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editorial

Those Guiders who read THE BROWNIE and TODAY'S GUIDE will have seen the announcements about the Dymo Handcraft Competition held earlier this year. Both sections were judged by the same people, and the judges were struck most forcibly by the fact that the standard shown in the Brownie entries was very much higher than the Guide standard. Even if they had all been judged together, without age being taken into account, there is no doubt that the Brownie entries would have made the better showing. The creativity, artistic ability and effort put into the Brownie entries was far in advance of the older girls in most cases.

A great deal of work goes into the organisation of a competition, not to mention the cost to the sponsors who donate the prizes. For this reason, it would be appreciated if Guiders would ensure that Patrols wishing to enter a TODAY'S GUIDE competition understand that a certain amount of effort is expected of them. The high standard of entries for the Treasure Trail showed what they can do when they really try.

front cover

Her Majesty The Queen, on her way to open a shopping centre at Chelmsley Wood, Birmingham, stops to speak to a group of Brownies from the 7th Chelmsley Wood Pack.

Photo: Birmingham Post and Mail

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1. The Hon. Beryl Cozens-Hardy, O.B.E., J.P., is presented with the key to open the new North West England H.Q. at Preston. Presenting the key are Christine Hoper (Eccles Division) and Carolyn Sheppard (Altrincham Division).

2. Mrs. MacNeil, President of The Girl Scouts of America, who was shown round H.Q. recently, pictured here with Mrs. Birkbeck.

3. Pictured at the official opening of the North East England Headquarters are, left to right: Mrs. D. Coggan, wife of the Archbishop of York; Alderman A. J. Hardcastle, Lord Mayor of York; Dr. Donald Coggan, the Archbishop of York; Mrs. R. H. Owthwaite; Mrs. Derek Parker Bowles; and Mrs. A. J. Hardcastle, the Lady Mayoress of York.

4. Mrs. Birkbeck, on her recent visit to Germany, received a tablecloth embroidered with the names of British Guides in Germany. Mrs. Iris Sturt, the Division Commissioner who organised the enterprise, is on the right.



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COMMONWEALTH TOUR by the Chief Commissioner

Mrs. Derek Parker Bowles, the Chief Commissioner, left London on 22nd March for the start of her two-and-a-half months' tour to observe Guiding in the Commonwealth.

Her first stop was Nova Scotia, where Rangers, Guides and Brownies joined with Guiders and Commissioners from all over the Province to give her a rousing welcome.

Full reports have not yet been received from Canada so at present we cannot give details of her stay there, which included stops in Quebec, Toronto, Edmonton, Calgary and Vancouver.

Leaving Canada, Mrs. Parker Bowles journeyed across the Pacific to Auckland, for the beginning of her two-week stay in New Zealand.

On her arrival at Auckland International Airport she was welcomed by a guard of honour formed by Guides of the Aorere District. Her schedule in Auckland was, like the rest of her tour, a busy one. After a mayoral reception where she met Guiding and civic representatives, she visited Otimai, the Guide home in the Waitakeres and later attended a rally at Myers Park, meeting many more Auckland Guides. At a dinner during her stay in the city she was presented with a book on Auckland by one of the Guiders.

From Auckland, Mrs. Parker Bowles left to spend two days in Hamilton. Here she again attended rallies, displays, talks and dinners, being greeted with great enthusiasm by members of the Movement. Brownies, Guides and Rangers from all parts of the Waikato gave demonstrations of the many Guiding activities in New Zealand. At a gathering of Hawkes Bay Guides, a new member of the Movement, Deborah Small of Dannevirke, was thrilled to be enrolled as a Guide by the Chief Commissioner.



En route to Wellington, Mrs. Parker Bowles made an afternoon stop in Masterton, where the lunch held in her honour was also attended by twenty women interested in the Guiding Movement but who were not yet active members. In Wellington the British High Commissioner, Sir Arthur Galsworthy, and Lady Galsworthy, were hosts to Mrs. Parker Bowles during her stay. On Wednesday, 14th April, the Chief Commissioner went to the Wairarapa and at a stud farm saw Oncidium, a famous English stud horse which was bred by her father. In the evening she was greeted by 2,000 Guides and leaders at the Opera House. A programme staged by the Guides included items of a Guiding flavour and popular songs. The following day's engagements included a civic reception given by the Mayor, a lunch party for a small group of Guiders and supporters and, in the afternoon, a meeting with Guides and Brownies in Lower Hutt.

On Friday, a lunch with officials of New Zealand Guiding preceded the Association's annual meeting. At the meeting, at which she stressed the international aspect of Guiding, Mrs. Parker Bowles presented the Silver Fish to the New Zealand Association's new training adviser, Mrs. S. R. English, from Auckland. Following this assembly, the Chief Commissioner, together with members of the national advisory board, was present at a weekend training at Arahina, the New Zealand Guide Training Centre at Marton.

Before arriving at Christchurch, her last port of call in New Zealand, Mrs. Parker Bowles travelled to stay overnight at Invercargill, almost at the most southern tip of the South Island. The welcome party held for her here was attended by over 600 of Southland's Rangers, Guides and Brownies. Later in the evening, a sherry hour was followed by a dinner party arranged by the provincial executive and among those present were provincial council members, Guiders and representatives of local associations.

In Christchurch, plans of the Canterbury Provincial Association's new building were shown to her, after which Mrs. Parker Bowles went on a tour of the building and later addressed a meeting of children and leaders at a local high school. The girls entertained her with a programme of songs, dances, mimes and demonstrations of Guiding plays.

Throughout her New Zealand tour, the Chief Commissioner was greeted with great enthusiasm, tumultuous welcomes making her first visit to this country a most memorable one.

The greetings telegram sent to Her Majesty
The Queen on the occasion of her birthday.

On the occasion of Your Majesty's birthday, the Girl Guides Association sends the best wishes of all its members and expresses to Your Majesty our loyalty and deep affection.

(Signed) Anne Louise Laing,
Deputy Chief Commissioner.

Her Majesty's reply

Please convey to all members of the Girl Guides Association my thanks for their loyal message on my birthday which I received with much pleasure.

Elizabeth R.

THE GREEN CROSS CODE

By now most Guiders will be aware that a campaign is at present running for child pedestrian safety.

For some years it has been evident that children were not understanding the 'Kerb Drill' method of pedestrian safety and in view of the increasing child deaths on the roads a research programme was set up to try to devise some method which could be taught to, and understood by, children of seven years of age and upwards.

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For parents (and other adults), whole page and half page Press advertisements will spell out the Code and the reasons why it has been introduced, while at the same time T.V. commercials will continue to maintain the pressure on adults.

The Press advertisements all contain a coupon which will also be referred to in the T.V. commercials. By filling in this coupon free copies of the Code, together with advice on road hazards, on teaching children how to follow the Code and how to test their understanding will be sent.

The campaign is one in which members of the Guide Movement can play an important part, for they can follow up the training which it is hoped will have been started by the parents. Guiders, therefore, are urged to note the publicity campaign and to watch for the Press advertisements so as to be able to send for their own copies of the Green Cross Code, and to familiarise themselves with its principles.

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To further interest children in the Green Cross Code, Guiders may be interested in the slides and specially recorded commentary which are available from RoSPA.

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Let's Face It

(1) Mental Welfare

by Pauline Chapman

(Reprinted from an article 'The Role and Training of the Red Cross Volunteer in the Field of Mental Health')

The need for voluntary help in the field of mental welfare in psychiatric hospitals, and particularly in the community, is urgent today and likely to expand steadily in the decade to come. This is a challenge that Red Cross volunteers are preparing to meet. It is likely to become, in the foreseeable future, an extremely important aspect of the community welfare work which the Society's members are already undertaking in many fields. In mental welfare there is scope for volunteers who have little spare time and wish to perform only simple tasks, as well as for those who are able and want to progress further in what can be most rewarding work.

The Society's concept of attracting recruits for any type of voluntary work is not a vague invitation to come and give a hand. Interest is aroused by making known the specific needs in the local hospital or community. Their range necessarily varies according to locality, and in mental welfare can range from mentally handicapped children or confused old people to patients discharged from hospital or clinic after treatment for mental illness.

Preparation, as always in the Red Cross, is necessarily geared to the task to be undertaken, but in all cases it is desirable that it should include some information on mental illness, not of a wholly medical nature, but sufficient to give the volunteer an idea of what she may expect to see and do. Doctors, mental welfare workers, matrons of psychiatric hospitals and clinics may be persuaded to give valuable instruction on the different aspects of mental illness, and often will co-operate in arranging for trainee volunteers to visit psychiatric hospitals, geriatric homes and clubs and homes for the mentally handicapped. The visits are an essential part of preparation.

It was the Mental Health Act of 1959 that directly encouraged the shift of care for the mentally disordered from the institution to the community, and today some patients with quite severe mental illness may remain for only short periods in hospital or an institution. Modern drugs and methods of treatment have brought about a system of intensive care, with the earliest possible discharge of the patient to home and the community, even if he or she has to return to hospital or clinic for treatment at intervals over a period of years. As a result, the large long-stay mental hospitals are contracting and being replaced by psychiatric clinics attached to the new District General Hospitals or centres of general medical practice.

Many psychiatrists consider it best for mentally handicapped children to live with their families. Victims of some chronic mental conditions such as mongolism, who once had a short life expectation, can now be expected to live often into middle-age, and are frequently best cared for at home. There is an increasing number of old people who are looked after by their relatives, and these may well suffer from mental confusion during their last years. For people who suffer from some form of mental illness but have no families, there are more and more hostels and community flats in which, after treatment, they can live independent lives with some supervision and support.

The Seeborn Report states that, at a conservative estimate, a population of 100,000 will contain, on average, no less than 1,500 people with severe mental disorder or mental handicap. All but a very small percentage will, after treatment, be returning to home and community care. Nearly all of these, and their families (for the stresses of mental illness in one member of the family are very considerable on the remainder) require prolonged social and moral support. The Seeborn Report says that in many parts of the country the entire professional staff available to the local authority could be kept fully employed solely in giving these people and their relatives the support that they so desperately need.

It is obvious, therefore, that the case-load of the professional mental welfare worker and psychiatric social worker is an extremely heavy one, and that there are some areas of the work in which the prepared volunteer, reliable and discreet, can be an invaluable aide, working under, and in co-operation with, the professional. No voluntary workers should, however, be asked to go into the field without specialised preparation, or they are liable to find themselves unnecessarily bewildered or even frightened.

Psychiatric hospitals today are not usually places where a great deal of nursing in the basic sense is needed, for much of the treatment of mental disorders lies in the administration of drugs. Therapy is the keynote of the treatment, and it is in therapy that the volunteer can participate and play a most helpful role. As a medically-orientated body of volunteers, the Society's members are of considerable value in assisting the patient who is getting ready for discharge to bridge the gap between hospital and the outside world. Existing Red Cross services can sometimes be adapted. For example, a trolley shop can be changed into a grocery counter, so that the patients about to resume normal life can familiarise themselves with budgeting and laying out money. The volunteer in charge may then take patients out on a shopping expedition, so that they can learn again to enter a shop confidently. When patients are getting ready for discharge, outings, visits to the cinema, shops or a cafe can have therapeutic value, and the volunteer can act as an escort. There may be a need for regular visitors to a home for mentally handicapped children, who have no relations or

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for some reason cannot live with their families. Contact with visitors, who may be able to take the children out occasionally, one or two at a time, or bring a present on a birthday, or just play with them, prevents such handicapped children from becoming institutionalised.

The prepared volunteer who will visit regularly can build up a relationship of trust and confidence both with the patient being cared for at home, and the relatives who are looking after him. The visitor's support often enables the relatives to carry on, when, unless someone shares part of the burden, they would come to the end of their tether, and the dependent would have to be consigned to an institution. The volunteer benefits too, for he or she gains insight into mental illness, learning to accept it as physical illness or handicap, and, by this attitude helps to foster community acceptance of mental illness, which is still often regarded as a stigma.

The preparation of volunteers for this work is, it is believed, best carried out as a group activity, for the support of a group doing the same kind of work is valuable. The groups might be formed in branches from all categories of members drawn from different divisions. In recruiting them for the work, it should be remembered that it is not necessarily only the enthusiastic who are successful in establishing a relationship with someone who is, or has been, suffer-

ing from mental illness. Very often quiet, shy but compassionate personalities prove extremely well adapted to the work, and they gain confidence by doing it.

Essentially, volunteers must not feel that they are doing their work 'out on a limb'. They need to feel supported, encouraged, and appreciated by their supervisors, whether professionals or Red Cross members in charge, to whom any one of them can turn immediately if there are difficulties.

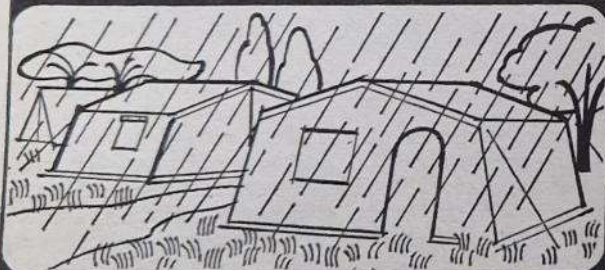
The strictest standards of discretion and confidentiality must be inculcated and maintained, so that volunteers do not gossip about those they are visiting even with other members of the group. The strongest possible stress must be laid on reliability for the relationship between voluntary worker, patient and patient's relatives is totally destroyed if any of them suspect gossiping, or feel uncertain that the visitor can be relied on to turn up as arranged. Obviously circumstances must arise from time to time which force the volunteer to miss her visit, but an adequately prepared and aware volunteer will always advise her supervisor when this occurs, just as she will immediately report to her supervisor anything that she thinks may need professional help to be called in.

The young can play a considerable part in mental welfare work, and are, of course, the material of the future. Some leading psychiatric hospitals have groups of teenagers giving companionship and help to patients. These young people accept mental illness as a form of sickness, and their visits are a great stimulus to patients and are mutually enjoyed. As well as befriending, they can undertake simple duties within the hospital, such as escorting selected patients from wards to treatment clinics. In some areas there is co-operation between local schools and the psychiatric hospitals. Groups of schoolchildren are shown over the hospital and introduced to some of the apparatus used, such as the encephalograph. After suitable preparation, young Red Cross members may help, under the direct supervision of an adult, with simple tasks such as playing with, or helping to feed, mentally handicapped children in a home or club. The matter-of-fact acceptance of mental illness, which comes so easily to most young people, is very valuable in educating relatives and neighbours towards a similar acceptance.

Citizen participation in mental welfare is generally regarded as increasingly important, and the kind of role that the Red Cross volunteer can play might be summed up by a quotation from the Seeborn Report—

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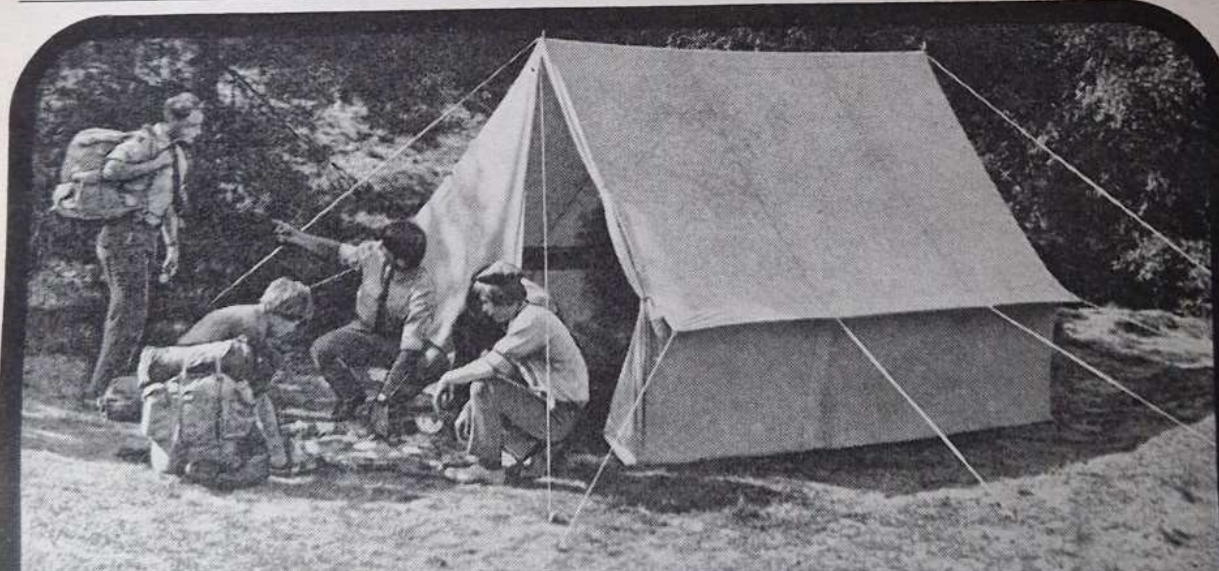


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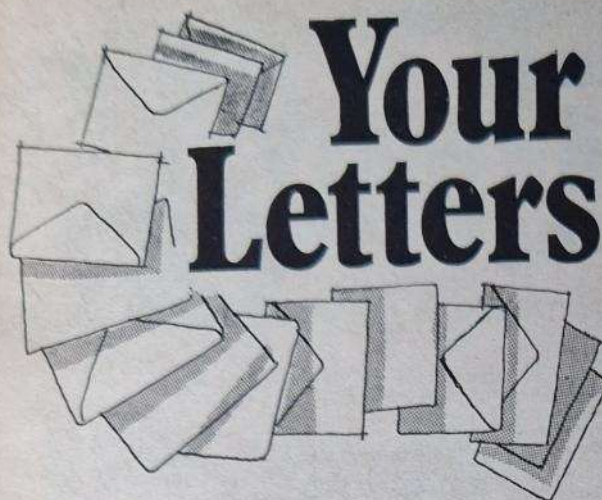
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Your Letters

Happy Memories

VIOLET SYNGE, who died on 12th April, came to live with a friend and me in Sussex in the late 'forties, and many young Guiders who worked with her began to realise how much more they could do to make Guiding fun. She used to camp with me at Warren Beach and was always thinking out stunts and surprises for the Guides, impersonating a camp inspector or someone in need of money or a night's lodging!

As we all know, Guides will usually give you a good idea of their Guider. One day Violet Syngé was out of camp and had left it in charge of P.L.s. I crept up to see what they were doing and found them putting on a play with such imagination and fun about the Royal Family. When Violet came to Bexhill she certainly made Guiding lively.

A. M. MAYNARD

An appreciation of Miss Syngé appears on page 236.—Editor.

The Merits of Youth Hostelling

May I endorse what J. M. Wright wrote about youth hostelling for Guides (April GUIDER). In our Company we started youth hostelling as an alternative to camping, because I was at that time reluctant to take a camper's licence. A week in 1969 at the Isle of Wight and Portsmouth hostels not only gave five Guides an enjoyable holiday, but also gave me the confidence to undertake camping later on.

In 1970, as there was a demand for pony trekking, we went to Sussex at Easter, spending two nights at the Alfriston hostel, where we had an inexpensive, though brief, ride on the Downs, going on to Patcham Hostel next day. In the Autumn some of the Guides joined a slightly more strenuous Ranger weekend in Buckinghamshire.

By now, several of our members have developed a taste for hostelling, while still enjoying camping. This year, therefore, we have both a pony trekking weekend in South Wales, and a YHA trip, the latter being planned for short distances to suit the ten-year-olds. This, of course, is in addition to summer camp.

The main difficulty seems to be to convince some parents of very young Guides that this is a suitable activity—just an extended hike, in pleasant countryside, staying at simple, but adequate, accommodation. It is not,

however, a particularly cheap activity any more (full bed and board costs from 80p per night, but you can save by doing your own cooking), and camping remains the cheapest of Guide activities.

However, we reckon to do a weekend on £2-£2.50, depending on how far away we travel, and it is well worth the effort. We warmly recommend Guiders to try it and see—but make sure your map-reading is up to scratch!

JACKY SARGINSON, Guide Guider, 2nd Alexandra Park, Middlesex E.

Pertinent Advice for Campers

The article 'Camping—Small Beginnings' by B. K. Allday (THE GUIDER, March 1971) has roused me to write in sympathy for the unnecessary 'four hours hard work' involved in cooking the stew. This was an ideal opportunity to teach the young Guides the art of hay box cookery, for while the stew cooked itself the Guides could have enjoyed a much more worthwhile pursuit. As for the ambition of cooking porridge, the same method is equally suitable.

'Packing a Rucksack' was printed in THE GUIDER and TODAY'S GUIDE last year. One aspect of this chart disturbed me—the unnecessary use of the modern menace to farmers—the polythene bag. These can cause death when eaten by farm animals. However careful the Guides may be the wind is sure to blow away the odd bag or two, which may kill the cow in the next field!

(MRS) SYLVIA M. COTGREAVE, District Commissioner, Sandwell, Birmingham.

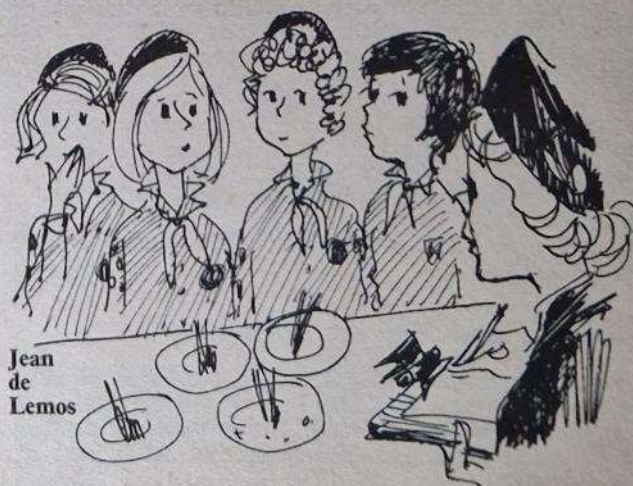
More Trials of a Tester

Four Guides handled their camp cooking test too well. The corned beef hash they had made looked so appetising that they yielded to temptation and ate it . . . before the tester arrived. All that remained for the inspection were four well fed girls and four dirty plates.

One of the Guides had had an upset tummy and had not eaten much for the previous couple of days so when her restraint gave way to hunger the other three followed suit. However, their fifth companion will not have to take the test again.

She had trouble getting her fire started and was therefore slow in cooking her meal. Her food was seen by the tester.

from a northern news report





Airing and Sharing



Trials of a Tester

I read with interest and sympathy the letter 'Trials of a Tester' in the April GUIDER. I have felt for some years that our Testers are not always given sufficient help and encouragement. Theoretically, Testers are invited to District events and meet together annually to compare notes and put forward queries, but this does not always happen in fact.

There are, of course, many excellent Badge Secretaries who keep in close touch with the Testers, but some are only able to cope with ordering and supplying badges.

I would therefore like to suggest that the Trefoil Guild be officially given the task of keeping all Testers up to date with syllabus changes, and arranging an occasional meeting for them to meet the Commissioner or her Assistant, and each other. Many T.G. members are themselves Testers, and would, I am sure, welcome the chance to do a little more service for Guiding. The main reason we all joined the Trefoil Guild was to give what service we could, and sometimes very little is asked of us.

Where there is no Guild, there must surely be an ex-Guider or two who would willingly take on the small task of keeping Testers up to date. In itself it is very little, but as part of a Commissioner's many-sided job it can perhaps be just that little too much.

(MRS.) ETHEL R. L. CLARK, Secretary,
Falmouth Trefoil Guild.

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I was interested in a letter on Trials of a Tester in Airing and Sharing in the April edition of THE GUIDER.

To obviate these trials an excellent method is to buy several of the small books on Interest and Service Badges. Extract the pages and fix these on to cardboard. When the Guider or Guide is making arrangements for the test she leaves the card with the Tester. Subsequently when the Guide has been tested she collects the card and returns it to her Unit. A method like this is essential especially for Writer's and Reader's Badges.

The making of the cards can be a project for Guides or Brownies.

M. W. MITCHELL, P.R. and P.O. Dunbartonshire,
Scotland.

Footpath and Highway Badges

My Assistant Brownie Guider and I were recently discussing the great similarity between the Footpath and Highway badges, and we would like to state our support for the views of Bridget Toovey in the March issue of THE GUIDER.

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While we can see the point of keeping the design similar to the map-reading signs, we both feel that it is a great disappointment to the girls to have to unstitch their lovely green Road badge and replace it with the present Highway badge. Perhaps it would not seem so bad if all three badges could be retained and worn together. We would be most interested to know the views of other Brownie Guiders on this point.

Another passing thought—while discussing these 'traffic conscious' badges, would it not be a good idea to have a new Interest badge on Road Safety—a badge for the non-cycling girls. There is, after all, a great deal to be said in favour of the well-informed pedestrian who understands the hand and automatic signals of passing traffic. There are many dangers which could be accented, too. This is a badge I would dearly love to see introduced to the Guide Movement, and I know all parents will agree.

(MRS.) D. R. TOWNSEND, Brownie Guider,
4th Amersham-on-the-Hill Pack, Bucks.

Joint Associations

I was amazed to read the letter in which an experienced Ranger Guide said she had never met a Ranger Guide or a Venture Scout who wanted a mixed Unit. I can only suggest she visits Oxford, and we will introduce her to a few! The Angelmead R.G.S.U. and the Angelmead V.S.U. have had several mixed activities, arranged and instigated by the Unit members. For example, the lads organised a trip to a bowling alley in Reading, the girls organised a tennis evening. At the end of last summer the Rangers asked me to sound out the Scout Leader about a mixed Unit, but he rang me before I had a chance to contact him as the Venture Scouts had asked him to approach me on the same subject.

We amalgamated at the end of September. Early days? Maybe, but we have lost only one member since merging, a Ranger Guide who has gone to training college, and we have gained new members of both sexes. We cannot agree with your statement regarding the boys 'enduring combined ops as a matter of politeness'. We treat our Unit members as adults and they treat us as equals. The Unit would endure an item out of politeness to others, but believe me, they would tell us their feelings as soon as we were on our own—this has happened.

We have discovered that terminology varies between the two parent organisations, and this causes complaints, but in spite of this we have found that all members respond equally well to all the leaders.

UNA M. DEAN, Ranger Guider, Angelmead R.G.S.U.,
Oxford

BOOK ** REVIEWS

Francis Galton's Art of Travel 1872, David and Charles Limited, £2.75.

This is a reprint of *The Art of Travel, or, Shifts and Contrivances Available in Wild Countries*, which was first published in 1855, three years after the author's return from the exploration of South West Africa. It may be described as the ultimate in survival guides. Galton records the practical wisdom accumulated by himself and other explorers in many countries when cast entirely upon their own resources. How to make a raft or boat, a bridge, or substitute soap from the material around you; how to dry clothes in relentless rain; navigation, stalking and keeping watch—all these and countless other practical skills are described. The relative merits of tent or bivouac, log hut, snow and heather covering, or mere sleeping bag, are considered with care. There are many details of the behaviour of wildlife that have been learned on the ground by explorers, if only in order to obtain food, and the setting of spring guns and traps, the poisoning of arrows, the ways in which wild birds and animals may be cooked or eaten raw in an emergency are fine arts. It helps to know how to make needles, hide things or manage savages—a frank, joking but determined manner, joined with an air of showing more confidence in the good faith of the natives than you really feel, is the best.

Although much of the information may not be needed daily by most of us, Francis Galton includes it among practical details of great interest to adventurous campers today. To read the book today is to recapture the spirit of an age when the traveller was very much dependent on his own resources, and it throws much light on the habits and attitudes of our Victorian forebears.

P.T.

Poor Cook, by Susan Campbell and Caroline Conran. Macmillan, £2.10.

Poor Cook is an ambiguous phrase; and I thought at first that this was yet another book for beginners. Although most of the recipes are fairly simple, however, 'poor' in this case means hard up, and the book really does live up to its claim of showing the reader how to prepare 'fabulous food for next to nothing'. The authors aim to make those who have come to rely on convenience foods—particularly young people who have grown up with them—realise how much more delicious, as well as cheaper, home-made food can be.

This book is expensive, but beautifully produced and well worth the investment. The cost would soon be saved by anyone willing to forget her tin opener and spend a little time in the kitchen.

J.V.R.

Holiday Cooking Abroad—In France, Italy and Spain, by Jane Ross. Chatto & Windus, £1.25.

Now that self-catering holidays abroad are so popular this unique book answers a long-felt need. The main idea is to give a general picture of what to look for in

the shops, markets and kitchens. Check on the kitchen equipment available before you go abroad, if possible. Remember, for easy washing up, a non-stick pan is indispensable.

Some foods which we take for granted are unobtainable or so expensive to buy that it is worthwhile to take the equivalent from home. However, the local fruit, vegetables or cold meats can turn out to be very tasty. The recipe section lists ingredients in all three languages so they can be used as shopping lists. As many of the dishes can then be cooked on top of the stove they are simple and quick for cooks of all ages.

O.M.C.

Baillière's Handbook of First Aid, £1, and Teaching First Aid, 90p, edited by Stanley Miles and Peter Roylance. Baillière, Tindall and Cassell.

These books are produced in conjunction with the Medical Commission on Accident Prevention. *The Handbook of First Aid* is a comprehensive textbook dealing not only with injury due to accident but also with medical emergencies. The book should be read and studied in conjunction with *Teaching First Aid* which although primarily written to encourage and assist the doctor in the teaching of first aid, will be a great help to Guiders who are looking for something more advanced and up-to-date to teach to their older Guides and Rangers.

A.M.M.

(Book Reviews continued overleaf)

TWO HUNDRED GAMES FOR GUIDES

by Maureen Price

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by E. Allen-William

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Per Post 32½p

OMNIBUS BOOK OF GAMES AND IDEAS

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A Movement Approach to Educational Gymnastics, by Ruth Morison, J. M. Dent & Sons Ltd. 1969, 65p.

This book discusses briefly the purpose of gymnastics and their function within the whole of school physical education and the principles of movement as described by Rudolf Laban. The main part of the text deals with the content of lessons and methods of teaching. The book, written for teachers of physical education, is readable by the non-specialist and would give Guiders an understanding of the gymnastic work being done by girls at school.

B.S.

The Bird Gardener's Book, by R. Barrington. Wolfe Publishing Limited, £1.50.

The majority of people like to see some birds in their gardens and most of us would like to encourage something more attractive, and on occasion less harmful, than the ubiquitous sparrows, starlings, blackbirds and, in the suburbs, wood pigeons. This book tells us what to do to make our gardens more attractive to both nesting species and visitors. We are told what trees and shrubs to plant to encourage nesting and how to prune out nesting sites. We are told what food to supply at various seasons, and how to make nesting boxes of all types (even in the hope of attracting kestrels, barn and tawny owls). There is a useful chapter on the enemies of garden birds among which are members of their own family, jays, magpies and crows.

R.C.

A Guide to current entertainment What's on

Music

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL

- 6th Organ Recital by Gillian Weir. Programme includes music by Bach and Marchand.
- 7th Piano Recital by Artur Schnabel.
- 11th London Mozart Players. Programme includes Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 4 in G.
- 17th Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. Programme includes Violin Concerto in D by Brahms.
- 22nd New Philharmonia Orchestra. Soloist Alfred Brendel. Programme includes R. Strauss's Don Juan.
- 29th Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. Programme includes Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 5.

The following is a list of principal events in major cities during June:

Nottingham

- 4th Nottingham Samaritans Michaelmas Ball—Lake-side Pavilion University.
- 12th Fete and Gala arranged by the S.W. Division Nottingham Scouts Association—Wollaton Park.
- 27th Open Air Concert—Trent Quadrangle University 3 p.m.

Leeds

- 6th-13th National Cactus Society Show—Corn Exchange.

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C.H.Q.

Book Review

The Pack and The Promise, by Leomora Wilson, The Girl Guides Association, 25p.

A child makes the Promise as a Brownie Guide—does she know what this means? As she grows, does she too grow in understanding of its meaning and implication? It is the Guider's job to help the child. How?

This is a practical book with many suggestions for games and activities to help the Brownie Guiders to translate into action the Promise and Law—to the individual Brownie and the whole Pack.

Guiders may be familiar with the title, but the book has been re-written to help us appreciate the Promise in today's Programme for the Brownie Guide—from her first meeting, through Ventures, Journeys, Good Turns, to all occasions she is likely to meet during her growing-up period prior to the Guide Company.

A useful bibliography is included in the appendices.

This book is a MUST for all Guiders working with a Pack.

D.R.C.

THE GUIDER takes no responsibility for last minute alterations to programmes or prices.

Plymouth

4th-27th Exhibition of Sculpture by John Milne—City Art Gallery.

5th St. John Ambulance Brigade Fete—Saltram House.

13th-28th Sword Fish National Sailing Championships.

Edinburgh

11th-12th Dancing Displays—Church Hill Theatre.

15th-18th Exhibition of British Environmental Engineering—Waverley Market.

Liverpool

12th Lord Mayor's Procession—Details from: The Liverpool Junior Chamber of Commerce, 1 Old Hall Street, Liverpool, 3.

Opera

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE COVENT GARDEN
3rd, 11th, 19th, 24th—*Il barbiere di Siviglia*
27th—*Hamlet*

Ballet

SADLER'S WELLS THEATRE
The Royal Ballet are appearing at Sadler's Wells Theatre until 12th June. The programme is as follows:
2nd, 3rd, 5th—*Les Patineurs*
2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 7th, 8th, 12th—*Pineapple Poll*
5th, 10th, 11th—*The Rake's Progress*
2nd, 3rd, 8th, 9th, 10th—*Les Hermanas*
4th, 5th, 12th—*Dances Concertantes*
12th—*Beauty and The Beast*

MORE INFORMATION FROM RoSPA

Faulty Oil Heaters

With the arrival of warmer weather it is likely that many people will be disposing of their old heating appliances, especially oil heaters, and some of these may be offered to collectors for jumble sales, or other fund raising activities.

RoSPA reminds all organisers that oil heaters which do not comply with the Oil Heaters Regulations of 1962 (amended in 1966) and to British Standard specifications can be extremely unsafe. Although it is an offence to sell heaters which do not comply with these regulations, it has not yet been determined whether jumble sales come into this category. In the event of such heaters being collected it is recommended that the organisers accept them in order to get suspect appliances out of circulation, then arrange for all heaters received to be scrapped.

Just one heater scrapped before it falls into the hands of the unsuspecting could save a whole family from tragedy.

Water Safety Leaflet

RoSPA, as part of their National Water Safety Campaign, have produced a new leaflet entitled *Lifejackets and Buoyancy Aids for pleasure craft under 45 feet in length*. This leaflet replaces 'What's in a Lifejacket?' and gives the Board of Trade recommendations for people going afloat in pleasure craft less than 45 feet in length. Questions and answers are also given on other important points. The leaflet, and a manufacturers' list, is available on application enclosing a stamped, addressed envelope, to RoSPA, 52 Grosvenor Gardens, London, S.W.1.

Posters, booklets, and other leaflets are also available on application to the above address.

Theatre

GREENWICH THEATRE, Crooms Hill, London S.E.10.
The Glass Menagerie by Tennessee Williams opened on the 27th May. Directed by Alan Vaughan Williams, the play tells the story of part of the author's youth and has been described as 'perhaps the most personal of his plays'.

Light Music

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Mainly for Guide Guiders Their Own Plan — II

by Joy Dennis

It was our first Patrol Leaders' Council of the Autumn Term. Betty, who had been Blackbird Patrol Leader for a term, and Carol, leader of the Chaffinches for nearly a year, had explained the procedure to the newly-elected Patrol Leaders of the Daisy and Fuchsia Patrols. In the first Unit Meeting, as well as making their newcomers feel at home, all Patrols had started on some preliminary planning.

We began by discussing our responsibilities for the Autumn Fair due in six weeks' time; and then we talked over other ideas so far. The Blackbirds would continue to work for the Camp-fire Patrol Interest Pennant started in the summer. The Fuchsias asked about specific help towards the Cook Badge, which they were all keen to take and yet found difficult to practise at home. The other two patrols had only vague plans mainly to do with 'making something for the Fair', but they were finding it hard to get started.

It was decided that next week, during a long Patrol Time, there would be various handwork ideas out for the Guides to look at, together with references to pages 63 and 225-229 of the Handbook. We also chatted about details of camp-fire planning with Betty. During the week I was to 'phone Mrs. Readyhelp, the Vicar's wife, about the Fuchsia's request. She is one of those treasures who, besides being an excellent cook, is always willing to help a small group with short-term plays. If she would consider having the Patrol—possibly every other week—the Patrol Leader and I would visit her to discuss dates and the syllabus.

Next week we had our second Patrol Leaders' Council. This time we planned ahead for three weeks.

Patrols	Blackbird	Chaffinch	Daisy	Fuchsia
Week 3.	Camp-fire Patrol Interest Pennant Practice & Final plans	Making calendars from old Christmas cards	Felt toys and woollen novelties for Fair	Cook Session 1 — with the Vicar's wife
Week 4.	Patrol Interest Pennant Test (or Week 5)	Detailed planning for sweet-making	Continue toys	Making Patrol Charts on food values
Week 5.	Begin bandaging Patrol Purpose Plan page 186 (i) and (ii)	Making sweets for Fair	Toys. If time cover tins for waste paper bins	Cook Session 2 — making cakes

The Autumn Fair followed Week 5 and all Patrols except the Blackbirds had produced something for it. This had involved varying degrees of thinking ahead—a great deal for the Chaffinches, planning ingredients and utensils needed for seven Guides to produce as many sweets as possible in one evening, using the small room with one gas ring which we grandly termed our 'kitchen'. The Company recipe folder was in great demand.

Third Patrol Leaders' Council. By now the Guides had nearly all completed their Pre-Promise Challenge and plans for their Promise Ceremonies were under way. We also had to consider the Guides who would soon be due for an Eight Point Badge as the final assessment was to be in a few weeks. The following plan emerged:

Training

Week 6. Shorter Patrol Time. Promise and Law activities in Patrols.
Promise ceremony with flags.

Patrols	Blackbird	Chaffinch	Daisy	Fuchsia
Week 7.	Continue Patrol Purpose Plan page 186 (i) & (ii)	Plans for foreign meal (idea from page 155)	Begin Camp-fire Patrol Interest Pennant	Cook Session 3

Week 8. Short Patrol Time. Promise Ceremony with candles. Challenge organised by the Blackbirds to prove and use their skill at bandaging.

Week 9. Film on Guide Dogs for the Blind arranged by the Division as we had a joint effort on hand to 'buy' a dog.

Fourth Patrol Leaders' Council. This was largely devoted to the discussion of Eight Point Badge awards, but several other developments emerged. The Blackbirds offered to be responsible for the Unit Christmas cards which we usually sent to Commissioners, badge testers and other friends, since, as they said, they had not actually made anything for the Fair. The 'foreign meal' had become a 'Yellow Party' since one of the Chaffinches was to be awarded her first Eight Point Badge. Fortunately our camp kitchenware was yellow plastic! Using the one gas ring the menu decided upon was risotto and an exotic fruit flan—the flan case having been made at home. Opinions differed on whether this would cover Patrol Purpose Plan page 155 (No. 3). Having already made sweets successfully they also planned to try some more and pack them into home-made fancy boxes. These they would take to an old people's home at Christmas. The final result was:

Patrols	Blackbird	Chaffinch	Daisy	Fuchsia
Week 10.	Practise spatter prints. Plan making cards	Yellow Party	Practise for Camp-fire Patrol Interest Pennant	Cook Session 4
Week 11.	Make Unit Christmas Cards	Sweet-making, Patrol Purpose Plan page 155 (2)	Final plans for Patrol Interest Plan	Cook Session 5

Tests then fixed for Camp-fire P.I.P. and Cook Badge

Week 12. A Christmas party with home-made food provided by Chaffinches and Fuchsias and entertainment from Daisies' Pennant items.

What had been achieved? (apart from ticks in Handbooks)

All had learnt a good deal about working together, but in very different ways. The Fuchsias had maintained interest over a long period (not easy for the young) but they were aided in this by Mrs. Readyhelp's skill and sense of fun. The Chaffinches were the most independent; they were thorough over planning details and their ploys tended to be outward looking. The greater wisdom of the Leader and Second in handling a group was very evident. The Blackbirds, also with a Patrol Leader of some experience, had more difficulty in agreeing and their projects, though satisfactory in themselves, lacked an on-going quality. The Daisies were the least forceful and inclined to get ideas from other Patrols, yet they had perhaps made the most progress in learning to work together.

Because of their differing programmes my Assistant and I had found it easier to be available whenever needed and to fade into the background when not! We were left discussing how—using their own plans—we could help each Patrol into new learning experiences next term.

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'I stood under the stars last night . . .
And wondered how each small light . . .
Could shine upon the earth so dark . . .
Just showing man the way to go . . .

Joyce Hifler

Worship in Camp

by Diana M. Sandford

HOW many times have you stood and gazed and thought as you saw the sun set, the dawn break, the water lap on the shore? How many times have you wondered at God's handiwork and thought that this same God can have a hand in one's own life and in the lives of the young people with whom one works?

Camp is a magnificent occasion in the life of a youngster. A time to try things she has never tried before, a time to pluck up courage in a challenging situation, a time to offer to help a friend, a time to get away from the usual routine in order to do something different. For her, too, it is a time to see things perhaps for the first time, to discover God's work if only she has the eyes to see. Camp is an opportunity to 'make religion come alive', as one Guider recently said. If this is to be true then prayerful forethought and planning needs to take place beforehand. Books, words for songs, instruments or perhaps even tape-recorders may need to be taken.

Morning prayers, evening prayers, a Guides' Own Service, personal prayer, grace before meals and Church-going all need consideration each time we go to camp. We and our Patrol Leaders' Councils or Rangers' Committees may decide to encourage all of them or we may select. Whatever the verdict, camp is a chance for the first Promise to become a living experience for each Ranger and Guide who comes.

Morning Prayers—When are they to be held? Some like to have them before breakfast. Is this the best time or are those responsible for the cooking anxious about the food? Some campers have prayers after the morning's chores, others prefer them while still seated around the breakfast table. Each camp will differ.

Some ideas for morning prayers are:

- i A thought can be selected each day from the Guide Handbook's 'Something to Think About', together with prayers to go with it. This may be particularly useful for Guides running their own Patrol camps.
- ii The Guide Motto could have a different slant each day and perhaps a passage from Scripture or another book read on the subject chosen. For instance 'A Guide is prepared to help others' might be one day's rendering supported by the Parable of the Good Samaritan.
- iii Bible reading notes published by the Bible Reading Fellowship or Scripture Union might be found helpful to read, especially if everyone can follow them in her own

Bible. (See below for specific suggestions.)

Evening Prayers—Some like these at the end of an evening's camp fire and some prefer them in their own tents at night. If a Guider takes morning prayers perhaps the evening is a time when Patrols or older Guides might take it in turns to choose or compile one or two prayers and select a reading or thought to go with them.

Many **camp fire songs** are religious and have a wealth of meaning in them. Negro spirituals and some modern religious songs are often great favourites. **Camp fire yarns** can be sources of inspiration and were enthusiastically used by the Founder.

A Guides' Own Service—This is a Service compiled by the girls themselves and not just something laid on by the Guider or visiting clergyman. Drama, dance, stories, prayers, readings, choral speaking, hymns (modern and not so modern), music and so on can all have a part. Different Patrols or interest groups can work on different parts and Guiders or Patrol Leaders can put the parts into a meaningful order. If the order of the Service is not written out someone may need to announce and indicate when people need to sit, stand or kneel. It is these details together with the arrangements for seating, decor and so on that can make or mar an otherwise well planned event.

Guides' Own Services can be held anywhere, any time, and do not have to wait for a Sunday. Some Guides and Rangers like to make their own Chapels for use in camp, others like to choose a specially beautiful spot. A marquee, barn, or village hall or Church can sometimes be used if the weather is not conducive. Such a Service is not a replacement for public worship; it merely provides an opportunity for Guides and Guiders to share together in preparing and carrying out an act of worship and prayer particularly relevant to themselves.

Some ideas for Guides' Own Services:

- i Drama—an acted parable brought into a modern setting. True stories of gallantry or service to God, fictitious stories with a meaning, stories behind hymns or paintings and so on . . .
- ii Dance—in camp this may depend on the availability of music. It is surprising sometimes what can be produced by a Patrol of Guides to a musical theme such as parts from 'The Planets' by Gustav Holst.
- iii Hymns and songs—well known established ones, Negro spirituals, folk songs, rounds

and modern songs such as 'Lord of the Dance' by Sydney Carter or 'When I Needed a Neighbour' might be used. Guitars are invaluable but difficult to look after in camp but some Guides may be proficient with a recorder. If instruments are taken to camp make sure they are not kept in a tent; they are best in solid shelter or in a car.

- iv Prayers—given time the Guides might be able to compile their own.

At all times worship and prayer should be enjoyable for all. It should never be turned into a lecture from an adult. It should be a time of encouragement and opportunity for everyone to experience active participation in a living faith.

Personal Prayers—Many youngsters will be sharing tents and it is difficult to make time for personal prayer or reading, so a thoughtful Guider will make allowance for this. The early morning may or may not prove the best time but as the days in camp go on folk tend to oversleep. Evening may be best; if so ensure if you have a lights out system, that it happens at least half an hour after silence is expected. In this way those who want to pray or read can do so and others can read or write letters or whatever they wish.

To allow time, to make time, to find time is a great challenge to those of us who organise camps for young people. *Be still and know that I am God* said the voice of God. Do we make time for our own personal prayers in camp? If not we too miss a great opportunity. *Be still, my heart, these great trees are prayers*, wrote Tagore in one of his poems during one of his Summer holidays. Perhaps we too can experience something of the living God during our next camp.

Books recommended:

Prayers:

- A *Guide Book of Prayers*—Temporarily out of print, CHQ.
- A variety of **Patience Strong** books, obtainable from local booksellers, particularly liked by Guides.
- Live and Pray*—Church Information Office, 17½p, CHQ. Useful for personal prayer by Guides.
- God Thoughts*—by Dick Williams, C.P.A.S., Falcon Court, 32 Fleet Street, E.C.4. 25p. Useful for personal prayer by Rangers.

Bible Readings:

- A Bible Translation enjoyed by the younger person is *The Living New Testament*, published by Coverdale House, 40p. Paperback from local booksellers.
- Guides and Rangers might like Daily Notes to explain passages from the Bible for personal use or for following through together.
- Bible Reading Fellowship, 148 Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.1. *Discovery* notes for teenagers or *Compass* notes for girls of Guide age.
- Scripture Union, Wigmore Street, W.1. *Key Notes* for younger teenagers and *Daily Bread* for the older ones. A *High Calling* consists of undated readings and selected parts of this have been found helpful in camp.

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Peeps into a Programme Book—I

A MONTH

with the

1st TOWNEND PACK

by RIKKI

drawing by Patrick Leeson

The first of a series of articles dealing with the week-by-week ups and downs, diversions and discoveries of a 'live' Pack.

I WONDER whether any other Brownie Guider finds that time goes more quickly during Brownie Meetings than the rest of the week? Looking back on the past month we have not done all that I had planned, but I think that we have enjoyed it and made some progress.

The month started with the Brownies visiting the Company, as Mary, Emma and Susan were Going Up to Guides . . .

The Pack had planned a simple ceremony the previous week in Pow-wow. To help them, I had asked three basic questions:

Where should we stand?

What were we going to say?

How were the Brownies to get from the Pack to the Company?

They decided to have Brownie Ring, followed by the Pack Salute to say Good-bye. In reply to the third question I had thought that we might make a ladder or bridge but Mary thought that as the Brownie Handbook said the Promise, Law and Motto helped you to be a Guide, they were our Stepping Stones. So we had paper cut as stepping stones, and Pack Leader took the three Brownies across them to meet the Guides. It made it a special occasion for the Brownies, but it also made me realise that I ought to read the Handbooks more often—I had not read the last page in the Brownie Book as Mary had done!

Even before I got into the hall the next week, two eager youngsters greeted me with the question, 'Who is going to be our Sixer now, Brown Owl?' Having learnt by experience, Tawny and I had already given it some thought . . .

Karen and Heather were obviously Sixers for the Kelpies and Gnomes, but Wendy in the Pixies was different. She can be such a



nuisance. Would responsibility help? What would be the effect on the rest of the Pack? We decided to let them act as Sixers for two weeks before they were given their badges. We talked in Pow-wow about what was expected of a Sixer, and the Brownies were quick in their replies, which included 'Not being bossy,' 'Doing as they were told,' 'Coming on time'. At that point I felt they also ought to think how they could help the Sixer. The discussion has definitely helped the three new Sixers, and Wendy is a reformed character—I hope that it lasts. Lucy, Ann and Kathleen have come to join the Pack.

Although Kathleen has an older sister in the Pack, she spent the first meeting hunched on a chair refusing to speak to anyone. I shall obviously have to be very patient. She now joins us when we are talking, but not for games.

We gave them Pocket Book I at their first meeting, and having filled in their first page with their name and the rest of the Six having signed page 4, they began to feel that they belonged.

Most of the games and activities have been to help the new Brownies before they fill in the various pages of the first Pocket Book.

We all played *Lend a Hand Chest* one week. The Brownies mimed opening a chest, taking out an article with which they could Lend a Hand, and then they mimed how they would use it. We tried to guess what they were doing, and if we were right, they joined us until we were all trying to discover the last few articles.

The second and third time that we played it that evening we had more variety, but I felt

that I must remind them they should only do things that they know how to do—otherwise I can see us having irate parents on the doorstep! Another time we gave each Sixer a card on which there was a picture of someone they might meet, such as a bus conductress or shopkeeper, and then each Six acted how they *Thought of That Person Before Themselves*. For ten minutes they were perfect angels!

Carol and Judy both wanted to complete the Lend a Hand Challenge on the Road, so they cut out pictures from a catalogue and stuck them on to card from cereal cartons for a *Good Turn Game*.

They were so proud of themselves when they put the cards into the middle of the circle of Brownies, who were standing in Sixes and numbered one to six. We sang to the tune of the Mulberry Bush:

'This is the way to do a Good Turn, do a Good Turn, do a Good Turn,

This is the way to do a Good Turn, when you are a Brownie.'

At the end a number was called and those Brownies picked up one of the cards which was face down and then said how they could do a Good Turn with that object.

Afterwards each Six had a template of an elephant, scissors, card and string, to make a *Good Turn Chart* as suggested in the *Guiders' Handbook* page 65. They had great fun making them, and then took them home to see how many Good Turns they could do. The children on the Footpath challenged themselves to do a different one each day. They did not all bring them back the following week, but some of them remembered.

We usually tell or read the Brownie Story to the new Brownies, but this time we let the six Brownies on the Highway entertain us instead...

They made some good paper bag puppets using crepe paper, felt-tip pens and a stapler to create the characters in the story. Chairs covered by coats made a stage. Even Ann, who usually stutters, managed to say her part without any hesitation, and all of them felt that they really had completed the Highway Make Things Challenge.

As it was fine and quite warm one evening we suddenly had one of the Brownies' favourite activities—Mini Museum, page 74 *Guiders' Handbook*. It always amazes me what treasures they find in our area of streets and rough ground. It gave the new Brownies ideas for their Pocket Book.

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This is a little of what we did in May. Now to plan for the next month... Thinking of Mary's comment on the Handbooks, I'd better start by getting them both out of my case...

Mainly for Commissioners—I

THE NON-DIRECTIVE APPROACH

by Dr. T. R. Batten

University of London Institute of Education

Reprinted from THE SCOUTER

The youth worker works for the betterment of those with whom he works. But how does one define betterment? The youth worker's idea of betterment may not be the same as that of the young people with whom he works. If their ideas differ from his, what should he do? Should he direct them? Should he try to persuade them to accept his ideas? Or should he try to help them think things out for themselves?

If the youth worker believes that he must be the ultimate judge, he will adopt the first (directive) approach. But if he feels that he should help them to stand on their own and think for themselves, he will adopt the second (non-directive) approach. Let us look at each approach in turn.

The Directive Approach

With the directive approach, the youth worker thinks, decides and provides for those with whom he works. The initiative and the final say rest with him.

Some young people like this approach, if only because it frees them from the responsibility of having to think and decide for themselves. Others do not like it but are prepared to put up with it because they get some advantage out of it for themselves.

Others, again, are more openly critical. They do not accept that the youth worker knows what is best for them and they resent him acting as if he does. They regard him as 'bossy'.

This is unfortunate because it means that the youth worker attracts only those who already think as he does or who are prepared to tolerate him because it suits them to do so. And by thinking and deciding for them, he encourages them to depend on him. This hinders them from growing up.

Another Approach?

In the early years of the present century, when material needs were great and young people's ability to cope on their own was limited by poor education, the directive approach was possibly justified. But, today, young people's needs are mainly social ones. They need (and want) to establish rewarding relationships with others, make satisfying use of their leisure hours, learn how to choose from a widening range of choices and, above all, be given help in thinking things

out for themselves. Where such needs are concerned, the non-directive approach is often more appropriate.

Initially, the idea of non-directing does not attract the conscientious youth worker. He has a sense of purpose. He is prepared to work hard. He wants to do more than just non-direct! Reasonably enough he will not adopt a non-directive approach until he has convinced himself of its value.

The Non-directive Approach

The youth worker using the non-directive approach does not make decisions on behalf of young people nor try to persuade them to accept what he thinks is best for them. Instead, he encourages them to decide for themselves what they want to do and how to do it. He stimulates a process of self-determination and self-help and, in so doing, he provides valuable experiences which present his young people with opportunities to mature. They are more likely to do this by thinking and acting for themselves than by having someone do it for them.

Some Practical Difficulties

This is a fine theory, but there are practical difficulties. How can the youth worker ensure that the young people choose the project which is best for them or that the project is feasible anyway? And if the project fails, as well it may if he leaves them entirely alone, how does this lead to 'the betterment of those with whom he works'? The simple answer is that it does not. If the project fails there may be no betterment and the young people may lose confidence in both themselves and in their 'leader'.

Let us now consider what the youth worker can positively do to help—without reverting to the directive approach and thus denying to his young people the chance of developing themselves.

To start with, we can look at what a 'self-directing' group needs in order to operate successfully; and then go on to see what the youth worker can do to ensure that these needs are met.

Ensuring Success

To operate successfully the members of a 'self-directing' group must first be able to agree on what they want to do, that is, on what pro-

ject they want to undertake. Next they must realise that nothing will happen unless they do something about it themselves. Also, they must have, or be able to get, whatever they may need in the way of information, equipment and skill in order to carry it out. Another requirement is a sufficiently strong incentive to keep them together while they carry it out.

If all these conditions are met, the project stands a reasonable chance of success, but if any one of these conditions is not satisfied, the project will most probably fail.

To ensure success the youth worker must be able to create the conditions favourable for success without interfering with the independence of the group by making decisions for them, or by doing things for them which they could do, or could learn to do, for themselves if they were keen enough.

He starts by stimulating them to discuss their needs and how they can meet them in the hope that they will end by deciding to undertake one or more specific projects. If they need it, he will provide them with information, particularly of how similar groups have tackled similar projects. He will help them to think through and analyse any problems they meet in the course of a project. And he will help them to obtain any assistance or advice they need—in addition to that which they can provide for themselves.

In practice, he will do all this by asking questions rather than by stating his own opinions. Also he will avoid asking leading questions—questions, that is, which suggest particular answers. He may ask the questions to bring out into the open any hidden disagreement he thinks may exist within the group, or to make sure that they are basing their thinking on facts rather than assumptions about facts, or to draw attention to some relevant facts that they may have overlooked.

Neutral Role

This makes it sound as if the youth worker acts as a sort of impartial chairman or anchor man but this is not so. He is not a member of the group and does not act like one. He does not exercise any direct authority over it nor make any decision for it. He plays a neutral role and avoids putting forward his own views. If he is asked to give his opinion he restates the problem by restating the arguments for and against each of the alternative ideas, and adds on any further points he thinks they might usefully consider.

Much will depend, of course, on his skill in framing and asking questions in an acceptable way and on his sensitivity to the feelings, attitudes and relationships of the members of the group.

A Risk and a Dilemma

Helping young people to think and decide responsibly in relation to needs and objectives

they define for themselves is helping them to mature. But, however skilful the youth worker, what does he do if they nevertheless arrive at decisions with which he disagrees?

First, we must recognise that this is a risk which the youth worker using the non-directive approach must accept. If it is any consolation, we can say that the more skilful he is, the less the risk! But saying this does not eliminate the risk which he must always face.

If the group makes a decision with which the youth worker is unhappy, he says so and explains why. But at the same time, he freely accepts the right of the members of the group to decide for themselves. He dissociates himself from the decision, rather than from the members of the group, and shows, at the same time, that he is prepared to stand by them and help where he can if things go wrong.

If he is right in thinking that they have made a 'bad' decision, events will prove him right, and he can then help them to review the situation in the light of the events. This will help them to learn from their experience and is a very valuable function for the youth worker to perform.

But this may be the counsel of perfection, for a youth worker will find it very hard to let a group make a 'bad' decision leading to a dismal failure. The truth is that every youth worker is faced with a dilemma. The more immature the young people, the more they need opportunities to discuss and decide among themselves things which matter to them. But the more immature they are, the more likely they are to make 'bad' decisions. In the final analysis the youth worker must accept responsibility for the welfare of those with whom he is working and he cannot, in all conscience, let them come to any real harm.

The Elected Committee

Unfortunately the youth worker cannot really resolve the dilemma by limiting the responsibilities of the group to things which do not matter, since by so doing he deprives the young people of the kind of responsibility which helps them to mature.

Some youth workers have tried to resolve their dilemma by delegating a good measure of responsibility to a committee elected by members of the group from among themselves. This is a step in the right direction as long as the members of the committee are prepared to accept the responsibility and the youth worker can give them the right sort of backing.

But, if the youth worker is content with an elected committee of this sort, what of the rank and file? How does it help them to mature? In most cases all that has happened from their point of view is that the decision-making is now done by an elected committee rather than by the youth worker. As for them, they are still at

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the receiving end of decisions taken for them.

Another disadvantage is that the youth worker tends to spend more time with the elected committee, which invariably includes the more mature and more experienced members, and less time with the rank and file, who are usually less mature and less experienced and consequently in greater need than the committee members of opportunities for developing themselves by thinking for themselves. How can a youth worker provide some non-directive stimulus to every member of the group?

The answer is to be found in the fact that within the overall group there are, or there should be, several smaller interest groups, and the youth worker's work with these 'ad hoc' groups is just as important as his work with the elected committee. Indeed, there are strong arguments in favour of him concentrating a good deal of his attention on these groups because these are where all of his members can get good training in learning to reach responsible decisions among themselves. And, to be practical, a 'bad' decision made by a small interest group will be much more limited in its effects. The reputation of the group as a whole is not at risk.

Real Self-Government

Although we speak of self-government in youth groups, this is rarely 100 per cent. Most youth groups exist within the framework of an existing Organisation with rules and regulations concerning membership, ages and sometimes activities. What can the youth worker do if he wants to encourage free and responsible decision-making but is limited by the established rules? The answer is that for the youth worker and his members the rules and regulations are facts, just as the laws of the land are facts, and that they have to accept them as such while they remain in the Organisation.

This is not to say that in such Organisations there is no way of altering the established rules. In every Organisation there is, or there should be, a way of doing this—but this is another matter. As far as the youth worker and the group are concerned, the Organisation's current rules form the framework within which they operate.

The Ideal Situation

Is it possible to list the characteristics of a self-governing group within the framework of an Organisation with established rules? Self-government in these circumstances would amount to:

1. the members being solely responsible for finding the funds they need to maintain the group (of course, they may look for financial support from outside, but it is they, and they alone, who do the seeking);
2. the members having absolute control in deciding how the funds are spent;

3. the members making and enforcing all their own rules, including rules on admission to and expulsion from the group, subject to the established rules of the Organisation within which they are operating;
4. the members deciding on their own programme and how they will carry it out;
5. the members recruiting and dismissing their own helpers and instructors, except for the youth worker if he is safeguarded by the Organisation's rules;
6. the members deciding when a visitor (i.e. a non-member) shall be allowed to be present at a group meeting

In a group of this kind, the youth worker has many opportunities to help the members to discuss and decide in the light of the relevant facts; the members know that he will not veto their decisions, even if he disagrees with them; and they will turn to him because he is a friend and has demonstrated that he can help them.

But, in truth, when we consider a list of this sort, we realise how much youth workers still bid to control and direct young people; how few opportunities there are for young people in groups to reach their own decisions about the things which really matter to them; and how little scope such groups offer for young people to develop their potentialities for responsible and informed thinking and decision-taking.

NOTE: This is a brief and necessarily rather an inadequate treatment of a subject more thoroughly dealt with in a paperback, *The Non-Directive Approach in Group and Community Work*, by T. R. Batten, published by Oxford University Press (90p).

Worship in Camp

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Songs, etc.:

Faith, Folk and Clarity—song book, 40p, published by Galliard, from CHQ.

Thirty 20th Century Hymn Tunes—song book, 40p.

Nine Carols or Ballads by Sydney Carter, 30p, from Clarion Photographic Services, 21 Greek Street, London, W.1.

A book on making musical instruments and allied subjects is *Help Yourself to Make Music*, by A. Taylor, 6p, CHQ.

Stories to tell or act:

The Stories of the Christian Hymns, by Helen S. Rizk. Published by Hodder and Stoughton, from CHQ, 18p.

Scouts in Action—tales of bravery told by David Harward. Scout Association, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.1.

The Bridge, by Elfrida Vipont, has at least two stories suitable for acting or telling in camp and many readings for other occasions. Published by the Oxford Press, 75p.

Recreation Policy of the Forestry Commission

Recreation Policy

Over the past thirty years the Forestry Commission has formed seven Forest Parks, which, together with the New Forest, provide over half a million acres of the finest scenery in Great Britain for public recreation, varying from the wild grandeur of the Scottish and Welsh Highlands to the softer contours of Southern England. In all these areas camping and many sporting and recreational activities are encouraged. It is, in fact, the Commission's policy to allow the public access (on foot) to all its forests. Access by the public for air and exercise, including the use of forest walks and picnic places is free of charge, although charges will be made where larger facilities, such as sites for camping and caravanning and car parks are provided.

The Commission's policy is to prohibit the regular use of forest roads by motor vehicles except where necessary for access to camping and picnicking sites.

Special Activities of the Commission

In some places, in addition to the simple recreation facilities which most people can enjoy, there is more specialised provision for a variety of interests. These include observation towers for wildlife watching and fishing on day permits issued by local clubs or by the Commission. Woodland deer stalking is available on a permit system by the Commission. Other field sports such as riding and pony trekking are also encouraged wherever possible, some by arrangement with the national bodies responsible for the organisation of these sports.

Arrangements for Organised Parties

It is possible for societies to book visits to see round forests with a skilled forester as a guide.

Organised Camps for Youth Organisations

Facilities at reduced charges are provided in some Forest Parks, and in the New Forest for organised parties of youth organisations. Enquiries should be made well in advance of the intended stay to The Forestry Commission, at the addresses shown below:

Snowdonia. Victoria House, Victoria Terrace, Aberystwyth.
Dean Forest. Flowers Hill, Brislington, Bristol 4.
Border Forest Park. Briar House, Fulford Road, York.
New Forest. The Queen's House, Lyndhurst, Hants.
Glen More Forest Park. 60 Church Street, Inverness.
Glen Trool Forest Park. Greystone Park, 55-57 Moffat Road, Dumfries.
Argyll Forest Park, 20 Renfrew Street, Glasgow, C.2.

Useful Leaflets Available

Forestry Commission Camping and Caravan Sites.
See Your Forests.

These are available, free, from: The Forestry Commission, 25 Savile Row, London W1X 2AY, or Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, or 25 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh 3.

COMING THIS MONTH

THE BROWNIE

- 2nd June Results of Brownie Guide Pet Show.
- 9th June Results of Brownie Guide Pet Show.
- 16th June A Playlet for use at an end of term open evening. Shoe Box Rooms (to help with Toymaker Badge).
- 23rd June Quickie Competition on Keeping Britain Tidy. Midsummer Day issue.
- 30th June Summer Salads mini booklet. Athlete Badge series commences.

TODAY'S GUIDE

- 4th June Go out—Pond Dipping; Cooking on an Open Fire; Traveller Badge (2); Birdwatcher Badge (1).
- 11th June Birdwatcher Badge (2); Traveller Badge (3); Camp Prayers.
- 18th June Go Out—Beachcombing; Birdwatcher Badge (3); Traveller Badge (4); All About Rope.
- 25th June Birdwatcher Badge (4); Looking After Yourself in the heat; Go Out—Fire-lighting.

THE RANGER

THE JUNE ISSUE of THE RANGER contains part (3) of the Campcraft Interest Certificate; Chart—The Sky at Night; Practical Ranger; Reports of Ranger Activities—This month Local Radio; Plus all the usual features—Readers' Letters and Ranger Scene.

'I am being seconded to teach in a school in Canada for a year. Wish I had some friends over there.'

P.O.R. tells you how to make contact with the use of an Introduction Card.

ADELBODEN — centre. Ground floor furnished group accommodation. Self-catering. Available 6 August onwards. Swiss Frs. 5 per person. Recommended.

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C.H.Q. AWARDS GOOD SERVICE

Laurel Award

Miss F. P. Corden, County Camp Adviser for Birmingham.

Miss D. M. Creer, County Camp Adviser for the Isle of Man.

Mrs. J. A. Grant, Lately Brownie Guider, 10th Lancaster Pack, Lancashire, North West.

Training Diplomas

Miss J. Wright, Clackmannanshire (Guide).

Miss E. Blackie, Edinburgh (Brownie).

Mrs. J. Fisher, Cambridge (Brownie).

MERITORIOUS CONDUCT

Star of Merit

Valerie Barnes, Brownie Guide, 2nd Hawkwell Pack, Essex, East.

Although still very young, Valerie has had to contend with the limitations of a serious physical condition but has remained very cheerful in spite of often being in pain. During several spells in hospital she has been very brave and the medical staff have said that she was an example to everyone there. Valerie has accepted her illness with a wonderfully courageous spirit and bravely battles against the restrictions resulting from her condition. At school she was willing to try everything and always gave of her best. In spite of her handicap, she achieved much and was considered an exceptionally cheerful and brave little girl. During the 2½ years she has been a Brownie, Valerie has never been without her 'Brownie Smile'. She has shown great interest in the Brownie Programme, has worked very hard and gained five Interest Badges with a very high standard of work. She has enjoyed joining in Pack activities when able to do so, fighting against heavy odds to try and make herself useful and has shown that it is still fun to be a Brownie.

Pamela Cox, Guide, 13th Fleetwood (St. Nicholas') Company, Lancashire, North West.

Pamela has shown great heroism throughout her illness and many operations. She never complains, is constantly cheerful and always smiling and is popular with everyone. In spite of her handicaps, she takes as full a part in school and Company activities as she can and a real interest in those in which she cannot join. She is as independent as possible and is always most grateful for any time spent with her or help given to her. All in all she shows a degree of courage and determination far above the ordinary and this, together with her sense of humour, flow out to all those who come into contact with her. Pamela was a Brownie Sixer and gained her Artist, Hostess, Safety in the Home and Collector Badges and her Golden Ladder and was well on the way to acquiring her Golden Hand. She even managed to win

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the Royal Life Saving Society's Water Safety Award for non-swimmers. She is creative and deft with her hands and gives endless time and patience to any job she undertakes. We are told that, quite apart from her bravery, Pamela is the perfect Guide, keeping the Law and Promise and is determined to be a 'cog in the wheel' of the Company and Movement to which she belongs.

Karen Unsworth, Brownie Guide, 5th Denton (St. Ann's) Pack, Manchester.

In spite of having been seriously ill, Karen has retained excellent morale and been a very pleasant patient, whom the nurses at the hospital have enjoyed helping. She has had a spontaneous uncomplaining attitude throughout numerous operations and various treatments and is always willing to try anything, in spite of her handicaps. Karen made good progress as a Brownie, gaining her Footpath Badge, and was very keen, achieving a nearly 100 per cent attendance record at Pack meetings. On one of the Pack Ventures, Karen thoroughly enjoyed delivering envelopes for a house to house collection for Old Folks. A bright and happy child, she was popular with the other Brownies and loved by everyone for her cheerfulness and endeavour to overcome her disability.

Certificate of Merit

Yvette Ballard, Brownie Guide, 3rd Kents Hill Pack, Essex, East.

Caroline Fountain, Brownie Guide, 3rd Kents Hill Pack, Essex, East.

WALTER DONALD ROSS TROPHY

The World Bureau announces that the Walter Donald Ross Trophy for 1969 has been awarded to Pakistan and that Australia was placed second and will receive a Certificate of Merit. The entry sent in by Singapore was also highly commended. All the three entries showed a high standard of service and an account of the projects will be carried in future issues of *The Council Fire*.

SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC GUIDE GUILD

St. George's Cathedral, Southwark

Annual Parade and Folk Mass, Sunday 20th June, 1971 at 3.30 p.m.

Brownie Guides assemble in Cathedral Car Park at 2.45 p.m.

Guides and Rangers assemble in Mary Harmsworth Park at 2.30 p.m.

Report to Guider—Red Arm Band

ALL members of the Movement welcome.

Rehearsal: Readers, Folk Music and Colours (Standards if possible) Sunday 20th June, 1971, at 2.00 p.m.

Stewards, Rangers required—Report to Guider (red band) at Cathedral 2.45 p.m. Advise Hon. Sec. beforehand.

Full details will be sent to all Guild Members and can be obtained from Miss Graf, 01-467 8593.

C.H.Q. ART AND HANDWRITING COMPETITION

The results of this competition will be published in the section magazines only. The publication dates are as follows—THE RANGER: June; TODAY'S GUIDE: 5th June; THE BROWNIE: 16th June.

SCOUTER/GUIDER RETREAT

The annual Scouter/Guide Retreat will be held this year at the Southwark Diocesan House, Dartmouth Row, London, S.E.10, from Friday evening, 22nd October to Sunday afternoon, 24th October. Application forms and all details from: Miss M. J. Furze, The Gables, 11 Wantage Road, Lee, London, S.E.12.

THE SCOUT AND GUIDE TRUST FUND

The value of a Share Unit in the above Common Investment Fund as at 30th April 1971 was 30.9p-32.53p.

FOLK FEST

Royal Albert Hall, 11th December, 1971

Plans for this biggest-ever Scout and Guide Folk Fest are forging ahead, and during June and July auditions will take place for those would-be performers invited to attend.

Bookings have already started to arrive at the Box Office, so watch out for the cut-out application form for tickets which will appear in the July issue of THE GUIDER, or write now to us here at C.H.Q. for a booking form.

FURTHER REFLECTIONS

Waddow, 3rd-8th September

The Foxlease reunion and follow-up to the 'Images and Reflections' part of the Wembley Spectacle was a great success, in spite of many invitations not reaching those to whom we wrote.

The next opportunity is at Waddow, and the purpose will be to explore the follow-up possibilities of the Wembley Theatre Workshop and its relevance to work in a Unit.

Those eligible to attend must be 17 or over and either working regularly with a Unit or if they are students away at college or university, must have a continuing contact with Guiding.

Anyone who thinks she is eligible to come to the Waddow weekend on 3rd/5th September, and who through the postal strike did not receive an invitation, should apply direct to the Training Secretary at C.H.Q.

COMMONWEALTH CIRCLE

The Summer Reception will be at the Oak Room at Hampton Court (by kind permission of the Lord Chancellor) on the 7th June, 1971, at 6.30 p.m. The Chief Guide will be present. Members to apply for a ticket from the Honorary Secretary, Commonwealth Circle.

FRIGATE FOUDROYANT

29th August-4th September

During this week a Guiders' Sail Training is being held. Training will be carried out quite apart from that for the Guides and Rangers who will be on board the same week. Open to all Guiders able to swim 50 yards.

Applications immediately enclosing s.a.e. to: Miss P. M. Thorner, 52 Wallace Road, North End, Portsmouth.

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There are still vacancies for Rangers and Guides (aged 14-20 years) to spend a week on board the frigate (details April GUIDER).

C.H.Q. MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

We now have three fine violins for re-allocation to outstanding and promising members of the Association. If you know of anyone who comes into this category, please invite them to write to Miss D. Lockett, M.B.E., Keeper of the Musical Instruments, at C.H.Q., enclosing a report from the girl's music teacher (giving details of examinations passed) and also from her District Commissioner, on her Guiding experience. We will, by return, send a list of conditions to the applicant.

WEEKEND, LEE ABBEY, DEVON

19th-21st November

A weekend for Scouters and Guiders is being held at Lee Abbey in Devon, at which some of the implications of the first Promise from the Christian point of view will be considered.

The weekend will be an opportunity to discuss basic Christian beliefs and resources, and to look at a positive approach, within the framework of Scouting and Guiding, to some of the problems and potential opportunities concerning young people today.

There is a limited amount of accommodation for wives/husbands and children.

Cost: £4.00 from Friday evening to Sunday evening, including a non-returnable deposit of £1. A limited number of Angela Thompson bursaries are available for Guiders attending this training. District Commissioners should apply to the Secretary, Commonwealth Training Department, The Girl Guides Association, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London, SW1W 0PT.

If you would like an application form write to the Secretary, Lee Abbey, Lynton, N. Devon.

NEW NATIONAL TRUST BOOKLET

A new list of National Trust properties open to the public has just been published, giving full details of admission fees, opening times, refreshment facilities, etc. This booklet is available free to all National Trust members who, for a subscription of £2 per annum, are entitled to free admission to some 200 properties. Members of the Movement under 21 years of age may apply for Junior Membership at the special rate of 50p, an opportunity not to be missed. Write to The National Trust Junior Division, The Old Grape House, Cliveden, Taplow, Maidenhead, Berks. SL6 0HZ.

Counties, U.K. countries and English regions are reminded that the C.H.Q. season tickets for parties or for individuals can be borrowed on application to Reception Department at C.H.Q.

'I haven't a camping permit or licence and the Rangers are pressing me to take a small group for a week end camp'

A Guider can camp without a qualification—P.O.R. explains how

Where to train

GUIDERS attending Guider training courses 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 £1.50 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 course (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 course. 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 training courses and a request for such assistance should be made direct to the local authority concerned.

Commonwealth Headquarters

An application to attend a Guider training course 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 tea-time 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 course 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 (Lyndhurst) 042-128 2638, and at Waddow (Clitheroe) 02-002 3186, except in emergencies.

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18-20 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders
Herts.

JULY

2-4 Commonwealth Circle
Friends of Foxlease
London S.W.
9-11
13-15 Kent East



16-18 Meeting the Unexpected
(A weekend with a surprise element on programme skills and activities. Brownie and Guide Guiders)

23-25 Guide Guiders
Training the P.L.

28-8 AUGUST Travelling Players.
(Rangers/Venture Scouts)

AUGUST

11-19 Patrol Leaders
24-31 Trefoil Guild Holiday Week

SEPTEMBER

3-5 Airing and Sharing
(Trainers. All categories)
10-12 Anglia
17-19 Sussex East

OCTOBER

1-3 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders
8-10 1. Ranger Guiders (Emphasis on Programme Planning)
2. Brownie and Guide Guiders (General Training)
15-17 Dorset
22-24 S.W. England (District Commissioners)
29-31 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders

NOVEMBER

5-7 1. District Commissioners
2. Division Commissioners
12-14 London and S.E. England
19-21 Kent West
26-28 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders

DECEMBER

3-5 Camp-Fire

WADDOW

Clitheroe, Lancs., BB7 3LD

JUNE

4-6 Lancs. S.W.
11-13 Friends of Waddow
18-20 Northants.

25-27 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders

JULY
2-4 Yorks WRS.
9-11 'The Mechanics of the Job' (Commissioners and Secretaries)

16-18 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders

23-31 Patrol Leaders

AUGUST

4-11 Adventure Week (Rangers/Venture Scouts)

15-22 Family Week
General Training for Brownie and Guide Guiders (who may be accompanied by their husbands, together with children aged 2-8 years)

27-30 (Summer Bank Holiday) Bank Holiday House Party (An unusual mixture of training and recreation)

SEPTEMBER

3-5 Further Reflections (by invitation)

10-12 Ranger Guiders

17-19 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders

24-26 Midlands

OCTOBER

1-3 Durham

8-10 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders

15-17 N.W. England

22-24 Nottinghamshire

29-31 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders

NOVEMBER

5-7 N.W. England (Arts Advisers)

12-14 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders. (Places reserved for Extension Guiders)

19-21 1. District Commissioners
2. Division Commissioners

26-28 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders

DECEMBER

3-5 Yorkshire Central Scouters

Training Notes

Full details of many trainings were given in the February issue of THE GUIDER.

Fees at Foxlease and Waddow

Shared room per day £1.35

Minimum fee for weekend £2.70

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14th-21st August

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*3rd-5th September

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*22nd-25th October

Activities Weekend. (Fee — same as above)

29th-31st October

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Scotland

NETHERURD HOUSE

Blyth Bridge, West Linton, Peeblesshire

JUNE

4-6 Scottish Handcraft Circle

JULY

2-5 Patrol Leaders

10-17 PHAB—National Association of Youth Clubs' course

20-27 Ranger Leadership Course

29-6 AUGUST, Patrol Leaders' Woodcraft Camp

30-6 AUGUST, Patrol Leaders' Week—County representatives

AUGUST

9-17 Patrol Leaders' Woodcraft Camp

10-17 Patrol Leaders' Week—County representatives

27-29 Finaghy Local Association

SEPTEMBER

3-5 SCPR Keep Fit Group

10-12 Folk Fest

17-19 Brownie and Guide Guiders

24-26 Brownie and Guide Guiders (places reserved for Stirlingshire)

Fees at Netherurd

Shared room per day £1.15

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Single room per day £1.35

Deposit 50p

Wales

BRONEIRION

Llandinam, Mont.

JUNE

4-6 General Training (places reserved for Monmouthshire)

11-13 General Training. Brownie, Guide and Ranger Guiders

18-20 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders (places reserved for Staffordshire)

30 Friends of Broneirion

JULY

10 Chairmen of Welsh County Training Committees

19-25 Patrol Leaders (open to all counties)

AUGUST

* 3-8 Patrol Leaders (W. Glamorgan)

*11-16 Patrol Leaders (Anglesey, Merioneth, Cardiganshire)

*19-24 Patrol Leaders (Pembrokeshire, Radnorshire, Brecon)

27-31 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders (Husbands and children may be accommodated)

SEPTEMBER

3-5 Outdoor Pursuits, Ranger Guiders and Camp Advisers. (Expeditions and lightweight camping.)

24-26 General Training (Places reserved for Herefordshire)

OCTOBER

1-3 Preparation for Christmas (Drama)

8-10 Training Conference—Commissioners (all levels) and District Assistants

15-17 Camp Advisers (by invitation)

22-24 New to the Job—(Guiders and Commissioners)

29-31 International Selection Weekend

NOVEMBER

5-7 General Training. Brownie and Guide Guiders

12-14 Welsh Association of Youth Clubs

19-21 Training towards Pack Holiday Permit and Campers' Licence

26-28 University Scout and Guide Clubs

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DECEMBER

3-5 Music for Christmas
(Guitar, carol singing,
bell ringing)

*Patrol Leader Training

Applications from Counties other than those stated will be received and put on a waiting list.

Fees at Broneirion

Shared room per day	£1.15
Double room per day	£1.25
Single room per day	£1.40
Deposit	50p

Camping Holidays and Pack Holidays

Foxlease Camp-sites

Applications from Counties other than those stated to the Secretary and the envelope marked 'Camp'. Suggested dates with alternatives and approximate numbers should be stated and whether an equipped site is required. Camps may begin on any week-day.

A 50p deposit (which is forfeit if the booking is cancelled) and a foolscap s.a.e. should be enclosed with the applications.

Waddow Camp-sites

Application should be addressed to the Secretary and the envelope marked 'Camp'. Suggested dates should be given with possible alternatives and approximate numbers. It is preferred that camps begin on Saturday. Please state whether an equipped or unequipped site is required.

A 50p deposit (which is forfeit if the booking is cancelled) and a foolscap s.a.e. should be enclosed with the applications.

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Applications for Pack Holidays should be made to the Secretary and must be accompanied by a written recommendation from the Guider's C.A., and a foolscap s.a.e. enclosed.

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Applications for sites and the Brownie Pack Holiday House at Broneirion should be addressed to Mrs. Kwantes, Tavistock House, 76 Parcwen Road, Sketty, Swansea, Glamorgan (Swansea 24967). Bookings for dates outside school holidays for the Brownie



Broneirion

House, direct to the Guider-in-Charge. Storage heaters have now been installed.

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Between Belfast and Bangor on the Co. Down coast, Lorne offers fully equipped or unequipped camp-sites with solid shelter. Calor gas available. Applications should be sent to Mrs. J. R. L. Dougan, 12 Church Road, Helen's Bay, Co. Down.

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Other Vacancies

Assistant Manager. A senior position is available for a Guider, or someone who has a knowledge of the Movement, to train as Assistant Manager in our Birmingham Badge Unit. Age not less than 21. Salary by arrangement. For further details please apply: Miss Jennings, Guide Shop, 5 Ryder Street, Birmingham. Tel. 021-236 6289.

Are you leaving school soon and do you live in Birmingham? If so, this could be just the opportunity you are looking for. We need a **Bright Junior** for the Birmingham Badge Unit who is keen, intelligent and above all willing to learn. If you are a member of the Movement so much the better. For details of salary and hours please contact Miss Jennings at the address and phone number above.

To All Guiders

Look out for September. Exciting plans with the BBC. In the meantime—learn new songs—compose. Practise, practise, practise. Think music with your Guides and Brownies.

WORLD BUREAU'S NEW DIRECTOR

Miss Lyn Joynt, M.B.E., has been appointed Director of the World Bureau, and as such will direct the secretariat of the world's largest international organisation for girls and women, comprising affiliates in 87 countries with 6½ million members.

Miss Joynt brings to the position a fine background of professional and administrative experience. Formerly an officer in the Women's Royal Army Corps and most recently National General Secretary of the Y.W.C.A. of Great Britain, Miss Joynt has travelled widely, which has enabled her to come into contact with people of many cultural and national backgrounds. She brings to the position, too, a life-long experience in Guiding.

Miss Isobel Crowe, who has been acting Director of the World Bureau for the past year, has now returned to the United States. She will be greatly missed at Commonwealth Headquarters, but we know that Girl Scout National Headquarters in New York must be very glad to have her back.



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HOLIDAY SAFETY COMPETITION

SEBASTIAN LIMITED, makers of the famous Sarah Jane Dolls, have generously offered four dolls, valued at £70 each, as prizes in a Holiday Safety Competition.

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Judging: The judges' decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into. A prize will be awarded to each of the four entries which is considered the most meritorious.

The Competition: The subject is some aspect of holiday safety and can be interpreted very broadly. After choosing the subject the group should write up their material together with photographs, sketches, maps, pictures, newspaper cuttings, etc., where appropriate, and send it to the judges in a folder. If models are made photographs should be sent.

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The contents of the handbook are listed in alphabetical order for ease of reference, and claim to cover every aspect of physical education. There are seven appendices containing references, useful addresses, athletic conversion tables and other information.

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In Memoriam

Bungay, East Suffolk, records with deep regret the death on 26th January of MRS. FLORENCE CROCKETT, aged 46 years.

Mrs. Crockett gave devoted service to the 1st and 2nd Bungay School Brownies over a period of 12 years, and was held in great esteem by the Bungay and District Local Association and by all who came in contact with her.

L.I.T.

The death is recorded of MISS LORNA FLORENCE LIMPUS. One of her greatest interests was The Girl Guide Movement, in which she had been involved since 1908. In 1944 she became District Commissioner for Dorset, holding this office for 17 years, followed by the post of District Secretary. Miss Limpus was also a very active church and social worker for the community.

To re-read *Royal Guides*, as I did several days after hearing of the death of VIOLET SYNGE on 12th April in the Holy Cross Hospital, Haslemere, is to be reminded how well she interpreted B.-P.'s game of Guiding. To her was entrusted the privilege and responsibility of starting the 1st Buckingham Palace Guide Company in December, 1937, which H.M. The Queen and, later, H.R.H. Princess Margaret joined. 'Guiding offered the Company a new type of freedom and they revelled in it all,' wrote Violet. 'Drill, games and testwork go on apace, hikes in Windsor Great Park and games in the dark.'

Then came the second world war, with Violet Syngé working in London with the Mechanised Transport Corps. Fortunately she obtained leave one afternoon a week and the Company was re-started in 1942. 'It was an evacuee one: children from the royal school in the Home Park, a Hammersmith school transferred to Windsor, as well as a few living in the castle . . . In a distracted world we had to recapture the children's enthusiasm and keenness.' Guiders who have been trained by Violet Syngé will anticipate the 'very varied ingredients all settled down happily together'. Once again, carried along by its Guider's genius, the Company 'made fires, stalked, tracked and signalled across country under the shadow of Windsor Castle walls . . . and with the help of the Grenadier Guards, a training sergeant and P.T. expert, revelled in the challenge of a Commando course.'



Photo: Studio Lisa

In July, 1945, after the last camp at Frogmore, the Company was disbanded. In a tribute to B.-P.'s methods and, unconsciously, to her own, Violet Syngé wrote: 'The Guides had acquired that indefinable spirit which should be part of the British character—the spirit which will do anything once and will find a way over any obstacle.'

A Trainer in the twenties, thirties and forties, Commissioner for Guides, I.H.Q. from 1945-1948, a Commissioner, Camp Adviser and member of the World Committee, to each of these appointments Violet Syngé contributed her gifts of leadership. When she died she left her body for medical research, and on 21st April, the Queen's birthday and a wonderful spring day, members of her family and friends met in St. Bartholomew's Church, Haslemere, for a memorial service. T.W.M.

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Violet Syngé Memorial Fund

It has been suggested that members of the Movement who knew her might like to contribute to a fund in memory of Miss Violet Syngé. Donations can be sent to the Archivist at C.H.Q. (Please mark the envelope 'Violet Syngé Memorial Fund'.)

We are deeply sorry to announce the death of LINDA WILLIAMS, our Brownie Guider, at the age of 21. Linda had been an active member of the Guide Movement since she was enrolled as a Brownie, and became a Sixer, Patrol Leader, and Pack Leader before becoming a Brownie Guider for the Findon District. Although Linda's life was so short everyone who knew her will remember her kindness and splendid service to others. A. G.-P.



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GUIDE FRIENDSHIP FUND

The chart published in last month's *GUIDER* will have given you some idea of what the Guide Friendship Fund has done in the last few years. We can say that since the Fund began in May 1964 the sum of approximately £55,000 has been donated by our British Brownies, Guides and Rangers to foster and to further Guiding in fifty-eight countries in the world. Thank you, Commissioners and Guiders, for all your help and interest.

Please, Guiders, do use the G.F.F. chart out of the May *GUIDER* and show it to your Guides and Brownies. Copies of this chart are available, together with leaflets and information sheets, posters, and the popular stickers of our flame of friendship emblem. These are all free, but please enclose a 3p stamp for postage.

In April we asked for help for some of the less well off Guide Associations in African countries. Donations received during that month meant that we could give a cheque to the World Bureau to cover the special needs of those particular countries through the Mutual Aid scheme of the WAGGGS. We are immensely grateful for all those donations.

THE COMMONWEALTH INSTITUTE

Guides who are interested in the Commonwealth or who are working for their Commonwealth Knowledge badge will find a visit to the Commonwealth Institute both profitable and enjoyable.

The Institute is situated in Kensington High Street, well marked by the 31 flags of the independent Commonwealth countries on its forecourt. Within the building there are displays of all the Commonwealth countries, dependent and independent, telling the story of each in a sequence of geography, history, government, scenery, people, art, religion, economic resources and social services.

In order to make the best use of services available to Guides, it is essential to book your visit in advance. Work-sheets are available on most countries in the Commonwealth and it is much easier if these have been ordered and are ready for you on arrival. The allocation of work-sheets is two per person so it is possible for Guides to have a work-sheet on the country they have chosen to study and another on a contrasting one, for example, Canada and Pakistan or New Zealand and Ghana.

A headquarters for Sierra Leone

There are about 2,000 Guides, Brownies and Rangers in Sierra Leone—a country rather smaller than Scotland, a member of the Commonwealth and a member of the World Association. It has one of the keenest of Guide Associations and everyone is working hard to help build a small headquarters. Every Brownie has promised to give the cost of one concrete block, every Guide the cost of two, and adult members as much as they can afford.

How many blocks can the Guide Friendship Fund contribute? In that not very big country it cannot be easy for the children to raise money, as the majority of the people are not well off. Shall we try at least to provide enough blocks to build one of the rooms—perhaps it might be called 'Friendship Hall'? Each block will be a token of our friendship, showing our concern for our fellow Guides in other lands.

It was for just this reason that the Guide Friendship Fund came into being seven years ago—to spread our friendship in a practical way to our Brownie and Guide friends throughout the world and to help other children when in need.

V.A.

All correspondence and donations should be addressed to: Guide Friendship Fund, The Girl Guides Association, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London S.W.1.

Forms for booking a visit at any time have been specially prepared for parties of Guides and may be obtained from: The Commonwealth Institute, Kensington High Street, London W8 6NQ; The Girl Guides Association, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.1; the Training Centres or from your County Commonwealth Adviser.

In addition to the work-sheets mentioned above, copies of 'What is the Commonwealth?' and 'The Commonwealth at Work' are available at the Book-stall, free, to Guides working for the Commonwealth Knowledge badge.

Films are shown daily on Commonwealth countries and topics, and the weekly programme will be published in *THE GUIDER*, space permitting.

If you would like any further help in planning your visit, please telephone 01-602 3252, ext. 113.

During June the following films may be seen at the Institute:

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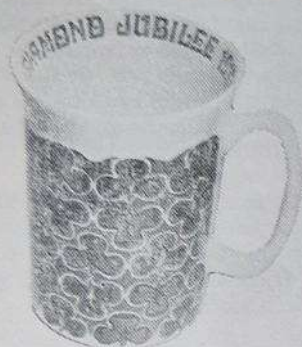
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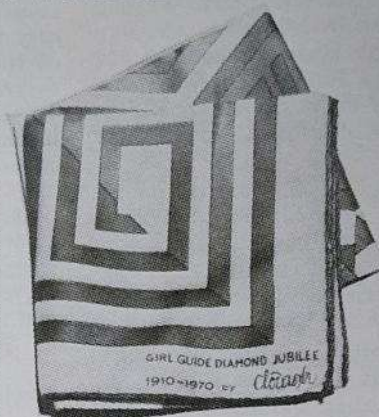
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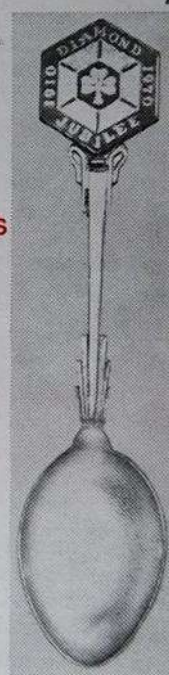


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