training for all Extension Guiders of England on Saturday, 30th October, from 10.30 a.m.-6.30 p.m. at the Redmaids School, Bristol. Applications to be made to the Secretary, English Training, C.H.Q. before 5th October, enclosing training fee of 3s. and a stamped addressed, foolscap envelope. Meals will be available if ordered beforehand and a limited amount of overnight hospitality can be arranged, but please make reservation for this as soon as possible. Lone Guiders will be welcome to attend this training.

SCOTLAND

NETHERURD HOUSE, Blyth Bridge, West Linton, Peebles-shire

SEPTEMBER
 3-5 S.C.P.R. Booking
 10-13 Guide and Brownie Guiders
(Places reserved for Glasgow S.S.W. Division)
 17-20 Guide and Brownie Guiders
(places reserved for Stirling-shire)
 24-27 A New Look at Test-work
(for Guide and Brownie Guiders)

OCTOBER
 1-4 Guide and Brownie Guiders
(places reserved for Dunbartonshire)
 8-11 Guide and Brownie Guiders: places reserved for Midlothian

15-18 Guide and Brownie Guiders: places reserved for East Lothian
 22-25 'The Patrol and the Six' for Guide and Brownie Guiders
 29-1 Nov. Prospective Certificated Trainers

NOVEMBER
 5-8 Cadets
 12-15 Rangers
 19-22 Brownie Guiders
 26-29 Guide and Brownie Guiders

DECEMBER
 3-6 Trainers' Conference
 10-13 Trainers' Conference

1966
JANUARY
 7-10 Patrol Leaders
 14-17 Advanced
 21-24 Promise and Law Training for Roman Catholic Guiders
 28-31 Guide Guiders

Fees at Netherurd

Shared room per day ... 15s. 0d.
 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.

Deposit 5s. 0d.

WALES

BRONEIRION, Llandinam, Mont.

SEPTEMBER

3-8 Senior Branch Members
and Patrol Leaders

OCTOBER

1-3 Nottingham
8-10 Cardiff and East Glamorgan
15-17 Drama Training
22-24 Commissioners and Senior
Branch Guiders

29-31 Brownie and Guide Guiders
(places reserved for Central
Glamorgan)

NOVEMBER

5-7 Pack Holiday and Indoor
Camp Training
12-14 International (By invitation)
26-28 Welsh Camp Advisers

Fees at Broneirion

Shared room per day ...	13s. 6d.
per week ... £4	2s. 0d.
Double room per day ...	15s. 6d.
per week ... £4	14s. 0d.
Single room per day ...	17s. 6d.
per week ... £5	7s. 6d.

Deposit 7s. 6d.

ULSTER

LORNE, Craigavad, Co. Down

SEPTEMBER

10-12 Belfast County Trefoil
Guild
17-19 Patrol Leaders

OCTOBER

1-3 Finaghy Local Association
8-10 Guide Guiders
15-17 County Tyrone Patrol
Leaders

22-24 Belfast East Div. Patrol
Leaders
29-31 Cadets

NOVEMBER

5-7 County Tyrone
12-14 Brownie Guiders
19-21 South East Belfast
26-28 Camp-fire

DECEMBER

3-5 Pre-warrant Guide Guiders

10-12 Pre-warrant Brownie
Guiders

Fees at Lorne

Shared room per day ...	15s. 0d.
per week ... £4	10s. 0d.
Single room per day ...	16s. 6d.
per week ... £4	19s. 0d.

Deposit 5s. 0d.

NOTE: As from July, 1965 it has been decided that details of trainings for Foxlease, Waddow, Broneirion, Netherurd and Lorne shall be published in THE GUIDER every other month instead of every month. Details of other occasional training courses, notices about holidays, camps and Pack Holidays will continue to be published every month.

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LOOK OUT FOR LOCAL EVENTS

THE FIRST of the events planned by the Freedom from Hunger Campaign United Kingdom Committee to keep the campaign in the public eye is an event called 'Youth Against Hunger'. This will start in the week beginning 17th October, to coincide with the 21st year of the United Nations, and continue for 21 weeks to March, 1966.

If there are local 'Youth Against Hunger' events in your area it is suggested that Commissioners and Guiders should encourage members of the Senior Branch and older Guides to support them. These will include a study project in schools on India, a 'quiz' for schools on the 'developing world', a fund raising scheme to help young farmers to train in East Pakistan, an 'Each One, Teach One' campaign to pass on facts about the world's needs (a free fact sheet is available for this) and support for V.S.O.

The Girl Guides Association has officially supported the Freedom from Hunger Campaign since its inception, and members of the movement have already given practical help in many ways. The Association welcomes the incentive to young people in this next stage of the campaign.

A leaflet about 'Youth Against Hunger' will be available free early in September from the Secretary, Freedom From Hunger Campaign United Kingdom Committee (Youth Against Hunger), 17 Northumberland Avenue, London, W.C.2. The leaflet will include a declaration which individuals are being invited to sign. Members of the Movement who wish to sign this declaration should understand that they do so as individual members of the public.

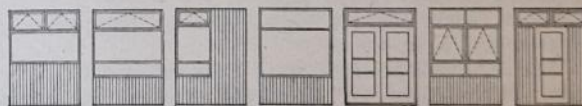
The Girl Guide Annual (Purnell, 10s. 6d., published by special arrangement with the Girl Guides Association). This book is very good value with its gay cover, varied contents and many illustrations. There are stories and puzzles, test-work and facts and fancies. Perhaps the best of all is a series of six personal stories by Gladys Aylward, the well-known author of *The Small Woman* who rescued so many 'lost' children in war-torn China. Guides will love this edition of the book specially produced for them every year and other girls of similar age will enjoy it and learn a good deal about Guiding.

The Brownie Annual (Purnell, by arrangement with the Girl Guides Association, 8s. 6d.) makes it bow, once more, in good time as a Christmas present for a Brownie or any other girl of similar age. The contents are mostly of special interest to Brownies but they are so varied that other girls will enjoy them too. Stories, pictures, ideas for test work, puzzles and problems, with lots of pictures, are all there, and a specially interesting part called 'Brownies' Own Magazine' is written by Brownies themselves. B.B.

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APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

Hon. Treasurer of the Association: Mr. Patrick Gathorne-Hardy has resigned and his place has been taken by Mr. P. C. Barnett.

Deputy Hon. Treasurer: The Hon. Mrs. Sydney Marsham, D.B.E., has retired and her place has not yet been filled.

Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee: Mrs. F. R. Dore, M.B.E., J.P., has retired and her place has been taken by Miss Ruth Tuckwell, O.B.E., J.P.

Extension Adviser, C.H.Q.: The Lady Jean Wemyss (vice Mrs. Armstrong).

Cadet Adviser for Wales: Miss Diana Cadogan (vice Mrs. Walters).

International Adviser for Wales: Mrs. Whittingham (vice Mrs. Morgan).

C.H.Q. Staff

Miss M. Nicoll, M.B.E., has resigned as General Manager, Equipment Department.

Mrs. G. Brierley has been appointed Chief Buyer, Equipment Department.

Miss Grace Dutt has been appointed Sales Manager, Equipment Department.

C.H.Q. AWARDS

Good Service

Beaver

MRS. A. W. FRANKLAND, M.B.E., County Commissioner, London South West.

MISS U. K. SMITH, lately District Commissioner, Preston, Sussex.

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MISS ELIZABETH M. MURDOCH, Cadet Captain, West Lothian.

MISS AILEEN OXLEY, Division Commissioner, Yeovil, Somerset.

MISS ENID TWIGLEY, lately Division Commissioner, Bolton, Lancashire South East.

Oak Leaf

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MISS RUTH JACKSON, District Commissioner, Bermondsey and Rotherhithe, London South East.

MISS FRED A KORTRIGHT, District Commissioner, Bexhill 3, Sussex.

MRS. ISOBEL LOBAN, Brown Owl, 2nd Helensburgh Pack, Dunbartonshire.

MISS MARGARET McELROY, Captain, 37th Ilford Company, London-over-the-Border.

THE GUIDER

Headquarters'

MISS EILEEN MOSLEY, District Secretary, Chevet, Wakefield, Yorkshire, W.R.S.

MISS ELSIE PALMER, Captain, *S.R.S. Argo*, London South East.

MISS URSULA RATTENBURY, Captain, 4th Muswell Hill Guide Company, Middlesex East.

MISS ANGELA WILKINSON, District Commissioner, Tottenham Park, Middlesex East.

MISS HILDA WITCOMBE, Guide Captain, Bath Orthopaedic Hospital, Somerset.

Meritorious Conduct

Star of Merit

NOREEN MONAGHAN suffers from severe congenital defects which prevent her from living a normal life and is often in very great pain. In spite of this, she is cheerful and courageous, joins in Guide activities whenever possible and is a wonderful example.

MARION JARENTOWSKI, Patrol Leader, aged 15, 37th Ilford Company, London-over-the-Border.

Marion has faced many operations bravely without complaint. She is always ready to help other handicapped girls and as a Patrol Leader has a great influence for good in her Company.

Certificate of Merit

CAROL ANN CHURCHER, Brownie, aged 10 years 3 months, Sixer, 3rd Beddington Pack, Surrey East.

KATHLEEN GOODING, Guide, aged 12, 1st Machen Company, Monmouthshire.

Letter of Commendation

BARBARA DENNEHY, Guide, aged 13, 2nd Hanwell (Methodist) Company, West Middlesex.

SARAH LANKENAU, Brownie Sixer, aged 11, 3rd Harlow (Methodist) Pack, Essex West.

Gallantry

Silver Cross

ELAINE RANDALL, Guide, aged 11, 1st Gorseinon Company, West Glamorgan. With several other children, Elaine was playing by a 32 ft. deep, unused well, with some 12 ft. of water in it. Throwing an armful of bricks, a six-year-old boy fell into the well. Whilst the other children panicked, Elaine, who could not swim, climbed down steps about 18 ft. from the top of the well to hang over a steel girder between the water and the steps, to pull him out. She managed to catch him as he came up after having gone under the water twice. Thinking nothing of the danger to her own life, she held him until men from a nearby colliery came and brought both children to safety.

Notices

IN MEMORIAM

By the sudden death of Miss Eva Godman on 15th July, Sussex Guiding has lost not only a friend and leader but a greatly beloved personality who, by her example as County Commissioner and Guider, had expressed the ideals of the Movement in the county for nearly fifty years. She had held the warrant of Captain for the local village Company ever since 1917, and although carrying the responsibility of leadership of the County for many years she still remained a Guider and a camper up to the time of her death.

Miss Godman brought all her many interests, and particularly her knowledge and skill as a naturalist, to the service of Guiding and it was her delight to share these interests with all. Many Sussex Commissioners will have vivid memories of her at the lovely home and garden to which they were annually invited for their meetings, and a very great number will have personal memories of her unfailing sympathy and support. She and her sister, Miss Edith Godman, have most generously supported the Movement not only in Sussex but in a wider sphere and most recently made a gift to Foxlease which has enabled extensive alterations to be made for the benefit of all who train there.

In following their mother, Dame Alice Godman, as County Commissioner they built up in partnership a tradition of service which the Guiders and Guides of Sussex will follow with pride and thanksgiving.

COMING EVENTS

Will members please note that the next meeting of the **Commonwealth Circle** will be held at Commonwealth Headquarters at 6.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 14th September (change of date). Mrs. P. J. Moffet, M.B.E., Chief Commissioner for Overseas Territories, will give an illustrated talk on her recent visit to the West Indies.

Guide Guiders' Leadership Training

Owing to a re-arrangement of the programme of the Working Party and the timing of its report, it has been decided to postpone the conference (which was to have been held in Liverpool in December, 1965) to an indefinite date in 1967.

AN OFFER FROM SCHWEPES

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE been made with Schweppes (Home) Limited for the sale of their soft drinks to the Movement at special terms. This is a generous offer which will assist our funds.

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C.H.Q. MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

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Full particulars for application for these instruments may be obtained from the Musical Instruments Secretary, Girl Guides Association, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1.

NOTICE BOARD

Opportunity for Study in Social Work: The Council of Europe is offering Social Welfare Fellowships to enable candidates of mature professional experience to undertake 4 to 6 weeks study in Europe on a subject of their own choice. This includes workers in voluntary organisations. The value of the award is either £61 or £73 per month (depending on the country), plus travel expenses. Completed application forms must be returned to the British Council not later than 1st October. All other information from the Secretary, C.H.Q. Training Department.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Service Section: A new syllabus for Service to the Mentally Handicapped may be had on receipt of a stamped addressed foolscap envelope from the Secretary for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Branches Office, C.H.Q.

Would You Like to Ski in Switzerland? Once more Commonwealth Headquarters is planning a ski-ing holiday at Our Chalet for Guiders and members of the Senior Branch and this year a group from Denmark is hoping to join the British group. The cost of fares and accommodation will amount to approximately £30 (possibly a few pounds more or less depending upon the number of applicants). The party will leave London on Saturday, 15th January, and arrive back in London on Sunday, 30th January, and will travel by train via Dover/Calais and Basle.

Applications should be made to the International Secretary, Commonwealth Headquarters, not later
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Classified Advertisements

The Girl Guides Association takes no responsibility for statements made in any advertisement here or elsewhere in the magazine, or for any subsequent correspondence in connection therewith. The right is also reserved to refuse any advertisement not considered suitable. Advertisements for the sale of second-hand clothing (except uniform) cannot be accepted. (Uniforms for sale should not be sent to C.H.Q. Advertisers receive communications from applicants.) All advertisements must be received not later than the 1st of the month for the following month's issue. **Please note charges: 6d. per word personal** (uniform measurements count as one word); **1s. per word trade**; Box No. 2s. 6d. (for members of the Movement, 1s. 6d.). **Please send money with advertisement.** 10% discount for series of 12.

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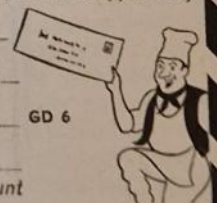
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COMING EVENTS

Leigh's 16th Rover/Ranger Conference. 9th/10th October 1965. Enquiries to Honorary Secretary, Miss P. A. Kettle, 15 Green Lane, Leigh, Lancs.

Essex Rover/Ranger Conference, Chelmsford. 20th/21st November. Further details: Day, 25 First Avenue, Chelmsford.

Wanted for C.H.Q. Library: Bound or loose copies of *The Council Fire* (originally 'World Bulletin') for years 1925-1953 and single copies for October 1959, April 1960, January, July and October 1961. Please write before sending to the Librarian, Girl Guide Headquarters, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1.

C.H.Q. STAFF VACANCIES

A **Manageress** urgently required for our Branch shop in Wood Green. 5 day week, good salary and conditions.

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Senior Post which involves making plans for members of the Movement going abroad and meeting people from other countries. Languages and member of the Movement an advantage. Typing required.

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Shorthand-typist required by Editor of THE GUIDER. Interesting and varied work. Salary in accordance with experience. Hours to be arranged; suggest 10 a.m. to 3 or 4 p.m.

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FOXLEASE

Vacancy for young Guider. General duties, including some typing. Further details from the Guider-in-Charge.

Headquarters' Notices

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than 30th November. Details required with application: Age, position in Guiding, any previous travel abroad, ski-ing experience (although not essential) and a letter of recommendation from your Commissioner.

Exciting invitation to camp in the Philippines: The Girl Scouts of the Philippines invite a small group of Senior Branch members and a Guider to their International Silver Jubilee camp of twelve days and to one week's hospitality in January/February 1966 (the exact dates are not yet stated). Cost of air travel approximately £426. The Girl Scouts of the Philippines most generously offer to pay camp fee and other expenses in their country. Senior Branch members between 17 and 21 years and Guiders of over 21 years should apply to the International Department C.H.Q. for nomination forms and further details. No application can be accepted after 10th October. Candidates must be prepared to be interviewed.

Working Party at Blackland Farm Camp Site, East Grinstead, Sussex: On 13th and 14th November there will be a Working Party weekend for which offers of help would be gratefully received from Guiders and members of the Senior Branch. Volunteers would live in 'Restrop' under indoor camping conditions but anyone coming by the day would be welcome.

Besides being a valuable good turn to the Movement, this weekend would provide practical experience in the repair and maintenance of camp equipment for anyone working for a Camp qualification. Further details from Mrs. Mallam, 10 Park Lane, Sevenoaks, Kent.

Following the 'Strolling Players' of 1963, we hear that several Counties have been experimenting with this kind of camp. What about a 'Travelling Players Camp' in 1966 for older Guides or Senior Branch members and Rovers? The Niagara Area, Canada, ran a highly successful travelling group for older Guides last year, which toured Northern Ontario, and MRS. R. H. BOOTH, Niagara Area Commissioner, has described how it was planned and organized. The play's theme was Canada's rich inter-racial heritage.

The Doe Lake Mummers

SIXTY-TWO Canadian girls plus ten adults, learned that there is no business like show business—if you are willing to work hard! As the 'Doe Lake Mummers' the girls put on a musical play called 'Look Wider' for hundreds of Guides, Brownies and parents in Northern Ontario.

Travelling by buses, the girls did a series of one night stands in various northern communities. They slept on the floor in church basements and various halls. At one point a tired Ranger was found taking an afternoon nap curled up on the floor in the minister's pulpit, the only quiet spot she could find! For three blessed nights however the 'Mummers' slept in real beds!

How it Started

Doe Lake is the Ontario Girl Guide Training Camp owned and operated by the Girl Guides of Canada, Ontario Council, for the training of Guiders, Cadets, Rangers, and Guides from all parts of Ontario.

Each summer a two week Music Camp is held with girls attending not only from Ontario, but from other Provinces in Canada. At previous camps the girls had studied simple conducting, choral music, instrumental music, puppetry, folk dancing, mime and drama. At the end of the camp period it had been customary to put on a show written at camp for the occasion and played out of doors. Costumes were very ingeniously made from materials at hand. Isn't it surprising how many varieties of costume can be made from a common towel?

In 1964 it was decided to break away from the familiar pattern and take a show to northern Ontario where the girls had had difficulty in meeting other Guides because of great distances between communities. At first it was to be a camp-fire show, but then, with the realisation that weather might spoil the performance, it was decided to have the show indoors and deliberately plan it to fit the proscenium of each stage, with the added possibility of having special effects with lighting and sound equipment.

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Planning Rehearsals

The show was written in such a way that it could be split for rehearsal purposes into three sections—drama, choral and dance. The girls chosen for the trip had to be experienced in camping, available for rehearsals during the spring and residing within driving distance of one of the three Guiders of the groups. This last requirement limited our choice of girls to those of Southern Ontario. Each girl would pay \$65.00 to cover all expenses of travelling, food and costumes. Performances were to be free to the people of the districts we visited.

The theme of the show was the richness of Canada's international and inter-racial heritage. The structure entailed an enveloping story, carried by a witch, an owl and a Guide. The witch 'magics' the Guide away from her Patrol, where she is disrupting the meeting, and teaches her manners, appreciation of differences in people from other lands and how not to criticise things she doesn't understand.

The witch invited her to visit in turn some of the countries that have contributed to Canada's culture. First she saw the 13th century mummers' depiction of 'St. George and the Dragon', incorporating a Morris stick-dance. Next she saw a Japanese home and was invited to take part in the tea ceremony and be entertained by Japanese dancers. Then, having expressed an interest in French Canada, she found herself watching a mimed ballet in a French Canadian market place. From there she was successfully treated to a Maori poi-ball game, an Israeli harvest celebration and a choral camp-fire at Our Chalet in Switzerland. As a finale, the entire company sang the theme song 'Look Wider Still'. This song was composed for and lent to us by the Girl Scouts of America.

Fitting the Show Together

Rehearsal for the company as a whole began in mid August at Doe Lake. Despite very wet and cold weather, the girls quickly pitched their tents

and settled down. We were all surprised at the speed with which the entire show fitted together. For a frantic two days thereafter, scenes were polished, costumes were finished and gallons of tea were drunk by the Guiders.

The first performance was presented in the basement of the Camp Hospital for the Headquarters staff and visiting dignitaries. Only the leads wore costume because everything was being packed. The 'top brass' enjoyed the show and we retired to bed feeling very smug and pleased with ourselves.

A Full House

The next morning the sun came out, we packed the buses for the first time and, followed by cheers and good wishes, we set off for our first stop, Sudbury. Here we stepped on to a stage for the first time for a quick, partial dress rehearsal before supper. Then, actually on stage in full costume and make-up, we faced a full house and our first audience. 'Look Wider' went well and the audience enjoyed it.

From Sudbury we went to Sault Ste. Marie, Marathon and Fort William. On the way back we stopped at Wawa and Sudbury, averaging about 200 miles between each one night stand. At each and every one of these towns we were entertained royally. We were taken through canal locks and the Algoma Steel Mills at Sault Ste. Marie, appeared on television, visited the Pulp Mill at Marathon, saw the biggest Nickel in the world on top of a mountain and met hundreds of Guides, Brownies,



The green-faced witch who cast a spell over the Guide



The costumes were all designed on simple lines

Cubs and Scouts at camp-fires. All in all, we covered some two thousand miles, seeing spectacular scenery, mountains, gorges and an inland sea, and made a host of new friends.

Assessing the Value

Was it easy? No, it wasn't. It took careful planning of the innumerable details in the actual travelling, feeding and sleeping arrangements. Costumes were a problem, because the girls were so widely scattered it was impossible to fit until we reached the camp. They had been deliberately designed on simple lines and made of inexpensive cottons, felt, denim and taffeta. In some instances we used the girls' own blue jeans, tights, socks and shoes.

The girls adapted themselves well to working in five different stages with very varied backstage accommodation. They helped with their own make-up, packed costumes and carried boxes of props between stages and buses. They learned to keep themselves clean and neat in spite of living out of suitcases.

Would we do it again? I'll give you the girls' reactions! 'When are you going to cast the next one?' 'Can we take part in more than one?' 'Why don't we just keep right on going to Vancouver?'

A Guider's reaction! 'I never had so much fun at camp before, let's do it again!'

The magic formula: Inspiration, organisation, co-operation and perspiration! It was we who learned to 'Look Wider'.

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