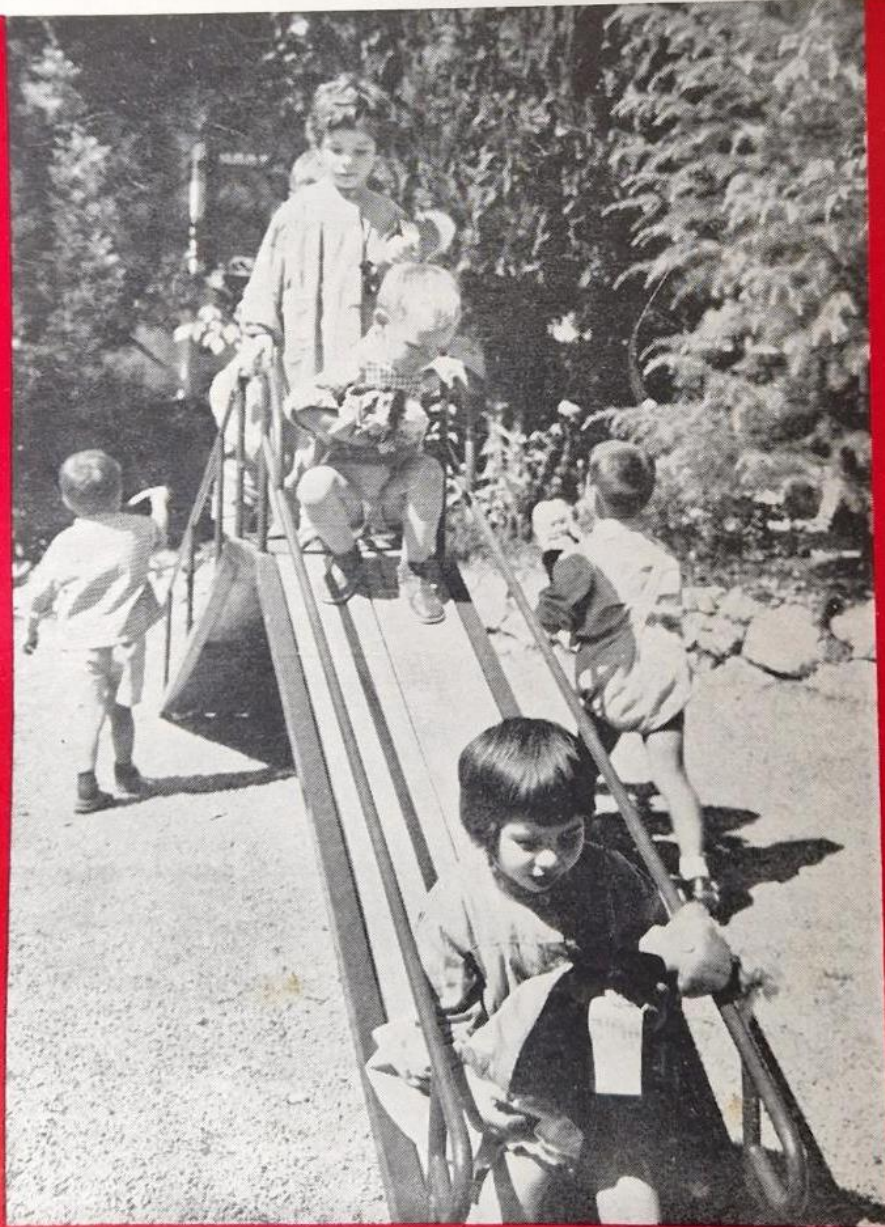


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*Christ washing His Disciples' Feet, by Tintoretto  
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## ‘ To Serve the World ’

*Extracts from an address by the Archbishop of Canterbury to Kent East Scouts and Guides at a service in Canterbury Cathedral on 25th July when Dr. A. M. Ramsey urged all members of the Movement to remember Christ's example of service*

EVERY CHRISTIAN should ask again and again what are those practical ways in which I myself can best follow this supreme example set by Jesus of the humble and unaffected service to other people?

Every Scout and Guide, in serving others, is putting into practice the spirit shown by Jesus in the upper room on that great night. It was an example of great dignity and joy of serving others that Jesus was showing.

What Jesus did, He did knowing that divine power, authority and majesty belonged to Him. He did it as one who was divine. He did it to show to the disciples and to us what God was really like.

He was a God who stooped to serve others, humbling Himself to serve us and the world. Christmas meant the birth of Jesus in great loneliness to serve the world, and Good Friday meant God giving Himself in great sacrifice to serve the world. The feet washing was another great picture of God stooping to serve us and the whole human race.

The feet cleansing was no empty charade of play-acting. The disciples' feet were dirty and needed washing, but it might also have been a sign that He knew that all their lives and characters wanted cleansing, and He was cleansing them as well. It should be remembered that God wanted to be allowed to come and wash away from our lives all those things that were unworthy and which He disliked to see.

The true Christian is ready to let God serve him, just as ready as he himself is to serve God. Christianity is like a great triangle. The first side is practical service to others, the second is the worship of God and the third God's desire to cleanse us.

May God inspire every single one of us to set our hearts and wills upon these things; to thank God for the great privilege of knowing them and in the coming days to put into practice, with more and more loyalty, those ideals.

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COVER PICTURE: Children at a nursery school run by the 'Save the Children Fund' in Ortona, Italy, enjoy playing with dolls sent in for our 'Dolls Unlimited' good turn. There are 42 boys and girls there.



# THE GUIDER

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I WISH every reader of THE GUIDER a full share in the joys of Christmas. If it brings you also quite a lot of hard work may it all seem worthwhile—perhaps because of the family gatherings, the children's joy and, possibly, the chances it may bring to help them to understand a bit more of what the world owes to the birth of Christ.

We shall soon be engulfed in the familiar 'Christmas rush', the shopping, the carols, the cooking, eating and parties, starry-eyed children and tired grown-ups, parcels and the exchange of good wishes for peace and happiness.

Amongst our Guide friends throughout the Commonwealth there are many of the Christian faith. Perhaps we may think that because we include each other in our thoughts of love and joy and friendship that together, by the grace of God, we may add some strength to these blessings which the babe in the manger, born that first Christmas Day, came to bring to the world.

A very happy Christmas to you.

[Chief Commissioner for the Commonwealth]

## *A Suggestion from the Chief Guide*

I SHALL BE 'on the road' and quite literally so when you—my friends—read this, for I am off again on another 'winter tour', the first part being a spell of real holiday, driving incognito right across the United States from Toronto to San Diego, Christmas with the kind Girl Scout National Chairman en route, and then a run round to see the new generation of Guides in some of the Central American countries, which I last visited in 1959, with a much looked forward to 10th Birthday Anniversary Gathering at 'Our Cabaña' on Thinking Day, and so on.

My thoughts will be with you all for those two very important dates; and this brings me to something else personal that I want to say. At these two special times each year, when thoughts of one another fly round the world, I am at the 'receiving end' of a very large number of greetings cards. They come in all shapes and sizes and sorts and kinds—simple ones, home-made ones, and expensive ones too—and yet I am NOT here to receive them. I cannot ever be at home in person at those times, to see and appreciate them, as I continue these annual winter tours, and it is not possible for them to be forwarded.

Now prices and postage being what they are today, it worries me greatly to realize the considerable amount being spent by so many kind friends, without any advantage to me—and indeed the only people who really benefit are the Post Office! So I want to appeal to any of you who may have this kind thought of sending me a card, to let me take the will for the deed, and to send perhaps whatever might have been spent on Christmas and/or Thinking Day cards and postage to me, to the British Guide Friendship Fund or to the World Association's marvellous 'Thinking Day Fund' instead, where such a number of small amounts would tot up to quite a big total and do untold good for many Guides.

I should feel all the more grateful, and greatly delighted to think of such benefits going to the advantage of the Movement that we love. Please do consider this suggestion, and be fully assured that in no way am I feeling ungrateful or unresponsive for the kindly messages so often posted to me at Christmas and at Thinking Day time.

My thoughts and good wishes are with you always.



## 900th Anniversary

by Lilian Carpenter



WHAT sort of image comes into our minds when we think of Westminster Abbey? A shrine where great people are buried? A coronation church? A building with a long history close to the Houses of Parliament? It is all this and more.

I shall never forget my first visit as a child. Though I was born and brought up in the centre of the metropolis I had never before ventured so far. I was taken by my Guide Captain to an Armis-

tice Day Service. Little did I then realize that one day I should find myself living in the Precincts.

On 28th December of this year Westminster Abbey will begin to celebrate the 900th anniversary of the first Abbey built by Edward the Confessor. The only extant picture of this building is on the Bayeux tapestry and no one knows how authentic this is. What we do know is that the Abbey and the Palace of Westminster grew side by side, and in the print on this page a man is seen bestriding the two buildings, thus suggesting for all time the connection between church and state.

### The Norman Cruciform Church

Though Edward was Saxon by birth his childhood was spent in Normandy, and before he came to the throne he was exiled for a time there, so it was no wonder that when he returned to England he built the first cruciform church in the Norman style. For fifteen years Edward scraped enough money together to continue the work and at last it was ready for consecration. Alas, his health deteriorated and he was only able to sign the deed of consecration. After a few days he died and with great solemnity, not unmixed with forebodings, he was buried in the Abbey he had founded.

The commemorative medal designed by Michael Rizzello shows Westminster Abbey and on the reverse side the heads of Edward the Confessor who rebuilt and endowed the Abbey in 1065: Henry III who rebuilt the centre of the Abbey and the shrine of Edward the Confessor: Henry Yevele (circa 1320-1400), master mason, rebuilt the nave as it now stands: John Islip, Abbot of Westminster, 1500: Elizabeth I, foundress of the present Collegiate Church, 1560: Henry Purcell, organist from 1679: Dr. Richard Busby (1606-1695), Headmaster of Westminster School and Canon of the Abbey: Nicholas Hawksmoor (1661-1736), designer of the western towers: Arthur Penrhyn Stanley, Dean of Westminster, 1864: Eric Symes Abbott, appointed Dean of Westminster, 1959.



Edward's body is carried to St. Peter's Church (a picture on the Bayeux Tapestry from an illustrated booklet published by Imprimerie Combier Macon, Bayeux).



Edward was not a great King. Often he was weak and wilful, but many legendary stories of his saintliness surround his name, so much so that he was canonized in 1161 and his shrine made a place of pilgrimage.

What a contrast in character between the saintly Edward and the stern William the Conqueror, who was crowned on Christmas Day, 1066 (a date we all know!) in this brand new church, thus setting a precedent which has been followed by every succeeding monarch, with the two exceptions of Edward V and Edward VIII.

#### The Early Craftsmen's Dedication

Henry III, in the middle of the 13th century, pulled down the Norman church and rebuilt it in the magnificent Gothic style we see today. Henry gathered around him the finest craftsmen to assist in his great plan to erect as noble a building as anywhere in Europe, and worthy to be the shrine of Edward the Confessor. Thus today when we look up and see the towering columns and the sweeping lines of the roof, we realize with what dedication these early craftsmen fulfilled their tasks.

Centuries passed, however, before the building stood completed. The nave, for example, was rebuilt slowly. Henry VII added a beautiful chapel, for which Torrigiani, a friend of Michelangelo, executed the bronze gates and the surrounds of the tomb of Henry VII and his wife. The familiar two towers at the west end were added in the 18th century.

#### Where the House of Commons Met

For some three centuries during the Middle Ages the House of Commons met in the Chapter House of the Abbey. After the dissolution of the Benedictine monastery Elizabeth I granted a charter to the Abbey, making it a royal peculiar, the Collegiate Church of St. Peter in Westminster.

What does the Abbey stand for today? Certainly it has become a symbol, a national heritage, a visitor's 'must'. To a select few it is a place where the best in church music can be heard; the choristers are integral to its life. For others it is a burial place for kings, for the famous, and, in a few cases, the infamous, for poets, musicians, for statesmen and warriors, amongst whom the Unknown Warrior holds a unique place. A memorial to the 1st Lord Baden-Powell, our Founder, at the west end, is a dedicated and hallowed spot for all Scouts and Guides.

It is a mistake, however, I think, when visiting the Abbey to spend too much time looking at the memorials. The great thing is to cast one's eyes upwards; the more so today when, through the generosity of people all over the world, the Abbey looks more magnificent than it has done for centuries. In this respect it can be safely left to tell its own story.



*A new view of the nave of Westminster Abbey looking east towards the reredos. In the foreground is the tomb of the Unknown Warrior. Also shown are the newly polished marble pillars and the beautiful chandeliers.*

#### The Theme is—'One People'

Now the day of its 900th anniversary approaches. What form ought the celebrations to take? Is it not to look gratefully to the past but also around us to the challenges of the present? So a simple theme has been chosen for 1966, which arises out of the continuing witness of the Abbey.

The theme is 'One People', and it will be expressed through special services, a festival of music, exhibitions, lectures, poetry readings, a market and fair. Not least important in all these manifold activities is the Baden-Powell memorial service on 19th February when Scouts and Guides will have their opportunity, in the Abbey, to make their act of dedication.



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## CHRISTMAS SPIRITUAL

Handwritten musical score for a Christmas spiritual. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef. Chords are indicated by letters above the notes: G, G, D7, G, G, G, D, G, D7, Em, G, D7, G, D7. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line is the chorus: 'Go, tell it on the mountain over the hills and everywhere;'. The second line is the start of Verse 1: 'Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is a-born while'. The third line continues Verse 1: 'Shepherds kept their watch o'er silent flock by night, Be-'. The fourth line ends Verse 1: 'hold from out of the heaven. There shone a wondrous light. Hallelujah!'. The word 'VERSE I' is written above the second line.

CHORUS: Go, tell it on the mountain over the hills and everywhere;

Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is a-born while

Shepherds kept their watch o'er silent flock by night, Be-

hold from out of the heaven. There shone a wondrous light. Hallelujah!

Repeat Chorus

### VERSE 2.

'Twas in a lowly manger, the humble Christ was born;  
The Lord sent down salvation, that blessed Christmas morn.  
Hallelujah!

## 4 - PART CANON

Reprinted from 'Round About—34 Original Canons,' published by Drew Publishing Company, U.S.A.

Handwritten musical score for a 4-part canon. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef. The first staff has four measures, each starting with a number 1, 2, 3, or 4, indicating the start of a new part. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line is 'Merry Christmas, merry Christmas to you and to'. The second line continues the lyrics: 'you; May you have a merry Christmas, and a happy New Year too!'. The word '4' is written above the fourth measure of the first staff.

1 2 3 4

Merry Christmas, merry Christmas to you and to

you; May you have a merry Christmas, and a happy New Year too!

**Attractive prizes offered in Midlands Fashion Contest:** Counties in the Midlands area have been given a wonderful opportunity to take part in a fashion contest, sponsored by British Bottlers of Coca-Cola Ltd. and open to Senior Branch units and Guides of 14 years and over in experimental groups. Full details and entry forms are contained in a leaflet, which every

eligible unit should by now have received from its county representative. Further supplies are available direct from Public Relations Department, Commonwealth Headquarters. Each team of two needs a separate leaflet so do not hesitate to write for extras. There are some attractive prizes being offered, including cash prizes to units of £30, £10 and £5.



## OUR THINKING DAY SERVICE IN THE ABBEY (19th February, 1966)

How proud the Founder would have been to know that on the occasion of the 900th anniversary of the foundation of Westminster Abbey, the Dean and Chapter have honoured the Boy Scouts Association and the Girl Guides Association by arranging for them a special service.

Our Founder's Memorial is to be found in this ancient Abbey, where for centuries the kings and queens of our nation have been crowned and which therefore seems in a very particular way to be symbolic of the first promise of Duty to God and the Queen.

BETTY FRIPP

[Chairman, C.H.Q. Public Relations Committee]



Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell, O.M.,  
G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., K.C.B., LL.D.

## The Working Party

by Anstice Gibbs, Chief Commissioner for the Commonwealth

EVERYONE WILL, I am sure, be interested to know how the Working Party recommendations will be arrived at: how and when they will be announced: how they will be implemented.

Let's look back for a moment at the Movement where gradual changes have been carried out during the past fifty-five years. The result is something of which we are all proud. We are the largest, most popular youth movement. The gradual changes have been made over the years by those deeply immersed in carrying out our programme. Some of the changes have met with healthy opposition but possibly loyalty to the old, tried methods has sometimes been tinged with prejudice, and in the long run the new way has been seen to fit the times better than the old could.

### Our Numbers Are Up

That the Movement is strong and healthy has been shown by our census figures published in the November GUIDER. Our total membership of 622,216 is the second highest figure ever recorded. The record total was in 1933 when the number of girls in Great Britain within our age range was high above the comparable number now. Despite these encouraging figures—and our census shows we have nearly 2,000 more Guiders and Commissioners this year—no one can be satisfied that the Guide Movement is making the very best possible contribution everywhere nor that it is poised to give the strongest possible lead to young people in the future.

It is platitudinous to speak of the rapid changes of our time but because of this about eighteen months

ago the Executive Committee decided to set up a Working Party. The Committee was aware that many people in the Movement were experimenting with programmes and activities, searching for new ways and different emphases. Everyone was then invited to take part in experiments and reports of these have supplied useful evidence for the Working Party. The Executive Committee's decision was that the time had come not to rely on gradual piecemeal change but to undertake an overall survey. In this we are in tune with others—with the Chief Scout's Advance Party, with Canada, The United States and Pakistan.

### Still Time for Ideas

The Working Party was asked to take time, to stand back and survey the whole scene, to take active steps to gather evidence and opinions widely, both inside and outside the Movement, and to make recommendations. The Working Party is doing this and we owe the members of it a great debt for the enormous amount of time and thought they are giving. We gave them a difficult task and chose this way rather than, for instance, asking people in every sphere of Guiding to make their own critical review and recommendations about their own job. Everyone has been asked through THE GUIDER to contribute ideas, and contributions will be welcome up to the end of December and can be sent to the Secretary of the Working Party at C.H.Q. Large numbers in and out of the Movement have been consulted and from the Chief Commissioners outwards many groups have been brought into discussions. The C.H.Q. Branch Advisers with their Committees, all of

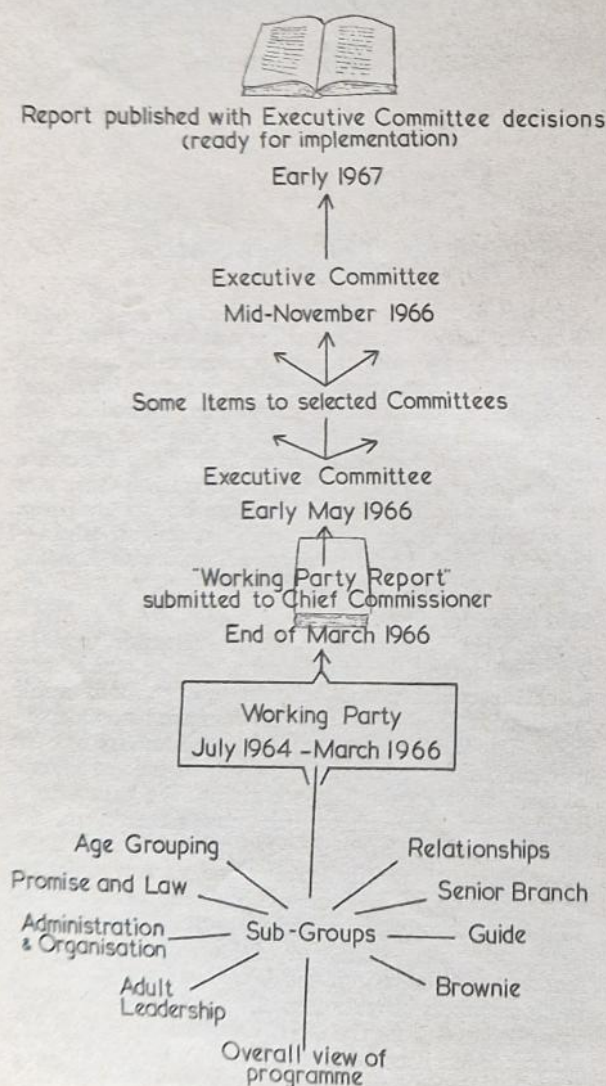


them active Guiders from the United Kingdom countries, have worked with the Working Party. Branch Advisers are now awaiting decisions and are prepared to back the decisions and to give them a fair trial.

No recommendations concerning any one part of Guiding will be the result of opinions only from those most nearly concerned with that part. They will be made in the light of many angles of opinion. An attempt has been made to see the whole picture and not each piece separately. None of us knows what the recommendations will be but I can tell you there will, I am sure, be no recommendations to reject any fundamental principles of the Movement. These have stood the test of time and the Movement is built on their strong foundations.

There will be many who read this who have not been

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directly consulted but only invited to send their comments through THE GUIDER. If you should feel that this is inadequate, please picture the task of consulting a membership of over 600,000 and consider whether such an exercise could have had constructive results. You can, in any case, be assured that many Guiders and Commissioners have played an active part.

It is said 'Democracy is a very bad system but no one has thought of a better one.' A democratic system, for example, in our national government, does not depend on all decisions being made by popular vote. It is a system of trusting people put in responsible positions. The Movement nominates for the Council: the Council elects the Executive, which includes Commissioners and Guiders, and this has to do its best.

### Opportunities for Adjustment

We hope that everyone will accept the decisions as deserving a trial because they are an honest and, I think, a thorough attempt to be helpful. I use the word trial. The Movement is certainly not going to stop making changes in the light of experience and changing conditions, so clearly after a trial there will be opportunity for adjustment.

It is not particularly easy to change one's way of doing some familiar thing, but once the attempt is made it can be interesting and even exciting. If, in this instance, new lights are thrown on the very things we value most in Guiding it will be very exciting. It may be a sobering thought but it is also an exhilarating one that the degree of success that this whole exercise eventually achieves depends inevitably a great deal on the quality of leadership which all of us are able to give.

### To all Guiders and Commissioners

#### YOUR LAST CHANCE!

THE WORKING PARTY has gratefully received a wealth of evidence and expression of opinion on many subjects but now invites final thoughts, in particular, on the following:—

**Camping**—its opportunities and its administration.

**The Senior Branch**—four sections? One Senior Branch? No Senior Branch? What else???

**The Brownie Programme**—its strengths and weaknesses.

**Channels of Communications**—successes and failures.

**The Guide Programme**—its standards and challenge for the future.

Please write to the Working Party, Girl Guides Association, 17-19, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1. before 1st January.



## Public Relations Seminar

by

Joyce Baxter, General Secretary, C.H.Q.

**P**UBLIC RELATIONS. Our Image. These are over-worked words. What do they really mean?

This is a question representatives of fifteen Guide Associations recently asked each other and much more besides at a Public Relations Seminar, sponsored by the World Association, and hostessed by the Union of Finnish Girl Guides.

At the same time, thousands of miles away, in Rockwood, U.S.A., another 'World'-sponsored event was taking place—a Conference on 'Broadening the Reach of the Guide Movement within a Country' which Miss Thwaites, Great Britain's delegate, has described for us. Thought waves were undoubtedly passing across the world, as our subjects touched each other at many points.

We, in Finland, were certainly aware that, through a right understanding of the value of public relations, we can all broaden the reach of the Movement within our countries. We studied the essence of Public Relations—communication between human beings, which does not stop short at speaking or writing or visual aids, but covers the behaviour of each one of us in our relationships with others.

We worked on a very telling thought, given to us by the Chairman of the Seminar (herself a full-time Public Relations consultant)—'Public Relations should not re-touch the photograph, but should truly portray the original.' So we studied the 'original' and looked honestly at the fundamentals of Guiding. How do they look to the girl who joins?



Photo: Pressfoto, Helsinki

(L to R) Miss B. Hess, Mrs. D. Lykiardopoulo, Mrs. C. Seraphim, Miss J. Baxter, Mrs. Raymond-Cox

How do they look to the public who looks in our 'shop window'? What should we do when our essential values seem obscure and misunderstood? What, if we gain the support of all the industrialists and educationists and carry no conviction to the girl of today?

The Union of Finnish Girl Guides provided a lovely setting for our work by a peaceful seashore just outside Helsinki and were most thoughtful and generous hostesses. The picture of Finland evoked already for me by Sibelius' music—forests, lakes stillness, a strong united spirit—became vividly true. The buildings of the capital, Helsinki, impressed me so much by their outstanding design.

I am very grateful for the opportunity to represent our Association at an international gathering. I learned so much and made many friends.

## 'Broadening the Reach . . . .'

by M. E. Thwaites, County Commissioner, London S.E.

**R**OCKWOOD, the Program Center of the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., 16 miles from Washington, D.C., a fortnight of autumn sunshine which gave the deep pink brick of the house a warmth exceeded only by that of the welcome we received from the House and Conference Staff of the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. and the W.A.G.G.G.S., delegates from twenty-one countries of five continents, all prepared to discuss and, if possible, produce methods of broadening the reach of the Movement in our several countries—this sets the scene for what was a tremendously invigorating and most challenging conference.

Throughout the thirteen days we worked hard,

studying and discussing in well assorted groups. In mine there were Leaders in the Movement from eight countries in all five continents—learning to understand points of view different from our own; meeting people from all walks of life and from several other Youth Organizations; planning ways in which we could help to take Guiding and Scouting to those who have not, so far, had the chance to join us; listening to many excellent talks from men and women both within and outside the Movement; exchanging ideas and learning much from other people in the process; realizing that girls are similar the world over despite differences of environment,

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## CHRISTMAS GOOD TURN TARGETS

**BY** THE END OF THIS YEAR, with the help of Christmas Good Turn donations and the emptying of all Friendship Money Boxes, these are the Projects we hope to carry out:—



**ADEN** The Guides and Brownies of Aden would be very grateful for money for Guide and Brownie books to be translated into Arabic.

**MAURITIUS** Guides and Brownies here need books translated into French.

**GHANA** Guide reference books are urgently needed for the Training Centres.

**JAMAICA** A Tape Recorder would be a great boon for training and many purposes.

**NIGERIA** The Guide Association longs to have a car to use for training purposes and as a mobile shop. We would like to help it to make this possible.



How can the 'Guide Friendship Fund' meet these needs for our fellow Guides overseas? Through the usual generous-hearted response from British Brownies, Guides, Rangers and Cadets and other members of the Movement.



If your Pack or Company has not yet heard of the 'Guide Friendship Fund' will you tell them about it? A P.L., Sixer or you yourself can send for further information and a poster, leaflets and stickers for Friendship Money Boxes. PLEASE DO. We want to reach our target and do our Christmas Good Turns this year to those countries I have specially mentioned. V.A.

NOTE: Requests for information, etc. (please enclose 4d. stamp for postage) and all donations should be addressed to:—**Guide Friendship Fund, c/o Overseas Department, Girl Guides Association, 17 Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1.**

### 'Broadening the Reach . . .' (continued from page 385)

nationality and creed and, above all, cementing the friendship which exists always between 'Guides' and which is brought home so clearly on such occasions as this.

We spent two days touring either in Virginia or Pennsylvania; in both States the Councils of the Girl Scouts have projects to broaden the reach of their Movement. Here we had the opportunity of meeting members of these Councils and the heads of co-operating Community Organizations and also the chance to see some of the country, breathtakingly beautiful in its autumn colouring.

The majority of the sessions began with a talk on one aspect of our subject which was to be discussed that day. These included Miss Signe Dreijer on 'Our Commitment'; Mrs. Charles U. Culmer, who asked 'Is the Girl Guide/Girl Scout programme flexible enough to serve the needs of all girls?' Mrs. Stephen A. Dermady who told us that of the 500,000,000 girls under 15 in the world today 6,000,000 are in Guiding. 'Are we', she asked, 'too possessive of our Movement to expand?' Mrs. Howard A. Sprague spoke on 'Working with a local

Community to Pool Resources.' One whole day was spent on 'Public Relations and Communications' and another on recruiting and giving support to those who are making efforts to broaden the reach.

All these talks were most stimulating and evoked very spirited discussion of which we had excellent reports at the end of the day. Here were thirteen days packed with interest and we all left Rockwood to return home with such questions in our minds as, 'How best can we broaden the reach in our country so that those not yet "Guides" may have the opportunity to join us and to enjoy the fun and friendship, acquire the skills and adopt the principles we have to offer?'

To do this may mean new thought and new action. It will take courage but, provided our fundamental principles—the Promise and Law—are preserved, can we not be as flexible as the occasion demands?

I cannot adequately express my gratitude to the Association for inviting me to attend this International Conference nor to my hostesses for their great kindness.

I had a wonderful time. Thank you.





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# Letters to the Editor



## Should Good Service Awards Go?

I am wondering what consideration the Working Party is giving to the question of awards in the Movement? I would like to suggest that we could very well do without good service awards. When an award is presented the recipient usually says she regards it as a tribute to the whole County or Division or whatever. I am sure she means it and that the appreciation is tinged with no small amount of embarrassment. One cannot shut one's eyes also to the difficulty of 'If their County Commissioner has one, why hasn't ours?' and all its ramifications and results.

AWARD HOLDER

*(The Working Party would welcome your views. Please write to the Secretary, the Working Party, The Girl Guides Association, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1.—EDITOR.)*

## Defence Lessons for Guides

I, in common with many other mothers, am very much concerned by the increasing attacks on young girls, and I have for some time felt uneasy at sending my Guides on outdoor activities, when my Lieutenants have not been available. With this in mind, when we were planning our winter activities we decided to try and do something about instruction in self defence. We approached the Secretary of our local Judo Club and he is giving our Company a course of four (one hour per week) lessons in dealing with stranglehold, frontal attack and rear attack defence lessons. How our Guides love these lessons! The mothers jumped at the offer and willingly agreed to the modest fee.

We hope that our Guides never have occasion to use this knowledge, but B.-P. did say 'Be Prepared'.

M. BIRD

(Captain, 1st Burton (New St.) Guide Company)

## Animal Names for Sixes?

Margaret Smith (November GUIDER) suggests small animals for Six names. This *could* be easily done, but how could they be Brownies if they were animals?

Please, please leave the Wings alone. Even a pilot 'passes out' and receives his Wings, he does not look silly. The Brownie Wings are not Fairy Wings or anything like it. As the Guides love them on their uniforms, the girls themselves do not agree that they are 'young and lowering in intellect'.

All Packs will have their own favourite ceremonies for different things and I should imagine it's the Pack that Miss Smith is in that wants to get up-to-date, if she feels the 11-year-old has 'lowered her intellect'. Jumping over the Toadstool at a Fly-up sounds either that discipline is required in the Pack as a whole, or the Brownie should have gone into Guides about 3 or 4 months ago. She is merely giving vent to the feelings of growing up—she is now a Guide!

If a Pack wishes, the Fly-up can be just a handshake, salute and introduction to the Captain and Guides. The trouble with most very young Guiders is that they cannot 'get down' to the younger age—they are too near it.

W. STUTCHBURY  
(1st Watcombe Pack)

I think most Brownies today would prefer to have their Sixes changed from Fairies, Elves, etc. to something more realistic, such as woodland animals. They could learn all about their Six Animal which would be much more interesting than something fictitious.

N. PEARSON

(Brown Owl, 6th Whitehaven [St. James'] Pack)

## Remember These Transfer Forms

WOULD someone please take pity on the Companies and Packs of H.M. Forces, and draw the attention of all Guiders to the use of the transfer form! Our Guides and Brownies are constantly moving all over England and all over the world and if every Captain and Brown Owl sent off a transfer form when a girl moves how much simpler our work would be. As a Guide Captain I usually have a different Company about every two years, and it is one long round of trying to find out what date a Guide was enrolled and dealing with the ever recurrent cry of 'Oh, but Captain, I passed all those things in my last Company.' And they seldom possess test cards either.

One more plea—I would like to see a rule made that before being warranted all Guiders must own, read, understand and *keep amended* a copy of P.O.R. Guides come to me in an amazing variety of so-called uniform, and when I tell them certain things do not comply with rule 92 they say, 'Oh, but our last Captain did not mind!'

JOAN DAVIS  
[Formerly Captain, 1st West Raynham (R.A.F.)  
Coy., Norfolk.]





## From the Private Diary of a District Commissioner

JAMES said, 'Three months is not one week too long, let us have no nonsense.' Said weakly, 'But James, what will happen while I am away? Christmas and New Year parties and Thinking Day . . . . .'

'All perfectly possible without you,' said James. 'Presumably Christmas and New Year celebrated quite successfully before you were born, and think how exciting for District to have Thinking Day cards from Africa.' Suddenly looked like disappointed small boy and said, 'Don't you want to come with me?' Gave him quick hug, said 'Darling James, of course it will be marvellous, will arrange matters at once. Fortunately have my nice Ass. D.C. already installed.'

Sudden thought struck. 'She may even enjoy it,' I said. 'Shouldn't be surprised' said James, 'After all, you do, why shouldn't she?'

Memo of things to do: Break news to 1. Division. 2. Assistant District Com. 3. District Secretary.

**Carols:** Essential to co-ordinate. Neighbourhood can have too much of even good thing. Must enquire about proper singing practice.

**Christmas Good Turn:** Ensure no duplication of local effort. Consult Town Diary, Youth Club, W.V.S., etc.

**Greetings:** Send to H.Q. for cards, leave with Dis. Sec. for posting ready stamped (3d.).

**Christmas Tree:** Suggest outdoor one in Mrs. Manor's garden at end of trail, followed by party supper in barn? L.A. would help.

**General:** 2nd Pickaback Brownies appear to be scrabbling for badges. Investigate Pack programme. Should Brownies involved have gone up to Guides?

Remind Asst. arrange new Brownie Guiders to visit Packs for training.

Report to County on Senior Guide experiment. Argument with Guiders who wished it kept quiet because unsuccessful. Explained could be helpful to be unsuccessful, if we knew why. Mrs. Speakout said: 'Insufficient guidance, that is why.' Miss Withit said: 'Oh no, it is the thing nowadays to leave people to find own way.' Mrs. Blunt said 'Group work—pshaw—' or something like that.

Mrs. Speakout said: 'How can you find way if you don't know where you are going?' 'Ours knew where they were going all right,' said Mrs. Blunt—'To the Youth Club.' Miss Withit looked pained and said the permissive method was what mattered. If one was patient it showed results. 'It showed results all right,' said Mrs. Blunt even more loudly. 'If we had worked them hard and challenged them all along the line and shown them what we expected of them . . . . .'

My Asst. said: 'Have you been to Youth Club lately, there is a new pop group, the leader is a dream! That has got more to do with it than lack of method, whoever's it is.' Feel District will be safe in her hands.

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# Where to Train



## SPECIAL TRAININGS AT FOXLEASE

**30th December, 1965—4th January, 1966: New Year Party and Training.**

The New Year is rather a special time for everyone with its emphasis on 'the new' and the New Year Party and training at Foxlease are planned to fit in with the traditions of the season. A holiday mood prevails, and often one particular aspect of the training comes quite spontaneously to the fore. This time it promises to have a musical flavour but should provide fun and new ideas from many angles.

Why not make 1966 the year you welcomed in at Foxlease?

**25th-28th March, 1966. 1. Pre-warrant Course for Cadets, Ranger helpers and unwarranted Guiders aged 17½-20 years.**

### 2. Cadet Guiders.

Are you acting as a Guider in a Company or Pack but have not yet taken a warrant—then this training is your affair. It is an opportunity to meet other Guiders and Senior Branch members who are proposing to take a warrant, and together explore all that is involved—an exciting prospect for anyone who is prepared to accept a challenge.

A training for Cadet Guiders is also taking place and this might be the opportunity for them to introduce one or two of their own Cadets to a Training Centre for the first time.

Although two separate trainings will be taking place there are possibilities for joint sessions of one kind and another.

This weekend promises to be rather different from the usual training and has been arranged at the request of Cadet Guiders, who we hope will support it.

## SPECIAL TRAINING AT WADDOW

**Easter, 7th-14th April. Leadership Training for the 15-18-year-olds (up to 10 places for non-Guides).**

A training designed for young people—both within the Movement and from outside. Seven days at the disposal of the training and in Waddow's surroundings there will be many opportunities for experiment and adventure—the chance to meet people, exchange ideas and take part in new experiences. To those from outside the Movement a warm welcome will be extended. If you are an older Guide or a member of the Senior Branch and think you are 'looking wide', then apply for this training and 'look wider still'.

## CAMPING AND PACK HOLIDAYS

### Foxlease Camp Sites

Applications for camp sites should reach Foxlease by 7th January, 1966, and will be considered during or after the second week of January. They should be addressed to the Secretary and the envelope marked

'Camp'. Suggested dates, with alternatives, and approximate numbers, should be stated, and whether an equipped site is required. Camps may begin on any weekday.

### Waddow Camp Sites

Applications for Pack Holidays in 1966 will be considered on or after Monday, 15th November, 1965. They should be addressed to the Secretary and the envelope marked 'Camp'. Suggested dates should be given with possible alternatives and approximate numbers. It is preferred that the camps begin on a Saturday.

A 5s. deposit (which is forfeited if the booking is cancelled) and a stamped addressed foolscap envelope should be enclosed with the applications to both Foxlease and Waddow.

### Waddow Pack Holiday House

Applications for Pack Holidays in 1966 will be considered on and after 15th November, 1965, and should be made to the Secretary, Waddow Hall, Clitheroe, Lancs. The application must be accompanied by a written recommendation from the Guider's C.A.

### Netherurd Camp Sites

Sites are available, fully equipped, and there is a Brownie House. Applications for Pack Holidays at Easter and for the summer of 1966 will be accepted on 1st December, 1965.

### Ulster Camp Site, Glen Road, Craigavad, Co. Down

Approximately 8 miles from Belfast on Co. Down coast near 'Lorne'. Fully equipped for 40 campers (one large or two small camps). Excellent hut for solid shelter with Calor gas. Bookings begin on 1st January.

*(Please note Miss N. Pratt, 22, Bangor Road, Hollywood, Co. Down will receive the bookings and not Miss A. Lamb as stated in the November issue.)*

### Lorne Camp Sites

There are two fully equipped sites at Lorne. Bookings, which begin on 1st January, 1966 to Miss E. Henshall, 743, Shore Road, Newtownabbey, Co. Antrim.

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THIS MONTH'S TOPIC—BRIDGES

## *From Each End of the Bridge*

by Mary Weatherill

**H**OW WELL I remember a discussion group where the question was 'How do you, in your weekly meeting, help to prepare the girls for camp?' This was really meant to be in the Company but, to the astonishment of some folk, one group took it from the Brownie angle and said:

'By test work. 1. Golden Bar: knots, observation, and nature. 2. Golden Hand: folding clothes, packing parcel, cooking, firelighting, First Aid and compass.'

This group was of course quite right. These early foundations are laid in the Pack and it is as well if the Brownies know the use to which they will be put in the Company.

**Knots:** As the Brownies learn to choose suitable string for the size of their parcels they can be shown a bedding roll and choose suitable cord for this. In fact, it is easier to teach a packer's knot with rope on a bedding roll than in thin string on a small parcel. Fewer bedding rolls would come undone when thrown from the lorry if this elementary fact was taught in the early stages.

**Packing and Folding:** The question of folding clothes is much more interesting if different containers are produced and discussed. Surely the object of folding clothes is usually so that they shall fit into some container, and come out looking as uncrushed as possible. Possibly a case is the best holder for Pack Holiday but a Guide kitbag or rucksack can be mentioned, yes and even used for practice.

For a change a Brownie overall can be folded to fit a cardboard such as one would use in a bag.

Coats need to be folded for carrying, and this is a different technique, but not one to be overlooked. Here I would include a plastic mac as well as a gaberdine. All these varieties make the job so much more related to present day activities and to the girls' immediate needs, than if we just fold a coat or overall without reference to use.

**Fires:** Most people teach the principles of fire-lighting, need for air, etc. and fire precautions, but do we teach how to strike a match and, above all,

where. Many Guides fail to light the fire because they strike the match while standing and then lower it to the fire, by which time it is probably out. At our weekly meetings we can teach the Brownie to strike a match with safety and with confidence through practice. Many of us have neither the facilities nor time to really light fires very often at the club room but we can put three night lights on the floor and the Brownies see who can light them with one match. This is quite exciting and not easy at first.

Another excitement is to light two dry holly leaves on a tin. It must be emphasized that these things are only tried out with an adult present. Though most children today seem to have such a horror of matches that the danger seems slight, it must be realized and the rules made.

**Compass:** Training in the use of a compass should be very practical in the Pack. It can include compass trails for all, or hiding by the compass. One Brownie takes 4 steps east, 3 steps north and 2 north-east. She hides something which her partner has to find, using the same compass and her written directions.

Picture maps made in Sixes are popular. The Sixer has a piece of brown paper about 10 in. by 7 in., six small pieces of white paper, a compass and access to crayons and paste. She has a card saying 'Set your map by the compass.' This disregards magnetic north and only means place the paper so that the top marked N is North in the room. Then each Brownie draws her picture. A fir tree is in the E. A church with a spire is in the S, etc. Most of the objects have Ordnance Survey symbols but this is not mentioned. All this will facilitate the use of maps and compass when hiking and preparing for Guide expeditions.

**Leaf Prints:** These are interesting and introduce the Brownies to the commonest trees. Brown Owl can explain that these will need to be known when fire-lighting out of doors.

Our Company often invites Brownies about to transfer to a cook-out or camp-fire. If they can recognize a hawthorn tree, or something equally common when Patrol Leader asks for it, or if they can

*Illustrated by Jennetta Vise*



suggest holly for punk they feel that they are really ready for Guides.

In spite of all our efforts some Brownies find it hard to settle but it is helpful if Brown Owl and Tawny have been to Company Court of Honour to help to decide which Patrol is best for each Brownie, for a suitable leader and the right Patrol make all the difference.

The first few nights in the Company are all important. The P.L. who knows which knots a Brownie has learned and asks her to tie these rather than teaching others gives a Brownie confidence. A game in which Brownie knowledge can be used is also a help.

**Knotting Challenge:** A Brownie can take part in a Company knotting challenge, especially if she has been taught one new knot, for she already knew 3 and probably packer's.

**Flag Game:** One which can be graded is best so that the questions on flags or emblems or even saints'

days can be asked when the Brownie turn comes round.

**Knowledge of the Movement:** A Brownie has already heard about the Founder, the Chief Guide, Thinking Day, Guiders' flashes, ties, etc. To be able to take part in the activities and perhaps score for her Patrol makes her feel a member. She will realize that though her time in the Pack has given her a good foundation she still has much more to learn, but is not completely a new girl.

Above all, co-operation between Company and Pack is essential; Brownie Guiders helping at camp or teaching songs or dances to the Company, Guide Guiders showing an interest in the affairs of the Pack, joining in their outings, judging competitions, etc. These are the mainstays of the bridge between Company and Pack. All other things are but planks, each important but not essential to the feeling of being one unit.

## GOING UP TO GUIDES

WHEN a Brownie is 'Going up to Guides' the plans need to be discussed with the Pack and the Company, and the way in which she is to 'go' should be really suitable for the Brownie who is feeling very grown up at this time and would not like to be undignified!

The following five ways may give you some ideas for getting your Brownies to the Guide Company.

1. **Brownies in a circle** at one end of the room and Guides in horseshoe at the other end. Patrol Leader comes to Brownie circle and asks: 'Have you a Brownie who is ready to come up to Guides?'

BROWN OWL: 'Yes, we have Mary.'

PATROL LEADER: 'Has Mary anything she can bring to the Guide Company?'

BROWN OWL: 'Mary, what are you going to take to the Guide Company?'

MARY: 'My Brownie Motto, Lend a Hand, My Brownie Smile and the Promise I made when I was enrolled as a Brownie.'

BROWN OWL: 'Will these be useful in the Guide Company?'

PATROL LEADER: 'Yes, we can turn the Smile and the Motto into two of the Guide Laws, and Mary can keep her Brownie Promise until she makes the Guide Promise.'

Patrol Leader takes the new Guide to Captain who welcomes her, and Pack Leader introduces her to the Patrol.

2. **Brownies in a circle** at one end of the room, Guides in a horseshoe at the other end. The Brownie who is going up to Guides salutes all the Brownies and they salute and say good-bye. Brown Owl asks the Brownie to say the Brownie Promise she made at her enrolment, all salute. Brown Owl suggests the Brownie should keep that Promise until she makes her

Guide Promise. Brownie leaves circle and goes to Guide horseshoe where she meets Pack Leader who takes her to Captain, who introduces her to the Company and welcomes her. Patrol Leader comes to meet new Guide and takes her back to the Patrol.

3. **Brownies in two lines** facing a partner leading to the Guide horseshoe. The Brownie going up to Guides says good-bye to the Brownie Guiders and walks up the line of Brownies who say good-bye as she goes up. When she reaches the Guide horseshoe she meets the Pack Leader who takes her to Captain; she is welcomed and introduced to her Patrol Leader, who takes her to meet the Patrol.

4. **Brownies in a circle** inside the Guide horseshoe. The Brownie who is going up to Guides says good-bye to the Brownie Guiders. Brownies turn outwards and take Guides for partners to make an arch. The Brownie going up goes round under the arches until she meets Captain at the other end. Brownies step out of horseshoe and form a circle on their own. Captain welcomes the Brownie and introduces her to the Patrol Leader who takes her to the Patrol.

5. **Brownies make a circle** and Guides a horseshoe. Brownie Guiders say goodbye to the Brownie going up to Guides. Brown Owl asks the Six to which the Brownie belonged to come into the circle; the Six shakes hand and salutes the Brownie and takes her to the side of the Guide horseshoe where Pack Leader is waiting.

Six says: 'We have said goodbye to Mary, she would like to be a Guide.'

Pack Leader takes the new Guide to Captain who welcomes her and introduces her to the Patrol Leader who takes her to meet the Patrol.

DOREEN BURTENSHAW



# INTRODUCTION TO ADULT ORGANISATIONS

by Muriel Orsman

IN OUR WORK as Senior Branch Guiders, whether we are aware of it or not, we are deeply implicated in the difficult period of transition of our Rangers and Cadets from the adolescent to the adult world. We have a wonderful opportunity, while they are training with us in the security of the friendly and encouraging atmosphere of the Company group, to help them towards acquiring not only poise and stability, but also some degree of reasoned judgement on their way to full maturity.

There comes a time, however, sooner or later, depending on their needs, when it is opportune to fare forth, possibly in a body in the first instances, into the wider world or to bring that world to us. Not only is it valuable at the time, but for many it may sow the seeds of new interest for the future, and help to bridge the gap between the generations.

The field of choice is very wide, and the decision will depend not only on the wishes of the Rangers or Cadets and the experience of the Guider but also on local facilities. The following suggestions are just a few of many possibilities, all of which, however, have been tried at one time or another and found rewarding.

Undoubtedly the best introduction to adult organisations is the personal one, and there are many who will gladly accept an invitation to send a representative to a Company meeting to give an account of their particular aims and activities such as the Red Cross, St. John's, U.N.A. and societies dealing with drama, music, art, photography, folk dancing—to cite just a few. It adds much to the value as well as the pleasure of the visit if it can be arranged to finish the evening with an informal chat and questions over a 'cuppa'.

A valuable source of information on local societies, and much else also, is the Citizens' Advice Bureau. Guiders in urban areas will find the Townswomen's Guilds, the Y.W.C.A., Women's Auxiliary and the W.V.S. always very ready to help in this way, and the Electrical Association for Women is very enterprising in its programme. In rural districts the Women's Institutes are very co-operative, especially over music and drama, and the Young Farmers' clubs have an unexpectedly wide range of interests and do not restrict their membership to those actively engaged in farming. County Rural Community Councils are responsible for organizing social and cultural activities in their areas and it is a good plan to invite the organizer to come and talk to the Company about the possibilities.

We should not forget to keep in close contact with our L.E.A. area Further Education Department, which may organize day, or possibly weekend, conferences; the latter are particularly valuable to the older Ranger or Cadet, providing not only the experience of 'going into residence' but also of meeting a varied cross section of representatives from other organizations.

Most of our young people are attracted by outdoor activities. The Central Council for Physical Recreation is an excellent contact for these and will provide information on a wide range of clubs in most regions, catering not only for the usual sports and athletics, but also for pony trekking, canoeing, mountain climbing, sailing and other adventurous pursuits. Rangers and Cadets in the London area will know of the very big C.C.P.R. Crystal Palace National Recreation Centre.

The Youth Hostels Association and the Ramblers' Association will both provide speakers who are calculated to give the urge, even to the most static, to set out at once for 'over the hills and far away'.

In urban areas a visit to the local museum will usually unearth information about geological, archaeological and naturalists societies, all of which engage in field work. While on the subject of museums and other civic institutions, some staffs organize conducted tours through their art and other departments and also run concerts. The experienced Guider will probably agree that the most important contact from the outside can be a clergyman or minister invited to a Company meeting to lead a discussion, or maybe just to talk about his work and the organizations connected with his particular church.

In the same way a service project with a society, such as the Cheshire Homes, or a Children's Orphanage or an Old Peoples' Home, is a very profitable and 'happyfying' introduction to adult organizations.

## London Headquarters Addresses of some Adult Organizations (Regional Information on Application)

*British Red Cross Society,*  
14, Grosvenor Crescent, London, S.W.1.  
*National Council of Social Service,*  
26, Bedford Square, London, W.C.1.  
*County Rural Community Centres,*  
26, Bedford Square, London, W.C.1.  
*National Citizens' Advice Bureau Council,*  
26, Bedford Square, London, W.C.1.  
*National Federation of Women's Institutes,*  
39, Eccleston Street, London, S.W.1.  
*National Union of Townswomen's Guilds,*  
2, Cromwell Place, London, S.W.7.  
*Central Council Physical Recreation,*  
26, Park Crescent, London, W.1.  
*Youth Hostels Association, England & Wales,*  
Trevelyn House, St. Albans, Herts.  
*Ramblers Association,*  
124, Finchley Road, London, N.W.3.  
*Freedom from Hunger,*  
17, Northumberland Avenue, London, W.C.2.  
*Cheshire Foundation Homes for the Sick,*  
7, Market Mews, London, W.1.



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## *The Shepherd Boy's Bridge*

by Ernest J. Webb

AVIGNON is a famous city of Provence in France. It is famous because in the Middle Ages it was the seat of the French Popes and the great Papal Palace still stands and is one of the chief sights of the city. It is famous for its embattled walls, with their great towers and many gates, which completely encircle the city. It is famous for its lovely old houses and narrow, crooked streets. Above all, it is famous for its bridge!

Who has not heard of the Pont d'Avignon? One of the favourite songs of French boys and girls, and English ones too, for that matter, is about this wonderful old bridge.

*'Sur le pont d'Avignon  
Tout le mond y danse en rond.'*

Yet few people seem to know the story of the building of this bridge way back in 1100 and something! It is known to French children as the Bridge of the Shepherd Boy.

Benezet was a shepherd boy who lived in Avignon all those hundreds of years ago. Avignon then consisted of two cities, one on either bank of the river. At this point the river Rhône is very wide and in those days there was no bridge. It was a laborious and, not infrequently, a dangerous business crossing the river, not only for the inhabitants of the twin towns, but for the thousands of pilgrims who came every year.

The shepherd boy, watching over his sheep on the hillside, saw with what difficulty people made the crossing, sometimes even being swept away by the river. Then one day he heard a Voice bidding him build a bridge to save peoples' lives, and he was sure

that it was the Voice of God. (This will remind you of Joan of Arc who also heard Voices, obeyed them and saved her country.)

Benezet was but a shepherd boy without money, influence or skill. He went to the Bishop, and either because the need for a bridge was so urgent, or because the boy was so obviously sincere, or perhaps for both reasons, the Bishop believed his story. In the Cathedral Benezet told the people of the Voice that had come to him.

They did not really believe him. Why had not the Voice come to the Bishop, to some wealthy person or to a bridge-builder? Why to a poor shepherd boy on a hillside? Only because Benezet was very determined and persistent, and would not give up, did the building of the bridge at last begin. It was difficult and costly and would mean many years of hard work but, as it proceeded, enthusiasm mounted. When the bridge was well under way, Benezet, the shepherd boy, died. Thereupon, in order that his work should not fail, all those people helping to build the bridge formed themselves into the Guild of Bridge-builders. This is why you find historians saying that they built it.

Over one of the great stone piers of the bridge, half across the river, they built a chapel and here they buried Benezet, declaring him the patron saint of the bridge. Perhaps the little shepherd boy, who never lived to see his bridge completed, would find it hard to recognize himself in the saint who is now so widely honoured in the south of France.

Man is divided from his brother man by race and religion. Men often dwell on opposite banks of rivers and nations on opposite shores of oceans. Bridges of understanding, peace and love have yet to be built and they will require determined and heroic builders.

## *Bridge That Gap*

by Edna Odell

'BRIDGE THAT GAP!' Not (as we are urged in the advertisement) with a chocolate biscuit, but with a Golden Ladder. What gap? The gap (often a yawning gulf) between a Golden Bar test (done a bit at a time, with its elastic, individual standard geared to the capacity of each Brownie) and a Golden Hand (with its long syllabus, all to be ready at one time, to be tested by a stranger, and its absolute standard).

Imagine a Pack of Brownies out in the country. By

climbing over a stile the Brownies reach common land and are able to enjoy themselves. They are in no hurry; they stop and look and listen. They play games, sit down for a story. They don't stand together all the while—some of them wander off on their own devices, peering down rabbit holes or amusing themselves making cowslip balls. Maybe they do something to—

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wards their Pack Good Turn—gathering sticks for an old lady's fire or flowers for Church.

It isn't all smooth going—there are ups and downs, muddy patches to negotiate, stinging nettles to avoid—but everyone has been able to keep up without too much effort, until now, when they reach the brook—'the natural break'. It would be good for the bigger ones to reach the other side, to go farther afield to pastures new.

The Guider knows that they are fit for the longer journey, that they would enjoy themselves when they got there—but—the brook is a daunting prospect for some. It's no use telling a nervous child that you reckon it is just about within the capacity of the average child to 'take in her stride'. She doesn't know how wide it actually is. It looks a long way. She doesn't know the depth. If Brown Owl is on this side, to give her a good 'shove off', then she certainly can't also be on the far side to grab! Once her feet have left the ground, there is no turning back and she is most certainly 'on her own'. Supposing she doesn't make it, she'll get horribly wet.

### A Bridge Across

Look downstream a bit. True, the brook is wider, but a little bridge leads across to an island in mid-stream. Only a stepping-stone bridge, but the stones are solid, flat, and closely spaced. What a difference this makes to a Brownie. She can stop, and stand and stare if she wants to. She can move a step at a time, with Brown Owl helping her along. It doesn't seem long, but suddenly she is there. She has made it. She is on the island, on new ground and no longer with all the little ones.

It's a very nice little island, with all sorts of things to do on it. Almost any interest any Brownie has is catered for. From here you can really see the river, and realize that it isn't as wide as you thought at first. You may well decide, with your new-found confidence, that you can jump from the island across to the far bank and gain Golden Hand.

Brown Owl may know that athletic, confident Jane can jump the original brook, but why not let her get the best of both worlds, like the folk who sail to America and fly back? In jumping, there'll be precious little time to admire the water-lilies, to notice the tiddlers and the colour of the pebbles, to listen to the gurgles. Let her go across on the stepping stones, explore the island, *then* jump.

Time is too precious to waste, but it *is* wasteful to 'save' it and not 'use' it. Jumping the first brook may save time, but to what end if you stand idle on the far bank, fretting and bored? There is a thrill in gaining your First Class but it wears off a bit if you have too long to fill in before Guides. Let the bright children take Golden Ladder to give them time to breathe and grow up, to enjoy themselves and help other people.

### Golden Ladder is an Accepted Fact

How do we encourage Brownies to take Golden Ladder? Frankly, I don't. It is just something we 'do', as we 'do' Golden Bar, and no one asks. It's an

accepted fact, a natural sequence ordained in her wisdom by Brown Owl (like washing your hands after going to the lavatory, or Pack Prayers at the end of the meeting). We don't keep our testwork in watertight compartments, recruits only doing recruit work, and only those who have got Golden Bar doing anything beyond. We all intermingle.

Recruits join in semaphore and 'remembering' games; everyone in the Six helps in the compass trail, we all need to know the national anthem for our annual Brownie Service and to have clean shoes for inspection. We reckon to cover the Golden Ladder syllabus in general Pack work—the Golden Hand people need individual help afterwards. Even the knitting clause can be covered by the square we all do for the blanket for refugees or the dishcloth for an Old Age Pensioner's Christmas parcel.

### It's Something to Show . . .

Even the child who comes to Brownies at a later age, and has little time left in the Pack, after achieving Golden Bar, can get her Ladder first. As a First Class tester myself, I feel most strongly that Brown Owl should have checked that the child can do each clause before expecting some other poor soul to devote a precious evening to testing her. In 'crossing things off', she can get her Intermediate Badge.

Let them 'Have a Go'. Golden Hand is a long syllabus. Let them, half way through, have the encouragement of something to show for their effort. 'Nothing succeeds like success' . . . 'Bridge that gap' . . . 'Hold the ladder steady' . . . (It isn't only in ice accidents that it can save folk from 'going under'!)



Illustrated by Elizabeth Wall

Brown Owl can help her along





# BRIDGES TO BADGES

by Betty Crawford



**T**WENTY-EIGHT pages in P.O.R. are devoted to Proficiency Badges, yet this integral part of the Guide programme is often a sadly neglected Cinderella, used only to enhance her grand relations, First Class and Queen's Guide. Yet by introducing into our meetings activities based on the badges we can awaken interest and build a bridge which may eventually lead to the taking of the badge.

To the young what is new is often the best: here are a few suggestions to use or adapt with some of the newer badges in mind.

## Local History

Training for this badge can be included in First Class 'knowledge of the neighbourhood' activities and also in map-reading and making (the origin of local place names). Use can be made of photographs and cuttings from local guide books in competitions. Local lives, stories and legends often make suitable material for talks at prayers or camp-fire.

## Patrol Competition

1. Visit two buildings of historic interest and bring back proof of your visit.
2. Whole Patrol to take part in a tableau (or short mime) depicting a local legend (or story of the vicinity).
3. Member or members of Patrol to give a short, interesting, verbal account of the life of someone who contributed to local history.
4. Make a Patrol exhibition depicting a local craft or crafts.

To be adapted to your own locality, and extended over any length of period desired.

## Be Prepared

However carefully planned in Court of Honour, the unexpected should always burst into our meetings.

'Quick-thinkers'. Give each Patrol, in turn, a different 'situation' and not more than two minutes consultation to decide how to cope, e.g. what you do if . . .

1. A V.I.P. has arrived to inspect your Company and at the same time a message arrives to say the Guiders have been delayed.

2. Colours are about to be broken at an important event; you notice they have been hoisted incorrectly.

There are many such situations where the reaction of the average girl will be to do nothing.

**Emergencies:** Call the P.Ls. and tell them 'Floods are rising and will sweep through hall in three minutes. In this time assemble your Patrol at least two feet off the ground, in outdoor clothes and wearing labels bearing their name, address and telephone number.'

Take off points if the Guides solemnly sit down to write the labels *before* their feet are off the ground! Stage management and timing are important in this

type of activity: it should not be launched when Patrols are sitting neatly in their corners.

The unexpected need not be elaborate; try standing in an unfamiliar part of the hall next roll-call!

(See also '10 Surprises for Guide Meetings' in the September GUIDER.)

**Signalling:** When you camped among the hills last summer did you regret that signalling was no longer a 'must'? Try introducing the morse code into your meetings. Build up slowly with the use of written code messages in games and challenges and extend to simple messages buzzed or flashed in the dark. Look up, review and adapt some of the old signalling games. Remember to provide each Patrol with a morse code card. Signaller Badge helps towards the Be Prepared Badge and opens up possibilities for fun and adventure in camp.

*Help Yourself to Be Prepared* (price 1s.) gives many useful suggestions, especially for Emergency Helper, a big bridge not only to Be Prepared but also to First Class, All Round Cords, the Service Flash and Queen's Guide. (Do your Guides realize this?)

## Traveller

Find out NOW how many of your Guides are going abroad next year. Make sure they know about this badge and include the countries they are going to visit in your international games and activities. (See Mrs. Liddell's article in the August GUIDER.)

## Speaker

Encourage all the Guides to take a full part in prayers, camp-fires and discussions.

Captain and Lieutenant are struck dumb one evening (P.Ls. too if you think fit). The Guides have sole responsibility for the spoken word.

Borrow a tape recorder (portable, if possible) and conduct interviews on matters of topical interest.

Don't try and do it all yourself, the following can be asked to help and the Guides will enjoy seeing new faces!

**Local History:** Members of local historical/preservation societies. Librarians.

**Be Prepared:** Sea Rangers/Scouts (signalling), Fire Brigade, British Red Cross, St. John Ambulance Brigade.

**Speaker:** Enthusiastic owners of tape recorders.

Finally, before your Guides present themselves in hoods, make sure that testers for these comparatively new badges have been appointed in your area.

## STOP PRESS

Have you seen the syllabus of the new Backwoodsman Badge? Here is a wonderful opportunity for the spring 'Out in Scouting'. Tracking games can take on a new purpose, and your outdoor challenges can include the cooking and shelter clauses of the badge.



# From Meeting to Meeting

by Jennifer Lines

I SEEM to have timed my start for work very badly recently. Just as I reach the narrowest stretch of the lane that winds down the hill I catch up with the school bus and there in the back seats are the characters of our village Guide Company, grinning and waving at me for the next mile. I grin and wave back, my ears burning, for I imagine that their animated conversation is about some highlight of last week's meeting.

What would we like them to be talking or thinking about? For whether we see them during the week or not we hope that something goes on ticking over inside which leads them to experience the feeling that 'being a Guide' means more than just for an hour and a half on a Friday evening. Are your Guides rather young and new like mine? Full of energy and enjoying their meetings, with so many new things to try out but with little persistence, and with whom interests can wane as rapidly as they wax? Are we offering something each meeting that keeps the spark of enthusiasm burning during the week?

## Things to Find or Do

Going home with something to do or find out helps to hold a Guide's interest during the week, and this can often be a follow on from our evening's pro-

gramme or a step in preparing for next week. This can be something individual, anything from improving on a design for a pirate flag to some challenge which takes our Law and Promise, good turns or health training back to a Guide's home. Here I find that a reminder jotted in my notebook is essential as there is nothing so disheartening to endeavour than our forgetting to look at the one unbitten finger nail, or the re-stitched and now straight cap badge, or not allowing enough time to hear a report on the best example of the 8th Law seen during the week.

Other things planned with the Leaders might include preparing disguises; Union Jack spotting on a festival day, special perks for any flags seen incorrectly flown; getting together round a sewing machine to make camp dresses; collecting magazine pictures ready for poster making on child care, the countryside code, a Thinking Day theme or good grooming.

## Jobs for the Company

Try casually dropping hints about jobs to be done into the right ears at the right moment; a new Tenderfoot Test chart needed; the overhaul of the string bag; a contribution to enter in the Company prayer book; the song series in THE GUIDE to be mounted; holly to be collected and then a special centre piece made for an enrolment.

## Stuck at Second Class ?

ARE you looking for a not-too-distant target for your Second Class Guides when First Class looks a long way ahead and they aren't nearly old enough to start on the Service Flash? Sometimes even a proficiency badge takes them further in one subject than they are ready to go just then.

This is where the Red Ring comes in. Once the Guides have grasped what it is about it can be just the incentive they need and can start them off on many things. It is the kind of target that follows on from Second Class in a way they already understand. It introduces a variety of different skills and interests taken further than the Second Class stage, but not too far, and they can choose, this time, according to their own current interests, the time of year and what is happening in the Patrol and Company.

The Red Ring is something to start on because it looks possible to complete and it leads to other things, as all bridges do, to:

the determination to tackle First Class, perhaps the determination to tackle a whole badge, and thence to Little House or Woodcraft Emblems and/or the Service Flash at 13½.

It is worth while taking time to study the require-

ments for all these so that a follow-on can be found at the right time and used in the right way with each individual. It is often by the way she tackles these six First Class items for the Red Ring that a Guide discovers, or reveals, which follow-on is the one for her.

NOTE: This is not an intermediate test as is the Golden Ladder for Brownies. The Red Ring is an intermediate target or incentive, an 'on-the-way to First Class' recognition of six items completed. Only items done, tested and accepted for First Class can qualify and, equally important, any items accepted for the Red Ring must, by the same token, qualify for First Class. Any sort of re-test of something already achieved, except in the case of biennial badges, is foreign to the whole meaning of progressive tests.

J.M.C.

## Recommended Books (See page 398)

*Girl Guide Knot Book*, 3s. 6d., postage 6d. *Camper/Pioneer—Hints on Girl Guide Badges*, 2s., postage 6d. (Girl Guides Association). *Pioneering Projects* by J. Thurman, 10s. 6d., postage 1s. (Boy Scouts Association).

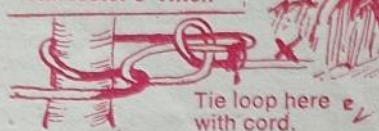


## COMMANDO BRIDGE

### Equipment

Two 3 in. sisal ropes.  
(Ropes are measured by  
circumference).  
Sacking to prevent  
damage to trees.

### Harvester's Hitch

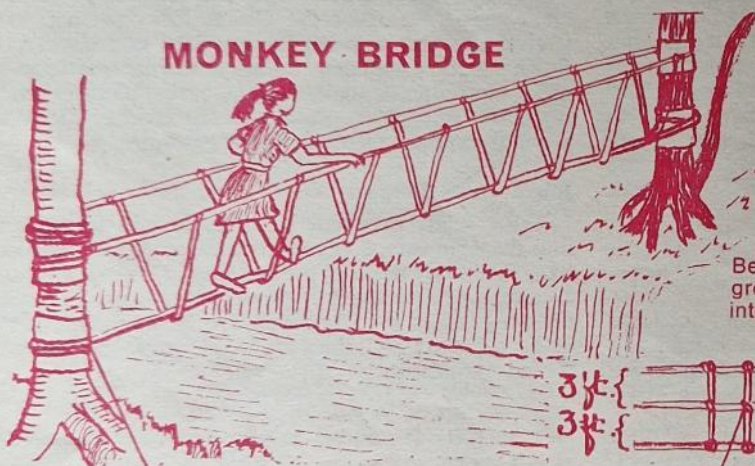


Pull back tight round tree. Fasten at X  
with two half-hitches.

Round turn and  
two half-hitches  
round trees. Pull  
ropes very tight.

Lower rope will  
need tightening at  
intervals.  
Harvester's Hitch,  
an easier knot to  
tighten, could be  
used at one end.

## MONKEY BRIDGE

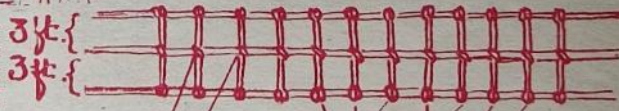


### Equipment

One 3 in. sisal rope.  
Two 2 in. sisal ropes, all of  
equal length.  
12 or 15 1 in. ropes 7 ft. long.  
Sacking for trees.

### Stage 1

Before erecting bridge, place ropes on  
ground. Tie short ropes in place at 2 ft.  
intervals.



Tie round-turn and two half-hitches over  
sacking round trees or Harvester's Hitch at  
one end of lower rope.

Clove-hitches Round turn and two half-hitches

## TRANSPORTER BRIDGE

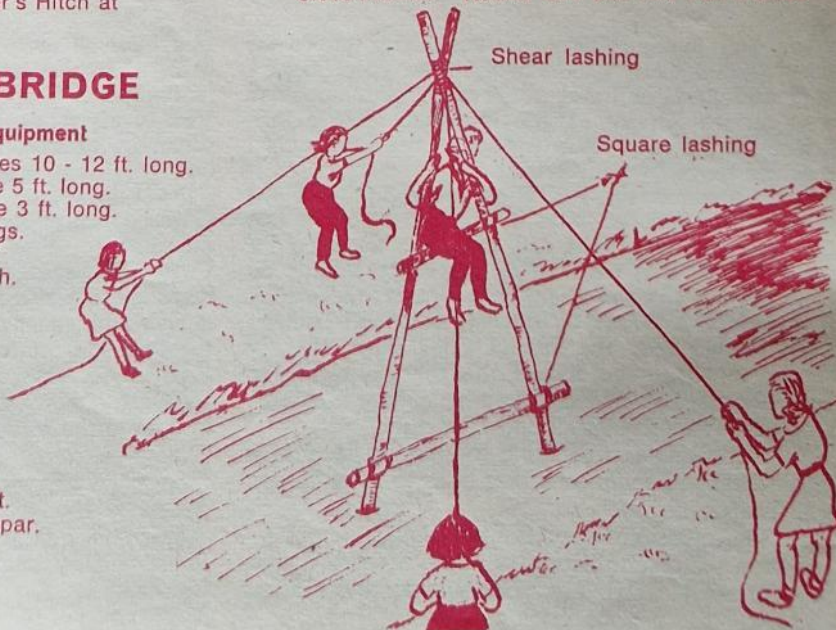
### Equipment

Two strong poles 10 - 12 ft. long.  
One strong pole 5 ft. long.  
One strong pole 3 ft. long.  
Cord for lashings.  
Two ropes for  
guys, 30 ft. each.

### Shear Lashing



Start with clove-hitch,  
then 8 turns round both poles.  
Frap between poles with two or  
three turns. Do NOT pull too tight.  
Finish with clove-hitch on other spar.



D. M. Sandford



## BOOK REVIEWS

**A Forest By Night** by Fred Speakman (Bell, 18s. 6d.). For a year the author spent almost every night in the forest. It happened to be Epping Forest, but another would have yielded similar experiences, funds of nature lore and happiness. Infinite patience added to previous knowledge, for Fred Speakman is a well known broadcaster, writer and lecturer, gave him an intimate awareness of many creatures. He learnt, for instance, of the regular habits of his four-footed friends, how, if undisturbed, they leave their daylight haunts at the same time every night.

The book is so well written that one loses the sense of reading in feeling that one actually knows the creatures in a forest by night through the mind of an expert.

E.M.B.

**The Oxford Book of Carols** by Percy Dearmer, R. Vaughan Williams and Martin Shaw (The Oxford University Press, 8s. 6d.)

The Oxford Book of Carols has long been the most comprehensive collection of carols we have. Whether you wanted to build up a carol festival, devise a nativity play, or just sing carols as a family or Company, you could be sure to find both the old favourites and also unfamiliar carols from all parts of the world. Even at 17s. 6d. the piano copy was good value not only for the carols (over 200 in number) but also for the fascinating footnotes giving the origins of many of these carols.

For most people a copy with words and tune is sufficient, and the Oxford University Press has now brought out a melody edition at 8s. 6d. It is a small, compact volume, strongly bound and easy to put into one's coat pocket or handbag. If you are going carol-singing this Christmas, it is a 'must'—and if you are not, buy it to sing carols round the fire.

D. M. BIRD

[Music Adviser, C.H.Q.]

**Journey Through Adolescence** by Dr. Doris Odlum (Delisle, 7s. 6d.). I well remember reading this book when it first came out as part of the 'homework' set for us before a ten day training for potential trainers. I thought then what an excellent, readable and informative book it was, and I welcome this new edition, which Dr. Odlum has not only revised and brought up to date, but to which she has added new material. She presents us with the facts and leaves us to draw our own conclusions and make our own decisions, without trying to influence us in any way, on the vitally important matters which concern, not only the adolescent, but ourselves, the adults in society.

It is a book to read and to think about and it can help us greatly in our work with, and understanding



One of John Avis's illustrations in 'A Forest By Night'

of, the adolescent, by showing us many of the reasons behind the problems they are faced with and the resultant behaviour patterns they show in growing to maturity. I would recommend Senior Branch Guiders in particular to get hold of a copy.

E. J. ALLEN-WILLIAMS

**Joint First Aid Manual**, (The St. John Ambulance Association, the St. Andrew's Ambulance Association, the British Red Cross Society: 6s. plus postage). The second edition of the *Joint First Aid Manual* which has recently been published covers a much wider sphere of accidents and treatment than the first one. Special sections deal with mountain exposure, collapse from cold (a condition which may occur in elderly people living alone), severe traffic accidents, poisons from pesticides, etc. The mouth-to-mouth method of resuscitation is described in far greater detail. The latest treatment of burns is included which consists of immersing the injured part in cold water, if possible, and giving the patient small and frequent cold drinks.

There is much in the manual which is beyond the requirements of a Guide Company or Senior Branch unit, but the contents are precise and well set out, and a very clear index, with the main subjects picked out in bold type, makes it easy for anyone to use.

This is a very valuable book but inexperienced First Aiders, besides studying it, would need to attend a course of lectures and practices in order to make the best use of it.

C.E.P.

**Let's Find Out**, by J. Perry Harvey, B.Sc. (Evans, 15s.). Most young people like 'to see the wheels go round' and to know how things work and what makes them go. Parents and others are constantly asked to explain 'how', 'why' and 'where'. Here is a book that answers most of the questions simply, clearly, and with good illustrations. All the subjects are linked with natural forces so that girls and boys while learning quite a lot about electricity, cameras, flying, and many other things, also learn to appreciate the laws of nature. It is a book to be strongly recommended for girls and boys of Guide age, and, dare we say it, for their elders too.



# Headquarters' Notices

## COMING EVENTS

The Commonwealth Circle will hold its Annual Christmas Party at Commonwealth Headquarters on Wednesday, 8th December. The programme will include a Nativity Play by a Brownie Pack and Carol Singing. Members are asked to note that the Annual General Meeting of the Circle will be held at Commonwealth Headquarters on 26th January, 1966, at 6.30 p.m.

## C.H.Q. AWARDS

### Good Service

#### Silver Fish

MRS. JEAN KEEPIE, County Commissioner, City of Edinburgh.

#### Beaver

MISS AUDREY BAYLISS, Captain, 1st Hove Company, Sussex.

MISS BEATRICE C. BELLIS, Assistant County Secretary, Birmingham.

MISS DOROTHY M. PLATT, County Cadet Captain, Birmingham.

MISS A. S. ROGERS, Division Commissioner, Hereford City.

#### Laurel Leaf

MISS DORIS J. BAKER, Division Commissioner, Hall Green, Birmingham.

MRS. J. BRYDEN, County Commissioner, Lanarkshire.

MISS ELSA M. CARROLL, Captain, 1st Withington Company, Manchester.

MISS KATHLEEN ELLIOTT, Division Commissioner, Edgbaston, Birmingham.

MRS. G. HOWES, Division Commissioner, Mid Essex, Essex East.

MISS MARY HUNT, Division Commissioner, Pontypridd, Glamorgan.

MRS. S. MANASSEH, Division Commissioner, Essex North East.

MISS HILARY PRESTON, Lieutenant, 1st Handcross Company, Sussex.

MISS JEAN SIM, County Secretary, Stirlingshire.

MRS. G. E. TWINING, County Commissioner, Isle of Wight.

#### Oak Leaf

MISS FRANCES ALLSOP, Division Secretary, North Derby, Derbyshire.

MISS M. B. ANDREWS, District Commissioner, Horsham North East, Sussex.

MISS V. A. BARNWELL, Division Commissioner, Uttoxeter Rural North, Staffordshire.

MISS E. J. EASSON, Division Commissioner, South West Division, City of Edinburgh.

MISS WYNN GREAVES, Lately District Commissioner, West Derby, Derbyshire.

MRS. DOROTHY V. HALL, District Commissioner, Cowley, Oxfordshire.

MISS E. M. HARRIS, District Commissioner, Salisbury 1, Wiltshire.

MISS GLADYS HUDSON, Captain, 2nd Atwell Ashe Company, Derbyshire.

MISS MARGARET KENNEDY, District Commissioner, Nairn Burgh, Nairnshire.

MRS. MACKAY, formerly District Commissioner, East Caithness.

MISS P. MASON, Captain, 1st Stockingford Company, Warwickshire.

MISS GLADYS MORE, Assistant District Commissioner, Southend 1, Essex East.

MISS C. V. PERKIN, Assistant County Secretary, Sussex.

MISS N. PERKINS, Lieutenant, 1st Fishguard (County School) Company, Pembrokeshire.

MISS M. N. STOCKS, District Commissioner, Long Eaton, Nottinghamshire.

MRS. O. R. TYNDALL, District Commissioner, Benfleet, Essex East.

## Meritorious Conduct

### Star of Merit

JEAN M. BOLTON, aged 13, Patrol Second, 1st Cleckheaton Company, Yorkshire W.R.N.W., suffers from a severe circulation disorder which requires a series of operations. Although she has severe pain she has never been known to complain. Jean is always cheerful, takes as full a part in Guide activities as possible and works well at school.

ELIZABETH BRIGGS, aged 9, a Brownie in the 27th Ilford Pack, London-over-the-Border, has been in and out of hospital since a baby. Suffering from progressive muscular atrophy, she is confined to a wheelchair but does not allow this to prevent her gaining Proficiency Badges and her Golden Ladder Badge. Elizabeth has always shown great courage and patience and is very cheerful.

VICKI DISBURY, aged 14, Patrol Second, 4th Aylesbury Company, Buckinghamshire, has suffered from polio since she was four and has spent much time in hospital but she has remained very cheerful. She joined Guides and attended meetings in a wheelchair; although in a plaster spinal jacket, she takes part in the company activities as far as possible and attends camps.

CAROL DUBOIS, aged 14, a Guide in the 2nd Wantage Company, Berkshire, has suffered from polio for over nine years but has always been cheerful and helpful. She is a very keen Guide and has gained her 2nd Class. Carol does everything possible to help herself become as independent as possible and is anxious to take her G.C.E.

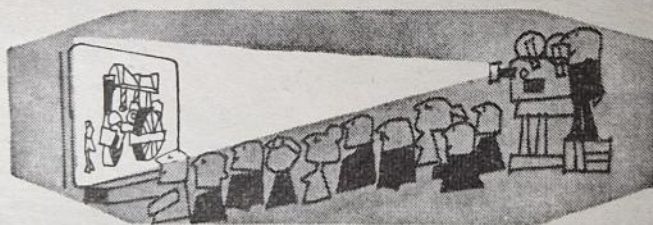
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# BANKING WITHOUT TEARS

Barclays Bank—winners of many cartoon film awards—have just produced a 10 minute colour cartoon film entitled *The Bargain*.

The purpose of this film is to explain in an amusing, non-technical and effective manner just how a bank—any bank—operates and what services it has to offer.



*The Bargain*, already an International film award winner, makes an excellent supporting film for group film shows and is available now free of charge. Please complete and send off the coupon below to:

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### AWARDS

SUSAN PLEVIN, aged 14½, a Patrol Leader in the 6th Oldham (Inskip) Company, S. E. Lancashire, has been a spastic and semi-paralysed for most of her life and has had a number of operations but by sheer will power she has helped herself to walk and lead a normal life. Susan has shown great patience and courage and has always been cheerful. She has gained several Guide badges.

ALISON RATCLIFF, aged 16, a Patrol Leader in the 2nd London S.E. Post Company, has suffered from progressive muscular dystrophy from early childhood but she has always tried to do as much as possible with the least help from others and to make everything easier for her friends. Last year she attended a camp in Switzerland and raised nearly £14 by her own efforts to help pay for the trip.

JULIE REDMAN, aged 23, a Ranger in the 1st Bedfordshire Post Company, suffers from congenital paralysis but in spite of her illness she is always very cheerful. Julie takes a keen interest in Guiding and has done her utmost to help others while camping both in England and abroad.

DAWN VINCENT, aged 14½, a Guide in the 3rd N. Coventry Company, Warwickshire, suffers from muscular dystrophy, but in spite of this she is always cheerful and an inspiration to all who come in contact with her. She attends Guide meetings whenever possible and is always willing to help and is exceptionally considerate towards others.

#### Letter of Commendation

LINDA NESBITT, Guide, aged 11 years, 1st Preston (Brighton) Company, Sussex.

#### Gallantry

BRENDA DIXON, aged 9 years, a Brownie in the 27th Derby (Queen's Hall Methodist) Pack, Derbyshire.

ANGELA HILL, aged 10 years, a Brownie in the 17th Corby Pack, Northamptonshire.

#### Training

##### Guide Training Diploma

MISS M. NEWMAN, London S.W.

##### Camp Training Diploma

MISS J. PROCTOR, Manchester.

### IN MEMORIAM

NANETTE BEWLEY, 'Jumbo' to many of her Guide friends, died suddenly on 12th October. 'How sad we all are that we shall not be seeing Jumbo here again,' wrote the Chief Guide in a letter to Phyllis Bond, who shared Nanette's home, 'but we are all thankful to have been privileged to know her and to count her as a precious friend to whom the Movement owes a lot.'

It was while she was acting as Commandant of the Red Cross during the first world war that Nanette Bewley started a Company in Haslemere, Surrey, and later she became a District Commissioner, Division Commissioner and C.A. A great believer in B.-P.'s

methods, exciting wide games, often with the co-operation of local shop-keepers, became the rule with her Companies rather than the exception.

Always willing to accept a challenge, Nanette Bewley ran the first international camp in France. It was not easy but as always with her camps it was fun. The farmer had to be placated and won round to accept the mad English idea of what is necessary for a standing camp—pure water, sanitation and no sharing the field with cattle! We still enjoy, in retrospect, the hazards of that camp.

A close friend of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell, she was asked to start a branch for the older girls and as a result Rangers came into being.

At this time Miss Bewley was on the Executive Committee of our Movement and went to the U.S.A. to show Girl Scout leaders something of B.-P.'s idea of simple Company camping.

In 1937 Miss Bewley was sent to visit those who were starting the Guide Movement in eastern Europe and took a training for Guiders in Austria.

After the Second World War, believing that a movement for young people should be run by young people, she turned her energies to producing homes for the elderly—another chapter in a full life.

Perhaps what one remembers most about Nanette Bewley was her integrity. Without fear or favour one would always have the truth as she saw it, and when to that attribute is added a warm appreciation of others and a readiness to help them in any need, one can realize the measure of our loss.

A. M. MAYNARD

Scottish Guides, and particularly those in Glasgow, will be sad to hear of the death in September, 1965 of an old friend, MISS G. A. DALGLISH, who gave unstintingly of her time and energy for years. 'Ginty' to her contemporaries was half of the famous partnership known as 'Mrs. Gourlay and Miss Dalglish', who ran the Glasgow Guide Shop with efficiency and great friendliness until the increase of numbers in the County necessitated the setting-up of a professional organisation. Miss Dalglish was for many years a Commissioner in N.W. Division and later County Treasurer. She was always kind, considerate and hard working, doing her good turn quietly, and latterly took a great interest in the doings of the Trefoil Guild for the handicapped.

M.C.C.

By the death of LILIAN FLETCHER (Tubby), on 29th August, Lincoln Division has lost one of its most loyal members. Her Guide life was devoted especially to Catholic Companies and Packs, where she had held warrants since 1936. Lilian Fletcher will be missed by all who worked with her, for her ready wit and cheerful disposition were an inspiration to many.

The 85th City of Edinburgh (St. Paul's, Newington) Company suffered a great loss by the death of one of its leaders, CHRISTEEN MCLEOD. Christeen was the Company's first Queen's Guide and with courage and determination worked for the tests in spite of several major brain operations. It was during this last courageous fight that she was called to higher service. Christeen did not live to receive her award but the



example of patience, faith and courage she left us with is an even greater inspiration to all those who follow in her footsteps.

FIONA E. MIDDLEMISS  
(Captain, 85th City of Edinburgh Company)

#### NOTICE BOARD

**15th Promise and Law Ecumenical Gathering for Guiders, 1966:** France is the hostess for this Gathering which will be held at Le Pradet, near Toulon, Var, from 17th-25th May, 1966. The theme is 'Dans un monde en transformation que signifie Jésus Christ dans un mouvement de jeunesse?'

Great Britain has been invited to send a delegation to the Gathering. Representatives (Guiders or Commissioners) should be active and informed members of their own Churches and at the same time have sympathetic understanding of other Churches and a concern for Christian unity. They should be active and responsible members of the Guide Movement, with the ability and opportunity to pass on what has been learnt, and should understand French well enough to follow the talks, although there will be English and German, as well as French speaking, discussion groups.

**Cost:** Approximately £45 (to include travel and accommodation in France) with a grant of not less than £15.

Applicants should obtain C.H.Q. nomination forms from County International Representatives. When completed, forms should be sent for England, Wales and Ulster to the International Secretary, C.H.Q., not later than 20th January; for Scotland, in duplicate to Scottish Headquarters, not later than 13th January.

**Special Event at Our Chalet:** Great Britain has received an invitation for a Guider between the ages of 23 and 28 years to take part in an international gathering at Our Chalet from 7th-18th June, 1966. The purpose of the gathering is to live and work with an equal number of handicapped Guiders and gain a better understanding of each other's aspirations and problems. Delegates should be able to understand French or German. Cost approximately £35 and a small grant will be available.

Applicants should obtain a nomination form from their County International Representative, which, when completed, should be returned to the International Adviser for the U.K. Country concerned by 20th January, 1966. A paper selection will be made.

**The Duke of Edinburgh's Award:** A revised syllabus for Driving and a new syllabus for Tent Making are available from the Branches Office, C.H.Q. on receipt of a stamped addressed foolscap envelope.

**Holiday Permit Bar:** The new Holiday Permit Bar is now available, price 2s. 6d. The bar is divided into three vertical sections of equal width, the two outer stripes in blue and the centre one green in colour. Care should be taken when ordering not to confuse this bar with the Pack Holiday Permit Bar, price 2s. This is the same size and design, but the two outer sections are gold and the central one green.

#### THE BOAT SHOW

AT THE BOAT SHOW at Earls Court, London, from 5th to 15th January, 1966, there will be a joint Guide/Scout stand. There will be demonstrations of canoe and dinghy building and maintenance, also various forms of cooking. It is also hoped to have demonstrations of under-water swimming, rope-work and sail-making.

There will be free information leaflets available about the subjects demonstrated and visitors are invited to ask questions!

**Entrance fee:** 5s. for adults, 2s. for children under 14. Parties of 12 or over, 4s. for adults, 1s. 6d. for children under 14. (Opening day £1 for adults, 10s. for children.)

#### INSTANT WOODCRAFT (See October 'Guider')

JOHN SWEET writes: 'Having been privileged to inspect examples of some excellent fieldwork produced at a Patrol Leaders' Training at Cudham, Kent, I feel I ought to apologise for calling this branch of woodcraft 'instant'. Clearly a great deal of painstaking effort was involved in this particular exercise.

'The specimens sent in to the Editor include a variety of coloured wools dyed in natural pigments; a spider's web mounted intact (or nearly so) on a sheet of card, and—best of all, perhaps—a sheet of woodcraft paper produced by rendering down the skeleton fibres of leaves and other herbaceous matter.

'My sincere congratulations to all the craftsmen concerned. A copy of *The Shell Country Book* has been duly awarded to the 7th Orpington (All Saints) Company, Kent West.'

#### IMPORTANT NEW APPOINTMENT

APPLICATIONS are invited for the appointment of Secretary of the Visitors' Department at C.H.Q.

This is a new Department, co-ordinating the many and ever increasing services to the thousands who visit C.H.Q. each year, both from within the United Kingdom and from all parts of the world.

Qualities needed in the Secretary of the Department are ability to mix, a keen interest in

people, knowledge of countries and ability to speak one or more other language (including French). Her experience should include departmental administration and knowledge of the Guide Movement will be a distinct advantage.

Further details of the appointment are available from the General Secretary. Those who are interested in the appointment are invited to write to her personally without delay.



# THE GUIDE OVERBLOUSE

**W**E HAVE BEEN ASKED 'Who are "They" who have decided the Guide overblouse for us, and how did they get the idea that anyone wanted a change?'

To begin at the beginning, we should therefore explain that for quite a period letters from members of the Movement were regularly arriving on the Editors' desks asking for changes and adaptations to the Guide blouse. Trainers, Guiders and Commissioners who were closely in touch with the Guide age were constantly hearing the same comments and suggestions.

When the 'wind of change' had reached 'gale force', so to speak, the Uniform Committee was asked to consider all the suggestions and to make recommendations to the Executive Committee.

The Uniform Committee, in its investigation into materials and new styles, consulted the Guide Committee about the practical implications and asked where and how 'everything' was to be worn. When everyone concerned had had her say and all the practical details had been thought out, the Executive Committee approved the design and the selling price and how and when the overblouse should be launched.

Who, on the Committees mentioned, really know what Guides like, is the next question.

The present UNIFORM COMMITTEE consists of:

A representative of the Guide Adviser who is a Guide Captain (and who, incidentally, has a Guide daughter).

A representative of the Brownie Adviser, who is a Brown Owl.

The Senior Branch Adviser who is a Guider.

A representative of the Camp Adviser, who is a Guide Captain.

A representative of the Training Adviser.

A non-member of the Movement.

A member of the Public Relations Committee who is an ex-County Commissioner.

A woman member of the Equipment Board, with professional experience of buying children's clothes.

The Chairman of the Committee is an ex-County Commissioner and a Cadet Guider.

The GUIDE COMMITTEE consists of the Countries' Guide Advisers, all of whom have their own Guide Companies.

The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE is closely in touch with all sections of the Movement and includes three County Commissioners, a Division Commissioner, a Ranger Guider and a Cadet Guider.

With a membership of 622,000 in the United Kingdom it was just not possible to ask everyone to help re-design the blouse, nor could the Association, as a trader, afford to risk the heavy loss from unsold stocks of the outgoing article once the possibility of a change became known.

Now you know the answers to your chief worry about consultation, here are the factual replies to the main points about the overblouse itself. Everything is

a matter of opinion and, of course, yours and those of the Guides all differ, so the decisions had to be made in the way that seemed best.

**1. The cold three-quarter length sleeves and those woollies:** The Uniform Committee would have liked to introduce a navy-blue V-necked sweater into the uniform but expense limited this ambition. There is nothing to stop Guides wearing them voluntarily, but if pink and yellow jerseys are still the prevailing fashion, the sleeves can be pushed up and the cuffs buttoned below. If, after a real trial period, it is felt that the blouse should be manufactured with the neck a little higher, without losing the 'open neck shirt' effect, which was purposely designed in response to many requests, this will be done.

**2. The material:** This was carefully chosen as the best within the price range. Again, sail-cloth or denim was considered but the Guides' mothers would not have appreciated the price!

**3. Those lanyards, cords and belts:** We have constantly been asked in recent years from within the Movement to get rid of the 'Christmas tree' effect which so spoils our image. So here are the modified cords and green lanyard, the optional belt underneath the blouse and the ordinary lanyard for camp.

**4. Ties:** Company colours still. No added expense in the new design. We hoped for a neater appearance for the younger girl than the Scout fashion scarves and woggle would produce.

**5. Slovenly? Untidy? Why?** We would all agree that much depends on the wearer and the Guider's advice. The new overblouse, when familiar, will perhaps be no more difficult to wear smartly than the old blouse.

**6. Pleated skirts:** You will remember that this is not a new item of uniform and is still a matter of choice.

**7. Why overblouse?** Current trends were demonstrated in the fact that many Guides were already pulling the old blouse outside their skirts.

In considering the list of new items which may be sewn on the 'old' blouse, please be assured that all your letters and those of the Guides who have written have been carefully scrutinised.

With the old style Blouse you MAY wear:—

The new small size Badges: All Round Cord Strip: Patrol Camp Permit Strip: Woven Service Stars, in the same position as the metal service stars are worn.

With the old style Blouse you should NOT wear:—

Tie scarf fashion: Service Stars in the same position as on the overblouse: Brownie Wings on your arm: New type P.L.'s Stripes.

With the new Overblouse you MAY wear:—

Pleated or gored skirt: Old and new size Badges side by side: Tie scarf fashion.





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### 'WELCOME' FROM LEICESTERSHIRE



THE GUIDER

MRS. C. H. MARTIN, Leicestershire's County Commissioner for many years and now County President, takes a photograph of three visitors to her home from the Republic of Cameroon. Madam Anna Foncha (centre), wife of His Excellency the Vice-President of the Federal Republic of Cameroon, is Chairman of the Council of the Girl Guides of West Cameroon, and her companions, Mrs. G. Burnley and Mrs. D. A. Atabong, are Council members of the Cameroon Women's Institutes.

During their visit to Billesdon, Madam Foncha and her friends also saw over the village school, a dairy farm, the parish church, a council house, the post office and the village hall.

There are now nearly 2,000 Guides in West Cameroon and during her stay in London Madam Foncha visited the World Bureau.



## Working Hours at C.H.Q.

THE C.H.Q. SHOP is open from 9 a.m.-5.30 p.m. on Mondays to Fridays and from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturdays.

All staff at C.H.Q. work a 5-day week. The working hours were recently reduced by half an hour a day. The total number of hours is the same for all staff—whether in the Shop or in the offices, but the Shop staff's are staggered so that service can be given on  $5\frac{1}{2}$  days a week, as before.

The rest of C.H.Q. staff work from Mondays to Fridays from 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. or 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or 9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. whichever times are most convenient for the work of each Department. Staff of Departments who work very closely together usually begin at the same time, so that they do not hold up each other's work. Most of the C.H.Q. staff work either from 8.30-4.30 p.m. or from 9.0-5.0 p.m.

The switchboard is manned Mondays to Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. After 5.30 p.m. some of the lines are connected to certain offices in the building for emergency calls.

Many staff are active Guiders or Commissioners, and have evening meetings to attend. The problems of 'commuting' are far worse than they used to be and many of our staff have quite long, difficult journeys.

Readers of *The Scouter* (October issue) will see that the Boy Scouts Association has also reduced its hours and like the B.S.A. we hope that the change will not only help and encourage our present, hard-working staff, but will improve staff recruitment.

### Saturday Morning at C.H.Q.

C.H.Q. Departments are not open Saturday mornings. A senior member of staff is on duty to answer telephone calls and to deal with any special business.

Saturday morning in the C.H.Q. Shop is an extremely busy time for our saleswomen. We are always glad to see our visitors, and Saturday's shop takings are an important part of our trade, but we are sometimes overwhelmed! At the height of the hubbub, the telephone rings! It may be, for example, an important call concerning an arrangement that has broken down; more often, it is a straightforward request for information for one of the Departments. The person who answers the telephone will pass a message for that Department's attention, but she is not able to go into the details. May I make a plea, therefore, on behalf of our Saturday morning staff? If your telephone call can wait until Monday morning, will you let it wait?

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### Christmas Closing

The C.H.Q. Shop and offices will be closed from 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, 23rd December, to 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 28th December.

J. S. BAXTER [General Secretary]



Illustrated by V. Chambers

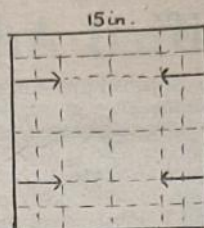


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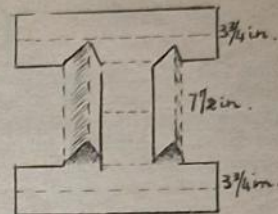


Fig. 2



The completed box

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1. With wrong side of paper uppermost, fold the 15 in. square of paper in half and again in half to make a smaller square.
2. Open up the paper and fold edges to centre line in both directions, making knife sharp folds.
3. Open up and fold all edges to lines you last made.
4. Cut a quarter way along the lines shown by arrows on Fig. I.

5. Fold from two edges between the cuts as shown on Fig. II and make sharp folds.

6. Fold uncut edges over the cut ones, making these uncut sides bend inwards to cover the cut sides.

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H. SMITH

## PATROL PENTAGON PLAN December 'Guides'

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## IDEAS FOR PACK MEETINGS IN DECEMBER

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Help the Brownies to THINK of the REAL MEANING OF CHRISTMAS, away from all the thoughts of 'fabulous' presents expected and hoped for: Look through books of children's poetry and find

suitable Christmas poems. These can be read and mimed by the Brownies, who can be dressed very simply to become Shepherds and Kings. Brightly coloured towels, old curtains and bedspreads can be very effective.

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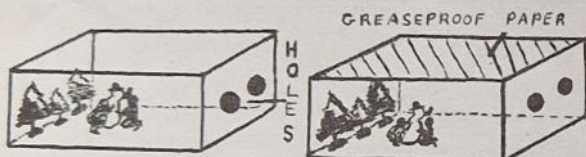
### A Brownie Greetings Card Evening

THIS IDEA was discussed at Pow-wow and the Brownies brought along their paints or crayons the following week. Brown Owl and Tawny provided paper, cut into cards measuring 5 in. x 4 in., extra crayons, stencils (including Brownie emblem ones), sticky-backed shapes and paper, scissors, etc. After a lively game the Pack settled down at tables with the necessary things.

Each Brownie was able to choose what type of greetings card she wished to do and whether she wanted to paint, draw, stencil or use papercraft. The experiment worked well and produced a variety of cards, birthday, Christmas, Easter, 'baby congratulation' cards and 'get well' cards. Very few Brownies asked for help with the design of their cards and also very few copied another Brownie's design.

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## AN AMUSING SANTA CLAUS

Cut 2 circles of white paper, 2 eyes and a mouth. Cut a third of a circle of doubled white paper about three times as wide as the first circle and fringe it for a beard. Cut a cap in stiff red paper.

Paste one side of each of the two face circles and to one stick on threads the eyes, mouth, beard and cap. Stick the 2 circles together, being sure that all the items are correctly placed. Hang up by the thread and the head will dance merrily.

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## A BOWL FOR THE TABLE

Paint the berries of wild ivy or whatever other kinds are available with gold or silver. Stick the stars described on page 342 or 375 of the November GUIDER on to wire and arrange twigs and stars together in a bowl tightly packed with sand or earth to make an attractive table decoration.



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## EGG BOX SANTA CLAUS

Cut out the cup parts of the boxes and glue them into one another as seen in the diagram. The hat is made of red, crinkly paper pasted to the head, and the cotton-wool hair is pasted round it. Arms and legs are made from the remaining parts of the egg boxes and the whole figure can be painted with water colour or poster paint.

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## BELL

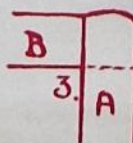
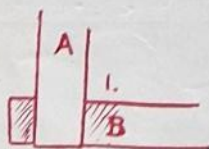
This is also made from an egg box, painted with thin glue or clear varnish and sprayed with gold or silver dust or with 'frost'.

## CANDLE HOLDER

Take two strips of gold paper 1 in. wide and 30 in. long. Lay the 2 strips one over the other as shown in Fig. 1. Fold B over A right to left (Fig. 2) and A down over B (Fig. 3). Fold B back over A and so on until you have a concertina.

Beginning and end of concertina are pushed into each other and glued. Push candle into your finished holder (Fig. 4).

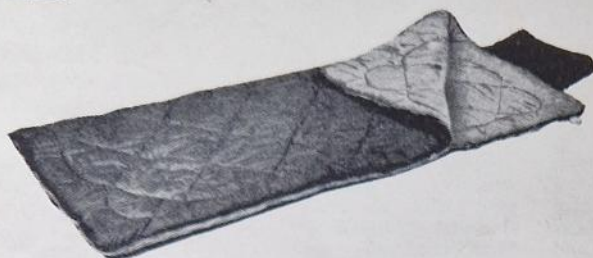
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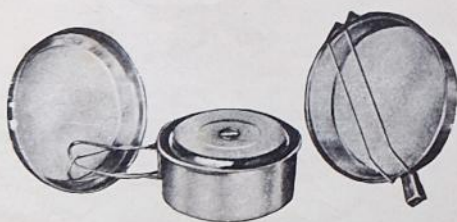
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