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editorial

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother, paid a visit to C.H.Q. on 16th July to meet the staff. Her Majesty toured all five floors of the building and shook hands with nearly every member of staff during her two hour visit. C.H.Q. organised a flower festival for the occasion, with each department creating a floral display describing its own work, as well as beautiful floral decorations in the corridors and on the staircases. Her Majesty was astonished at the size and scope of activities within the building, and was really interested in the exhibits of the various departments. Just before arriving at C.H.Q. the Queen Mother had greeted Her Majesty The Queen on her return from Canada, and brought greetings from the Queen to us all.

front cover

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother stops to talk to Brownies waiting outside C.H.Q.
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Royal Visit to C.H.Q.

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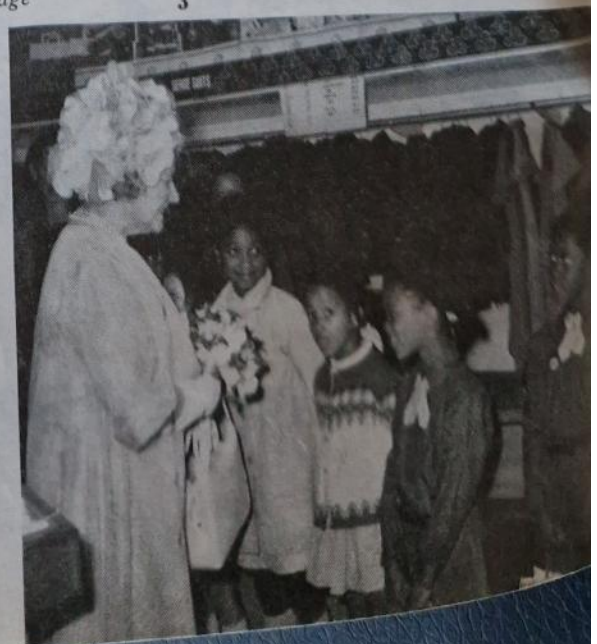
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Everyone at C.H.Q. was thrilled when Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother toured the building on 16th July and spoke to most members of staff.

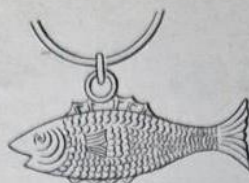
Photographs: 1. Miss Mary Grant explaining some aspects of International Guiding 2. Her Majesty showing deep interest in all the processes involved in producing the periodicals 3. These wide eyed Brownies of 6th North Paddington Pack had an unexpected treat when they came to shop at C.H.Q. 4. Moira Dunlop of the 1st Kippen Company, Stirlingshire was one of the Guides staying in the Dormitory and was chosen to present a bouquet to Her Majesty 5. Her Majesty also received a black basalt Loving Mug from Mrs. Parker Bowles, on behalf of the Association 6. Crowds had gathered outside C.H.Q. to catch a glimpse of The Queen Mother leaving. (More pictures on page 305).

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C.H.Q. Awards



The
Silver Fish

The Laurel Award



THE present Awards structure in regard to Good Service Awards has been in effect since January, 1967.

After consultation through the Movement, in many cases through Counties to Guider level, the Executive Committee approved the recommendation of the Awards Committee that the Good Service Awards should continue to be:

The Silver Fish—the highest award for exceptionally good service to the Guide Movement as a whole, usually for more than one country and in more than one capacity.

The Laurel Award—an award for unusually good service to the Movement with the **Good Service Certificate**, which may be granted at the discretion of the County Commissioner concerned.

It was felt that there were a few points which it would be appropriate to make and which would be helpful and of interest generally.

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A nomination for an award may be initiated at any level but must be made through the proper channels i.e. District to Division to County and Country without the knowledge of the nominee. An award may be given to *any* adult member of the Movement; Assistant Guider, Guider, Secretary, Trainer, Adviser or Commissioner. The only stipulations are that she must have given, in the opinion of the Committee, unusually good service in her particular field and that she must hold a warrant or appointment card or must have held one within six months of the application being made; only in exceptional circumstances may this rule be waived.

Application forms are available as follows:

England—from the Secretary, the Awards Committee, C.H.Q. to County personnel.

Scotland—from the General Secretary, Scottish Headquarters.

Wales—from the Secretary for Wales.

Ulster—from Ulster Headquarters to County Commissioners.

Branch Associations and Independent Commonwealth Countries—from the Commonwealth Overseas Secretary, C.H.Q.

British Guides in Foreign Countries—from the International Secretary, C.H.Q.

The citation on the application form is extremely important and if sufficient data has not been received in composite form from the County, the Committee must at least be able to consider supporting letters.

Such letters might come from several of the following: parent of a girl in the Unit concerned, the local Minister or Vicar, the local Education Authority or other persons from outside the Movement connected with youth in the area, Guiding personnel, including perhaps the Chairman of the County Training Committee, etc. The County Commissioner should also give her personal assessment.

The Committee takes into account many aspects of both the Guider and her service, for example:

Have the conditions under which she has worked been unusual in any way? i.e.

Is the locality concerned very rural with the girls drawn from a scattered area with travel difficulties? Has there been a recent influx of new people to the area, a new housing estate perhaps, with several nationalities involved?

Also:

Has she proved instrumental in cementing good relationships within and outside the Movement—improved Public Relations?

As a result of her work and her influence, have numbers increased, have new Units been created or new Guiders found and trained?

Is she outstanding in that she has done a variety of 'jobs' in Guiding, especially compared with others in your County? Has she undertaken any special projects?

These are just a few hints to bear in mind when preparing an application.

It sometimes appears to the Committee that the County want the award as a sort of 'farewell' or 'thank you' to someone leaving the area or retiring after long years of service. Perhaps her service *would* easily make her eligible for an award but the Committee is not able, of course, to recommend an award only to say 'goodbye' or 'we are grateful'. Length of service is not in itself a criterion but the quality thereof.

It should be borne in mind that the Awards Committee only meets four times a year and if the award is required for presentation at a special occasion, allowance must be made for this and application for the award should be made in good time.

The members of the Awards Committee have a difficult task but their aim is to maintain the high standard of award holders and to try to ensure that no suitable nominee in any category of our Awards Structure—Good Service, Gallantry or Meritorious Conduct—goes unrecognised.

N.B. For details of all categories of Awards see P.O.R., Rule 19.

Behind the Scenes at **OBERAMMERGAU**

by C. H. Falcon

'THERE must be no animals in the kitchen; no hairbrush; no clothes washing machine. Visitors' breakfasts must be served in a sittingroom, not in the kitchen.' These stringent rules governing all Oberammergau households which provide main meals for their guests made us open our eyes wide.

In addition every house where visitors stay has been redecorated inside and out. Generally in their bedrooms the furniture has been renewed. New carpets on the polished floors, new curtains and new dishes for the guests are a must. All houses were officially inspected in April and early May, those providing meals by an officer of the public health department.

Householders pay the cost of all renovations and receive the rent we guests pay for lodging. I found the charges reasonable. Oberammergau has not become commercialised. Large sums are spent for the visitors' benefit. Roads rebuilt to deal with the volume of traffic; hundreds of signposts erected; an extra post office opened—the Village Council thought of all those picture postcards we like to send on holiday. Special buses, coloured according to their route, cope with the thousands travelling from lodging to theatre, and all travel on public transport is free. A map showing routes and colours is presented to each guest on arrival. Also a 'welcome' card with information of residence and where you will take your meals. This may be in a nearby hotel or restaurant.

Out of the profits from the 1960 performances a new kindergarten school was built. Tourists may send their children of 7 years and over to it by the day.

Only those born in Oberammergau or who have lived there for at least 20 years are eligible to act in the play; and the 400 actresses must be unmarried and not older than 35 years.

In 16 wardrobe-rooms at the theatre there are over a thousand costumes, some of them very valuable.

Biblical scenes decorate the outside walls of many buildings



Beatrix Lang in the role of the Virgin Mary

All are made in the village. As the play on the open-to-the-sky stage continues in all weathers every performer must have two sets of clothes. The public may inspect the valuable collection, including the children's large collective wardrobe, on non-play days. For the year before the Passion Play season the theatre is guarded night and day. Every fit man under 60 must take his turn of guard duty.

I asked Rolf Zigon, a handsome 22-year-old student who plays the Apostle John: 'Does the Passion Play with which you all grow up keep people in the village?'

'Yes it does. Though some go away, engineers for instance, if there is not work for them here. But quite a number give up their jobs and return to Oberammergau the year before a Passion Play so that they can take part.'

Rolf Zigon told me of the two 18-year-old Oberammergauers doing their 18 months' national service in the German army. 'They are the only two in the army given permission to grow beards and long hair. And they have been released for 6 months so that they can act in the play. One of them is a Roman soldier.'

As regards salaries and wages I was told those working full time at the theatre receive little more than they would earn in their ordinary jobs: civil servants are paid their usual salaries. Students and the apprentices at Oberammergau's famous woodcarving school earn small sums only. Beatrix Lang, playing a leading role as the Virgin Mary, said: 'I count as an apprentice because I am still studying to be a teacher so I get just small payment.' She has passed one exam; her second has been postponed for a year so that she can play her important role.

The cheerful service till late at night is delightful. Shops remain open till 9.0 p.m. My young landlady said:

'English people like tea to drink at bedtime. May I give you some tonight?' She also provided each guest with a rug to use in the theatre. 'Tomorrow it will be cold I think. Weather conditions change quickly in the mountains. Sometimes we get snow showers even in August.'

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When The World Chief Guide Speaks . . .

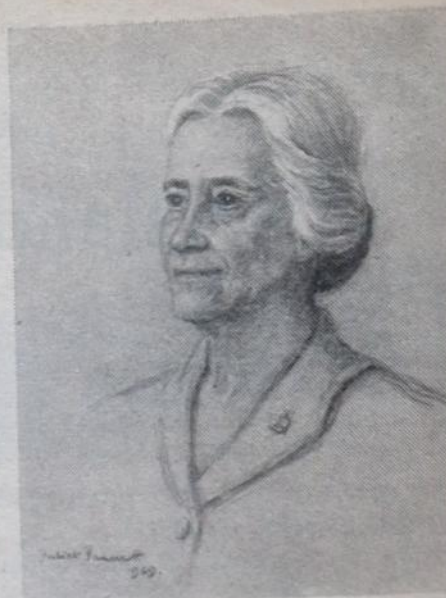
by Bill Latto

MORE often than not her first words are 'Hello Everybody, it's me . . .' and immediately one is aware that Olave, Lady Baden-Powell is speaking to you, *personally*. Whether she is addressing a Rally of twenty thousand people in America or chatting to a Brownie Guide Pack in a remote African village, this rare ability to reach the individual never fails. It is this great quality of communication coupled with the good sense of what she has to say which is backed up by a lifetime of broad experience that makes the World Chief Guide the most sought after woman speaker in the world.

In an effort to satisfy this demand she is constantly travelling by jet to meet and talk with members of the Movement in every land and in between times she often sits at her typewriter into the early hours of the morning in order to reply personally to something like a thousand letters that every year come through the letter box of her home at Hampton Court. However, so vast is the 'Parish' of the World Chief Guide that not even her superhuman efforts are able to bring her into personal contact with all members of the Movement everywhere.

It was these circumstances some eight years ago which led to my first cucumber sandwich and buttered scone at Hampton Court. I had previously met Lady Baden-Powell while making 'The Guide Log' film and had immediately realised that she had a natural aptitude for recording talks and messages which not only could be broadcast by radio stations but also replayed on domestic tape recorders anywhere and at any time. Over lunch and during tea in the quiet of Hampton Court we discussed this idea which it was thought could bring the World Chief Guide in still closer contact with individuals everywhere.

Anyone who has tried to record their voice very quickly appreciates that there is more to it than being able to express oneself and then switching on. The problem lies in talking not at the microphone, but through it, to an invisible audience. For Lady Baden-Powell with her very personal character this might have been a real stumbling block, but with her great facility for resolving difficulties she found the answer almost automatically. We had decided that the first message to be recorded should be addressed to the Brownies. I switched on the tape recorder and almost straight away I had the feeling that I was something more than a producer. The World Chief Guide was looking and talking straight at me. She had made up her mind that I was to be the audience. Round and round went the tape, not an 'um' or an 'err' and all the time that pair of smiling eyes held me



fixed in their gaze. ' . . . And my best wishes to you all.' Lady B.-P. had finished her first specially recorded message and at once the smile broke into gentle laughter. 'What a splendid Brownie you make!' Since then, I've been a Guide on Thinking Day, a Ranger Guide doing voluntary service, a Brown Owl in Camp, A Girl Scout, a Guider leading an expedition and a member of the general public. By now I think of myself as a 'chameleon' Girl Guide—ever ready to change my uniform to suit the words of one of the greatest ladies in the world.

In all, we've recorded about thirty talks and messages of which the most recent ones are concerned with the Diamond Jubilee. Copies of these tapes which are mentioned elsewhere in this magazine are available to anyone who wants to hear a personal message from the Chief. As for me, I hope to enjoy lots and lots more cucumber sandwiches at Hampton Court and if I am privileged so to do, then I'll certainly continue to keep you in personal contact with the Chief.

If You Get the Chance

On 23rd May I told my Brownies, 'Olave, Lady Baden-Powell, the World Chief Guide, will be visiting Buxted Church, where she was christened eighty-one years ago, and we are all going to see her.'

The great day arrived. The sun shone, the chestnut trees bloomed in welcome, the church was packed with Guides and Brownies awaiting the short service and lots more waiting outside lining the drive hoping to catch a glimpse of the Great Lady. Suddenly there she was, she stopped her car a good 100 yards away from the church and walked chatting informally to us all, shaking hands and talking all the way. I have never seen such a wonderful smile, I wonder if she realises just how much inspiration she radiates on these visits. I am convinced that no Brownie or Guide present on this occasion will ever forget, especially when after the service she climbed on to a chair and gathered everyone round her and talked to them.

Please! if you get the chance to meet Lady B.-P. don't miss it—perhaps a little of her wonderful Guiding spirit will rub off on you.

AUDREY MILTON, Brownie Guider, 2nd Heathfield Pack, Sussex.

Understanding The Change

ON 15th February, 1971 as you will know, Britain changes to the use of decimal currency. Some people are rather perturbed at this as they feel that they will not be able to cope with the monetary changes or will find it hard to 'convert' the new system in terms of our present £sd. The Decimal Currency Board have kindly supplied us with the answers to some of the questions most often asked. We hope that this will help you put your own mind, and that of others, more at ease.

What does decimal really mean?

Decimal just means counting in tens and hundreds rather than the twelves and twenties that we have been used to.

Why are we changing to decimal currency?

Because it's easier, more efficient and it is more widely used throughout the world. Thus the changeover will make international trade and travel much less complicated.

What happens to the £?

The £ remains just as it has always been. But instead of being made up of 20 shillings (or 240 pennies), it will now be made up of 100 new pence.

What coins do we have with decimal currency?

There will be six coins, three of which [50p(10s), 10p(2s), 5p(1s)] are already in use. The other three will be: the $\frac{1}{2}$ p, the 1p and the 2p. They will come into circulation on 15th February, 1971.

What is a conversion table and do I need one?

A conversion table is a guide to the new £p prices in terms of the familiar £sd ones. There is no need to get yourself one at the moment as the Decimal Currency Board will be issuing copies to all householders in plenty of time before February. You will find, in all probability that you will only need to use it for the first few weeks until after which time you will be thinking in decimal terms (if you have been abroad you will know how quickly this happens).

Will it be necessary to do conversion sums in my head every time I go shopping?

No. When you go decimal shopping you can work completely in the new money. But, for a short time, you may find yourself 'converting' from one system to the other when looking at prices.

What is the changeover period?

This is the time, starting from 15th February, when we shall be using both decimal and £sd money. At this time there will still be the old pennies, threepenny bits and sixpences in circulation which will be available for use in such things as slot machines not yet converted for decimal use. The changeover period won't last more than eighteen months, and in all probability will be a good deal shorter.

How shall I go shopping during the changeover period when £sd and decimal money are working side by side?

It really won't be much of a problem as each shop will work in *one* kind of money, either £sd or £p. As decimal cash registers and other machines become more available more and more shopkeepers will price and give change in decimal money.

Will prices automatically go up?

No. Changing to decimal money merely means adjusting some so that they can be written in the new way. Some prices will go up slightly but others will come down slightly so that overall the amount we spend should be about the same.

If I have a bank account is there anything special I should do?

Apart from providing £sd money for shops which still need it, the banks and the Post Office will switch completely to decimal money right from the start. Cheques will have to be written in decimal and instructions about writing them will be sent to you by your bank manager in good time.

Some people may have special difficulties in understanding about decimal money. Will they be helped?

The needs of special groups, like old age pensioners and the blind will certainly be borne in mind when the public at large are being more closely informed. Social workers and others will play their part and with the outline of what is going to happen written here for you, you can help by passing this knowledge on to anyone who doesn't understand.

The Decimal Currency Board are responsible for getting the new system properly established and for all the publicity involved. If you want to know more about the changeover, they have produced a booklet, *Facts and Forecasts*, which is available from Her Majesty's Stationery Office bookshops or by post from HMSO, P.O. Box 569, London, S.E.1. Price 1s. or by post 1s. 4d.

Half-crowns

Although half-crowns have been demonetised many people are unaware of the fact that charities can still reclaim their value, in units of £1, from the Royal Mint. So when collecting boxes come round, half-crowns are appreciated.

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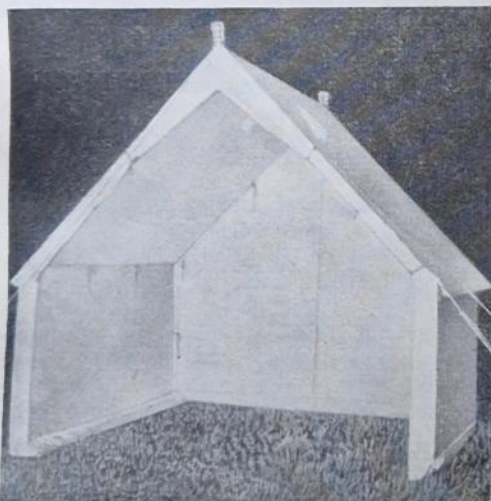


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BOOK reviews

All About Drugs, by Franz Bergel and D. R. A. Davies. Thomas Nelson and Sons, Ltd., 42s.

Drug addiction is an acute problem which no thinking adult can afford to ignore. This practical and realistic book gives information on every aspect of drug-taking and is written in a language which can be understood by parents and adults involved in youth work. It gives a clear picture of the psychological needs of drug takers.

It lists most of the drugs in use today giving information of the ways they are taken, the general effect and dangers. The book also explains how drugs are obtained, both legally and illegally, and the problems arising from drug pushing.

Ignorance and prejudice on the subject are causing increasing anxiety and it is hoped that this book will help to enlighten thinking adults. **J.M.**

Easy Access to Sightseeing, edited by M. D. Anderson and Mary Buchanan. Hurstwood Press, 7s. 6d.

The second in this Series of Guides for the Disabled is now available. This booklet deals with Dorset and, like the first one dealing with Sussex, provides a reference for those who have difficulty in finding suitable sightseeing places which are easily accessible to people in wheel-

chairs or using walking aids. No place in the Guides is mentioned if it cannot be visited by disabled persons and if some of the many lovely gardens and houses of Dorset have been omitted it is because they are not regularly open to the public.

Historical and architectural notes are given in outline. If, once you have selected from the Guide a suitable place, you wish to know more about it this can be found through many of the excellent county guides available.

This booklet on Dorset has been designed specifically for the disabled and as such it well fulfils a great need.

If you have difficulty in obtaining it the address of the publishers is: Catsfield, Battle, Sussex. **P.A.B.**

The Brownie Guide Prayer Book, compiled by Rosalie Wakefield. S.P.C.K., 4s.

Here is a revision of the Brownie Guide Prayer Book, now closely linked with the Eight Point Programme and bearing the title *The Brownie Guide Prayer Book*.

New Prayers have been introduced under such headings as Brownies make things, Brownies keep fit, Brownies are wide awake, thus helping a Brownie Guider to link the programme and its varied activities to the Promise which underlies the whole.

Many of the Prayers of the former book are retained and the book is arranged so as to include Prayers for the Promise Ceremony, for Pack Meetings and Holidays, for special seasons and days, and it concludes with Graces. This makes it a most helpful book and a must for any Brownie Pack. **L.W.**

Riding in Pictures, by Ute Richter. Ward Lock, 20s.

Written primarily for the beginner, this book will greatly interest the more experienced rider. As its title suggests *Riding in Pictures* is full of action-packed photographs all of which are extremely good and will help the novice to understand much which has puzzled or eluded him. The text has been edited by Phyllis Hinton, one of the most experienced experts on riding in Britain today. **A.M.M.**

Shellcraft, by Anthony Parker. Stanley Paul, London, 12s. 6d.

This book would be of interest in the library of a Pack or Company going on holiday beside the sea. The materials and tools required are very simple and inexpensive. There are some illustrations to help identify the shells which you find. The objects made from the shells range through animals, insects, flowers to simple ornaments. Many Guides and Brownies would like to know the simple method by which these things can be made, and will then be able to use their imagination to produce objects of their own devising. **T.M.**

Glens and Straths of Scotland, by Campbell Steven. Robert Hale & Co., 35s.

From the numerous Scottish glens and straths (river valleys) the author has selected to describe over two dozen of those that are most well known.

The book is divided into seven sections covering glens within reach of points such as Glasgow, Pitlochry, the Islands and Inverness. Within these areas descriptions of the countryside and the wild life, historical anecdotes and personal experiences are interwoven but none is explored in any great depth. Regrettably, the photographic reproduction does not do justice to the subject matter.

Although the book makes pleasant reading and the author's love of Scotland cannot be denied, it only whets the reader's appetite. For a more comprehensive knowledge one must read elsewhere. **P.A.B.**

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Airing and Sharing

In the May issue of THE GUIDER we published a problem from a Guider in Cumberland.

We can't believe we are alone in having difficulty in finding services for our Guides to give for their flashes. We live in an area of village Companies. In some places the proportion of Guides to villagers is quite high thus limiting the numbers of services which can be given. In more than one place the elderly folk are very independent and some live with their families so are not in need of service. On the whole folk are comfortably off and so not in need. We have a wonderful team of doctors, nurses and many other helpers.

So, please, any suggestions?

The following readers sent their solutions to the problem:

The day I received my May GUIDER I attended my son's Scout Open Night, when awards were being presented.

The District Scouter said how difficult it was to find a 'service' for the boys, but had solved their problem by contacting the local hospital and arranging for the two boys taking their Be Prepared Badge test to sell papers in the wards on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

I mentioned we also had difficulty in finding services and was told the Scouts were often asked to do jobs more suitable for Guides i.e. baby sitting, etc. and we have agreed to 'swap jobs' in future.

These ideas may be of help to the Guider from Cumberland or others in a similar position.

(MRS.) BETTY WATTS, Assistant Guider, 2nd Hale Company. Surrey.

Might I suggest she links up with a town Company who would be very happy to have her help.

For example in our District we have Jumble Sales which not only provide a welcome source of funds but also a very real social need in the locality. However, although we have a ready source of customer, we find great difficulty in obtaining jumble. Maybe her Guides could collect jumble in her district for such another district. We also find great difficulty in obtaining flowers etc. for nature. What about a good collection of nature items, well documented. I'm sure there are very similar ways in which such a link would prove not only useful in providing service for the village Company but would be invaluable for the town Units.

PAMELA HUDSON, District Commissioner, Nunhead District.

If you have a problem which other Guiders may be able to solve from their experiences why not write to Airing and Sharing, THE GUIDER, Girl Guides Association, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1? Names and addresses need not be published but should be included in any correspondence.

Sharing Ideas

I feel concrete ideas are what Guiders need and not the psychology behind the challenges and experiences. I enclose a few of the ideas that my foot-path Brownies have enjoyed.

Health

1. Large collection of adverts from magazines, ask questions and Brownies have to find relevant pictures. Spills awarded for all relevant pictures presented not just the first one. Questions may include—keep this shiny—(hair). Not very good for teeth (rich cake). Makes our bones and teeth strong (milk, cheese, meat) etc.
2. Draw round and cut out pictures of their hand. Fill in a nail when mum and dad say nails are clean.
3. Cut out large toothbrush, colour bristle when clean teeth.

Good Turn

Collection of objects which could be used to do a good turn, e.g. tea towel, duster, blackboard rubber, pencil, piece of string, story book, shopping bag etc. Brownies act a play using these objects.

Jobs at Home

Draw and cut a house shape make doors and windows open, and name each one with a day of the week to be coloured in as job is done. (We used the back of Christmas Cards for these charts to save expense.)

Perhaps someone has some ideas to help Brownies to choose how they are going to do their best in a new way.

JEAN ROMNEY, Sutton Coldfield, Warwicks.



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This film shows how accidents with electricity can be avoided with simple care and commonsense.

It is not difficult, as the film shows, to ensure you are using appliances correctly in your home and that your wiring—and the switches and sockets—are completely safe. The safe way of wiring a plug using the new European colour standard of brown for live, blue for neutral and green/yellow for earth, is explained and there is also instruction on how to replace a fuse correctly and the dangers of overloading a socket. 'SOS'—says the film—Switch Off Straightaway—is the way to avoid accidents when you suspect something is wrong, either with an appliance or the wiring. Always call in the expert—never attempt repairs yourself.

A 35 mm. filmstrip version of 'Living With Electricity' will also be available with either taped comments or written script. Copies can be purchased from The Electricity Council Film Library.

There is also a handbook, *Living With Electricity*, produced by The Electricity Council in association with RoSPA which outlines the message of the film, price one shilling (5p) from Electricity Boards or post free from RoSPA, 52 Grosvenor Gardens, London, S.W.1.

J.V.R.

People Helping People, a 16 m.m. colour sound film, duration 25 minutes. Available on free loan from your local headquarters of the British Red Cross Society.

This year is the Centenary of the British Red Cross Society, and a new film about the work of the Red Cross in this country was shown in London as part of the celebrations. The film shows the amazing range of voluntary work carried out, from hospital services such as trolley shops and libraries to first aid for accidents at work, on the beach, on the road, and at an air crash.

Guiders wishing to make known to their Guides and Rangers the scope of work undertaken by the Red Cross would well be advised to borrow this film. If you do not know the address of your local Headquarters, write to the Secretary General, British Red Cross Society, 9 Grosvenor Crescent, London, S.W.1, telephone 01-235 5454.

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Your Letters

Joint Associations?

In talking to other Guiders and people interested in Guiding and Scouting recently, I have formed the impression that most of them think the time has come to consider forming a joint Scout and Guide Association in the United Kingdom.

There are many different views about the nature of such a union, and whether Scouts and Guides should be trained together, etc. However most people seem to think that a single administrative structure would be desirable.

Obviously such a step would be difficult—the negotiation involved would be protracted and would need a lot of give and take especially as the changes in recent years have taken the two Associations further apart.

We see reports of new joint Scout and Guide Associations being set up in different parts of Europe each year.

I would be interested to know if Guide Headquarters is doing anything about this matter and whether other members of the Movement feel as strongly about it as I do.

(MRS.) ANN DAY, Guider, 31st Cheltenham Coy., Member of the Scout and Guide Graduate Association.

Trefoil Guild

At a large Scout function in Somerset recently, I had the pleasure of talking to a Ranger Guider several years my senior (I'm 38) and reminiscing about my own days in 'Seas'. I mentioned that with a very active Scouter husband and three young children I was now in the Trefoil Guild. The Guider looked me up and down and said with sadness 'What a pity you have had to take it up so young.' I hastened to point out what a help we were in our Guild to the uniformed part of the Movement, but as my two Brownie daughters were anxious to find out what Dad was up to, I hastened on. Only some time later did the full meaning of her remarks strike me and what a chance I had missed to put her right!

As a Ranger and young Guider I too used to think that the Trefoil Guild was composed of over 80-year-olds. How wrong I was! The Trefoil Guild is composed of people old and young who for various reasons feel that they cannot for the moment give sufficient time and energy to the uniformed part of the Movement. Many too have never run a Unit but because of a promise once made feel that they still want to belong to a second-to-none organisation and continue to give useful service to it and the community.

Why don't you get to know your Guild members and make sure that Rangers and Guiders about to leave the Movement are put in touch with the local secretary? Couldn't we add another rung to the accepted ladder and make it Brownies, Guides, Rangers, Guiders and

Guild members? In this year of cheers, it would certainly cheer us if you could.

BRENDA M. BICKERTON, Chairman, Yeovil T.G.

See this month's Private Diary on page 296. Also look out for an article about the Trefoil Guild in the October GUIDER.—EDITOR.

Publicity Missed?

I notice that some countries have issued special stamps to celebrate the Girl Guides Association's Diamond Jubilee, and several people have enquired whether this country has, similarly, issued stamps, to which to my knowledge the answer is No.

For the benefit and information of people who have enquired, including Members of the Movement—myself included—I should be interested to know (a) whether any proposals were put forward to the G.P.O. for the issue of special Guiding stamps and (b) the outcome of such discussions, as to why no stamps have been issued.

If countries such as Bahamas, etc. can issue special stamps for their own celebrations, surely Great Britain, the country that introduced Guiding to the World, should also advertise this great achievement. In addition, such stamps would have brought Guiding into the public eye and encourage the public, both young and old, to join such a worthwhile Movement.

(MISS) MARGARET C. ALLEN, Assistant Brownie Guider, 6th Littlehampton (St. Mary's) Pack, Sussex.

We made our first application about two years ago to get ourselves on the list and since then we have followed this up with several other letters but unfortunately were told that they had had so many applications it was difficult to decide and they regretted that they were unable to include us on the list. We felt so strongly that a Movement such as ours was worthy of a Commemorative Stamp that the Chief Guide and the Chief Commissioner both wrote personal letters but still the answer was 'no'.—CHAIRMAN OF THE DIAMOND JUBILEE COMMITTEE.

Commemorative Cover

On 19th September, 1970 the World Chief Guide is coming to Luton in Bedfordshire.

To mark this visit, we are producing a postal commemorative cover. The size will be 9 ins. by 4 ins. and the design includes the Diamond Jubilee badge and appropriate wording. The postage stamps affixed will be cancelled by a special hand date stamp recording the visit of Lady Baden-Powell and also depicting the Girl Guide motif.

A special posting box will be provided by the Post Office on a Guide camp training site in Lancing Road, Luton.

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Any profits accruing from the sale of the covers will be donated to Guide funds.

M. M. EKINS, Division Commissioner, Luton.

Jacket Wanted

Having attended meetings and Ranger Guide/Venture Scout camps I have just been impressed by the very sensible Venture Scout/Scouter outer jacket made of green shower proofed melton cloth. How smart those Scouters look. One turns to our own ranks, admittedly very smart when in official uniform, who present a picture of chaos in working rig. I have never seen such an assortment of the blue and non-blue coats, anoraks, etc.

I would like to see a similar jacket to that of the Scouters made for the Guide Movement. It is a tough working jacket, a boon to the outdoor enthusiast, a help to make us uniformed and if issued by Headquarters the result would be: one blue (navy) and smartness.
(MRS.) J. OXLEY, Guide and Ranger Guider, Stafford, Staffs.

If we supplied these outer jackets in the shop there is no guarantee that everyone would buy them. We did in the past stock Windcheaters for Guides in the hope that we would do away with the multi colours one sees about, but unfortunately this was not so and they were rather an unprofitable item.

Guiders complain that the uniform is already too expensive so I hardly think that they would want to pay for an extra garment. We do stock a reversible Windcheater and if anyone wishes to go to the expense, this is the ideal answer.—CHIEF BUYER.

Lost Contact

This is a cry for help! I have an ex-Guider friend coming from Australia very soon, who wishes to make contact with one of her ex-Guides.

Does anyone know someone whose maiden name was Pat Marjoribanks, address: 19 Ladysmith Road, East-riggs, Dumfriesshire, Scotland?

Pat may be married now. When she was in Australia her father was a teacher, and the person who hopes to make contact with her is Mrs. Dulcie Love.

I should be so grateful for any help in this matter, and will forward letters to Mrs. Love on her arrival.

I am writing to THE GUIDER as I felt that someone, somewhere, could know of or about this person. Mrs. Love was in Guides (and Rangers) for very many years in Plympton Park, South Australia; we met (through Guiding) in Singapore.

(MRS.) D. A. (HAZEL) STEWART,
District Commissioner, 55 Comiston View,
Edinburgh EH19 6LT.

Berkshire Jubilee Rally

I attended the big Berkshire County Jubilee Rally held recently at Newbury Racecourse. As I was on my way to the Rally, I did not know quite what to expect. I did not know the feeling I would have as I watched the official handing over of the Mobile Eye Clinic. At that moment I was immeasurably moved. To think that every member of the Movement had quietly gone about raising over £2,000 to buy and equip this unit and enough petrol to send it all the way to Pakistan, where hundreds of blind children would be cured and made to see again. How very proud I am to belong in a very minor way to this wonderful Movement of Guiding.

I am going to be out of active Guiding for a while, but with a Ranger, Guide and Brownie in the family I will always take a keen interest in all its activities.

(MRS.) R. J. BECKETT, Assistant Brownie Guider,
Reading, Berks.

Congratulations to Guiders of Berkshire on producing such very high standards at their County Rally on 13th June. Obviously each Division had worked very hard on their displays of one of the eight Points (how fortunate there were 8 Divisions) all of which were exceptionally good, and showed how eagerly Berkshire has moved into the 1970's. Someone had had a brilliant conception for the ceremony to welcome Mrs. Parker-Bowles, Guest of honour: Guiders and Rangers holding ropes formed an eight-point Star design on the arenas below the grand-

stands and the 4,000 or so Guides filled in the pattern behind them. The Colours massed in the centre of the design, forming a Diamond Jubilee Hexagon, and all in all, it was a very moving and impressive sight.

The climax of the day came when the County handed over to the Royal Commonwealth Institute for the Blind a Land Rover equipped as a mobile Eye Clinic—a project to which the Guides, Brownies, Rangers and Guiders collected a total of £2,300. Well done, Berkshire!

VALERIE ANN MUNDAY, Guide Guider (formerly 1st Shrivenham Coy., Berkshire, now 36th Cheltenham Coy., Gloucestershire)
See photograph on page 317.—EDITOR.

Foxlease Family Week

Recently it was my privilege to take part in an interesting experiment, a residential Guiders' training course held at Foxlease, Lyndhurst. On this occasion, husbands as well as children were accommodated and so for the very first time complete family units were able to combine a holiday and a training course.

As a member of this 'first' party I would like to pay tribute to the enlightened thinking and progressive attitudes of those who made it possible. I enjoyed my stay at the Guides' Home immensely and learnt a great deal about the ideals and viewpoint of my sister organisation. Being connected with the Scout Movement I naturally had an interest in the training sessions, but the surprising thing was the way some of this rubbed off on the other husbands. Most surely a good exercise in communications and perhaps opening up fresh avenues to explore, recruitment of badge testers, Scouters perhaps.

Thank you to the Guider-in-Charge and all the Staff at Foxlease for the extremely efficient and happy way in which you looked after us and I do hope there will be more times like this to come.

R. A. WHITE, A.D.C. (Scouter Training), Hilsea District, Hampshire.

Having just returned from Foxlease after a wonderful holiday with my husband and three children, the only thing that amazes me is that more Guiders and their families did not take advantage of the 'Family Week'.

First class training combined with the marvellous surroundings of this lovely old house and plenty of time to relax with the children meant to my family a holiday that we shall remember for a long time . . . at least until next year when we hope we shall be able to go again.

LEAH FOWLER, Brownie Guider, 1st Charlbury Pack, Oxford.

My family and I have just spent a delightful week's holiday at Foxlease. It is an ideal place to stay with children—the staff were most considerate over their needs. We had an enormous family room with our own private bathroom. The food was plentiful and delicious.

In the mornings Guider mothers participated in useful and interesting training sessions, while fathers and children enjoyed the beautiful scenery of the grounds and locality. We all used the outdoor swimming pool—how delightful to watch the newly-born ponies while we swam.

Afternoons were spent exploring the lovely New Forest or enjoying anew the fun of hike cooking for tea.

It seemed a pity that so few Guiders took advantage of this excellent opportunity to participate in training at the same time as relaxing on a family holiday.

(MRS.) MARGARET BINDON, Brownie Guider,
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I EXPECT WE have all faced it. The problem of the Pocket Books, I mean! Give them out one week and what do we find? They come back filled from cover to cover! And HOW are they filled! Scribbled and coloured and obviously misunderstood. But FILLED they are and what can we do about it?

Or perhaps they *don't* come back! Left at home on the mantelpiece or torn to shreds by the puppy or covered with jam by a younger brother! There seems to be no end to the misfortunes that can befall a Pocket Book.

No wonder one is driven to despair! And it was in such a moment of despair that the W-PLAN was born! Simple to carry out, yet it seems to be effective. What is the W-PLAN you say? Just this. Before issuing a Pocket Book, mark on the top outside corners of certain pages, the letter 'W'. This simply means WAIT. The idea is that while the Brownie fills in certain pages of the Pocket Book to her heart's content, she leaves the pages marked 'W' and these she completes under the direction of the Guider. The pages marked in this way may vary from Pack to Pack and from Book to Book, but I have found that the Brownies enjoy doing together certain pages of which the following are examples.

The **Good Turn page** in Book 2 can be used as a group challenge for one particular week, the group discussing their various Good Turns when they return the following week.

The **Crown and Service to the Queen** in Book 3 can be done in a similar way.

The **'one-hand' challenges** in Book 2 are great fun to do as a competition in a group at the Brownie meeting.

The **Interest Badge Puzzle** in Book 3 is also good as a group activity. In Book 4 the **'fingers' page** is worth waiting for and enjoying as a competition and the **'Guides page** in the same book is of value if worked out with Pack Leader.

These are only a few examples. You would probably find more which are more fun done together in this way. And not only are the activities more fun, but the pages are also completed correctly. Once the Brownies discover that it is more exciting and interesting to WAIT and do certain pages together in groups or with a partner and the 'tradition' is established, then some of the difficulties are over.

I have found it useful to have a box in the Brownie cupboard for the Pocket Books. After the first ecstatic filling in of pages, some Brownies prefer to leave them at their meeting place, only taking them home when they are taking part in the filling in of one of the pages, or getting them out to use in the Pack Meeting itself.

The Centre pages they colour in as a record of the challenges they have tackled and the Venture pages are used to note any Venture in which they are taking part. In this way the books also serve

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TOO long in the tooth, said James. James! I said, this is not a horse show. Distinguished, worthy, all that, said James, but most of them are our generation or a bit younger and what happens when we move on? I refuse to talk about moving on this evening, I said, let's dance. As we moved on to the floor James said, now that's more like it, over there by the door. Certainly, if youth and gaiety were what James wanted, the group just arriving measured up better to his standards than those already at the charity ball. Smashing, said James happily, it's difficult to say which is the more attractive, the blonde in the gold trouser suit or the brunette in that floating thing. I wonder who they are, I said, I must find out. I did so without difficulty. A prize had been offered for the club selling most tickets for the ball and James' favourites won it. 'The Come-to-Good Trefoil Guild,' said the organiser and the blonde came forward to receive it from a minor film star who was certainly no more glamorous than she was. James! I said, did you hear what I heard? James, applauding enthusiastically said, there must be a mistake. I was furious but not surprised. The blonde is off to the Powder room, I said, I'm going after her, and went.

She was friendly as well as charming. There are lots of young ones in our Guild, she said, as well as older ones, just like a family, you know. We have two family parties every year, one in the summer which combines with the A.G.M. and one at Christmas but apart from that each group has its own activities and its own sub-committees of the main one. We call ourselves Unders and Overs. Under and Over what? I said. Nobody specifies but it works beautifully, said Trouser Suit, each one joins the group that appeals to her. The Overs do most of the money raising and the Unders help a lot with training and testing for Interest badges and all that. It's fun, she said, I shall miss it when I go back. Go back, I said. I'm taking up Brownies again now that No. 2 has arrived safely, she said, I'm the tenth to go back from our Guild, we think we're pretty good—for the Guides, you know.

Pretty good indeed, I thought, as Trouser Suit twinkled away to join her husband, we could do with more Guilds like yours. Well, we could, couldn't we. Commissioners and Guiders please note.

as Record Books.

This compromise of 'part freedom' and 'part direction' appears to work and certainly the suggestions contained in the Pocket Books add variety and interest to the Brownie meetings and to the Brownie Programme.

Using Your Assistant

Part 2

THE UNIT HELPER

by H. Ferris

DO you keep a bank manager in your cupboard? —No, but my Unit Helper is always there when I need help with money matters.

'Can I help in any way?' asked a new Guide's Mother soon after her daughter had made her Promise. She went on to add, that because of a young family she couldn't come for the whole of the Unit's meeting, nor would she be able to come every week because her husband had irregular hours, but she would love to do something! My first thoughts were an assistant Guider but quickly I realised that this wouldn't work, not at the moment anyway. Then I thought of all the odd bits of money that seemed to need to be collected week by week. I would go to each meeting armed with various tins and books for different accounts. Money had to be collected for camp; money had to be collected for uniform. It didn't take long really, but if this Guide's Mother would pop into the meeting and do the collecting of these monies, and balance up, then I would be able to give a little more time to the Robins, the Kingfishers, the Nightingales and the Bluetits if they needed help, or I would have a little more time to watch them as they worked.

I explained to the Mother how many of the Guides brought so much money a week for their Uniform, and how at Christmas time we sold Christmas cards, and during the months January



to July we saved to go to camp. If she could come in and collect these sums and take over the money side, it would be marvellous. We decided to try it for a period of time. Mrs. X would drop in at the very beginning of the meeting, collect the money and disappear. Very soon the Guides were used to this arrangement. The Guides who had money for any item arrived with money and cards.

Soon uniforms needed to be bought and one evening I found my Unit Helper in the cloakroom with a tape measure, professionally measuring one small Guide who that week had completed payments for her uniform, 'I'll send through the mail order for this,' said Mrs. X. This was marvellous. She was much more of an expert at measuring children's clothes than I. One evening Mrs. X arrived with a second-hand uniform and I soon found she was able to see several of the older girls who had been Guides and wanted to pass on their uniforms. All this was really helpful and meant that I had completely handed over the job labelled 'Uniform' to my Unit Helper.

Soon after the summer holidays Mrs. X reminded me that I had mentioned that probably the Guides would be selling Christmas Cards. I explained that we would just have to decide this at the Patrol Leaders' Council meeting, and I immediately put it down on our next agenda. At the Patrol Leaders' Council all the Leaders seemed keen and suggested we ordered at least two catalogues for each Patrol. This done I told Mrs. X what had passed at the Leaders' Council and suggested that she might spend a short time at our next Patrol Leaders' Council and explain how she would like the orders in. At the next meeting Patrol Leaders went away full of enthusiasm for the articles in the catalogues and for getting many orders. As the orders came in I found Mrs. X had enlisted the services of a friend to deliver the orders to the Guide meeting and together they now took orders and delivered parcels.

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illustrated by Jennetta Vise

Looking Forward to September

IT HAD BEEN a wonderful holiday up north, pottering around Hadrian's Wall, and feeling very ancient-Roman. The friend with whom I holiday knows nothing of Guiding, so for those two weeks at least I really 'switch off'. Now I was back home, with September looming, and Betty, who helps me with Guides, was round coffee-ing and nattering; and finally we pulled ourselves together and really got down to things.

My first worry was about two of the Patrols. Their Patrol Leaders had left, and why on earth had I not thought of getting the Patrols to elect their successors before we broke up for the holidays? Here we were, not knowing who they'd choose, and unable even to call a Patrol Leaders' Council until after they'd had their first meeting. And I had a horrid feeling that the Chaffinches were going to choose Sarah . . .

Aunt Jane put her head round the door, 'I shouldn't let them choose at all. They're silly at that age. In my day, we Guiders always used to appoint a good steady second class Guide for them. Much better.'

'No,' I said, firmly. 'The Patrols elect their own P.Ls., and they all learn to stop being silly much quicker that way.'

And Betty, who's always an optimist, said, 'And I suppose, if they do choose her, even Sarah might stop being quite so silly!' But Aunt Jane had disappeared by then.

We agreed we'd have to plan a first meeting for the whole Company, and arrange a Council meeting as soon as possible afterwards. Then we spent some time arguing about whether we must help the two established Patrols finish off their Camp Preparation Pennant first, or whether we couldn't try out that gorgeous activity we'd done at the County Training Day, before one of us suddenly said, 'Oh! Won't we have some new Guides with us by then? It wouldn't work, would it?'

We took stock of the three ex-Brownies and the fourth non-Brownie newcomer to the District, who were, we understood, longing to be Guides in September; and kicked ourselves for not having thought of this one too before the holiday, and decided with the P.Ls. which Patrol each should join. The Swallows were a small Patrol, but—even more important—where would each fit best? Patrol Leaders—and Pack Leader, of course—would need to decide, but we thought it would be a good thing if I could get hold of the existing Leaders and Pack Leader, and get their ideas before we met.

Meanwhile, parents must be visited. Betty, who knows lots of people I don't, put me in the picture

about two families, but we both agreed that it was best for me to go round and see them, so that Mums would at least know who this woman was who'd be taking Brown Owl's place. I'd take with me one of those Notes for Parents—a good fourpennyworth, and when the Company is insolvent, I show Mum and then carefully pocket the Note again—whole operation costing me nothing.

Then we really got down to the first meeting's programme, and agreed:

a) Something rousing and exciting with the whole Company working together, but with nothing difficult in it for the new Guides.

'Give them "Captain's Aboard" or whatever you call it,' came Aunt Jane's voice from the kitchen. 'My Guides always loved it.' And indeed, so do ours. They're too good at it for words, and the first out would undoubtedly be the new Guides, so we ruled out that one, and were quite relieved when Aunt Jane didn't wait for an answer and disappeared down the back path. Betty said she'd look after this, digging up a new activity from the *Guider's Handbook*, Keeping Fit Chapter.

b) A quick fifteen minutes of Patrol time, mainly for Chaffinches and Kingfishers to elect their P.Ls., and me to tie up with each who their Seconds would be, and if they were happy with the proposed newcomers to their Patrol. Swallows and Bluetits would be checking what was still outstanding from their Camp Preparation Pennant and other last term's plans. Meanwhile, Betty would be setting up the new Guides with Handbooks, showing them what to do about their 'Finding Out', telling them about uniform, and so on.

Then, the newcomers could be popped straight into their Patrols, in time for

c) An exciting Patrol Activity. Another nice simple one like 'Dumb Orders' or . . . (My turn to do some homework, and I reminded myself to look up that good bit in the *Guider's Handbook* about helping new P.Ls. Vital that we get no failures.)

Hard work accomplished, we were off again nattering. 'Do you remember that frightful Patrol Thing we did last year, and lost them all? What on earth would have happened if we hadn't had good P.Ls.? What will happen if the Chaffinches get Sarah? . . . ' We were back where we'd started. Would this year be full of calamities, or would we have learned a little better? Would these two unknown new P.Ls. be able to cope? What sort of hair-raising—or just plain dull—activities would this lot get up to?

'How nice to be a Centurion on Hadrian's Wall,' I murmured. 'Nice detailed instructions from Headquarters about a tidy plan of campaign, and you tell your Cohorts what they've got to do and they do it.'

'How dull,' said Betty. 'Give me Guides every time!'

COMING THIS MONTH

THE BROWNIE

5th August: A Badge to Think About (A Puzzle). Birthday of the month. Birthday Brownie. Susan Brown's Day Out (country).

12th August: Birthday Brownie—Margaret Nature Story—Jiminy Cricket. A Badge to Think About Puzzle (Safety in Home). How to Make Sea Shell Vase or Container.

19th August and 26th August: Bird Competition Results. More Holiday Handcraft (for Home and Away). Nature articles.

TODAY'S GUIDE

7th August: Beginning a series 'Know Your Locality'; Birdwatching.

14th August: Stalking; Animal Chart.

21st August: Toymaking; flower chart.

28th August: Beginning a 'Science' series with suggestions for practical experiments e.g. building a circuit, making a crystal set, etc. for individual Guides or Patrols—a brand new and modern activity for Guides.

Plus all our regular features.

THE RANGER

The August RANGER will include: the first of a series of articles on Leadership 'Understanding Other People'; Ideas for Unit Activities, Recipes for Summer; Part 1 of a two part serial; Ranger Scene; Letters; Book Reviews; etc.

Might the chart printed below help your Patrol Leaders?

IT IS—as many of you will recognise—
A Reprint from TODAY'S GUIDE
(22nd May issue)

If your Guides do not take it regularly, would a Company copy passed round the Patrol Leaders be worth a trial?

Jennetta Vise

BEFORE A
PATROL LEADERS'
COUNCIL



FIND OUT FROM YOUR GUIDER WHAT IS GOING TO BE DISCUSSED



CALL A PATROL COUNCIL



TAKE EACH ITEM IN TURN AND ASK EACH GUIDE'S OPINION (THE QUIET AS WELL AS THE NOISY ONES !)



IF OPINIONS ARE NOT UNANIMOUS - TAKE A VOTE



MAKE NOTES AGAINST EACH ITEM OF WHAT THE GUIDES WANT.



WHEN YOU GO TO THE P.L.s COUNCIL REMEMBER YOU ARE REPRESENTING YOUR PATROL AND SAY WHAT THEY THINK AND NOT WHAT YOU THINK

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THE GUIDER

Mainly for Commissioners

THERE are relaxed moments when an apparent truth seems to filter from the subconscious mind into conscious thought. So Mrs. Gray, Farland's District Commissioner, found one afternoon. Almost as if someone had spoken the sentences aloud, she realised, 'It is difficult to help others if one cannot help oneself; it is difficult to understand others if one does not understand oneself; it is difficult to do anything positive for anyone else unless one has sympathy with that person or knowledge of that person's experience and circumstances.'

'Understand myself as a District Commissioner', she thought, suddenly interested, and remembered the numbers of times that she had been irritated because yet another Guide function had arrived on her time-table, frustrated because a Guider had left the district unexpectedly, puzzled because so many women had gone home early from the jumble sale, leaving her and a few others to clear up, inadequate because she had not the answers to all the Unit Guiders' vexations and problems; defeated because she had not had the foresight to envisage the whole year's scope of work but instead had tackled everything piecemeal. Roused now, she found pen and paper and drew two columns, one headed 'Frustrations' and the other 'Possible Solutions'.



Leaving a few others to clear up

Delegation

Problem One was the multiplicity of duties, which seemed to gather momentum as the year advanced. Surely the solution might be found by envisaging right now what work and functions lay ahead in the season that the autumn would begin. The first thing was to draw up a list of priorities in her own life, and try to work out the optimum that could be allotted to each, whether family, home, hobbies or Guiding. Once this had been sorted out, a bit of a one-man band by inclination, it would be salutary for her to delegate jobs to others, certainly to her versatile District Assistant and to Miss Wye, the kindly and able Trainer; they were probably pining to set their teeth into her cake anyway. It would be good to make a sub-heading and list the skills and interests of these two, subsequently entering the jobs for which they would be best suited throughout the year. The Trefoil Guild loved Miss Wye, and she could certainly speak for the District at their meetings.

The Flow

The next frustration was the 'flow' of Guiders. But she was a part of that too. She herself had 'flowed' in one October as 'the new Deecee', as her family called her; she would eddy round for a while but inevitably the District would lose

her too. Why be so irrational about others then? Miss Zed was more than likely to be married; Miss Dee wanted to work abroad; Miss Em could not possibly stand the pace much longer; Miss Aitch might be promoted to the head office in London. Why not accept these inevitabilities? So the thing to do would be to head another piece of paper 'Staff' or 'Personnel', set down the names of all the Leaders in the District and visualise how the 'flow' might work, internally as well as externally, for there was quite a chance that Miss Vee would like to exchange her Ranger Unit for a Brownie one. Perhaps, at the same time, it might be a good thing to study how much on-going experience had been put in the way of the Guiders last season. Did Miss Kay get a chance to try her hand at training? Was the same one always recommended for everything? Putting Mrs. Tee forward all the time could be good for neither Mrs. Tee, charming and efficient as she was, nor the others. Did one tend to forget that if people get no on-going experience they are bound to remain static and, more ominously, may become discontented and rebellious? Maybe that was the chip on Miss Abel's shoulder. Another piece of paper was headed 'Potential Experiences' and 'Likely Candidates'. Miss Que could be a wonderful Commissioner one day. Why not give her the odd job now so that she drifted imperceptibly into agreeing to face the job one day? If Miss Aitch did go to London, why not

Getting Ready for September

by

MARY NIXON

get Miss Zed to consider her Unit at least temporarily? Perhaps a likely outsider for the Ranger Guide Unit would raise her head at the V.S.O. money-raising social.

Co-Opting

'Helping others'. Where did she get her complex about having to know all the answers? It was ridiculous to be flustered at a meeting because the answer to any particular problem eluded her. Right, set down in the 'frustration' column 'answering/meeting problems', and under 'solution' write 'outside or specialised help'. Mrs. Wye was not a very regular attender to the County Training Committee, maybe, of course, because she was neglected. Could she be used more, and more channelled through her at District Meetings? Did she have a list anywhere of all the talents among her Guiders? Surely, too, there was no reason that they should not co-opt gifted outsiders sometimes. Mrs. Exe was a quiet little soul but her husband Bill was a financial genius, and when that mixed Ranger Guide/Venture Scout camp was planned last year he could have costed the projects very quickly. The local schoolmistress might know very little about Guiding, but she was a magnificent operator of projects with her classes; she also understood team teaching, and surely those two concepts applied to the role of the District in the present programme. Instead of struggling uninspiredly through the plans for the St. George's Day Service, why did they not co-opt two bright Ranger Guides or the preacher or use a current work like 'The Hymn Sandwich'? Surely, too, the women who had been on the Bessey Course last year could be asked to describe the kinds of Sunday service they had experienced during the residential weekends.

Was she the leader of a hierarchy, a facilitator, a mover in a movement? Her ideas continued. Was it really the will of the people that she implemented or did she simply pass information up and down the line? Perhaps she had better

substitute the word 'consult' for the word 'tell' hereafter. Perhaps she should say, 'I'd like your views on this suggestion from the County Committee' rather than 'We've to . . . '.

Time is Relative

A perennial frustration was the time meetings took, but, after all, if she was going to delegate some of her work in the coming year, there should be less weariness in that aspect of things. 'If I give myself wholly to the idea that these meetings are for my Guiders, that the endless points raised individually after the meetings are in truth still a genuine part of my function, that only the clock says "nine o'clock" and nothing else, I may feel better about it.' Time is relative. If she adopted the jargon used by her college-attending daughter, she could even dignify the whole process by considering herself as giving modest personal tutorials; maybe she was something like a consultant tutor. Certainly she would be filling a valuable training function.

What should her function at meetings be, anyway? To supply or ask for information, to get opinions, to enthuse, to initiate, to condole, to encourage, to be a personnel worker? All those were valid. Which did she like best? Maybe to inspire? It would not be the same kind of inspiration that could work with everyone. This would call for variety of method.

First Things First

The things that she would implement first she underlined in red, and then rose to find another sheet of paper to lay out, first, in diagrammatic form, the plan of her District, and then to lay out in skeletal form the outline of the major events of the year ahead, the number of preparations necessary for each, the last date by which each should be achieved and the names of those who would be responsible. It would be a bit of a jigsaw getting everybody doing something vital, but if that meant happiness, it would be done. She must resolve that, after every occasion she must give some time to analysing consciously what had been right and what not so right, and that would be an on-going process which would surely lead to improvement. She would not bother to list what she thought the District's 'props' were—a good map of the neighbourhood; a list of the useful commercial enterprises, clubs, beauty spots, open spaces, functional services like the library and the police; a list of distinguished or skilled citizens who might help; the address of the Youth Officer and so on; the Ranger Unit might like to be consulted about that as a project. Probably there were other practical, adult projects for them to consider.

Another thought came unbidden; 'This is not a complete change in me, but it is a change of attitude and it is positive.'

Hints on . . .

Taking The Minutes

by Margaret Dimont

HAVING been appointed to take the Minutes at Guider, Ranger or Patrol Leaders' Meetings you will need to consider what this entails if your Division, District, Ranger Council or P.Ls.' Council Minutes are to conform to the dictionary definition—'**Minutes**': official records of proceedings at a meeting, and the derivation, from the Latin *minuta* from *minuere*—'to make smaller, diminish or lessen'. An **official record** should therefore be a condensed factual and informative report which depends on how you make your notes at the actual meeting.

The following hints, applicable to Ordinary or Annual Meetings, can only be a framework within which each of us develops a personal technique best suited for the most profitable result.

Of course a Guide's Minutes of the P.Ls.' Council will not look quite like those of a County Annual Meeting, but they can still be official, factual and informative, and with her Guider's help she can work towards real efficiency.

Regular attendance is essential! You should ensure a deputy for any absence.

Taking Notes

Use whatever method suits you best, either verbatim (word by word) or note form, as long as it ensures the desired result—an **official record**.

Names

Get the correct spellings, titles (Mr., Mrs. Miss, Sir, Revd. etc.) initials and designations (office, appointment, degrees etc.), e.g. J.P., B.Sc., O.B.E., remember a married woman uses her husband's initials, a widow uses her own, and The Revd. X. Y. Bloggs, not just The Revd. Bloggs.

Preparation

Arrive in good time armed with your 'tools', a reporter's notebook and spare writing implement(s) for 'breakdowns'—a folder for 'documents' collected is an asset. Also, especially for large meetings, have a paper and pencil for those present to sign their names. If it helps with 'writing up' after the meeting arrange to borrow

copies of Reports and any Guest Speaker's notes. For the latter your *personal* approach is essential!

Assuming the Secretary has distributed **agendas**, to which the Chairman keeps, this is your guide for headings. But be prepared for divergence!

Minutes of . . . Meeting held on (day, date and year) at (time of meeting) at (place of meeting) should head your notes, and, when required, the addition of 'by kind permission' or 'invitation of' so and so.

Next you list those present, noting any deputies, e.g. 'Pamela K representing the Robin Patrol', and then a list of **apologies**.

Now for the Agenda Proper

1. **Opening.** Record any instructions, welcomes and remarks from President or Chairman, e.g. 'The Chairman introduced and welcomed Miss J - - -, the new Division Commissioner for Blockhampton West.'

2. **Minutes of the Previous meeting.** Read by you unless already circulated to members. You then record the confirmation and signing of these Minutes.

3. **Business Arising.** Note down each point taken with information, decisions or action reported, e.g. 'District

Camp will be at Flappings from July 20th to 27th, 1970. Miss H - - -, in charge, etc., etc.'

4. **Correspondence** should follow. List the letters under headings, with contents, e.g., 'Save Children Fund—from local Secretary—request for help at 9th May Spring Fayre.' Then brief notes on the suggestions, discussions and decisions.

5. **Reports** usually come next, e.g. Finance, Camping, which can be noted as for example, under Training 'Miss C - - - reported successful Ranger Leadership Training week-end 11th-13th March at . . .', and any further details.

Now to the **New Business** section, usually listed as separate items (from various agendas):

8. **Diamond Jubilee** (local and national plans will be discussed).



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That was a Step Forward

THE Company is a small village one. Only an hour a week is possible for meetings, because of transport difficulties from several remote farms, so progress is slow. The Patrol system had never really got going. At the beginning of the year, two new Patrols were formed—one led by Roz, a 12-year-old, slow to think and act and very unconfident; the other by Tricia—a bright 11-year-old, elected in March.

April and May saw, at last, plans and ideas beginning to bubble. Tricia's Patrol wanted a whole-day Camp. Roz's got absorbed with Agility Badge and 'Can we really make a Rope Bridge?' We spent the best part of a meeting tying many clovehitches in ropes all over the yard (I felt the 10-year-olds might be happier in this than with a 'Commando' type!) and produced a bridge. We spent the best part of another meeting trying unsuccessfully to erect it over a stream near the village (my bad planning).

Then at last the day dawned when the plans became a reality. Tricia had it all planned. Her Patrol would camp all day at her Mother's farm (I did check that Mother was prepared for this invasion, and would take responsibility until we arrived), cook both meals, pitch Rebecca's tent, etc. She and another of the Patrol had made billy cans, and another had 'invented' a converted pie-tin in which to keep the food hot. After lunch the Guiders and the other Patrol could join them if they liked, and there were trees for Roz's bridge.

I arrived about 2 p.m. to find a remarkably tidy camp, complete with pot and cup racks. A small gaggle of enthusiastic young raced past me. One stopped to tell me 'We've been having a Pow-wow up a tree!' Another told me gleefully, 'And we had sausages and macaroni cheese for dinner!' (Tinned? Not a bit of it. Later I saw them eating up the left-overs.)

Roz's Patrol arrived bubbling, and there was the bridge. Roz suddenly lost her nerve, but 'Go on—give them a lead and they'll follow!' got her going, and she succeeded without a wobble. I left her to it, fielding her Patrol and urging the last, Romaine 'Go on. You can't give in now. We've all done it!'

Agonies over their fire. On the previous (and only) occasion, they had failed. I had to almost offer them each stick, but it was their fire, and ultimately—eighth match—success!

Someone found ants in her picnic basket, and a discovery was made about hanging food up in the shade.

The tent went up, somehow, in the end, with the aid of much binder twine. Triumphant the Patrol shut themselves inside, and furious plans

were hatched for the future. A word emerged here and there. 'Sausages . . . Tinned peaches . . . Next time we must . . .', with Roz's voice firmly in the lead.

We looked across at Tricia's lot. They'd had a happy second cooked meal. We could vouch for the tea—they'd sent us across mugs of it and biscuits. Now they were busy washing up—hot water, detergent, tea cloths, the lot. Then she took them happily through the full Company repertoire of Camp-Fire Songs, got permission from Roz to cross her bridge, and were off on a stalking game of some sort.

Georgina and I looked at each other and smiled happily. This was the sort of Guiding we'd hoped for, but never quite seen before with this lot. A game—quite obviously made to measure for girls of this age—even 10-year-olds. Both Patrols were at last live, active, bubbling Patrols.

And for each individual Guide—Progress.

Roz and Jackie and Patsy and especially Romaine in daring to cross a bridge when they were obviously scared stiff. Roz in encouraging her Patrol over the bridge. She and Hilary in achieving their first-ever successful fire. Roz in leading a real Patrol meeting.

Tricia in achieving a remarkably fine camp—almost entirely self-taught with the help of the Handbook. She'd spent two after-school-days preparing for it—and she is only eleven. Tricia in really leading her Patrol, including Rebecca, who takes some handling. And Rebecca in allowing herself to be led. Beverley and Susan and Sue (and the other Patrol's new Guides) in seeing something of what was meant in Guides about Enjoying the Out of Doors, and each being a resourceful and really important member of her Patrol.

And for the two Guiders, sitting on the bank sunning themselves and 'being available' instead of running around chivvying—perhaps progress too!

ACCORDING to her fond mother, her daughter is mentally ahead of all her contemporaries! Certainly she is bright and self-contained. She is also sometimes sulky and expects always to be 'best'. For some time she could not bear even her bosom friend's successes unless she, too, was winning something. She showed her annoyance by refusing to speak to her friend at all on such occasions. Seeing this, we have given her plenty to do and have let her use her initiative. Indirectly we have reminded her that Brownies can work in their own individual ways, all worthwhile; also that they can be both helpful and

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9. A forthcoming County/Division/District/Unit Event.

These items often involve voting, so you note down propositions, amendments, proposers' and seconders' names and all suggestions and discussions. Then record results of voting, first for amendments, and if lost, then for the original proposition. Results in all cases recorded as 'Number for, number against, therefore carried/lost by . . . votes', or 'all in favour, therefore carried unanimously', or 'all against, therefore motion lost'. This procedure, of course, holds for voting recorded for other sections of the agenda. Emerging from these somewhat tricky proceedings you can now calmly note the decision for

10. **Next Meeting**, day, date, time and place. Check now, or before writing up, to ensure that day and date synchronize. And finally to

11. **Any Other Business**. It often requires ingenuity to keep abreast in this somewhat unpredictable and 'out of the blue' section! However, practice makes perfect, so put down each point by whom raised, any discussion, voting and decision, and any matters 'held over'.

Your function now concluded, collect any 'documents' you need, check all doubtful points and then 'for home' and your next task of sorting out your notes and **Writing up the Minutes**.

Using Your Assistant *(continued from page 297)*

Christmas came and all our customers were satisfied. Now Mrs. X was able to report to the Patrol Leaders after Christmas that our sales had doubled from the previous year. At the meeting she showed them the accounts which were all neatly booked down. 'Our Patrol accounts don't look like that,' sighed one of the Patrol Leaders, with obvious envy, and Mrs. X explained simply to the Council one way of keeping accounts and balancing them. I sat back and watched the Patrol Leaders. They had kept their own funds for a long time, and were very conscious of money, and although I had several times tried to help them balance their books it was always a hard task for them and for me. Mrs. X wondered if they would like help at each Council meeting for a while until they were quite sure how to balance the accounts, and this was arranged then and there.

Mrs. X has helped enormously with money matters in this Diamond Jubilee Year—events in the County needing 'bus fares to be collected, money collected for Wembley Spectacle, as well as our usual uniform and camp money. Do I keep a Unit Helper in my cupboard? Most certainly I do!

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successful and be glad over another's success. We find scene-acting of use here.

Recently her friend earned a badge which she herself is unlikely to gain. We silently applauded her giant step forward as, patting her friend on the back, she said, 'Good old Betty!'

JULIA (we'll call her that) was an adopted child from a very sheltered background. When anyone outside the family spoke to her, she really cringed. Her mother brought her to Brownies very doubtfully, saying, 'She won't stick it. She's much too shy.'

Three weeks later Julia opened her mouth and read a whole line of a prayer.

Then, getting up an Entertainment for some Old Folk, we persuaded her to be one of the three cats who helped to pull up the Turnip. And then, when the day came, the other two were both ill. 'You'll have to miaou extra loud now, on your own, won't you?' And she did!

Little bits to start off with, but Julia is certainly making progress.

WE WERE enjoying our holiday in the Annexe at Foxlease. One Patrol was upstairs cleaning the bathroom and lavatory, and the water went on and on running. Finally, with visions of an overflow, I went upstairs to investigate and found one small 10-year-old dabbling her fingers in the powdered scum of a bath filled to within $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of the top.

'Is this the way you always clean a bath?'

'Yes, always. It's the way I like to.'

'I see.'

Later, when the water had subsided, I went to have a look, and together we did something about the original tide mark which (short of a duck dive) had been well out of her reach during the cleaning. We discussed with interest various ways of cleaning baths.

Next day I found she'd been bath-cleaning again, but evidently adopting a more traditional method—and the bath was clean!

That was a step forward!

Next Month:

The Ranger Helper

The first in this series of four articles, *The Assistant Guider*, appeared in last month's Training Pages.

HERE AT C.H.Q.

Queen Mother's Visit

(See the report on page 283)



Regionalisation of England

As you will see overleaf, the Executive Committee, on the recommendation of the Chief Commissioner, has appointed five of the six Regional Chief Commissioners Designate for the new Regions of England. They are designate from 1st July and will be warranted to take up their appointments fully on 1st January, 1971. A meeting has already taken place between the Chief Commissioner and the Regional Chief Commissioners Designate, and plans are under way towards the appointment of personnel and the building up of the Regional Headquarters in time to take over on 1st January, 1971. Advertisements for the appointment of Regional General Secretaries will shortly be appearing.

Guidemall

Guiders who may be running short of mail order catalogues, leaflets and order forms are reminded that they will soon be needing more supplies for the new intake of members in September. Supplies may be obtained by sending a postcard to Guidemall, 17/19, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1.

Stop Press—Insurance

There is an optional increase in insurance cover for medical expenses in Europe, from £200 to £500. It costs £5 for up to ten in a party, 10s. 0d. each if more than ten. Full details are obtainable from the Director of Finance at C.H.Q.

Thora Huston
General Secretary



Top left: On display was the original registration form of the 1st Buckingham Palace Company which bears the signature of The Queen Mother.

Above: Miss Baker, Programme Department, showing The Queen Mother a Heraldry book in which are listed Division Standards and the meanings of the symbols on each design.

Below: After receiving the Wedgwood Loving Mug, Her Majesty, with obvious delight, turned to show it to her Lady-in-Waiting, Lady Jean Rankine.

photos: C.H.Q. Periodicals, P.A.B. Other photographs appear on page 284



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headquarters' notices

BIRTHDAY HONOURS

*Mrs. A. Liddell, O.B.E., for services to Girl Guides.
Mrs. H. W. Fraser, M.B.E., Division Commissioner in Narrabundah, N.S.W., for services to Girl Guides and community.

Miss G. M. French, M.B.E., Deputy Commissioner Bahama Is., for services to Girl Guides Association in Bahama Is.

Mrs. M. Y. L. McDonald, M.B.E., Commissioner for Antigua, for services to Girl Guide Movement in Antigua.

*More details next month.

C.H.Q. AWARDS

Silver Fish

Mrs. K. B. Clydsdale, Chief Commissioner, Girl Guides of Canada/Guides du Canada.

Training Diploma

Miss M. Flower, Leicestershire (Guide).

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

English Regional Chief Commissioners

The following have been appointed as the new English Regional Chief Commissioners Designate as from 1st July, 1970, and will be Regional Chief Commissioners from 1st January, 1971:

North East Region—Mrs. R. H. Owthwaite

North West Region—Miss M. Chance, J.P.

South West Region—Miss M. E. Bindloss, J.P.

North Midlands Region—Mrs. O. Walker

London and South-East Region—Mrs. A. W. Frankland

London and South East Region—Mrs. A. W. Frankland

South Midlands and East Anglia Region—No appointment made

Assistant Training Adviser

Miss Joan Tainsh

SOUTHWARK DIOCESE CATHOLIC GUIDE GUILD

There will be a Church Parade on Sunday, 27th September, 1970. Service: 3.15 p.m. at St. George's Cathedral, Southwark, S.E.1.

Guide Units will assemble in counties by 2.00 p.m. in the Geraldine Mary Harmsworth Park (opposite Imperial War Museum). The Parade will lead off for Southwark Cathedral at 2.30 p.m. Brownie Guide Units should assemble in the Cathedral Car Park by 2.30 p.m.

Complete details will be sent to Guild Members. For any R.C. Units not yet members of the Guild, full information can be obtained from the Guild Secretary: Miss A. Graf, 27 The Heights, Foxgrove Road, Beckenham, Kent.

REMINDER

Retreat for Anglican Scouters and Guiders at Dartmouth House, Dartmouth Row, London, S.E.10, 23rd-25th October. Enquiries to: Miss M. J. Furze, 11 Wantage Road, Lee, London, S.E.12 as soon as possible please. Married couples specially welcomed.

THE GUIDER

RANGER GUIDER/VENTURE SCOUT LEADER TRAINING

Gilwell Park, 22nd-28th August

Here is a chance for Ranger Guiders whose Units are involved or interested in joint activities. The training will include practical help in planning Unit programmes, expeditions, and projects of all kinds; discussions on joint activities and suggestions for co-operation at local level.

The Course will cost £10—for further information and application forms please apply to: The Director of Leader Training, Gilwell Park, Chingford, London, E.4.

LEAFLET ON MIXED UNITS

The leaflet of information and advice on Mixed Units is now available and copies are being sent to all Division Commissioners. Further copies are available from the Programme Department, on receipt of an s.a.e., to District Commissioners.

CORRECTION—SAFETY RULES

The price of the leaflet on Safety Rules, mentioned on this page of the July GUIDER, is 4d. and *not* 2s. as was published.

THE SCOUT AND GUIDE TRUST FUND

The value of a Share Unit in the above Common Investment Fund as at 30th June, 1970 was: 4/11½d.—5/3d. (ex. div.).

Income was distributed for the last half-year at the rate of 1.625d. per share.

HAVE YOU CHEERED YOURSELF YET?

If not come to a Diamond Jubilee Party at Waddow over the August Bank Holiday weekend, 28th August-1st September. Lord and Lady Robert Baden-Powell and our Arts Adviser John Mills will be there, and you will surely meet and make many other friends. There will be activities of all kinds to interest and entertain, the cuisine is famous, the beds are comfortable and a very warm welcome awaits you. Do not miss the chance—apply *now* to the Guider in Charge.

YNYSGAIN

Criccieth, N. Wales

C.H.Q. Camp sites (un-equipped), 5 minutes from the sea. Both sites are available from 29th August-5th September. Application should be made to: The Secretary for Ynysgain, c/o General Secretary's Office, The Girl Guides Association, 17/19 Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.1.

THE INTERNATIONAL SCOUT AND GUIDE CLUB

Meetings are held every Monday evening at 8.0 p.m. at Baden-Powell House, Queen's Gate, London. Visitors will be most welcome. August meetings will include:

3rd A programme about Singapore

10th National evening on Pakistan.

24th A Dutch Jamboree

C.H.Q. Staff Vacancies

Applications are invited for an interesting new post from Trainers, experienced Commissioners or Guiders. The successful applicant will be required to co-ordinate and keep up to date the content of all the Association's Publications, working closely with the Heads of the appropriate departments and with the Publications Manager. Sound practical knowledge of the new programme is essential, and ability to type own letters is an advantage. For further details write to the General Secretary.

Book-keeper (experienced) Temporary for 2/3 months to join our staff for Posting, Balancing and generally supervising the Nominal Ledger. This is a senior position with a salary of £20 (negotiable). The position might develop into a permanency by mutual agreement.

Editorial Assistant for Publications Department (Books Section). Publishing experience is essential. A good all-rounder with some typing is the ideal. This is a most interesting job, following through all stages of book production and other material. Starting salary £18-£20 per week.

Girl Friday to assist the P.A. to our Director of Trading. A general, interesting job for an intelligent girl, able to type (great speed not essential!) Salary: £12 plus per week according to age and experience.

Senior Secretary/Shorthand Typist for our Director of Finance. This is a most interesting post covering a wide field. Good secretarial background essential, but an aptitude for figure work is not necessary. Salary: around £20 per week.

Clerk Typist for our Mail Order Department. A job to suit a lady of any age covering general clerical and typing duties. Salary: £15-£16 p.w.

Really good **Typist** capable of composing own letters without supervision. No shorthand required but some experience in Export work would be useful although not essential. Salary: negotiable up to £18 per week.

Sales Assistants for our C.H.Q. Shop required. Experience in selling not necessary. Salary up to £14 p.w. according to age.

Other Vacancies

Waddow

Assistant Secretary to the Guider in Charge. This is a senior residential vacancy, and the responsibilities of the position involve shorthand typing and include general Household Management. There is accommodation for 55 visitors and trainings are held throughout the year. Salary £650-£750. Full board and pleasant accommodation with amenities provided. Please apply to Mrs. Kempton, Personnel Manager, C.H.Q.

Waddow also needs a **Junior House Assistant** as soon as possible. If any Ranger, or older Guide who enjoys meeting people would like to spend at least 6 months at this lovely Training Centre please apply to Mrs. Kempton, C.H.Q.

British Standard Time

The following comments have been submitted on behalf of the Association to the Home Office and to S.C.N.V.Y.O., to assist both in their survey being carried out at the request of The Government as to the effect B.S.T. has had on the Movement's programme. The comments were summarised as a result of an investigation carried out by the Countries' Headquarters.

It was apparent that the larger number are in favour of British Standard Time, particularly as regards the Brownie Section, as it allows children to get to meetings in daylight. Also it is possible for them to play out of doors after school hours.

The Guide Guiders were also generally pro B.S.T., because it made Saturday outdoor activities more practical.

It was thought that it made no difference to Ranger Guide Meetings although outdoor plays definitely benefited.

Camp Advisers seemed very much in favour of B.S.T. and say that as a result they have been able to get in much valuable outdoor training sessions earlier in the year, and indeed throughout the winter months.

It was felt that there had been considerably less absenteeism at meetings this winter.

IN CONCLUSION therefore, the Guide Association would advocate B.S.T., facilitating as it does a greater use of our outdoor programme all the year round.

Adverse comments regarding B.S.T. can generally be summarised into two points:

That it is depressing to send children out in the dark in the morning, but it was questioned whether B.S.T. dark mornings had been the cause of more accidents, although according to statistics published in the Press, this would not appear to be the case. That dark mornings had in some instances caused children to be late for school and so miss several hours of education.

Have Your Next

CAMP AFLOAT

on board one of our camping narrow boats on Midlands canals. Single boat fitted out for 12; a pair of boats fitted for 24 (crewed by experienced boatman).

Winter week-ends available

UNION CANAL CARRIERS LTD.,
214 Whittington Road, London, N.22
(Booking Dept.)

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 when 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 must be given. Bursaries cannot be issued in retrospect. 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. A number of L.E.As. give generous help towards Guider trainings and a request for such assistance should be made direct to the Local Authority concerned.



Common- wealth 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. As so many Guiders have to leave on Sunday, training sessions at a two-day weekend will stop at teatime on that day unless otherwise stated. If sufficient notice is given that it is wanted, every effort will be made to provide sessions for a group until Monday. Individuals who are able to stay over until Monday to enjoy the surrounding country and other amenities of the Centres are most welcome to do so.

Any Guider may apply to attend a training at the Centres, provided she has reached the minimum age of 17 years.

Telephone calls are accepted only between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. at Foxlease (042-128-2638) and at Waddow (02-002-3186), except in emergencies.

FOXLEASE Lyndhurst, Hants, SO4 7DG.

July 31–August 10 Holiday Activity Period

AUGUST

14–24 Patrol Leaders
28–September 4 Late Summer Bank Holiday Ranger Adventure Week (for Rangers of any age including Duke of Edinburgh Award Candidates)

SEPTEMBER

18–20 1. General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders
*2. Paint your own holiday picture

OCTOBER

2–4 1. Ranger Guiders. General Training
2. Rangers aged 16–19 Orienteering and other Outdoor Pursuits.
9–11 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders
16–18 Creative Activities
23–25 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders
30–November 1 'The Promise in your Unit' (for Guiders aged 19 to 25)

NOVEMBER

6–8 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders
13–15 Hampshire
20–22 1. Revise your Musicianship
2. Becoming a Home-maker
27–29 Kent East

DECEMBER

4–6 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders

WADDOW

Clitheroe, Lancs., BB7 3LD

AUGUST

7–14 Holiday Adventure Week
19–24 Challenge to Achievement (Rangers aged 16 to 19 years including Duke of Edinburgh Award candidates)

28–September 1 Late Summer Bank Holiday House Party for Diamond Jubilee Year

SEPTEMBER

4–6 1. Orienteering
2. Campfire (priority for those who have not previously attended this type of training)
11–13 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders
18–20 Lancashire N.E.
25–27 Approaches to Worship

OCTOBER

- 2-4 General Training, Brownie and Guide Guiders
- 9-11 Using your Handbooks. Brownie and Guide Guiders
- 16-18 1. Leadership Skill Workshop. Brownie and Guide Guiders
- 2. Training for Trainers on Non-Directive Methods (by invitation)
- 23-25 1. Ranger Guiders
- 2. Guitar Beginners
- 30-November 1 New Guiders, with 2 of their own Patrol Leaders

NOVEMBER

- 6-8 General Training, Brownie and Guide Guiders
- 13-15 Commissioners (special help for new and prospective Commissioners)
- 20-22 General Training, Brownie and Guide Guiders
- 27-29 Yorkshire W.R.S.

DECEMBER

- 4-6 Yorkshire Central Scouters

*Paint your own Holiday Picture

This is a special opportunity for Guiders or Ranger Helpers aged 17 and upwards, interested in painting and sketching, to be part of a small group, working alongside the main training, with an 'expert' to help and advise.

Training Notes

Guiders are reminded that full details of many of the Trainings listed appeared in previous issues of THE GUIDER

Fees at Foxlease and Waddow

Shared room per day	27s. 0d.
(Minimum fee for weekend £2 14s. 0d.)	
per week £8	0s. 0d.
Double room per day	34s. 0d.
(Minimum fee for weekend £3 8s. 0d.)	
per week £10	4s. 0d.
Single room per day	40s. 0d.
(Minimum fee for weekend £4 0s. 0d.)	
per week £12	0s. 0d.

Deposit £1 0s. 0d. (cheque or postal order only)

Scotland

NETHERURD HOUSE
Blyth Bridge, West Linton,
Peeblesshire

July 30-August 7 Patrol Leaders' Woodcraft Camp

Netherurd House



July 31-August 7 Patrol Leaders' Week (by invitation).

AUGUST

- 10-18 Patrol Leaders' Woodcraft Camp
- 11-18 Patrol Leaders' Week (by invitation)
- 28-September 1. Belfast County Trefoil Guild

SEPTEMBER

- 4-6 S.C.P.R. Keep Fit Group
- 11-13 Brownie and Guide Guiders
- 18-20 Brownie and Guide Guiders
- 25-27 Ranger Guides

OCTOBER

- 2-4 Brownie and Guide Guiders
- 9-11 District Trainings
- 16-18 Leadership Training
- 23-25 Ranger Guiders
- 30-November 1. Brownie and Guide Guiders

NOVEMBER

- 6-8 Training Committee
- 13-15 New Commissioners
- 20-22 Brownie and Guide Guiders
- 27-29 Brownie and Guide Guiders

DECEMBER

- 4-6 Commissioners and Trainers
- 11-13 Commissioners and Trainers

Fees at Netherurd

Shared room per day	£1 2s. 6d.
Double room per day	£1 5s. 0d.
Single room per day	£1 7s. 6d.
Deposit	10s. 0d.

Wales

BRONEIRION
Llandinam, Mont.

AUGUST

- 4-9 Patrol Leaders (Cardiff & East Glam.)

12-17 Patrol Leaders (Carmarthenshire, C. Glam & Caerns.)

20-25 Patrol Leaders (Monmouthshire)

28-September 1 Late Summer Bank Holiday Ranger Guides

SEPTEMBER

25-27 L.E.A. 6th Form Conference

OCTOBER

2-4 Chairmen of Welsh Training Committees

9-11 General Training, Brownie, Guide and Ranger Guiders

16-18 Camp Advisers (by invitation)

23-25 General Training, Brownie, Guide and Ranger Guiders (places reserved for Central Glamorgan)

30-November 1 International (by invitation)

NOVEMBER

6-8 Arts weekend preparing for Christmas (all Guiders)

13-15 Welsh Association of Youth Clubs

20-22 New to the Job. Guiders and Commissioners

27-29 University Scout & Guide Club

Fees at Broneirion:

Shared room per day	£1 2s. 6d.
Double room per day	£1 5s. 0d.
Single room per day	£1 7s. 6d.
Deposit	10s. 0d.

Ulster

LORNE

Craigavad, Co. Down, Ulster

OCTOBER

3 Trainers' Day

9-11 The Next Step (warranted Guiders of all Sections)

16-18 East Belfast Division

- 23-25 New to the Job? (unwarranted Brownie and Guide Guiders)
30-1 November General Training —Brownie Guiders

NOVEMBER

- 6-8 Ranger Guiders Training/Conference
13-15 Camp and Pack Holiday Advisers (the place of camping in the Programme)
20-22 Guide Guiders (Training your Patrol Leaders)
*27-29 So you want to know how?

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This training is for Guiders who wish to know how to make a rope ladder, teach a game, etc.

Fees at Lorne:

Shared room per day ... 17s. 6d.
Single room per day ... 19s. 0d.
Deposit 10s. 0d.

Camping, Holidays and Pack Holidays

Irene McKibbin Memorial Cottage

Cottage at Lorne, Northern Ireland. Full details from Mrs. G. A. McBride, 9 Credon Hill, Dunmurry, Belfast, enclosing s.a.e. please.

Broneirion Pack Holiday House

Applications to Mrs. B. Michael, Gorsty, Hyssington, Montgomeryshire. Bookings for dates outside the school holidays for the Brownie House should be sent direct to the Guider-in-Charge.

Netherurd Holidays

Applications for the caravan available to Guiders and their friends for weekends (or longer) apply to the Secretary.

Lorne Holidays

Lorne is open for holidays to Guiders, Trefoil Guild members, and Rangers with their Guiders. Applications to the Guider-in-Charge.

Full details of these notices have appeared in previous issues of THE GUIDER.

Foxlease Open Day

12th September, 1970

Have you ever decided to hold a Fete, Sale of Work or similar event and then had nightmares for fear that there would be nothing to sell? Well, Foxlease is feeling like that now so **Please Help**.

There will be stalls selling toys, gifts, toilet goods, groceries, bottles, sweets, cakes, plants, fruit and veg., jams and pickles, hardware, 'nearly new' clothing—and white elephants. Many Counties have offered to stock and man the stalls, but everything however small will be accepted most gratefully.

How can we get it there, is probably what you are asking? Many Counties are arranging a 'collector' so please ask first but if no one is available make your own collection of goods and write to Foxlease, Lyndhurst, Hants. One of the committee is willing to collect by car during the month of August.

Those who remember the Barn Fair know the Movement and friends will come in their ones and twos, their dozens, their hundreds and their thousands. The committee has laid on displays of Judo, archery, Scottish dancing, Polish dancing, a performance by the Newport Scout band and free sports for the younger children. Please help by filling the stalls with goodies galore and by coming to enjoy yourself.

If you cannot manage to get to the Open Day why not try to raise funds for the things needed? The following are needed and will be bought with the money you send:

Bucket	6s.	Teapot	15s.
Brush & Dustpan	7s. 6d.	Saucepans	
Broom	7s. 6d.		7s. 6d., 9s. 6d., 12s. 6d.
Scrubbing brush	2s.	Frying Pan	15s.
Floor cloth	2s.	Oven tin	7s. 6d.
Washing up bowl	6s.	Pedal Bin	15s.
Washing up mop	1s.	Jugs	3s. 6d., 5s., 7s. 6d.
Tea towel	3s.	Table cloths	7s. 6d.
Tray	6s.	Dinner Plate	7s. 6d.
Cutlery box	6s.	Side or tea plate	5s.
Kettle	15s.	Cereal bowl	5s. 6d.

Fruit bowl	4s. 6d.	Ladle	7s. 6d.
Cup & Saucer	7s. 6d.	Slice	7s. 6d.
Mug	5s. 6d.	Kitchen knives	
Tumblers	5s.		7s. 6d., 5s. 6d., 9s. 6d., 10s. 6d.
Serving dishes	10s. 6d.	Pillows	25s.
Bread Board	6s.	Blanket	£2
Bread knife	15s.	Bed	£20
Teaspoon	2s.	Sheets	50s. a pair
Dessert spoon	2s. 6d.	Table	£10
Dessert fork	2s. 6d.	Chair	£6
Dessert knife	4s. 6d.	Easy Chair	£10
Table spoon	3s. 6d.	Curtains	£5

Holiday at Our Chalet

A winter ski-ing holiday is being arranged for Guiders and Rangers (over 16) at Our Chalet, Adelboden, Switzerland.

Date 16th-31st January, 1971.

Cost £40 approximately. This includes return fare and accommodation. Should sufficient applications be received to enable the group to qualify for party rates the cost will be slightly less.

Applications should be made on a C.H.Q. Nomination Form, obtainable from County International Advisers and will be accepted in the order they are received at COUNTRY level and early application is advisable. Applicants should be in good health to take part in an active programme.

Guiders' and Rangers' application forms should be signed by the Commissioners and County International Advisers and sent in as follows:

From England to the—International Secretary, C.H.Q.

From Scotland to the—Scottish Headquarters.

From Wales to the—International Adviser, Wales.

From Ulster to the—International Adviser, Ulster.

Not later than 1st December, 1970.

It is not necessary to have had previous ski-ing experience, but if you have, please mention this on your form.

PLEASE DON'T DIE OF IGNORANCE

by Mary Beardshaw

WHEN I was a child, I believed everything the grown-ups told me, until they said one day that if you cut yourself between your thumb and your finger, your jaw would lock. Even I couldn't believe that; from then on, lockjaw, even when given the dignified name of Tetanus, was just an old wives' tale to me. When some 20 years later I became a nurse and first went on the wards, I was astonished to find that there was something in it after all: there in a side ward was a lad with tetanus, unconscious and being kept breathing artificially, in what proved to be a vain attempt to save his life.

But at that time I was a town dweller, and it was just one disease among many. It is only since I have lived in the country that I have begun to notice the number of inquests on people who die from tetanus. I decided to investigate and found that there are about 200 cases a year of tetanus.

It has been found by experience that the use of an immediate anti-tetanus serum has serious medical drawbacks if tetanus *does* develop, and its use has been largely abandoned. The best treatment in the present state of knowledge is an antibiotic, provided it is given within three days of the injury, when it can kill the germ before it has done any damage. After that it may be too late, as the poisons that the germ produces become locked in the nervous system, where nothing can shift them.

This is the vital difference between tetanus and other diseases—especially as even a doctor cannot tell whether the wound contains the spores of tetanus. There is nothing to see in the wound itself; any soil-contaminated wound, especially puncture wounds and those with dead tissue in them, may harbour this killer. By the time the first symptoms appear—stiffness of the face and neck muscles, difficulty in swallowing—perhaps a week later—the damage is done and cannot easily be undone. Weeks of intensive nursing, if not death, can follow.

So what is the solution to the problem? Even if you live in the area of England where tetanus is most likely to occur—East Anglia and Yorkshire—it would be just ridiculous to run to the doctor's surgery with every little cut or scratch incurred while gardening; and yet the tiniest wound can be the cause of death.

The answer is two-fold. If you are ever likely to have a soil-contaminated wound, and you live in that area, do arrange with your doctor for a course of tetanus injections—quite simple and painless, and free—you have one now, another in six weeks and one six months later. That will protect you for five years, after which you should have a 'booster' injection every five years.

If you do not normally come in contact with soil, or do not live in the worst area of infection, let me beg you to keep this knowledge in your mind, both

for yourself and your family. In case of emergency—you may be on holiday there, you may have a slight accident on a country road—then go to a doctor *within three days* for preventive treatment. Later can be too late.

FACTS ABOUT TETANUS

The spores of tetanus live in the intestines of animals, and are present in well-manured soil, especially in East Anglia and Yorkshire.

When the organism gets into deep or dirty wounds where there is dead tissue, it multiplies, and within 3 to 5 days it makes a toxin which travels along the nervous system to the brain. There it causes contractions and spasms in the body, beginning in the face. Acute cases die within a few days of spasm of the glottis, asphyxia, heart failure or exhaustion. Less severe cases may survive for a week or two.

The reason the original treatment with anti-toxin has been superseded is that in some cases it sensitises the patient to the serum in which it is dissolved. If symptoms nevertheless appeared, so that the patient urgently needed a much larger dose of antitoxin, it was found that almost as many died from anaphylactic shock from the serum, as died from the tetanus itself.

A protective course of injections causes a patient's blood to manufacture its own protection against the disease.

An unprotected person who gets such a wound must have an antibiotic before the bacteria have had time to make the toxin which runs along the nervous system.

If neither of these things has been done, the treatment consists of keeping the patient unconscious to control the spasms, and giving artificial respiration by a machine for some weeks, until Nature overcomes the effect of the toxin. Only the very tough can survive this, and convalescence is very long.

First Aid Wall Chart

The British Red Cross Society have published recently a First Aid Wall Chart which is very helpful for learning the basic rules of First Aid. On the chart are given the elementary principles on 'Breathing Stopped', 'Bleeding', 'Unconsciousness', 'Burns and Scalds', 'Poisoning' and 'Fractures'.

The chart measures approximately 11 ins. by 14 ins. and has two eyelet holes for hanging. Copies can be obtained, price 1s. 2d. plus 6d. post and packing, from The British Red Cross Society, Stores and Supplies Department, 4 Grosvenor Crescent, London S.W.1.

Water Safety

The Royal Life Saving Society introduced a proficiency award in 1968 to help combat the increasing number of lives lost among non swimmers. Now there is available a leaflet on the award, *Water Safety Award*, which gives an outline of its aims and the requirements.

Copies of the leaflet can be obtained by writing to The Royal Life Saving Society, 14 Devonshire Street, London, W.1. Up to 200 copies will be sent free of charge. 1,000 copies will cost £3 5s.

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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).

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The Principal Nursing Officer,
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For Sale. New un-erected sectional cedar building 20ft. x 14ft., suitable committee room/office/dormitory; or garden/poolside/games room; sea/riverside chalet. Completed twin viewable. Listed £900 complete. Due changed plans £425 o.n.o. for quick sale. Phone. Marlow 4153.

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Goldfish with plastic carry-home bags for all indoor and outdoor fund raising events. Guides and Brownies all over the United Kingdom buy them regularly because they produce big profits for very small outlay. Details from Dept. G. Middlesex Goldfisheries, Lampton Road, Hounslow.

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COMING EVENTS

9th Scout and Guide Folk Festival. 10th October at Amersham, Bucks. For full details and tickets, 3s. 6d. each, please send s.a.e. and remittance to Brian Sims, 52 Orchard Road, Seer Green, Bucks. Don't delay!
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GUIDE FRIENDSHIP FUND

CAMPS, holidays, Wembley Spectacle, no weekly meetings—this, I suppose, is the pattern for August for most of us. So this month I am only giving you a brief reminder of the 'Three Cheers' of the Guide Friendship Fund. However, our Three Cheers Projects continue until the end of September.

1. Adopting a leper child for 2 years: cost £32 (£4 advance payment to the G.F.F. and you are given the name, etc., of 'your child', the rest of the payment can come later).
2. Providing deaf children with hearing aids, specially at Schools for the Deaf in Ceylon, India and Pakistan: cost approximately £6.
3. 'Putting on the roof' of the Guide House being built by the Guides and Sunbeams of Botswana: any donations welcome.

Many, Many Thanks!

At the time of writing (end of June), we have adopted over 60 leper children. Can we reach our target of 100 by the end of September? Many thanks to all those Units, Packs, Districts and Counties who are among these 60 'adoptors'.

We sent off six tents to the Ceylon Girl Guides as our Jubilee gift to the Mount Lavinia School for the Deaf Guide Company who had wanted these so specially. They are immensely grateful.

We cannot yet 'put on the roof' so more donations will be welcome, but by the time the walls are built we will, I am sure, have the roof!

Many more cots have been donated as Jubilee gifts for the National Children's Home to be built in Jamaica. The N.C.H. are tremendously grateful for the Day Room (the G.F.F. has already given £2,500) and for the promise of so many cots. Progress is a bit slow but things are going ahead and by 1971 the Home should be built and occupied.

G.F.F. Emergencies Fund

We try to keep a small sum of money in the G.F.F. for emergencies. To give immediate aid to the

Guides in a country that suddenly suffers a national disaster is one of our particular functions. This we were able to do in June when we read of that terrible earthquake in PERU. We at once sent £200 from the G.F.F. to the Guides of Peru for relief work, knowing that Guides were already helping in every way they could. At least two Guide companies and packs had been in the area that was completely devastated.

Donations that are not sent in for a specific project, we do sometimes put in to this 'Emergencies' Fund'.

Well done, Berkshire!

We offer our heartiest congratulations to every Brownie, Guide, Ranger and adult member of the Movement in the county of Berkshire for their magnificent achievement in raising as their Jubilee Cheer the remarkable sum of over £2,000! This has purchased a Mobile Eye Caravan which was presented on 21st June to the Director of the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind and it is already on its way to Pakistan. In a year's time everyone who contributed to that gift can know that *she* has either cured or prevented blindness in at least one person in Pakistan!

Winding up the D.J. Projects

It will be a very great help if most of the D.J. Projects can be completed (Leper adoptions excepted) by September. We will be putting out an exciting idea for G.F.F. donations next month, and then later on will come the Christmas Good Turn project.

All donations, requests for information, free leaflets etc. should be addressed to: Guide Friendship Fund, Girl Guides Association, 17 Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1.

V.A.

In Memoriam

In the sudden death of MISS NANCY GRINNELL on Sunday, 7th June, Guiding in Gloucester suffered a great loss. She was an active member of the St. Barnabas, Tuffley, Brownie Pack since its beginning in the 1920's, and from 1925 was Brown Owl. Although the new programme abolished that title she will be affectionately remembered by many, far outside the parish of Tuffley, Gloucester, as 'my Brown Owl'. She believed in, and practised, all that is meant by 'the spirit of Guiding' and inspired many others to follow the same ideals. Her service to the Movement was recognised when she was awarded the Oak Leaf a few years ago. Her Brownies

were her life and she took her last Pack meeting the day before her death.

P.C.B.

MISS ELLEN DRISCOLL, Brownie Guider of St. Peter's, Cranley Gardens, London, died recently. She had been active in the Movement since 1935 and had been 'Brown Owl' of St. Peter's since soon after the last war. Hordes of small girls from Kensington must have known her and grown up in an atmosphere of the very best in Guiding. The children in her Pack were friendly, courteous, helpful and at the same time obviously loved dearly Miss Driscoll herself. Everything was done simply but every visitor to her Pack was made to feel 'at home'. She was a true friend to all Guides.

M.E.

The News in Pictures



Above: The Berkshire Rally held on 13th June when the County handed over a Mobile Eye Clinic to Mr. John Wilson, C.B.E., Director of the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind. See *Your Letters* page 294.



Left: On 4th July Lord and Lady Baden-Powell cut the tape to declare open 'Copp's Cottage', the £4,000 camping cottage at Cudham which will be used for Extension Packs, Companies and Units. The cottage was named after Miss Kathleen Coppack who led the six-year struggle to raise the money required. Miss Coppack (Copp) is on the left of the photograph.

Below: Mrs. Modupe Williams, from Lagos, receives the diploma on behalf of the Nigerian Girl Guides Association for their entry in the World Film Festival, *The Nigerian Guide*. The results were in the July GUIDER.



Photos:

top right: Frank J. Wallace

above: Will Green

right: Philip Jenkins

August 1970

Hidden Treasure

A Backward Glance at
Today's Guide Treasure Trail

by Jean Rush

TODAY'S GUIDE, as most of you know, was launched last January with much publicity, and one of the main circulation-boosters upon which we pinned our faith was the Treasure Trail Competition. Looking back, it seems incredibly optimistic to have devised a competition of such complexity with so few facilities for dealing with it. However, having thrown ourselves in at the deep end, we would have had only ourselves to blame if we went under. At one time it looked as though the entire staff were about to go down for the third time, but everyone, becoming completely engrossed, set to and tackled a seemingly impossible task when the entries (more than five times the number expected) came flooding in.

Apart from the administrative difficulties, the Treasure Trail has proved immeasurably rewarding as a pointer to where Guides' interests lie. The competition was held in the form of four Tracks, with prizes for the winners of each Track, and the best overall entries were the winners of the Treasure. Each Track was divided into two sections, one for Patrols, and one for individual entries. In each section there was a choice of four questions, only one of which had to be tackled. Consequently, each Patrol or individual Guide who entered the competition had to tackle four separate questions or ploys, one for each Track. The questions were devised so as to cover the eight point programme as fully as possible, and an analysis of the entries gives a fair indication of which parts of the programme are the most popular—although it must, of course, be remembered that this was a competition and the entrants were therefore to some extent influenced by what they considered would be the easiest section to choose.

Patrols or Individuals

At first it seemed that the Patrol effort was going to be disappointing, for the first entries to come in were all in the individual section. However, several weeks were given for the completion of each Track and it soon became clear that whereas the individual competitors were rushing to send off their entries, the Patrol efforts were taking a great deal more time—due mainly of course to the fact that the Patrols would only normally meet once a week. Patrol entries descended on us in hordes on the closing dates for each Track, and most showed that many hours of care and joint effort had gone into them.

In all, we received 1,602 Patrol entries and 2,379 individual entries—not counting several hundreds that arrived after the closing dates and had to be disqualified. As was expected, there was a gradual decline in the number of entries as the competition progressed: 588 Patrols and 784 individuals competed for Track 1, but by the time we reached Track 4 the numbers were down to 255 Patrols and 427

individuals. Even so, I think the interest kept up extremely well for a rather long drawn out and complicated competition.

Standards—Individual Section

Standards in the painting and drawing sections were on the whole rather low, yet the handcraft items were extremely high. The most popular individual section was for decorated eggs, which were judged by an expert from the Egg Marketing Board who was most impressed by the inventiveness of the entries. Ceiling tiles carved and painted in the form of a Guide badge from another country; Letters in Red Indian picture writing; collections of foreign stamps artistically arranged; crochet or embroidered table mats and patchwork cushion covers—all these reached a standard which greatly surprised the experts who judged these sections.

Many Guides are clearly well on the way to becoming homemakers, judging by some of the entries in this section. 184 Guides listed six points they would look for when choosing a new gas cooker, 87 sent in comprehensive sets of breakfast menus, 92 named ten areas where strict hygiene must be observed in the home and explained why, and 48 planned a daily timetable for a baby. Many of the entries were amazingly mature in their approach.

Outdoor activities still retain their traditional popularity, and in the individual section we received 155 tins of punk and 95 plaster casts of an animal or bird track—most of them beautifully executed.

Patrol choices

One very heartening factor which emerged was the response to the prayer sections. 200 Patrols sent in loose leaf books of readings and prayers to be used in camp, and a very high proportion of them showed many hours of care and thought in preparation. In the individual section, 278 Guides composed prayers or poems for use at Easter. Both of these sections attracted by far the highest number of entries in their Track.

99 planned a Patrol good turn, carried it out and sent in an account of it; 57 made up a play which the whole Patrol performed and sent it in on a tape; 92 made a Patrol expedition to the highest point nearby and sent in an account, complete with photographs and panoramic sketches; 147 sent in parcels of soft articles for use in camp—one made by each member of the Patrol. At one time we had second thoughts about the advisability of this particular section, when several sacksful of bursting, bulging parcels arrived by every post! However, the work and care involved in the making of the entries made it well worth while.

Menus and recipes, plans of an ideal bedroom, dolls made from household, kitchen and cleaning articles—all these were in the homemaking section and all brought in astonishing results. Unfortunately some of the 148 dolls were rather hastily put together and fell apart when they were unwrapped; this and the poor standard of posters and pictures submitted were the most disappointing aspects of the competition.

One section brought in only six entries: 'Make a list of your local Council's departments concerned

with the health, welfare, and hygiene of your community and put the information together in the form of a leaflet.' Each member of the Patrol was to take one department and find out what it does. The reason for the small number of entries is obvious, for this was an extremely difficult quest for girls from 10 to 15 years old. The six Patrols who did tackle this task produced some of the most impressive work in the competition, and may justly feel proud of their efforts. These leaflets, together with the loose leaf books of prayers and readings, and many hundreds of other entries in the Treasure Trail, involving a total of some 10,000 Guides, are examples of Guiding activities of which every single member of the Movement may be proud.

Comment from one of our sponsors

The Domestos Hygiene Advisory Service sponsored Track 4 of the Treasure Trail competition. This meant that we had a hand in formulating the questions and were responsible for judging the entries in some sections. We also presented the prizes.

The Service is, as the name suggests, an advisory service on the subject of hygiene, and regularly answers requests for information from schools, colleges, individuals, local councils and others.

Track 4 of the Treasure Trail alone brought in over 670 entries.

We had to set about judging the questions taking into consideration the effort that went into each one. Some of the entries were beautifully presented but did not contain many facts and others were the opposite, having masses of information but were spoilt by untidy presentation. Somewhere in the middle were the winners.

The questions which needed the greatest research were, for the individuals, the planning of the timetable for looking after a baby for a day, and for Patrols, the research into the organisation behind the local council. Both resulted in an excellent standard of entry. The one that seemed to cause the greatest difficulty was the one for Patrols on diseases. They had to find out all about one of the following diseases, typhoid, dysentery or infantile gastro-enteritis and prepare a warning poster. It was surprising to find that the majority of entries in this section were for typhoid, the one disease they are not so likely to come across in this country. Dysentery, which is still prevalent was hardly mentioned at all.

The question on hygiene in the home for individuals was memorable for its colourful entries. The artists seemed really to go to town on this one. Cut out pictures of each area where special hygiene precautions should be taken or beautiful drawings for each area.

We were most impressed by all the entries and the amount of work undertaken to complete their efforts. We hope that all the Guides who took part enjoyed delving further into their community and home life.

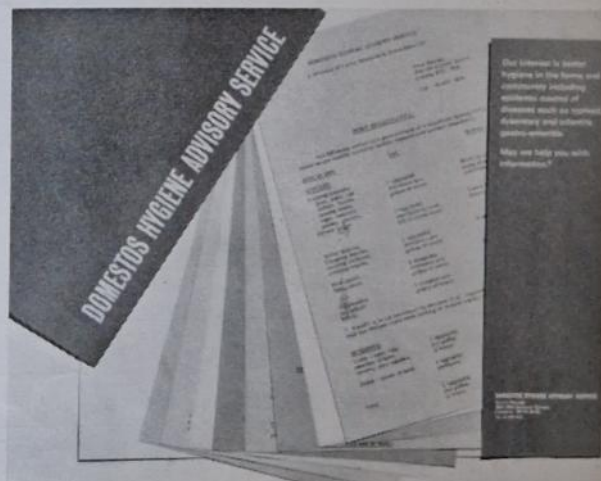
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Photographs: top: A section of the entries which were on display in the window of the C.H.Q. Shop. above: The Canary Patrol, 1st Crookham Company, Hants., were entertained on a farm as part of their prize for winning one Track of the Treasure Trail.

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