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GUIDING ROUND THE WORLD



Thinking Day strengthens the links which bind the world Guide family together, and on 22nd February Guides throughout the world have special thoughts for their sisters overseas.

Above left, the picture shows a group of Guides in Vietnam.

Left, Spanish Guides join in a team game.

Below left, basket making in Mexico causes much amusement.

Below right, an enrolment ceremony in Thailand.

Cover Picture

A Brownie in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands is enrolled by Mrs. D. J. Summers, Commissioner for the Islands.



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THINKING DAY, 1968

by Alix Liddell,
International Commissioner

As I write, Christmas Day is very much in my memory—the family festival when parents and children, grandparents and grandchildren, uncles, aunts and cousins gather together if it is in any way possible. Some of us, no doubt, make a point of inviting lonely people, far from home, to join us as honorary members of our family circle for the day.

We think of members of our clan who cannot be with us, particularly of those overseas; we have exchanged greetings with them and perhaps sent them presents. It is a joyful occasion and binds us more closely together as a family.

As you read this, Christmas is behind us but Thinking Day is approaching—the Guide family festival. The World Chief Guide frequently refers to all of us Guides and Girl Scouts as ‘her family’ and it is on her birthday, 22nd February—which she shared with our Founder—that the links which bind us together are strengthened. Guide family gatherings, thoughts for our sisters overseas, greetings and presents make this occasion a very special one for us. Yes, indeed, it is very like Christmas all over again.

Greetings

I, like you, have taken part in many Thinking Day parties in which, one by one, Brownies, Guides and Rangers have sent their greetings to the various



A Thinking Day Ceremony in Tanzania

countries which make up the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. This year I suggest you might reverse the process and *receive* the greetings which other countries are sending to you. In the current issue of *The Council Fire* you will find Thinking Day messages from over thirty countries, as well as from the World Centres and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the World Committee. Many of these messages include attractive illustrations which you might exhibit around the hall while the girls read out the accompanying words. Incidentally, you will see also that there is a message from Great Britain—that is, from you.

Presents

Your contributions to the Thinking Day Fund are the best possible presents you can give to your sister Guides. And by the way, were you thinking about a birthday present for the Chief? I will tell you what she would most appreciate, it is no secret. She has often said that instead of a personal greeting she would prefer you to send the money you would have spent to the Thinking Day Fund to help the members of her family around the world. She will be spending her birthday at Sangam, our beautiful fourth world centre, in India, which she opened in

October, 1966, so you can send your thoughts flying over the ocean to greet her there!

How the Money is Spent

We all know how important training is, and much of the Fund in 1967 went to helping Guiding in the newer countries in this way. There was, for instance, a travel grant to a Guider from Spain to enable her to go to France for this purpose; another Guider from the Cameroons was provided with the means to visit The Netherlands for training during three months, after which she came to Britain and attended a course at Foxlease and also worked for a time at the World Bureau.

In June last year Mademoiselle Coutrot, from France, who is a member of the World Committee, happened to be in Turkey in the course of her profession. There she met the International Secretary of the Boy Scouts who asked her if it would be possible to send a Trainer from Britain to attend their Guiders' training course due to take place at the beginning of August. (Girl Scouts have existed in Turkey for several years as part of the Boy Scout organization.)

In spite of the shortness of time, only a few weeks, a British Trainer was found, Miss Mellone, who not only gave training at a Guiders' camp but went on to an established camp, run by the Ministry of Education for students of 15 to 17 years of age.

The Turkish Scouts plan to send a contingent of Scouters to Great Britain next summer, and we hope that some Guiders will be included, so that the good work of establishing the Guide Movement on a sound basis in Turkey may continue, and that, in due course, Turkey may be ready to apply for membership of the World Association.

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At the last World Conference South Vietnam was recognized as an Associate Member. Does it not seem incredible that Guiding can exist in the desperate circumstances of that war-torn country?

Even the most vivid imagination can scarcely conjure up the enormous problems that must exist in such a situation. Thinking Day money enabled Mrs. Rajasuriya, Chief Commissioner of Ceylon and a member of the World Committee, to visit Vietnam with a view to helping them to overcome some of the difficulties which face the Guide Association in that country.

The East and Central African Gathering in Tanzania has done much to strengthen Guiding in that part of the world, and in addition, the Director of the World Bureau has also visited several African countries, including Ethiopia. These visits are extremely important, particularly from the Public Relations angle, as the Movement in each country needs the support of the authorities, such as the Ministry of Education, in order to flourish.

The travels through the Congo of Mother St. Francis, a nun and a Guide Trainer, were described in the October issue of *The Council Fire*,* which I hope that you all read, so I will not say any more about this, but you will find a photograph of her inspecting a Guide camp in the January number.

Latin America has not been neglected. Indeed, quite a large proportion of the Fund has gone to financing the travel of members of the Western Hemisphere Sub-Committee to a number of countries in that continent.

I have given you only the tiniest glimpse of the splendid work made possible by the pennies, cents, pesos and paises which are so willingly contributed by Guides, rich and poor, all over the world to strengthen our Movement. The measure of our contributions to the Thinking Day Fund is the measure by which this work can continue to bring happiness to children in the less privileged parts of the world, and to further understanding between peoples of different races and faiths.

* ('The Council Fire' is published in January, April, July and October. Subscription is 5s. a year, including postage. Single copies are 1s. 3d., including postage, from the World Bureau, 132 Ebury Street, London, S.W.1.)

Important Notice

Will Guiders and Commissioners please note that all contributions for the Thinking Day Fund in 1968 should be sent to the Finance Department, Girl Guides Association, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1 and not to the World Bureau.

Please mark your envelope 'Thinking Day Contribution'.

OUR ARK

by P. Wood-Hill

*(first Warden of Our Ark, now
Guider-in-charge of Our Chalet)*

IT is not easy to think back 29 years to the early days of Our Ark, but I do remember clearly my first visit to the two little Regency houses, Nos. 11 and 13 Palace Street, Westminster, London, due to open shortly as 'Our Ark'. It was a sunny autumn day and the houses were hidden behind scaffolding, front and back. There was no hope, we were told, of opening before Christmas, since the front wall of one house and the main roof beams were unsound and must be replaced, but we climbed round rubble and builders' equipment, exploring and imagining what it would look like when finished.

Painting and Planting

There was plenty of time that autumn to visit other hostels and to learn how things should be done for we were both, my assistant and I, new to the running of hostels. Also during the autumn we had the help of Ranger Companies and Crews at Our Ark itself, clearing up, painting, working in the garden—there was at least six feet of tired soil at the back where we managed to make one small laburnum tree flower, and a few shade-loving plants feel at home. I remember a number of parties round the future sitting room fire, behind a boarded up window. For some reason the fire-place was ready and in use sometime before the flooring was finished. By the end of January we were tired of waiting for the workmen to leave, so, with the idea of hurrying them, we moved in—camped would be a better word, with no front door, only planks and a padlock, plumbing but no hot water, no kitchen stove but a small gas ring. We certainly entertained the workmen who brought up milk each morning with enquiries for our welfare. Our invasion must have had the desired effect for by Thinking Day Our Ark was opened to its first guests, one British Guider and one Swiss, the latter married to an Englishman on leave from China where she

Did you ever stay in Our Ark when it was in Palace Street? I am making a Log Book of the first 20 years, 1939-59 and I hope to have it completed by our 30th Birthday, May 2nd, 1969. I would be very grateful for any photographs or other interesting material relating to those years. If you have any you can spare would you please send them to me: Doris Marshall, Guider-in-Charge, Olave House, 45 Longridge Road, London, S.W.5., England.



was running an American Girl Scout Troop in Pekin! Surely a good augury for an international hostel.

Opening Day

The official opening of Our Ark was in May 1939 by which time all the rooms were in use and many lovely and useful gifts had arrived—some long since worn out, but others still amongst the treasures in Olave House. Those that I remember best are beautiful hand woven curtains and bedspreads from Ireland and South Africa, rugs from China and Roumania, a specially comfortable bed for the warden! And, of course, the china. This arrived in such a large barrel that it could not be got through the door. We pleaded with the lorry driver to deliver other things in the neighbourhood and collect the barrel later. Meanwhile we hastily unpacked the contents, having visions of the household not being able to get into their own house in the evening. The china, a gift from Staffordshire, was lovely and we used it in fear and trembling. The last precious pieces are still treasured in a glass case. My only memories of the Opening Day are a crowd of happy people exploring every corner of our little houses, and an armful of

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Letters to the Editor

Brownies in Singapore

I am Tawny with the 10th Singapore Central Brownies, and also help with a local Cub Pack. The Cubs have regular Saturdays out into jungle country, and recently we ran a joint outing for both Packs. We hired a bus for the 13 Cubs, 15 Brownies, 4 Scouters and 2 Guiders, and organized games and



Mrs. Papworth's daughter Gillian tackles the assault course

competitions including an 'assault course' which included crawling over 4 ft. high rope slung between trees, and climbing a 20 ft. cliff by means of a rope. When points were totalled at the end of the day the Brownie Sixes were well ahead of the Cubs!

On a later combined outing, when the Cubs hoped to get their revenge, the Brownies beat not only the Cub Pack which I help with, but a visiting one as well. What really made the day on this occasion was a heavy downpour of rain which made the track to the hill impassable for the bus. This necessitated everyone paddling a mile and a half in thick orange mud, and a wash down at the communal tap in a kampong (village) before boarding the bus. I am sure no one present will forget that occasion for a long time.

ANN PAPWORTH (10th Singapore Central Brownie Pack).

Ranger Service Camp

We, 16 Rangers, 2 Guiders and 2 helpers, so much enjoyed our first Service Camp that others may be interested to hear a little about it. From Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, we went to a Forestry Commission camp at Aberfoyle in Perthshire where we were

well looked after. The work was clearing a mile-long riverside path, placing stepping stones, steps and a big bridge, which was much enjoyed.

Weather was good, we bathed, we visited the Cowal Games, Callander (Tannochbrae!), Stirling and the Trossachs. We even went to Edinburgh where we saw the Tattoo. The help given

by the warden, his wife, the Forestry Commission staff, the vicar and his wife, and the doctor was greatly appreciated and we hope to repeat the experience somewhere this year.

If any readers would like more information, I'll be happy to help them.

(Mrs.) P. E. RUSSELL
(Follands, Gt. Barton, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk).

Deaf Children in Guiding

As a keen Assistant Brownie Guider, I was very interested to read Miss Woodward's letter (November issue) on the subject of how well the two deaf Brownies mixed with the hearing Brownies of her Pack.

We, at the National Deaf Children's Society, especially advocate the idea of Brownies, Guides and Scouts inviting deaf children to join their Packs and Companies. One of the best means of making the young deaf really happy is to help them to meet new friends of their own age group, and eventually break down the terrible barrier of non-communication.

MARGARET BROUGHAM (N.D.C.S.).

Our Ark

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glorious but very wet tulips, the gift of the Dutch Guides, which at the last moment were fished out of a bucket of water.

Visitors from Far and Wide

During that first spring and summer, Our Ark welcomed guests from many countries, amongst them a Finn, a Norwegian and a Hungarian all struggling to learn English. The latter was to be an interpreter at the Pax-Ting, that exciting international camp held in Hungary, despite the threat of war, during the summer of 1939.

The 'animals' in Our Ark, as they called themselves, had much joy in living together—for many their first experience of meeting girls from another country. Working or studying during the week, at weekends they often set out together to explore London and the Home Counties, Hampton Court at Easter and Epping Forest and Gilwell as the beech trees came into leaf. Many friendships were made, some of which have lasted through many years.

I feel sure that this link of friendship was not limited to Our Ark in 1939 and is to be found as strongly amongst those who stay at Olave House in 1968 as ever it was.

GANG SHOW '68

For the first time in the history of this show, produced by Mr. Ralph Reader for The Scout Association, a selected number of Guides are being invited to take part in 1968.

It is hoped that the show will be presented at the Wimbledon Theatre, London, S.W.19, possibly in November, but it is essential that early auditions be held, and these will take place at Baden-Powell House, Queen's Gate, S.W.7 on Thursday, 21st March, at 7 p.m.

Those wishing to attend must be within the age range of 15 to 22 years, and be able to sing and dance a little. Those selected to take part will have to complete a form which must be signed by their Unit Guider, who should ensure that individual parents are agreeable.

If you are interested, please send a postcard beforehand to Mr. Ron Meyer, Relationships Secretary, Scout Headquarters, 25 Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1. Cards should be headed 'Gang Show Audition' and give name, address, unit, age of applicant and brief details of any previous stage experience or training.

ZOO QUEST

The London Zoological Society is to organize a Zoo Quest for Brownies, Cubs, Guides and Scouts, from Monday, 8th April to Sunday, 15th September. It was felt that the extension of the period from the six weeks allocated to the Quest in 1967 will result in increased interest, especially as the August holiday period is included.

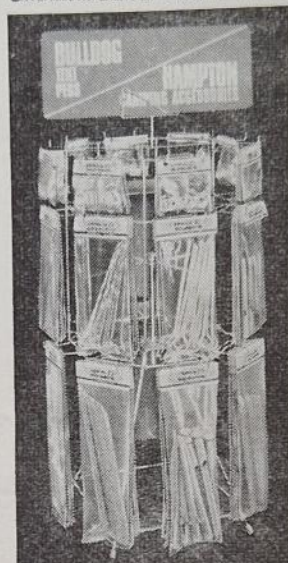
The Quest will be prepared by the Zoological Society with one set of questions for Brownies and Cubs for Pack entries, and one set of papers for Guides and Scouts (there will be Patrol entries only, not Companies or Troops). Small groups of Guide and Scout visitors from abroad who are within the permitted age range are eligible to enter as Patrols.

First, second and third prizes will be awarded in each section, and the presentation of prizes will take place on Monday, 28th October.

Further details will be announced shortly, and a leaflet giving Guiders full instructions will be published in a forthcoming issue of THE GUIDER.

The Youth Department of Coventry Cathedral has arranged an international and ecumenical programme of study and work at the Cathedral and in the community. The courses, each of two weeks' duration, will be held between 22nd June and 28th September and applications are welcome from young people between the ages of 17 and 25. The July and August programmes are filled well in advance but there are usually some vacancies in June and September.

Members are accommodated in John F. Kennedy House, the residential youth centre at the Cathedral. The fee for the two week course, which includes a visit to Stratford on a round ticket for a performance of a Shakespeare play, is £10. Further information and literature may be obtained from the Cathedral Youth Officer, Cathedral Office, Coventry.



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The 1st Kewstoke Guide Company receive their cup from the Mayor of Weston-Super-Mare

At the end of last year the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind organized a 'crossover' sponsored Walk between Bristol and Weston-super-Mare, a distance of 17 miles, some walking one way and some the other. About 2,500 adults and children set out, the vast majority between the ages of 12 and 20, and the magnificent total sum raised was just over £4,700, to be divided between the R.C.S.B. and the 'Help the Aged' Appeal.

Music For The Brownie Guide

A Conference/Training for all interested Brownie Guiders and Brownie Trainers in England will be held at Eastwood Grange, Ashover, near Chesterfield, Derbyshire from Friday, 17th May to Sunday, 19th May.

Applications should be made as soon as possible and in any case not later than 31st March to the Conference Secretary, Miss E. L. W. Hunt, 8 Sion Hill Place, Bath, enclosing a booking fee of 10s. and a stamped addressed envelope.

The cost of the weekend is £3 10s. 0d. (inclusive of the booking fee) which, we regret, is non-returnable.

This training has been arranged at the request of many Brownie Guiders and Trainers. For a very long time music in the Packs has often been geared mainly to singing games and here's an excellent opportunity to pool our resources and widen our musical horizons.

HETTIE SMITH
(Music Adviser)

N.P.F.A. Films

A form of service that attracts many Rangers is connected with children. The National Playing Fields Association has made four films that may give ideas: 'Adventure Playgrounds', 16 mm., colour, sound, approx. 15 minutes.

'Children's Playgrounds in Europe', 16 mm., colour, sound, approx. 25 minutes.

These two can be hired for 23s. each for the first day and 4s. for each succeeding day.

Charity Walk

Those who completed the walk included 95 Guides who raised, through the people who sponsored them at so much per mile, a combined total of £210.

The Walk was not a race, but on handicap according to age, and the cup awarded for the Weston to Bristol section was won by the 1st Kewstoke Guide Company, Weston-super-Mare. The cup was presented to them by the Mayor of Weston-super-Mare in his Parlour at the Town Hall. Also taking part was a team of blind Guides from the Bristol School for the Blind, all of whom completed the 17 miles.

The £210 raised by the Guides is the cost of two eye camps in India, at which at least 600 people will have their eyes treated and at least 60 will have their sight restored. Alternatively, £210 is the total cost of all the equipment required for a classroom and hostel for 14 blind children in Africa.

The Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind works in countries where a small amount of money goes a very long way. Two shillings will pay for a six-week course of treatment to prevent a child from going blind, and ten shillings, one week's maintenance for a blind school child. £50 will buy the special equipment for writing braille and arithmetic used by a whole class of blind children, so it is clear that this Walk has achieved a great deal on behalf of the Society.

'New Playgrounds', 16 mm., black and white, sound, approx. 13 minutes.

'Children at Play', 16 mm., black and white, sound, approx. 10 minutes.

These two can be hired for 6s. 6d. each for the first day and 1s. for each succeeding day.

All these films are obtainable from the Central Film Library, Government Building, Bromyard Avenue, London, W.3.

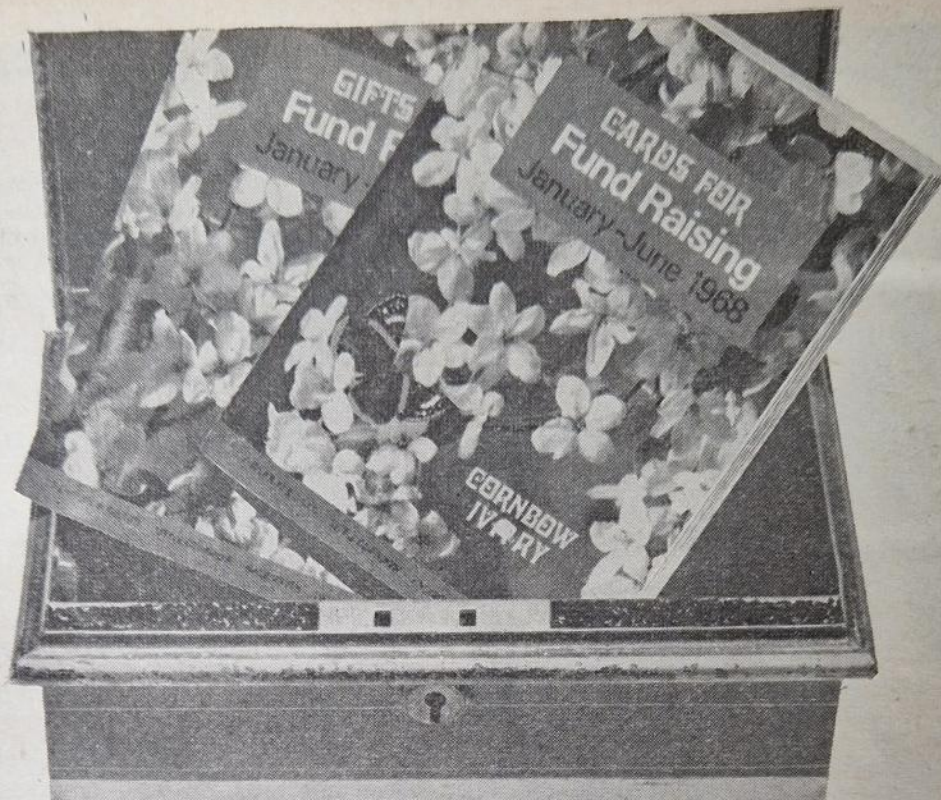
Slides for Thinking Day

Have you thought of showing your Rangers, Guides or Brownies on Thinking Day how their counterparts live in other countries round the World? International Friendship and Thinking Day are linked more closely through World Association colour slides (five different sets for Rangers and Guides, two for Brownies) which may be hired from The World Bureau, World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, 132 Ebury Street, London S.W.1, price 5s. a set plus 1s. postage.

Rex Hazlewood, M.B.E.

We extend hearty congratulations to Mr. R. D. M. Hazlewood on the award of an M.B.E. in the New Year Honours. Mr. Hazlewood is General Editor of the Scout Association, and has edited 'The Scouter' since 1944 and 'The Scout' from 1954 until 1966, when it ceased publication. Besides his editorial work, he is the author of several books on Scouting.

Mr. Hazlewood is due to retire in August of this year.



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Operation Springclean

A major spring cleaning campaign for the north west of England is being organized, with the co-operation of the Keep Britain Tidy Group. The project, which is called 'Operation Springclean', will culminate in June this year, and it is hoped that every organization in the region will participate to the full, in addition to individual effort and official projects organized by local authorities.

The organizers hope that Commissioners and Guiders in the area will do all they can to encourage young people to take part in Operation Springclean! It is suggested that Rangers and Guides could adopt a derelict area and clean it up, stage an anti-litter drive, clean or paint community property, plant grass and flowers in suitable spots or organize a street improvement scheme. It may be possible, in co-operation with local authorities, to organize a competition for the best 'springclean' in each area.

Operation Springclean has as its patrons the Lord Lieutenants of Lancashire, Cheshire and Derbyshire, and it is hoped that the effects of the operation will be not only a temporary brightening up of the region but a permanent improvement. Further details are available from Operation Springclean, Sunley Buildings, Piccadilly Plaza, Manchester 1,

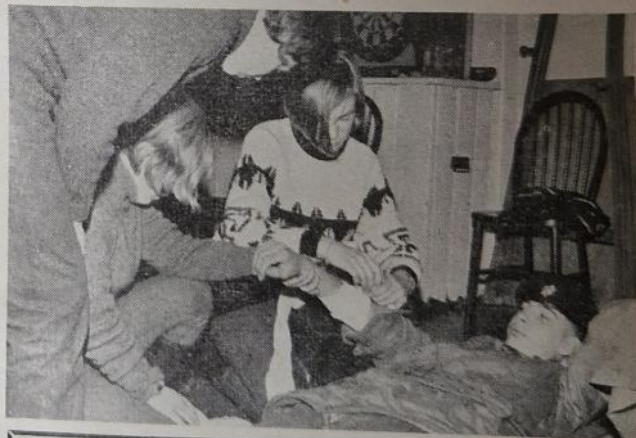
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Emergency Call

The Guildford Duke of Edinburgh Award Panel decided recently to have an all-night operation for Gold Award holders and others working within the scheme. They felt that participants in the scheme spent a lot of time learning various skills and seldom had the chance to show their initiative or put these skills into practice. Participants reported at the Guildford Youth Centre at 11 p.m. on a Saturday, where they were briefed for the exercise. They were taken by coach, at midnight, to Peaslake to the scene of an air disaster—a troop-plane flying to Malta from Lyneham had crashed with twenty-eight Guardsmen on board.

Five rescue teams of boys set off with stretchers to search the difficult country of Reynards Hill. They were kept in touch by two teams of police cadets and their radio sets. Meanwhile the girls' team, mostly Rangers, set up a First Aid centre in the village hall, with the help of a Sister from a nearby Convent and a Red Cross Nurse. All the casualties that were brought in were labelled and the girls rendered First Aid accordingly, supervised by a judge from the Guards' barracks. By 5 a.m. all the casualties, including three 'fatalities,' had been given hot soup and meat pies!

In summing up the night's work, the Youth Officer and a Police Inspector indicated that closer co-operation between the teams would have yielded even better results, but they praised all those taking part for their efforts.



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TASTING, NOT TESTING!

DODGING about in a sturdy car, four lads of the Gold Club acted like sheep-dogs as they herded straying Guiders trying to follow a short orienteering course. This was near Keswick in the Lake District. These young men had already explained contour-maps to us, and the mysteries of the spurs, re-entries, cwms and saddles of the surrounding fells, and had shaken their heads sadly over our compasses while showing the large 'Silva' ones they used. Now we were putting it all into practice with varying degrees of success.

This was part of a training day attended by over sixty Guiders in Cumberland, and it was giving us a foretaste of the unlimited choice of activities we are going to offer our Rangers, Guides and Brownies.

While some were getting orientated (or realizing they were just plain lost), others were making mud ovens and sawdust boilers, and admiring the simplicity of a camp-boiler which delivered hot water as cold water refills were added. Another group was learning a variety of handwork—grass-weaving, cane-work, paper-folding—from the husband of our C.C.A.

Have you taken your vegetable-knife in one hand and a bar of washing-soap in the other and created a work of sculpture? We tried to. Have you managed to get a mobile balanced, have you made a clown, tried your hand at spatter-painting, oiled a tea-plate before making a leaf-decorated plaque? These were just some of the things we could try and, if we wanted help, there was always someone near at hand with the 'know-how'.

Archery was another activity. So was floral decoration and so was the making of simple musical instruments to use at camp-fires. For an afternoon session, I chose bell-ringing and brass-rubbing at nearby Crossewaite Church. Round and round the narrow stone steps we climbed up to the belfry to see (and hear!) what happened to the bells when a Guide, who had a bell-ringer badge, rang the bells up and rang the bells down. As we were so near the tower-roof, we clambered up the rest of the way to enjoy the sight of the autumn colourings on the hills, and to point out landmarks—Derwentwater, Bassenthwaite Lake and Skiddaw.

Down again to take turns in pulling the bell-ropes ourselves and to follow the permutations involved in ringing a cannon. Only after this did we see an old manuscript on the wall, stating that anyone making a mistake in a ring of bells will forfeit one quart of ale! Then we learned to read, and write, handbell music and, following the numbers, concentrated hard on ringing 'Crimond' and 'Home Sweet Home'. We were delighted with the sound of our efforts until we watched an expert ringing four-in-hand, which we could not hope to copy.

Perhaps it was just as well there were no other visitors to the Church while Guiders competed for the blackest bits of cobblers' heelball to rub brass tablets on the walls or got down in a scrubbing-position to the patterns in the mosaic floors.*

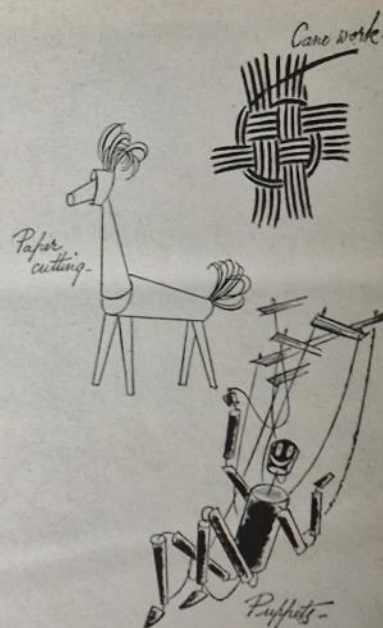
After country dancing and an opportunity to request further training on many subjects from architecture to pony-trekking, came group discussions. This was one question which stretched our thoughts forward: Susan is interested only in stargazing. Can you fit this hobby into all Eight Points of the new programme?

We left that training day wanting more; hoping for a repetition so that we could try the things for which we had not had time; we left, more aware of exciting possibilities. For that one day, we had not been testing today's Guide, but tasting 'Tomorrow's Guide'.

STELLA DE ST. PAER

**Note: Brass rubbing should never be done without permission in writing from the incumbent, who will tell you if there is a fee. There should always be an experienced person in charge.*

The Council for the Care of Churches, 83 London Wall, E.C.2, publishes a useful booklet called 'the care of Monuments, Brasses and Ledger Slabs in Churches', price 6d.



Illustrated by Elizabeth Wall



Mrs. J. Powell, of Norwich, a Guider who has been invited to take part in the Folk Fest

Folk Fest '68

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Does Your Local Association Work?

GUIDING derives enormous benefits from local support like the Local Association and the Movement could not function satisfactorily without it. To be of real value, that goodwill must be organized and the needs of every district vary.

Many members of the Local Association are experts in their own field. They can be of great service in training and teaching Guides subjects like cookery, needlework, gardening, riding, skating, swimming, the care of children, First Aid, nursing and so on. Some areas keep 'help lists' of names, addresses, and telephone numbers of people willing to test for badges, play the piano, lend materials, help in producing a show or help in camp.

Sometimes L.A. members are attached to Companies and Packs and keep in close touch with them, discovering their special needs and passing on knowledge of them to the L.A.

The Local Association can help in relationships between Guides and the local authority, educational bodies, the parents and the general public. It can help with financial support for the Movement in its own locality and can shoulder the responsibility for the care and maintenance of the Guide Hut or Hall.

Provided it is itself well informed about the Movement it can also interpret Guiding to the public and keep Guiders and Commissioners informed of activities outside the Movement which interest Rangers, Guides and Guiders. As a channel for recruitment, especially the recruitment of Guiders, it can be of special value.

L.A. members can do a great deal to promote interest in international and commonwealth Guiding by helping to equip parties going abroad, by offering hospitality to Guides from overseas visiting this country and by giving travel talks (always stressing the need for adaptability when living under strange conditions, meeting with new manners and customs, seeing new modes of dress, and eating strange, new foods).

In many areas, membership of the Local Association is not as widely based as it might be. L.A. members should be drawn from amongst parents, religious authorities, civic and educational services, statutory and voluntary bodies, industry, Scouts and other Youth Organizations, the medical, nursing and teaching professions and from individuals known to be interested in work with young people.

It is important that adults should continue to give of their free time or their professional skill to help young people in their adjustment to life and work and to help them to grow up to be useful and happy citizens.

It is important, too, that Guiding gets the right sort of publicity. Members of the Local Association can do a great deal to ensure this although the best ambassadors for the Movement will always be the Brownies, Guides and Rangers themselves.

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PRESENTING THE NEWS

Suggestions for County Press
Representatives

by K. N. ODDY

Assistant Editor, Telegraph and
Argus, Bradford

AT a Guide conference on public relations at Wad-
dow some time ago, during which I was a member
of a Press forum, the Editor of THE GUIDER asked
me if I would summarise some of the hints given
during questions and discussions on the best way
for County Press Representatives to submit news
items to the Press.



Keep it short!

The following ideas were
generally agreed by mem-
bers of the panel:

1. Keep your story as
brief as possible. See that
it includes full names, ages
and addresses of Guides
mentioned.
2. Write or type the
story on one side only of
the paper. If typed, use
double spacing. If written,
don't cramp it up. Leave
plenty of space.
3. Check all the facts
before delivering or posting
it to the paper.
4. Address it to the
editor.
5. If you have photographs of the Guides men-
tioned enclose them with your story. They don't
have to be pictured in Guide uniform though this is
preferable. Press photographers are not always avail-
able at short notice and when they are it is not
always easy to trace the person concerned in time
for publication with the article. Write in blue pencil
very lightly on the back of the photograph the name
and address of the person to whom it should be
returned.
6. Make contact with the News Editor or Chief
Reporter of the paper in your area and see that he
has a telephone number where he can get in touch
with you quickly in case of queries.
7. See that the paper has adequate notice of any
coming event which you think is worth a story and,
where considered suitable, ask if a photographer can
attend to take a picture.

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8. If your paper
publishes a weekly
youth column contact
the writer who may be
able to use items which
are not important
enough for separate
news stories.

The Editor also sug-
gested that I might give
some examples of what
constitutes a good news
story. This is a poser,
but generally speaking
if it is of interest to
Guides and to other
readers who know the
Guide and her parents it is worth submitting.

Guides going abroad, Guides who have done well
in educational, social or sporting circles outside the
Movement, Guides attending an unusual type of
camp, and Guides who have been awarded the
Queen's Guide Badge or the Duke of Edinburgh's
Gold Award are a few which spring to mind.

If you think it is interesting, so in all probability
will the paper and its readers.



Check your facts

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TAKE NOTE OF IT

' SPACE,' I SAID FIRMLY. The Patrols rushed about trying out ideas or stood in groups discussing the problem. Their task was to perform a series of actions which they considered were connected with the word clue I had given them.

I asked the Patrol which was sitting cross-legged on the floor and rising and falling rhythmically what connection their movement had with the word, 'space'.

'Well,' said the P.L., 'we're space, on a magic carpet and just coming down to land in a sunny climate.'

'Indeed,' I replied. The Company laughed, they are used to the flights of fancy that emanate from this Patrol. 'And why,' I continued, anxious to use the opportunity to talk with the Company, 'do you think the inhabitants of this happy country will give you entry?'

Off they went again, laughingly expounding on the virtues of the group. 'Well, we look attractive . . . they couldn't help liking us,' (someone pulled at her

short skirt to hide her green tights) 'we're friendly, help anyone, fit and healthy, willing to try anything—once!'

We talked a little longer about the kind of people that fit happily into any community, about visitors from overseas and foreign travel and I told them about international camps and the opportunities that are sometimes offered to Guides to visit countries abroad. Later, I pondered on the way the game had developed and particularly on what I was accomplishing in trying to help young people 'fit happily into any community' and be content and happy people in themselves—whole people.

What is required from any of us, if we are to qualify? I began to draw up a list of possible requirements and then, to test my awareness and observation, I tried to think particularly about one of the Patrol Leaders and the evidence she had given me, that she was making progress and growing towards happy and responsible adult living.

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Possible Requirements

Have a sincere interest in people, irrespective of their difference and ages.

Take on, willingly, the responsibilities that come with the tasks to which we are committed.

Try to be well-groomed and to keep fit.

Evidence Noted

Worked well with Scouts in planning Christmas party.

Spent time talking to the old people when we went carol singing (generally steadier in relationships).

The Patrol works well together and enjoys its P.L.

Spends her own time planning Patrol meetings carefully.

Does extra jobs (shopping) for the old people at the home where she does regular service.

Consistent in coming to Guides in clean and tidy uniform. (Better than before she was P.L.)

No trouble in camp although diabetic. Watches diet carefully and is regular with injection.

Sets good example in camp wearing appropriate clothes for weather and occupation. (Improvement on last year.)

Possible Requirements

Take care of personal and public property.

Share knowledge, experience and hobbies. (This means having some to share.)

Be adaptable

Be resourceful

Patient and slow to anger.

Take initiative and work reliably without supervision.

Interested in a great variety of things.

Grow in understanding of our duty to God and show a willingness to share with others.

Evidence Noted

Guitar taken to camp, taken home unharmed.
Patrol camp equipment returned in good order.
Fairly good about returning library books.
Sees that Patrol equipment is cared for.

Managed to complete P.L. Permit in 1967.
Plays guitar for camp-fire and Guides' Own Service.
Taught Patrol different way of wrapping parcels.
Quite good at teaching younger members of Patrol.

Takes it well when her suggestions are turned down.
Keeps up spirits of Patrol in difficult times e.g. when fire would not go for breakfast.
Hid disappointment well when not chosen to take a leading part in play that was produced.

Managed adequately in one tent, when ridge pole broke in 2nd Patrol sleeping tent.
Pinned up 'angels' with speed and competence although not really involved with costumes for the play. (Observation improving.)

Naturally happy person but also a thinker.
Stuck to the job of getting wet ropes undone in camp.

Lets young members of the Patrol decide things.

On Patrol expeditions in camp went quite different way from the others: all returned safely on time.
Patrol Time seems fun.

Loyal to school, plays in 1st Hockey XI; reads, enjoys bird watching, (asked for book on this for Christmas), cycling and walking. Has opinions about TV personalities.

Keen member of a church group. Patrol has a prayer book members have made and they use it.
Very willing to prepare and take prayers.

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I suppose if I had wished to set myself a harder test I would have tried to match my list against my knowledge of a Guide who has only been in the Company a short time. I believe I can do this, the incidents I note seem slighter but we all have to start somewhere. The younger Guide caring for a newcomer, lending of a clean handkerchief or her walking home with someone who has no bicycle are well worth noting, if they are developments on previous social behaviour. As Guiders we are responsible for giving each Guide opportunities to progress towards a deeper understanding of herself and where she fits into her home, her school, her Company and her county and to take note, every time a small step forward is made.

As a Guide Guider, I am lucky to have Brownies coming in to the Company who have already been given opportunities to practise and prepare for adult living. Through the Brownie programme they have enjoyed service, met many different people, been given experiences which demand their thinking and planning and have tested their ability to get along with others in simple group work. In the Guide Company we

accept the Brownies as they are, making a note of where they are, and then provide more opportunities, wider opportunities, through the Patrol system, service schemes, hobbies, and in tests and more challenging activities in the out-of-doors. In the Ranger Section the girls can freely discuss their attitude and ideas and problems and put themselves into challenging situations, where they can later evaluate.

You will have noticed that the incidents I record, because to me they are worth noting, are all positive—'she welcomed the newcomer', 'unprompted, she pinned up the angels', 'under her leadership the Patrol produced a prayer book' . . . We have to be looking for the positive but not be blind to the negative. The opportunities we give to each girl must give her an opening to overcome the negative. To see her react in the right way we may have to provide many chances for her. Fortunately, we have been given a legacy to help us and the legacy is love—if we invest this generously, the interest rate is usually phenomenal.

THINGS TO DO FOR RANGERS

By now your plans for Thinking Day, 1968, will be well under way. Varied interests will be aroused and it will be well worth while to try to carry our February enthusiasms further.

Here are several ideas that can be used by individuals, or small groups, and one or two that can be carried out by a complete Unit.

1. Ask each Ranger to answer the question 'What am I good at?'

Answers will include such things as languages, cooking, athletics, music, history, embroidery, fashion drawing. Suggest that each Ranger investigates her subject in a country of her own choice.

Sources of information could be libraries, people from the chosen country who are living in England, direct contact with people in the country chosen. There are endless opportunities and the Ranger who sets out to study, say, the music of Austria will find herself studying the costume, dances, people, cities, food customs, etc., too!

2. 'What are your leisure pastimes and interests of the moment?'

Answers could include weekly teenage magazines, pop music, fashion, cosmetics, dancing, handicrafts, home furnishing and decorating, parties. Here Rangers could work in small groups, making collections, demonstrations, etc., on their own pastime as it is pursued in another country. Again, many contacts with people can be made and many other interests touched upon.

3. Discover if there is a person or family from overseas, living in your vicinity, who would like to form a link of friendship with you.

4. If you plan a camp or holiday abroad in 1968, divide into small groups and discover as much as you can about the countries you will visit. Subjects could include Guiding, the people, towns, the countryside, food, customs, folklore, etc.

Spend an evening sharing your discoveries and gathering enthusiasm.

5. If you plan to entertain overseas visitors this year, start now to plan varied and interesting expeditions and meetings with your friends, so that you will give them a full and varied impression of life in Great Britain.

6. Rangers will probably send their Thinking Day gifts to the Thinking Day Fund for general use overseas. Later, they might take some special need that the Guide Friendship Fund has brought to our notice and plan an effort to help. There is the need for a 'Volkswagen Variant' motorbus for the Guiders of Sierra Leone. A coffee morning or 'bring and buy' sale with an emphasis on small motoring gadgets, or a car identification competition, using some of the many motoring advertisements, might be planned.

7. In some areas it might be possible to arrange an 'International Evening' or an 'International Camp Weekend.'

MARY WELCH



HANDBOOKS



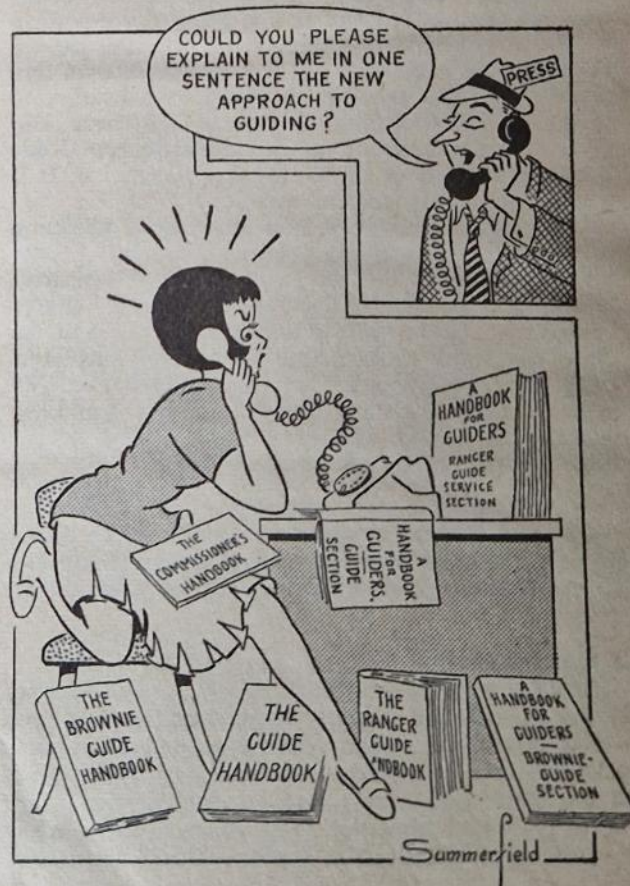
Books! Books! Books! and even more Books!—the presses of Southern and Eastern England are working overtime! All the printers involved are co-operating magnificently and the tons of plain paper is diminishing as the stocks of Blue, Brown and Aquamarine books grow daily. The count goes on, and the hair of senior personnel at C.H.Q. turns whiter—not overnight, but just gradually as the days tick by relentlessly towards Publication Day.

The Printers asked for the final number by mid-October, C.H.Q. in their turn asked Districts to submit their orders by October 2nd. Added to the orders received were additional numbers to cover new members, new units and a further surplus to cover supplies for sale in the Guide Shops. The final order for Handbooks totalled over half a million plus one million Brownie Pocket Books and has kept several printers busy since.

Then daily more orders arrived, daily we accepted them, we just could not bear to think of some Districts having no books at all! The Printers couldn't help in our growing dilemma—it was physically impossible to print more at this late stage.

We regret that some of those districts whose orders were received after October 2nd may not get their full supply by March 18th, but we are doing our very best and so are our printers.

THORA MCCARTHY
General Secretary



FOR BROWNIES



Illustrated by Catharine Towner

BBROWNIES IN THIS COUNTRY are always interested to learn about others overseas and it is one of our jobs and privileges to fan this spark of interest.

In the latest edition of that fascinating book *Trefoil Around the World* (World Association, 7s. 6d.) the Promise, Law and Motto of Brownies in other countries has been added and it is a great source of help to Brownie Guiders. All kinds of activities can be based on this book and the Brownies themselves love discovering what the Brownie badge in a country of their choice looks like. Of course this book also gives information about the Guide and Ranger Guide Sections throughout the World Association too. It is a mine of international information.

One simple activity based on this book is the acting of Brownie Motto's from other countries. Choose your Motto such as 'To help with joy' (Austria), 'Ready and Helpful' (Uganda), 'Here I am' (Italy), 'Solidarity' (Luxembourg) and probably most of the Pack will learn the meaning of a new word here. Each Six acts a scene illustrating the Motto. To make it more elaborate Sixes could just find their country on a map, and then dress up and set the scene in their chosen country.

This can lead on to discussions about which countries use the same Motto as we do. Ceylon, China and Greece do, to mention a few. Can you find any others?

A Quick Activity

Explain to the Brownies that if they were Kabouters, Lutins, Bienlis and in many other countries too, they would measure things in centimetres and metres instead of inches and feet. Give each Brownie a piece of paper, let her draw round her foot or hand and measure it in centimetres. Most rulers give the scale in centimetres as well as in inches.

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Capital Cities Game

Brownies in pairs choose a country and its capital i.e. Belgium and Brussels, France and Paris, etc. They sit in two rows with space between, countries in one row and cities in the other row. They need not necessarily be opposite each other, but they must know who their partner is. Call out the country and the city and say 'Go' i.e. 'Belgium—Brussels, Go.'

Brownies race round their own line and back to own places. First back gets a spill. Neither Brownie must move until the word 'Go' otherwise the first place called has an advantage. In time the Brownies will connect the country with its capital city and so add to their geographical knowledge.

As a variation, when the Brownies have learned the capitals, you can call out two countries i.e. 'Denmark, Germany, Go' or two cities 'Rome, Paris, Go' and their partners in the first case, Copenhagen and Berlin, get up as well and all four run, the first pair back winning.

Observation

The Pack could have a competition to see if during the week the Brownies can spot any foreign car number plates and, if they can, have a Pow-Wow to hear about their finds. In the A.A. Handbook there is a list of the various foreign registration numbers and the countries from which they come. If you do not possess an A.A. Handbook ask the Brownies if any of their fathers have one which you might borrow.

A Six Activity

Ask each Six to bring something from another country to decorate its corner. Many have dolls dressed in national costumes, but others could bring New Zealand butter or a box of matches from Sweden, etc. It is surprising what the Brownies find at home to bring. Let them arrange a display in their Six corners and then ask the Seconds to choose one article from her Six. In turn, bring the article to the centre of the room and get the Sixer to read out the Brownie Promise of the country to which the object belongs. She could also find the country on a map of the world.

If it is possible to invite a visitor from overseas or someone from this country who has lived abroad to visit the Pack and talk about life in another country the Brownies are always very interested. Sometimes your County International Representative might be able to help here.

If we are lucky enough to find a visitor from abroad to come and talk to the Pack let us make sure that we have learned her name. Usually it is just a matter of

TO DO

FOR GUIDES

In Extension Companies

How can you make World Guiding relevant for the handicapped girl? It is not easy—at times it must seem almost insuperable. A Guide in a hospital or residential school leads a sheltered life in a geographically limited world. The next nearest Guide Company might as well be across the Sahara Desert, it seems so remote, but it is in your own locality where the introduction to World Guiding must be made.

Start by getting to know something about the nearest Company or Pack. Invite their Guiders and P.L.s. to one of your meetings. Make it a fun meeting with singing and cooking. Perhaps the visiting Guiders could show slides of camp and other Guide activities. They might also bring messages recorded on a tape from other Guides in the Company. It is quite possible your Guides will be invited back to a meeting of the other Company. They would most probably enjoy this, but preferably in the role of spectator rather than participant.

listening very carefully. Somehow we do tend to panic when we hear a strange name and to think that we can't possibly pronounce it, when really if we listen quietly and carefully we might surprise ourselves and our visitor by getting it right!

Other Sources of Help

THE BROWNIE often has pictures of Packs in other countries and lately it has had a drawing of an overseas Brownie on the cover. *Singing Games from Far and Near*, *Games from Many Lands for Brownies and Guides*, No. 1 and No. 2, *The Painting Books*, *The Brownie Stories of the World* No. 5, and *The Council Fire* are all useful sources of information. The Brownie Diary has some of the Brownie Badges from overseas in it.

With the help of these books, postcards, pictures, foreign stamps, souvenirs, photographs and games from other countries we can do much to encourage Brownies to realise that they are members of a world family. We can also help them to see that as each single member of this World Association does one good turn every day to someone else, the world must become a happier place in which to live.

JOAN OWEN



Illustrated by Elizabeth Wall

Include a visitor from overseas to come and talk to the Company. Ask her to wear national dress if possible, and come prepared to talk about her home and her family, show photographs and any small articles from her country. Perhaps she would be able to teach the Guides a song or dance.

Handicapped girls, even if they are in bed, love dressing-up, though it may be only wearing a hat and something over their shoulders. This activity could be the basis for a Thinking Day meeting. Why not become Dutch girls for the evening? They could make a little windmill in card, make a cut-paper picture of tulips, play a game from Holland and maybe eat food from a traditional recipe. Ideas for games and recipes can be found in *Trefoil Around the World* (7s. 6d.) and in *Guide Games and Recipes* (2s.) published by the World Association, and available from C.H.Q.

When your Guides have become really interested in World Guiding they could start to mount a permanent exhibition of Guiding in one or more countries. Miniature dolls could be made with pipe-cleaners and dressed in the Guide uniform and national dress of the country (see *Pipe Cleaner Figures* published by Leisure Crafts at 6s.). Pictures of the country could be cut out of travel brochures. Facts about Guiding could be copied out of Guide publications. A lot of thought and discussion could be provoked by considering how to pack and mount the exhibition. Polystyrene tiles are light in weight and make attractive mounting boards. Alternatively, old display boards can often be acquired from shops when they have finished advertising a certain article.

When the exhibition is complete your District Commissioner might be pleased to borrow it to show to other Companies in the area. So we come back to the beginning again—the handicapped girl must be made to feel she belongs to the local community and that she has a contribution to make, and this contribution is part of World Guiding.

T. MACLEAN

Learning to take A BACK SEAT

You may be a very experienced car driver. Whether you are, or not, you have, no doubt, had the experience of sitting in the back seat.

Think of some of the things the person in the back seat is expected to do:

Navigate.

Look out for a road/house number/policeman/A.A. Box/the 'Ladies'/car on the right/car behind/parking space.

Open/shut/clean the windows.

Pass the chamois/sweets/duster.

Load/unload.

Keep the children amused and/or the dog still.

Chat (to keep the driver awake).

Shut up (the driver is trying to concentrate).

In emergencies, get out and push, push and push harder.

The driver will not consider that you were necessary for the journey. You will be convinced that the journey would not have been so quick, enjoyable, or interesting without you. You are probably right!

So it is with Guiding. No handbook will replace a person, and persons who are prepared to help in the guidance of the young are needed more than ever. To quote the 1955 *Year Book of Education* . . . 'Guidance is a process of helping individuals through their own efforts to discover and develop their potentialities both for personal happiness and social usefulness', and what better way for a young person to do this than through the fun and friendship of Guiding, based on the personal promise she has made and secure in the knowledge that she is not alone. She joins an enormous international family with family traditions, and older members of the family who will help her with the many problems she will encounter because she is young and learning. To quote again 'A problem, whatever it might be, is part of normal development. The rôle of guidance is to help young people help themselves by extending understanding and capacities and offering personal support where necessary'.

The Handbook will give the girl ideas to enable her to discover. The Guider's rôle is of guidance, as above, to enable her to develop.

The more experienced and efficient you are, the harder you will find it to 'take a back seat', but only by letting the young have a go can we hope to enable them to discover for themselves and, in so doing, develop.

Do we sometimes forget that when you haven't done a thing before, it is new, however old? Quite recently a twelve-year-old Guide told me that she

had found a 'smashing new book' at the library which she thought I should see. The only 'new' Guide book I am interested in seeing is the Handbook, and I wondered whether by some miracle she had discovered the one and only advance copy! Her 'new' book turned out to be 'Be Prepared' and like so many Guides before her she was finding it fascinating. It had obviously never crossed this Guide's mind that I had already been using it. I had to hide my disappointment and enthuse over it for her, reading out the interesting bits and thanking her very much for showing it to me.

When the Guides have ideas about doing something new and different, remember it is new for them, and don't dampen their enthusiasm by saying 'We've done it before.' Let them plan, and because you have done it before you will know some of the difficulties they will encounter and can be on hand with the right advice as and when they ask for it—and they will.

LET THEM PLAN—they will appreciate your advice if it is not imposed on them.

LET THEM DO—this will mean that most things will take longer and may not be as efficient as you would wish.

LET THEM FAIL SOMETIMES—but stand by to encourage them to try again.

LET THEM TAKE THE CREDIT WHEN THEY SUCCEED—this may mean 'tipping off' another adult to praise their efforts.

Be prepared:

FOR NOISE. Four or five individual groups are bound to make more noise than one.

FOR ARGUMENTS. The young always argue, and you may have to mediate at times.

FOR WILD ENTHUSIASM AND IDEALISM, which may need tempering. There is nothing they cannot do at Guide age!

TO SPEND MORE TIME DISCUSSING, especially with the P.Ls.

TO GIVE ENCOURAGEMENT.

TO SHOW YOUR SKILLS.

FOR SURPRISES.

TO OBSERVE THEM IN ACTION. Quite fascinating.

TO TAKE A BACK SEAT. It can be exhausting, nerve racking, interesting, time consuming, but at times quite restful—and as your Guides journey through the Handbook towards new experiences and through new country, you will realize that the journey would not be possible without you.

Happy journey!

AUDREY CHASE

THE GUIDER

THE WIDER FAMILY

LAST MONTH we considered the close family relationships of the District, but if Guiding is not to look in upon itself the next step is to look at the family 'once removed' or the District's relationships with the Division and County.

There is so much to do within the District itself that there is an enormous temptation for a District Commissioner to become miserly over her best Guiders, because they can be fully and generally happily employed in that limited sphere. This is a short-sighted policy, although often carried out with the best intentions: ('Miss B is such a busy person. I can't possibly ask her to . . .') To encourage Guiders of the right calibre to become trainers, or to suggest them for County posts, will enrich not only the County, but the District from which they come, to say nothing of their own personal enrichment. Furthermore, a Guider who looks wide, who goes out among people, will naturally encourage her Rangers, Guides or Brownies to look out and go out too. It is never the District Commissioner's job to say 'No' for someone else, any more than she can say 'Yes' for her.

Apart from people, the District Commissioner, in relation to the wider family, is much taken up with paper. There are notices of this, and minutes of that, opportunities for this one and requests for help from that one. First there seems no time to read it, and then you feel that some of it could be consigned immediately to the rubbish bin. This again means that you might be saying 'No' for someone else. You will need to organize your District meetings (and your mind) carefully if you are not to be everlastingly putting things in the post. Similarly, you should be able to go to your Division meeting knowing what your District wants, or go from your Division meeting knowing what the County or Division want or have to offer. Communication is always a two-way process.

It is also your job to consider and encourage ideas, however crackbrained they appear on the surface. Some you may need tactfully to cut down to size, especially as the odds are that it will have a natural growth of its own if it is a good idea. The invitation Challenge to which your Ranger Unit, expecting forty, wishes to invite the County may end up with eighty, and that Division International Camp which was early planned for two hundred, will eventually accommodate three hundred and fifty.

If it is not the right idea then you must be prepared to say no, or 'this ends here', however difficult it may be. There will be Guiders who will ask for your comments on their variety show rehearsal or some paper scheme, with the silent prayer that you will say 'I'm sorry, but this is not of a suitable standard for a public performance' or 'I don't think

you should undertake this unless you are quite sure you can overcome these snags which you don't seem to have considered fully.' The relationships of the Guiders to their Unit and its scheme may be too close for them to do this easily. It is probably not very easy for you either, but it is part of your job. You get the bouquets and pot plants on formal occasions; you must accept a few kicks as well.

After all, some of the ideas will scare you half to death but the argument for doing something is that it is the right thing to do at this time. There will always be those who say 'But we've never done it before', meaning they don't want to do it now. As F. M. Cornford said 'Every action which is not customary, either is wrong or, if it is right, is a dangerous precedent. It follows that nothing should be done for the first time.' Fortunately, with a new programme and a fresh outlook, this approach is likely to be less heard in the next few years. The danger may be that the ideas may come to such an extent from the Guiders that the girls will not have the opportunity to think their own ideas through. This you will see as you visit your Units, and if, when you tell your Division Commissioner of all the projects on hand in your District she says 'Where did the idea originate?' you should know. This is not to say 'No ideas from Guiders', but to make sure that the idea grows from a Unit (Guides and Guiders) and is not imposed under the influence of the heady wine of freedom.

JENNIFER HEWITSON

TOFS SAY 'THANK YOU'

Over the years many members of the Girl Scout Troops on Foreign Soil (TOFS) have had the opportunity to meet British Guides while they have been in this country. A letter has been received at Commonwealth Headquarters from the Girl Scout National Headquarters in New York to say how much Girl Scouts have appreciated being able to join in British Guide activities, Thinking Day celebrations and so on and thanking those people who have sent them invitations for hospitality.

There are TOFS in many parts of Great Britain. If there is one near to you and you would like to invite them to join in any of your activities, you should contact your County International Adviser.



Talking About . . .

I WONDER how Susan will get on at the District Thinking Day Get-Together? It'll be the first time that she's been to anything with the Brownies beyond our own Pack and Company, and the first time that some of the others have really met anyone quite as handicapped as she is.

'If the way she's settled into the Pack is anything to go by, I should think she'll cope all right. She's very good at managing those arms of hers and at this gathering there should not be any hazard that she hasn't met before—except that it will be a bit crowded. She managed very well at the Pack Party and her Sixer seems to have the situation sized up pretty well. She was quick to see that Susan had to have something firm to rest her mug on and organized it with no fuss and bother.'

'We'll just have to watch out that she doesn't get jostled too much; I'd hate to see those arms get damaged. One of us had better keep near enough to go to the rescue if need be.'

'Yes, but not so near that she's conscious of an anxiously-hovering grown-up. We've avoided that so far and I'm sure her mother's right that it's important.'

'It's knowing when a right watchfulness has become a wrong over-protectiveness that's tricky. I suppose that Guiders with hospital Packs get used to it; they're having to do it all the time.'

'It's not the only thing that they're particularly good at either. I borrowed a copy of "Guiding with the Handicapped" and it struck me that when the new programme starts they're going to be streets ahead of the rest of us in knowing how "to challenge the individual in ways that are suited to her needs . . ." They've never been able to get by with

"Guiding in general for no one in particular." They've had to get to know each girl's abilities and disabilities, and to temper their challenges and present their opportunities accordingly.'

'We'll have to do that with all the Brownies, not just Susan, if we're going to be able to provide scope for things they are naturally good at and interested in, and the things they aren't good at, and aren't immediately attracted to.'

'Reminds me of a message Miss Maynard sent to a Conference once—"Guiding is a partnership between Guider and Guide; Guiders must make it their pleasure to study the individual and thus to help her to take the place she has it in her to take . . .".'

'Make Your Mark'

Series in THE GUIDE

- * 2nd February—'Duty to the Queen' issue. The Royal Standard, Law Courts of Britain, Quiz: What occasions were these?
- * 9th February—St. Valentine issue. Story of St. Valentine, feature on Baden-Powell House, getting ready for Thinking Day, answers to Quiz.
- * 16th February—Thinking Day issue. Guide VSO work.
- * 23rd February—Lenten issue. Prayers and discussion topics until Easter, MAKE YOUR MARK chart for March.



(THE GUIDE is published each Friday at 9d. (postage 3d.). Please encourage your Guides to place a regular order with a local newsagent or to order THE GUIDE from C.H.Q.).

A Theme Meeting —

PIRATES

A PIRATE theme meeting always proves very popular with Brownies of all ages. Here are two games which can be played by as many or as few Brownies as necessary.

Shipwrecks

The Brownie Guider will have to collect a number of pieces of equipment and set it out beforehand. Two planks will be needed, also several pieces of



stone or bricks to represent stepping stones, although an alternative to these could be made by cutting out pieces of cardboard. A piece of rope will be required to tie up the 'ship', which could be a convenient tree or, more ambitiously, a collection of orange boxes. An old tyre to be hung from a tree is also part of the equipment. Silver-foil 'fishes' need to be submerged in a bucket of water, and to make them easy to catch paper clips should be fastened to

each one. The rods can be sticks with string and small magnets attached. Finally a box of 'treasure' such as beads, shells, gold milk tops, etc., and a small Union Flag is needed.

Brownies are divided into Sixes or teams, depending on how many there are, and each team or Six has to surmount all the obstacles while the Guider times them with a stop watch.

First of all they are told that they are pirates whose ship has become wrecked just off the shores of a beautiful island full of treasure. To reach the island they must first walk the plank (the leader tying up the ship with a round-turn and two half hitches). Then they must cross the lagoon by means of the stepping stones, cross the bridge (another plank) and climb through the entrance to the cave (the tyre).



Illustrated by Catharine Towner

Once inside, they must find a piece of treasure each, catch themselves a fish for dinner and sit down cross-legged in a circle. The Guider notes down how long exactly the team has taken and the next group begin. The Six or team to finish in the shortest time are the winners.

Pirates' Treasure

This is a treasure hunt with a theme. All that is needed is a big boxful of 'treasure' and a little time spent in distributing it among trees, bushes and long grass. The 'Pirates' are then told the following story, after dividing them into Sixes.

'Many years ago there lived a very rich pirate who took all his gold and silver and jewels to a tiny island so that he could bury it: in fact, to this very island where you now stand. He began to dig a hole to drop the chest into it, but while he was doing this an enormous golden eagle swooped right down and lifted the heavy box in his claws, flying high into the sky with it. Because of the weight of the box, the lid flew open and out fell the treasure, scattering into hundreds of pieces around the island. The rich pirate tried to find it, but each time he tried the angry eagle began to drive him off, until the pirate, fearing for his life, sailed his boat away. When he arrived home he asked for the help of his friends and promised them that he would reward them well if they could each find a boxful of his treasure. Between them they managed to capture the eagle, and set off to find the gold and silver.'

The Brownie Guider then lists the various types of treasure that she has scattered, telling the Brownies that they are pirates and must bring back exactly so many pieces. The first team to return with the required amount are the winners.

If the game is played in a woodland, the Brownies take quite a long time to collect everything and really enjoy the quest. Not only do these two games help the Brownie in balancing, knots and observation, and give the necessary physical exercise, they also provide them with lots of fun.

IRENE FIELD

BOOK REVIEWS

This is the Lord's House—A Book for Lent by The Rev. Canon T. A. Rockley (Girls' Friendly Society, 3s.). 'What do we want these for?' This booklet opens with this question in its first paragraph. The booklet explains the Church as the meeting place of God's family and the people in the Church as members of the family.

The book is arranged for reading a paragraph a day during Lent and touches on infant Baptism, Confirmation, worship, the furniture in the Church building, the teaching of the Church, systematic intercession and other such subjects. To describe the Commandments the Rev. Canon Rockley writes '... God's Laws are not "keep off" warnings to all the happy and pleasant things of life... but God's Laws are given to us so that we may get the most out of life, and enjoy life abundantly.'

This is a simply expressed book which may be just the means to help an 11 to 14-year-old understand the Church of England more adequately and so be able to participate more fully in the experiences offered to her in the Church.

D.M.S.

Birds of Australia, text by A. Rutgers, Vols. 1 and 2 (Methuen, 35s. each). As the title shows, these books are about birds in Australia, but don't be discouraged by that! Almost all of them are first cousins to those in the United Kingdom and indeed have relatives in most parts of the world. Looking at the index, almost all the names are familiar to us—cranes, oyster-catchers, plovers, geese, swans, ducks, pigeons, owls, thrushes, swallows and so on. However such additions as 'Crimson Chat' to the thrush and 'Shining' to the starling indicate that there is a difference and the difference is fascinating to examine.

Birds of Australia is numbered among the masterpieces of ornithological art, both in the knowledge in the text and in the eighty magnificent colour plates from the lithographs of John Gould, in each volume. The production is superb, one bird to a page with the concise text facing the beautiful plates.

Three pounds, ten shillings may sound quite expensive for two volumes of a bird book, but in fact it is amazingly inexpensive. The sheer pleasure of handling such a book, reading it and looking at the lovely pictures makes anyone fortunate enough to have these volumes, realize what good value it is.

E.M.B.

Little Guide—Mushrooms (Paul Hamlyn, 5s. paperback, 7s. 6d. clothbound). This moderately priced pocket size field guide to European fungi will give much pleasure and information to all who use it. The 135 illustrations in full colour are, on the whole,

true to life and the text is accurate and helpful both for beginners and the more experienced. Popular names are given where possible and the scientific names are according to the new check list 1960. It is a pity that synonyms are not included to assist those using older books as cross reference.

The choice of species is, in the main, good and covers most of our common British fungi but there are a few notable absentees. To quote one example *Russula Ochroleuca*, one of our commonest woodland species, is excluded whereas space is given to several rare species which only occur in European countries outside Britain. Very few tree bracket fungi are included.

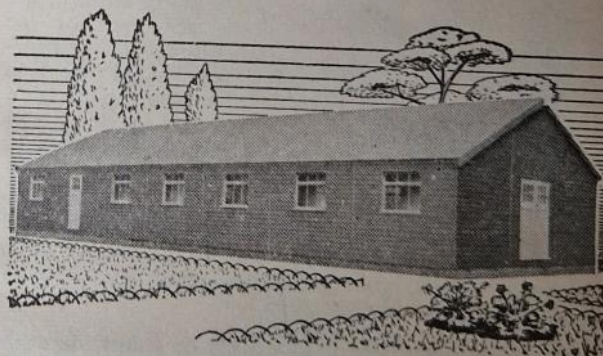
My main criticism concerns the arrangements of the species. It is neither alphabetical nor systematic. It would be more helpful to the beginner if the agarics were grouped according to spore colour.

D.J.B.

The Persistent Pianist by Eileen D. Robilliard (Oxford University Press, 16s.). An admirable book, full of practical help to both students and teachers. The psychological problems and fears which beset the adult re-learner are dealt with in a most competent and sympathetic way, and the lists of music suggested for study are both generous and invaluable. This book is a 'must' for the 'late beginner and adult re-starter'.

I.V.A.

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Headquarters' Notices

Westminster Abbey, Saturday, 24th February, 1968

The Dean of Westminster will conduct a short service in commemoration of the Founder's birthday at 11 a.m. during which wreaths will be laid on his memorial in the Abbey on behalf of Scouts and Guides.

Please note that this service will be held on the Saturday nearest to Thinking Day, 24th February, and not on 22nd February. This is in order to give more members of the Movement an opportunity to attend. Any member of the Movement in London on that day will be welcome.

Please arrive at the Abbey in good time.

COMING EVENTS

The **Thinking Day Commonwealth Circle Party** will be held at Baden-Powell House on Wednesday, 21st February, 1968, at 6.30 p.m. Will members please notify the Hon. Secretary if they intend to be present.

The sum of £24 7s. has been given to the Guide Friendship Fund from the Christmas party for Guides of Afghanistan.

APPOINTMENT

On Miss Wallis Myers' retirement early in January, Mrs. Jean Rush became General Editor. This is a new appointment and Mrs. Rush will have editorial responsibility for *THE GUIDER*, *THE GUIDE*, *THE RANGER* and *THE BROWNIE*. Mrs. I. D. Beck will continue as head of the Books Section and will be responsible for the Business Management of all the periodicals. She will be known as Publications Manager.

Mrs. Rush joined C.H.Q. in December from the National Canine Defence League, where she was Public Relations Officer. In twelve years as a journalist she has worked on such widely divergent publications as 'The Dancing Times,' 'World Fishing' and 'Pulse'.

FOXLEASE STILL NEEDS

A Cook: This would be a good opportunity for a young Guider with suitable experience and qualifications or a chance for a good Quartermaster to enjoy a period of full-time work for Guiding. Good salary and conditions.

A Domestic Bursar: This is a new appointment with great scope for the right person. A keen Guider in her twenties or thirties would be ideal. Her main responsibilities would be the care and running of the house, catering, and a share in the hostessing of 1,600 Guiders every year. Good accommodation in lovely surroundings, and a chance to meet people from all over the world. Salary range £850 to £1,100 per annum, less £250 for living expenses.

Apply to the Guider-in-Charge, Foxlease, Lyndhurst, Hampshire

SENIOR POST AT WADDOW

Applications are invited for the post of **Housekeeper**. For details, please apply to the Guider-in-Charge, Waddow, Clitheroe, Lancashire.

AWARDS

Training

Guide Training Diploma: Miss A. L. Henderson, Fife.

RANGER UNIFORM

There seems to be some misunderstanding regarding the availability of Land, Sea and Air Ranger uniforms. These are still stocked by C.H.Q. and Branch Shops, Scottish Guide Shops and Ulster Girl Guide Headquarters but in all fairness one must point out that due to the very small demand large stocks are not held and some items might necessitate special orders.

WANTED: CAMP SECRETARIES

Both **Foxlease** and **Waddow** require Camp Secretaries from approximately mid-June to mid-September. Ideal jobs for Guiders who are keen campers. For details write to the Guider-in-Charge of the Training Centre concerned.

A Camp Secretary is also needed at **Broneirion**, the Guide Training Centre for Wales, from early July to mid-September. Applicants must have life-saving qualifications. For details write to the Guider-in-Charge, Broneirion, Llandinam, Montgomeryshire.

NOTICE BOARD

Brownsea Island Camp-sites: Applications to camp on the Scout/Guide sites on Brownsea Island should be made to Mrs. E. Dyke at Wendover, The Avenue, Sherborne, Dorset, enclosing a foolscap stamped addressed envelope for detailed leaflet.

'**The Duke of Edinburgh's Award News**' is now available and copies can be obtained by sending a stamped, self addressed foolscap envelope to the Secretary, Programme Department, Girl Guides Association, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1.

Retreat for Anglican Guiders and Scouters: Please note the date, 18th-20th October, 1968 at the Southwark Diocesan House, Greyladies, Dartmouth Row, London, S.E.10. Full details will be published as soon as possible.

A Roman Catholic Guiders' International Conference Weekend organized by the Catholic Guide Advisory Council will be held at the Cenacle Convent, Lance Lane, Liverpool from 19th-21st April, 1968. Applications should be sent to Mrs. J. M. Harper, Sunnyside, Iwerley, Stourbridge, Worcestershire, with £1 deposit before 21st March, 1968. The cost of a single room is 30s. per day, shared room/cubicle, 25s. per day, non-resident, 12s. 6d. per day, plus 10s. conference fee. Fuller details in the March issue of *THE GUIDER*.

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British Trust for
Ornithology Symbol

Opportunities to Enjoy *The Out-of-Doors – II*

by Phyllis Hager

NATURAL History Societies and County Naturalists' Trusts hold indoor and outdoor meetings dealing with natural history and conservation. There are also societies for those interested in a particular subject, i.e. mammals, deer, fungi, botany, insects, whose current addresses can be obtained from the Council for Nature, Zoological Gardens, Regent's Park, London N.W.1.

Many people are interested in birds and the two main societies dealing with them are the British Trust for Ornithology (Beech Grove, Tring, Herts.) and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (The Lodge, Sandy, Bedfordshire). The B.T.O. carry out field research on birds, and details of bird observatories and field stations can be obtained from them. They also publish 'B.T.O. News', a bulletin for bird watchers, and a journal 'Bird Study' which is issued quarterly.

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds has twenty-five reserves in Great Britain. Early application is advisable for visiting the reserve at Havergate Island, Suffolk, a breeding place of the avocet. They also have a nature trail at their headquarters, for which permits, issued at the gate, are now necessary at weekends.

The R.S.P.B. magazine 'Birds' is issued free six times a year to all members of the Society.

Short residential courses are often arranged by these Societies, and many centres of adult education run weekend or short residential courses on countryside subjects. Pendley Manor, Tring, Herts., was a pioneer in this field and in the first half of 1968 has weekend courses on deer, birds and canals. The National Institute of Adult Education, 35 Queen Anne Street, London, W.1, publish a half-yearly calendar of courses at the various centres and local Education Officers will supply details of their own courses. The London Borough of Newnham's residential centre at Debden House, Debden Green, Loughton, Essex, is very good, and the Youth Hostels Association, Trevelyan House, St. Alban's, Herts., has countryside discovery weeks.

Field Study Centres

Beginners, and more advanced visitors, are welcomed at the residential courses arranged by the Field Studies Council, 9 Devereux Court, Strand, London, W.C.2, who have centres at the following addresses: The Drapers' Field Centre, Rhyd-y-Creuau, Betws-y-Coed, South Wales; The Leonard Wills Field

Centre, Nettlecombe Court, Williton, Taunton, Somerset; Slapton Ley Field Centre, Slapton Ley, Kingsbridge, Devon; Preston Montford Field Centre, Nr. Shrewsbury, Shropshire; Oriulton Field Centre, Pembroke, South Wales; Malham Tarn Field Centre, Nr. Settle, Yorkshire; Juniper Hall Field Centre, Dorking, Surrey; Flatford Mill Field Centre, East Bergholt, Nr. Colchester, Essex; Dale Fort Field Centre, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire.

Details of the courses at these centres can be obtained from the Field Studies Council.

The Scottish Field Studies Association, 141 Bath Street, Glasgow, C.2, has a field centre at Kindrogan, Enochdhu, Nr. Blairgowrie, Perthshire, and also run courses at other places in Scotland.

Young Naturalists

A number of clubs are designed for younger people, and amongst these is The Young Ornithologists' Club, run by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. The club is open to young people up to the age of 18 years, and encourages the study of birds through projects, competitions, field outings and courses. It has a quarterly magazine 'Bird Life'. Full membership is 12s., and group membership is 1s. 6d. for each boy or girl.

The 'X.Y.Z.' Young Zoologists' Club, The London Zoo, Regent's Park, London, N.W.1, has lectures, discussions, Brains Trusts, and Field Study courses. Members are entitled to three free tickets a year for London Zoo or Whipsnade Park. The club is for young people between the ages of 8–18 years, and membership costs 10s. a year.

The Conservation Corps, whose Headquarters are at the offices of the Council for Nature, Zoological Gardens, Regent's Park, London, N.W.1, is composed of young men and women volunteers who devote some of their spare time to manual work necessary for the maintenance of nature reserves and other biologically important sites—such as scrub clearance, making of footpaths, etc.

A 16 page booklet, 'Advice for Young Naturalists', packed with useful information about the Conservation Corps, field studies, equipment, societies, and books, is published by the Council for Nature. Price 1s. 6d. post free.

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Royal Society
for the Protection
of Birds
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Where to Train

TRAINING BURSARIES

GUIDERS attending Guider trainings at Foxlease, Waddow, Netherurd, Broneirion and Lorne are eligible to apply for Training Bursaries. A Guider may receive only one such bursary, except in special cases where the Commissioner may recommend a subsequent award, e.g.: where a Guider changes her Section or becomes a Commissioner, etc.

Fee Bursary: This entitles a Guider to a reduction of half the fee for a shared room. She may request to be in a single or double room but will have to pay the extra charge above that allowed by the bursary.

Travel Bursary: This entitles a Guider to a grant covering travelling expenses in excess of 30s. and is available only for the nearest Training Centre. A travel bursary, in addition to a fee bursary, is allowed only in cases of special need and a detailed recommendation from the Commissioner is required. Payment of this grant is made at the Training

Centre on production of the bursary form.

Angela Thompson Bursaries: These are available for any Promise and Law Training (not necessarily held at a C.H.Q. Training Centre) and have the same value as a fee bursary.

Application for Training Bursaries must be made through the District Commissioner who applies direct to the Secretary, C.H.Q. Training Department, stating the name of the

Guider concerned and the date and place of the training. At least a fortnight's notice should be given. Not more than one-third of the places at any one weekend can be covered by bursary grants and Commissioners are asked to indicate priorities if applying for a number of bursaries. Many L.E.As. give generous help towards Guider trainings and a request for such assistance should be made direct to the Local Authority concerned.



Netherurd House, West Linton, Peeblesshire, which has been seriously damaged by fire.

COMMONWEALTH HEADQUARTERS

An application to attend a training at any Guide Training Centre should be sent direct to the appropriate Guider-in-Charge, and must be accompanied by the correct amount of deposit and a stamped addressed envelope. Applicants should also state the type of training for which they are attending, as there may be several different courses running at any one weekend. It is realised that many Guiders have to leave on the Sunday evening of a weekend training but sessions are arranged on the Monday if there is sufficient demand.

FOXLEASE

Lyndhurst, Hants.

FEBRUARY

Spring Cleaning

MARCH

- 1-4 1. Brownie Guiders
(Preparation for Pack Holiday)
- 8-11 2. Ranger Guiders
- 15-18 Sing, Dance and Play
- 22-25 London S.E.
- 22-25 'Handbook Special' for Commissioners and Guiders of all Sections (Full)

27-APRIL 8 World Committee

APRIL

- 11-16 (Easter Weekend) Guide and Brownie Guiders
- 19-21 Scouter/Guider International weekend (by invitation)
- 26-29 Brownie, Guide and Ranger Guiders (General Training) (Full)

MAY

- 3-6 Gloucestershire
- 10-13 Brownie and Guide Guiders (Adventure in the Unexpected)
- 17-20 (a) Commissioners
(b) Guiders of all Sections (Making the most of your surroundings)
- 24-27 Somerset

Whitsun

- 31-JUNE 4 Brownie, Guide and Ranger Guiders (General Training)

JUNE

- 7-10 Brownie, Guide and Ranger Guiders (General Training)

14-17 Ranger Guiders and Camp Trainers

(By invitation) (Outdoor pursuits for the Ranger age group).

*20-27 (a) Guiders of all sections (Guiders may bring their children under 5 years)

*24-27 (b) Commissioners

JULY

- 5-8 Brownie, Guide and Ranger Guiders (General Training)
- 16-23 'Training for Leisure' (including camp-fire, local exploration, handcrafts, etc., etc.) (For Guiders of all Sections currently working with a unit)

JULY

27-AUGUST 3 Ranger/Venture Scout Leadership Week (Rangers aged 15-18 years by the first day of the training)

*Commissioners are welcome to attend the whole Training Week of 20th-27th June and special sessions will be held for them from 24th-27th.

- WADDOW**
Clitheroe, Lancs.
- FEBRUARY**
9-12 1. Commissioners
2. Camp-fire (*Full*)
16-19 Lancs. S.E. (*Winter Camp Training*)
23-26 N.W. Area (C.As. and Camp Trainers)
- MARCH**
1-4 Guide and Ranger Guiders (*General Training with special thought given to the older Guide*)
8-11 1. Commissioners (*By invitation*)
2. Brownie Guiders
15-18 Brownie, Guide and Ranger Guiders (*Emphasis on self-government*)
22-25 Trainers (*New or prospective Diplomas*) (*By invitation*)
29-APRIL 1 'Handbook Special' for Commissioners and Guiders of all Sections. (*Full*)
- APRIL**
5-8 Brownie, Guide and Ranger Guiders (*General Training*)
- Easter*
11-16 Leadership Training (*Rangers aged 16 to 19, Guiders aged 17 to 20*)
19-22 Brownie, Guide and Ranger Guiders (*General Training*)

- 26-29 Sheffield County
- MAY**
3-6 Brownie, Guide and Ranger Guiders (*General Training*)
10-13 Lancashire S.E.
17-20 Brownie, Guide and Ranger Guiders (*General Training*)
24-27 (a) Commissioners
(b) Ranger Guiders (*Special Sessions on the Leadership Certificates*)
- Whitsun*
31-JUNE 6 Patrol Leaders' Training (*By invitation*)
- JUNE**
7-10 Lincolnshire
14-17 Brownie, Guide and Ranger Guiders (*General Training*)
21-24 Brownie, Guide and Ranger Guiders (*Making the most of your surroundings*)
28-JULY 1 Brownie, Guide and Ranger Guiders (*General Training*)
- JULY**
5-8 Brownie and Guide Guiders
12-15 (a) Ranger Guiders
(b) Rangers (*lightweight camping and orienteering*)

- 19-22 Trefoil Guild (*for Guild officials, active or prospective: Presidents, Chairmen, Secretaries, Treasurers, and County Advisers of up to 2 years experience. Only 2 applications accepted from any one Guild.*)

- JULY**
27-AUGUST 3 Trainers (*By invitation*)
- AUGUST**
6-13 Homecrafts and Creative Activities for all sections.
22-29 Arts Week (*By invitation*)

Fees at Foxlease and Waddow

- Shared room** per day ... 20s. 0d.
(Minimum fee for weekend £2)
per week ... £6 0s. 0d.
- Double room** per day ... 25s. 6d.
(Minimum fee for weekend £2 11s. 0d.)
per week ... £7 13s. 0d.
- Single room** per day ... 30s. 0d.
(Minimum fee for weekend £3)
per week ... £9 0s. 0d.
- Deposit 12s. 6d.**

SCOTLAND

NETHERURD HOUSE, Blyth Bridge, West Linton, Peeblesshire

Many Guiders will already have heard of the disastrous fire which took place at Netherurd on the night of Wednesday-Thursday 10th/11th January. The top floor and roof area were extensively damaged by fire and many of the rooms on the floors below were damaged by water. Fortunately no one was seriously hurt although two young members of the staff received burns to the feet and hands and were taken to hospital, where they are now making good progress.

It will be some time before the roof can be rebuilt and training resumed at Netherurd but Scottish Headquarters have been very fortunate in making alternative arrangements. From mid March onward trainings will be held at Callendar Park College of Education at Fal-

kirk and applicants will be sent further details.

Scottish Guide Headquarters greatly appreciate the privilege of using this new Hostel.

- MARCH**
15-18 Various kinds of outdoor projects and camping, including orienteering.
22-25 Commissioners and District Assistants
29-1 APRIL Salvation Army Guiders (*Places reserved for North-umberland*)

- APRIL**
5-8 Ranger Guiders
11-16 Residential Course: Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

- 19-22 Lanarkshire Youth Leaders' Course: Guider Section
26-29 Brownie and Guide Guiders

- MAY**
3-6 Brownie and Guide Guiders (*Places reserved for County Durham*)
10-13 Commissioners and District Assistants
17-20 Brownie and Guide Guiders
24-27 Brownie, Guide and Ranger Guiders
31-JUNE 2 Brownie, Guide, and Ranger Guiders

- JUNE**
7-10 Scottish Handcraft Circle
14-17 Trefoil Guilds

Applications for trainings will continue to be made to the Secretary, Netherurd House.

WALES

BRONEIRION, Llandinam, Mont.

- MARCH**
1-3 Brownie and Guide Guiders (*Pack Holiday and Indoor Camp Training*)
8-10 Brownie and Guide Guiders

- 15-17 (1) Guitar Course
(2) Drama and Handcrafts for Companies and Packs
22-24 Brownie and Guide Guiders

- 29-31 Brownie and Guide Guiders (*Places reserved for Caernarvonshire*)

- APRIL**
5-7 Prospective Trainers

Easter		31-JUNE 4 Spring Bank Holiday.	9-14 Patrol Leaders 12-14 years
11-16	Brownie and Guide Guiders	Brownie and Guide Guiders. (<i>Husbands and children may be accommodated</i>)	19-24 Patrol Leaders 12-14 years
19-21	Ranger Guiders		30-SEPTEMBER 3 Rangers and young Guiders working for Leadership Certificate or Warrant.
26-MAY	4 National Association of Youth Clubs		
MAY		JUNE	
10-12	Brownie, Guide and Ranger Guiders. (<i>Places reserved for Central Glamorgan</i>)	7-9	Brownie, Guide and Ranger Guiders. (<i>Places reserved for Monmouthshire</i>)
17-19	Brownie, Guide and Ranger Guiders. (<i>Places reserved for Shropshire</i>)	28-30	Trainers' Conference
22	Trefoil Guild Conference	JULY	
24-26	Brownie and Guide Guiders and Commissioners (<i>Places reserved for West Glamorgan</i>)	5-12	International Training (<i>Swedish/Welsh Week</i>)
		22-27	Patrol Leaders 12-14 years
		31-AUGUST 5	Patrol Leaders 12-14 years

Fees at Broneirion

Shared room per day ...	17s. 6d.
per week ...	£5 5s. 0d.
Double room per day ...	£1 0s. 0d.
per week ...	£6 6s. 0d.
Single room per day ...	£1 2s. 6d.
per week ...	£6 15s. 0d.
Deposit 10s.	

ULSTER

LORNE, Craigavad, Co. Down

FEBRUARY		Guiders
9-11	Co. Antrim	8-10 Arts Weekend for Rangers
16-18	International (<i>By invitation</i>)	29-31 Co. Londonderry
23-25	The District Team	MAY
MARCH		10-12 Finaghy Local Association
1-3	Guide and Ranger	17-19 Belfast Trefoil Guild

Fees at Lorne

Shared room per day ...	15s. 0d.
Single room per day ...	16s. 0d.
Deposit 7s. 6d.	

CAMPING AND PACK HOLIDAYS

Waddow Camp-sites

Applications for sites in 1968 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 camps begin on Saturday. Please state whether an equipped or unequipped site is required.

A 5s. deposit (which is forfeit if the booking is cancelled) and a stamped addressed **foolscap** envelope should be enclosed with the applications.

Waddow Pack Holiday House

Applications for Pack Holidays in 1968 should be made to the Secretary and must be accompanied by a written recommendation by the Guiders' C.A. A stamped addressed envelope should be enclosed.

Foxlease Camp-sites

Applications for sites in 1968 should be addressed to the Secretary, and the envelope marked 'camp'. Suggested dates and alternatives and approximate numbers should be stated and whether an equipped site is required. Camps may begin on any weekday.

A 5s. deposit (which is forfeit if the booking is cancelled) and a stamped addressed **foolscap** en-

velope should be enclosed with the application.

Broneirion Camp-sites and Pack Holiday House

Applications for sites and the Brownie Pack Holiday House at Broneirion should be addressed to the Montgomeryshire C.A., Mrs. B. Michael, Gorsty, Hyssington, Montgomeryshire, and *not* to Broneirion.

Netherurd Camp-sites

Two fully equipped sites are available and there is also a Brownie House.

Ulster Camp-site, Glen Road, Craigavad, Co. Down

Approximately 8 miles from Belfast on the Co. Down coast near Lorne. Fully equipped for 40 campers (one large or two small camps). Excellent hut for solid shelter. Calor gas. Enquiries should be made to Miss N. Pratt, 22 Bangor Road, Hollywood, Co. Down.

Lorne Camp-sites

There are two fully equipped sites at Lorne. Enquiries should be made to Miss B. Crawford, 84 Church View, Hollywood, Co. Down.

Magilligan Camp-sites

Three sites, fully equipped for

25-30 campers. Sandy soil drains easily. Expanse of beach. Large hut on the site containing three rooms, one with open fireplace. Small calor gas stove available. A printed information list can be obtained from the Secretary, Mrs. R. F. Scott, Derrymore House, Limavady, Co. Londonderry.

Holidays at Lorne

Lorne, the Northern Ireland Guiders' Training Centre, will be open to Guiders and members of the Trefoil Guild as a holiday centre. Come on your own or make up a party. Rangers are welcome with their Guiders. In pleasant grounds, with glorious view and quiet surroundings, Lorne is convenient for Belfast and a good centre for sightseeing tours. House duties are light and uniform need not be worn.

Fees: £1 per day, including all meals. Packed meals provided or 2s. 6d. deducted from the account if visitors are out for a main meal. For full details apply to Guider-in-Charge, Lorne, Craigavad, Co. Down, Northern Ireland.

There are also some dates vacant for weekend or week during May and June for groups taking a minimum of twenty places. For details apply as above.

In Memoriam

It is with deep regret that we record the death on 30th November of MISS VERA BRABY, a County Vice-President of Kent East, since she retired from active Guiding in 1959.

Miss Braby held appointments as Guide and Ranger Captain, and Commissioner, in Sussex before she moved to Kent in 1948. Shortly after she came to live in the Tunbridge Wells area she became District Commissioner for Paddock Wood, and in 1951, was appointed District Commissioner for Edenbridge. From 1953 until her retirement through ill health in 1959 Miss Braby was Division Commissioner for Tonbridge.

HILDA NEWSTEAD, who died recently after a very short illness, had given continuous service to Ipswich Guiding since the day she was enrolled as one of the early members of the 8th Ipswich (Tacket Street Congregational) Guide Company. She was Lieutenant in this Company and later a keen member of the Trefoil Guild.

During the war, Ipswich Guide Companies and Brownie Packs and their friends raised money to furnish and equip a Women's Services Centre. It was manned by Guiders, Guides and Guild Members and Mrs. Newstead was the very able and active Treasurer. The Club was a tremendous success and was greatly appreciated by the girls who were our guests.

Mrs. Newstead continued as local Headquarters Treasurer until 1954, also helping with badge testing, and she was a member of the Local Association until May, 1967. Gay and friendly, she had a keen sense of humour, and it is a privilege to record the long service of one who stood for the high ideals of our Movement, and gave much encouragement and help to the girls who come to us for their training. Our sympathy goes out to her husband and her family.
A.M.R.

The sudden death of MISS M. BRENA WILSON just before Christmas at her home in Croydon was a great shock to all her friends in North Croydon Division. She will be deeply mourned by all who knew her. Introduced to Guiding by her aunt, Lady Arkwright, the first Division Commissioner for Croydon, she has given over forty years of faithful service to the movement.

Miss Wilson's greatest interest was with the Brownies—she was seldom without a Pack—but she will also be remembered as the District Commissioner for West Croydon from 1936 to 1958, keeping things going through the difficult war years.

Later she served as Treasurer to the Division, but above all she will be remembered by all her friends for her unfailing kindness, thoughtfulness for others and kindly hospitality.

A.W.A.

Headquarters' Notices

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Catholic Guide Guild Archdiocese of Westminster: Please note the following dates in 1968: *3rd March*, Retreat for Guiders arranged by Middlesex West. *24th March*, A.G.M. for Guiders at C.H.Q. at 3 p.m. *9th June*, Brownie Parade, Our Lady of Victoria, at 3 p.m. *7th July*, Guide Parade, Westminster Cathedral at 4.30 p.m. *24th October*, Guild Social for Guiders.

County of London Camping Grounds

Do your Guides want to visit London? Why not camp at Chigwell Row, Essex, which is within easy reach of London? There are 48 acres of ground and a swimming pool.

There are 86 acres of ground, including extensive woods, at Cudham, near Sevenoaks, Kent, which are particularly suitable for summer camping. Cudham is also within easy reach of London for a day's outing.

Both camping grounds have equipped sites and are now available to all members of the Movement. Application should be made to the Warden at the Girl Guides' Camping Ground, Chigwell Row, Essex, or to the Warden, Overshaws, Cudham, near Sevenoaks, Kent.

An experimental Mixed Activities Weekend (SCEMATWO), will be launched at Hill End, Oxford, from March 1-3 1968, for Rangers and Venture Scouts. The course is being run to examine the many possibilities of successful activities undertaken by joint groups and also to promote the introduction of new activities within the framework of Scouting and Guiding. It is hoped to include over the weekend variations on themes of pioneering, forestry, practical art, wine tasting, country dancing, rambling, etc.

For further details, or enquiries, contact Miss G. McMurtry, St. Hilda's College, Oxford.

The **Guiders' Camp-Fire Singing Group** will again be meeting monthly at C.H.Q. during 1968 and will be pleased to welcome any Guiders or Rangers who would like to join them. Details from Miss O. Bishop, 38 St. John's Avenue, Burgess Hill, Sussex.

Woodlarks Camp

Helpers are urgently needed during the summer at Woodlarks Camp, at Farnham, Surrey, for handicapped Guides and Scouts and other handicapped people. Camps are run from mid-May until mid-September, and each handicapped camper is partnered by an active helper, Guiders and Rangers who are able to undertake this work will find it to be a most rewarding holiday.

A full list of the camp's bookings from 11th May to 14th September is published in the January issue of THE RANGER, together with the names and addresses of the organizers, to whom anyone interested in helping should apply.

To Brownie Guiders

Would you please help other Brownie Guiders and Brownies, through THE BROWNIE magazine, by sending to The General Editor an account of any particularly successful projects or challenges you have had in your Pack.

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Olave House (World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts) is open all year to members, ex-members, and Local Associates. Bed and Breakfast, 17s. 6d. to 25s. Residents: special terms, Warm comfortable house. Garden. Easy access to all parts of London. Nearest Underground station Earls Court. Applications to the Guider-in-Charge, 45 Longridge Road, London, S.W.5. Telephone: FRObisher 2574 (Guider-in-Charge): FRObisher 2605 (Guests).

ACCOMMODATION

Holiday accommodation, Sussex. Bed, breakfast and evening meal, or full board, weekends October—March. Apply Mrs. Jebb or Miss Cox, 8 Willowfield Road, Eastbourne (29572).

All year Holiday House. Furnished, central heating, all mod. cons. Sleeps 7-8. Ski-ing, walking. Anderson, Broombank, Braemar, Aberdeenshire.

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Devon Country House nr. sea. B.B.E.D. Own produce. H.C. bedrooms. Beach hut. Car essential. Mrs. Bowry, Parkview, Yardbury Hill, Colyton 506.

Shanklin, I.W. offers a wide scope for Guiders, their families and friends to enjoy a restful and interesting holiday. **Snowdon Private Hotel**, run by ex-Scouters, can meet all your needs. Small dogs welcomed. Situated within 2 minutes sea and lift, 5 minutes buses and shops. S.A.E. appreciated for brochure. Terms from 8½ gns. G. Morris, Queen's Road, Shanklin, Phone 2853.

EMPLOYMENT OFFERED

Guiders with some catering experience required to assist at Adventure Centre any periods April—September, 1968. Details: P. G. L. Holidays, Ross-on-Wye.

Services Welfare. Opportunities for women aged about 25-50 to do worthwhile work for H.M. Forces overseas. Good conditions and allowances. First tour, Germany. Apply WRVS (SW), 17 Old Park Lane, W.1.

Canadian Caravan Mission. Women Teachers Religious Education and Drivers needed May, 18 months' service all travelling expenses and board. Salary in winter. Eva Hasell, Dacre Lodge, Penrith, Cumberland.

UNIFORM

Wanted Guider's Jacket and Skirt. B. 34/36., H. 36/38. Wright, Town Head, Kirby Thore, Penrith, Cumberland.

Complete Guider's uniform. B. 34., H. 38., excellent condition £5. Guide camp dress L. 39. 5s. Box No. 496.

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An offer to Guiders in S.E. England for up to 20% discount on all makes of furniture and carpets has been made by a leading firm of furnisiers. For details telephone: Farnborough 54043 evening—Hither Green (Hit) 2159 day time.

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CAMPING, HOLIDAYS AND CARAVANS

Furnished Cottage near Derbyshire Dales: Accommodate 12 Rangers and Guiders. For details send s.a.e. to Secretary, Miss J. Lang, 3 Lascelles Road, Buxton.

Combe Martin, North Devon Coast: Parish Church offers accommodation for 25-30 juniors and officers. Two large rooms for officers. Kitchen with electric cookers, etc. Washroom and 7 lavatories. Crang, Trafalgar House, Phone 3266.

Braemar Centenary Shieling, Aberdeenshire, equipped summer camps, winter ski parties, etc. Miss M. Anderson, Broombank, Braemar, Aberdeenshire.

N. Cornwall, 20 ft. four berth caravans to let. Quiet select site overlooking Treyarnon Bay. Surfing, golf. Apply: Young, Harford Bridge Park, Tavistock.

Ireland—Co. Wicklow. Old world cottage (furnished) in rural surroundings, Vale of Avoca, to let during summer. Accommodate 2/3. Terms 10/12 gns. weekly. Box No. 492.

Towyn/Aberdovey: Caravan, 4 berth, on small private site; all mod. cons. 'Dunlopillo' beds, well equipped. Mrs. Hopwood, 7 Coaching Walk, Westone, Northampton. (Moulton 2670). S.A.E.

Dorset Coast. Overlooking Lyme Bay. Modern 4-berth Caravan, fully equipped. Direct access beach. Balson, Beaucroft Lane, Wimborne, Dorset.

Ireland, Caravan, private grounds near sea/mountains. Accommodate 3 and child. Shepherd, Long Acre, Windgate, Bray.

Pony Trekking in Black Mountain National Park, arrangements made for Guide parties, inexperienced welcome. S.A.E. for brochure. Grange, Capel-y-ffin, Abergavenny, Mon.

Wanted, within 150 miles North Cheshire, Camp-site with Caravan or cottage, suitable for Guider with small baby. Box No. 497.

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C.H.Q. STAFF VACANCIES

A **Personal Assistant** is required to work with the Head of the Travel Department who arranges itineraries and trips abroad. The Head of this Department also deals with the secretarial side of the Arts Committee and any liaison involved with the C.H.Q. Musical Instruments and Art Competitions, etc.

A **Senior Shorthand Typist/Secretary** is required for the Overseas Department. Interesting work dealing with the Commonwealth countries.

A **Shorthand Typist** is needed for work to do with Guiding on an 'international scale'.

The Finance Department needs a **Senior Shorthand Typist** to deal mainly with work involving 'Trusts' and a **Junior Clerk** who should be interested in figures.

A **Senior Assembly Clerk** is wanted for responsible work dealing with the 'forward stock'.

A **Senior Stock-keeper** is required to assist with publications.

Registrations Department has two interesting vacancies—a **junior** and a **senior 'Record Keeper'**. This Department looks after all data about Guiding personnel and units. It also sends out the annual census forms and deals with the Report!

A **Senior Clerk Typist** for Export Invoices is required in our Mail Order Department.

A **Packer** is required in the Equipment Department which sends out equipment to most corners of the world.

Wood Green Branch Shop has a vacancy for a full-time **Sales Assistant**. 'Wood Green' staff work a 5 day week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the Shop is closed all day Thursday.

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Miss V. Chambers, Personnel Officer, C.H.Q., will be glad to give any further details about all the above jobs.

A **Junior House Assistant:** For any Ranger or older Guide looking for an interesting job for a few months with opportunities for meeting people.

For full details of the above please apply to the Guider-in-Charge, at Foxlease, Lyndhurst, Hampshire.

Will you help us for a year or two?

Miss Thora Wallis Myers



'WE are planning a series of articles in THE GUIDER . . .' This is a familiar opening sentence to those of us who receive letters from the Editor of THE GUIDER. Having read it we have a shrewd idea of what will follow. We utter a groan and fully intend to refuse the request so tactfully conveyed, but such is the persuasive power of the editor that not only do we write the article but we despatch it in an almost impossibly short time.

Thora Wallis Myers has recently retired as the editor of THE GUIDER. Except for a short period when she was editor of THE GUIDE and THE RANGER, she has held the post since 1948.

During this time she has shown remarkable patience with the endless requests to include this and that in the next issue and, even up to the moment of going to press, to make last minute alterations.

She has followed the progress of Guiding with keen judgement, always ready to attend any conferences or meetings so that her editing could be accurate in all detail, so that she could glean the information that later would be found at the right time in the right article for all to read.

Those of us who had the privilege of working closely with Thora Wallis Myers appreciate her quiet sense of humour and know what fun it can be to argue, discuss and talk with her. We know, too, that through these years as editor of THE GUIDER she has worked with the utmost sincerity for the furtherance of Guiding. We wish her very well in the new work she has undertaken.

M.W.

'THE BROWNIE'

This month's issues of THE BROWNIE contain the following special features:

7th February: Needlecase, idea from an Australian Pack, a bird picture to colour and use (Mauritius), a Singing Game from The Netherlands.

14th February: An outline picture of a Swiss flower—to colour and use in various ways, a Singing Game from Malaya, a map of India—which could be used to go on a 'journey' by compass to

visit Indian Bulbuls. Thinking Day number, in order to give Packs time to prepare for their nearest meeting to Thinking Day, 22nd February. This issue will include a number of items with an international flavour.

21st February: A map of South America—this too can be used for a compass journey to see the different Brownies in each country, and other international items.

U.N.A. YOUTH SPEAKING COMPETITION

The finals of the fifth annual Youth Speaking Competition organized by the United Nations Association Youth Movement and sponsored by 'The Daily Mirror,' will be held on Saturday, 20th April at U.N.A. Headquarters, 93 Albert Embankment, S.E.1. The topics for this year's competition are as follows: (1) World Hunger v. the Space Race, (2) America's Crime in Vietnam? and (3) Disarmament: A Contribution to Peace? Each competitor may choose any one of these subjects, and suggested reading lists are available covering each of the three topics.

Local rounds are being organized by U.N.A. Youth Groups, who will invite participation from youth organizations in their area, and anyone between the ages of 15 and 25 who belongs to a recognized youth organization may enter the contest. Those interested should contact U.N.A. Youth, 93 Albert Embankment, London S.E.1, for details of their nearest Local

Round. They may also obtain a 'Speak Your Mind' handbook containing a guide to organizers, rules, the suggested reading list, and printed handouts about the competition, from the same address.

Competitors will be expected to speak for 8 to 10 minutes on their chosen subject, and will be marked for voice and manner, subject matter, and speech construction. Local and Regional Rounds must be completed by 1st April, so those interested are advised to contact the organizers as soon as possible.

It has been brought to our notice that the Heraldry Adviser's article in THE RANGER in November has caused some uncertainty about the future of those Land, Sea, Air and Cadet Units which have not re-registered.

There is no change of policy implied. It remains as published in THE GUIDER last February, and Units are free to re-register or not, as they wish.



A Hongkong Junior Red Cross member entertaining two patients using a 'To-Do' Box

ALL ENGLAND RANGER GUIDE ROUND-UP 17th-21st APRIL

Over 3,000 Ranger Guides have places at the Round-Up and they will be joined by visitors from other countries. The exact number is not yet known but several have expressed an interest in sending representatives.

Many personalities will be dropping in to Butlins at Bognor Regis to meet the Rangers and join in the entertainment. See next month's GUIDER or RANGER magazine for details.

Rangers throughout the country have started their service projects and will be bringing useful gifts with them to the Round-up for various organizations at home and overseas. The picture shows a typical gift—a 'To-Do' box which the Red Cross distributes overseas to occupy sick children in hospital.

Classified Advertisements (continued from page 72)

COMING EVENTS

4th Scout and Guide Folk Festival. We have been invited to use the large Hall at Gilwell Park, Chingford. Date—6th April at 7.30 p.m. PLUS a special Folk Programme on the Sun making it a Grand Folk Week-end. For full details and Festival tickets at 3s. 6d. each, please send S.A.E. to Brian J. Sims, 52 Orchard Road, Seer Green, Bucks. Don't delay!

Valentine Happening. Come and join the Paddington Rovers/Rangers on Saturday, 17th February, 1968. Apply N. Lesley, 27 Talbot Road, London, W.2. S.A.E. for details.

Scematwo Mixed Activities w/e; Rangers, Venture Scouts, 1st-3rd March, Oxford. S.A.E. Miss G. McMurtry, St. Hilda's College, Oxford.

Black Elks Venture Scouts Folk-Sing-Along, at The Parish Hall, Mitcham, Surrey, on Saturday, 2nd March, 7.30 p.m. For Details and Tickets (4s. 6d. each) write to 'Tiny' Robinson, 67 Peterborough Road, Carshalton, Surrey. Don't delay, numbers limited to 100. S.A.E. Please.

POSTAL COURSE

Detective Training. The postal course extraordinary for everyone interested in when, why and who. Details: Ex-Inspector Meek, (Metropolitan Police) 20 Old Tiverton Road, Exeter, 11.

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Opportunities to Enjoy the Out-of-Doors (continued from page 66)

Nature Trails

Nature Trails are an attempt by naturalists and others to show people visiting the countryside something of their surroundings. Much work is being done on them at the present time, and permanent trails are being set up. The Council for Nature's first list of Nature Trails, published in 1966, contained details of just over 50 trails; and this increased to 78 in 1967. Some trails may have a naturalist in attendance, but most will be self-guided trails (a) where one follows a series of informative posters, or (b) where one follows a series of numbered posts—the information relevant to each numbered post being set out in a pamphlet issued to visitors. The most imaginative example I know of a trail pamphlet is that for the Loch-an-Eilein Nature Trail, near Aviemore, Inverness-shire, in the Cairngorms National Nature Reserve. This is priced at 3d. and can be obtained from The Warden, Cairngorms Reserve, Kinakyle or Achnagoichan, Aviemore.

Countryside Code

The National Parks Commission has drawn up ten simple maxims for good manners and the need to respect the countryman's way of life. They are: Guard against all risks of fire. Fasten all gates. Keep dogs under proper control. Keep to the paths across farm land. Avoid damaging fences, hedges and walls. Leave no litter. Safeguard water supplies. Protect wild life, wild plants and trees. Go carefully on country roads. Respect the life of the countryside.

Literature on this code can be obtained from The National Parks Commission, 1 Cambridge Gate, Regent's Park, London, N.W.1.

Films

There are four outstanding films on natural history subjects, which can be borrowed free, but with a service charge of 10s. covering carriage on up to 3 films. These can be obtained from British Transport Films, 25 Savile Row, London W.1. They are really beautiful films in 16 mm., in colour, with sound, and run approximately 20-25 minutes each. The titles are 'Journey into Spring' inspired by Gilbert White's immortal 'The Natural History of Selborne', 'Wild Highlands' with lovely shots of deer, 'Between the Tides', and 'Wild Wings'.

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C.H.Q. ART and HANDWRITING COMPETITIONS, 1968

Closing date for entries in this year's competition is 30th April, and it is hoped that Guiders will do all they can to encourage interest among Brownies, Guides and Rangers.

As usual there are sections for age groups from 7½ to 20 years and details of the prizes in each group will be given in our next issue. The winner of the 16—20 age group in the art section will receive a grant of £50 to be used in some project, such as a trip abroad, to be chosen in consultation with C.H.Q. and the Guide Association concerned.

After the winning entries have been chosen, the Association will consider the possibility of reproducing one or more of them as greetings cards. In this event, a bonus cash payment will be made.

Last year there was a total entry of 1,593 (an increase of 50% on 1966) and competitors included Brownies, Guides and Rangers from 17 overseas countries as well as the United Kingdom.

GENERAL RULES

1. Entries must be the competitor's own unaided work and done in her own time i.e. not during a school art lesson.
2. There will be no entrance fee.
3. The closing date will be 30th April, 1968.
4. Age groups will be: 7½—8 years; 9—10 years; 11—12 years; 13—15 years; 16—20 years.
5. On the back of the picture or handwriting entry, please write in the top right-hand corner: Name, Age, Address in full, Name and number of your unit. Failure to comply with this rule may lead to disqualification.

ART COMPETITION

1. **Subjects:** (a) Water; (b) Free choice.
2. **Size of paper:** Either 22 inches by 30 inches (Imperial size), or 11 inches by 15 inches. No other size will be accepted.
3. **Media:** Free choice.
4. **Entries,** marked 'Guide Art Competition', must be addressed to Arts Department, Girl Guides Association, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1.

HANDWRITING COMPETITION

1. **Section A.** Any style of handwriting (but not lettering) may be used (5 age groups—see item 3.)
2. **Section B.** Formal lettering or manuscript, with decoration if desired, e.g. initial letters or borders. (3 age groups—see item 3.)
3. **Entries** in the lowest age group (7½—8) may be written on lined paper. Entries in the four higher age groups should be on unlined paper.
3. **Subjects:**
Section A: Age group: (1) 7½—8 Nursery Rhyme or Verse up to about 30 words. (2) 9—10 St. Matthew's Gospel: Chapter V. Verses 7—10 (inclusive). Any version of the Bible may be used: Authorised, Revised, Revised Standard, Knox, Douai or New English. OR up to some 50 words about your family.
 (3) 11—12 Up to 80 words from a story book. (4) 13—15 Paragraph (about 80 words) from a newspaper article, or magazine. (5) 16—20 Passage (about 100 words) from any book, novel, biography, travel or essay you have recently read.
Note: For entries in Groups (3) to (5) the title, author, page, etc. should appear at the head of the script.
 Entries of subjects other than that particularly specified for a particular age group, will be disqualified.

SECTION B. Age groups: 11—12, 13—15, 16—20.

A copy in any style of formal lettering of the following:

The Romans borrowed the alphabet from Greek Colonists and adapted it. In early Latin inscriptions, the Romans brought lettering to a superb standard of quality.

Judges will also take account of lay-out and spacing to accord with the size of paper used.

4. Entries, marked 'Guide Handwriting Competition', must be addressed to: Arts Department, Girl Guides Association, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1.

- NOTES:** 1. **Handwriting Competition** entries will not be returned.
 2. **Art Competition:** It is regretted that it is not possible to undertake to return entries by post after the competition, other than those which are selected for display at Headquarters. Entries chosen for hanging will be returned in the Summer, 1969. All other entries will be kept for three months after 1st May, 1968, and may be collected from C.H.Q. during that time; any unclaimed after 16th August, 1968 will be destroyed.



This painting by Chao Oi Kwong, aged 16, of the 20th New Territories Company, Hong Kong, won second prize in its group in 1967.

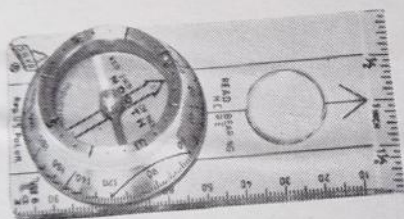
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