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editorial

May I please make a further appeal through these columns for all Guiders to make sure that their Brownies, Guides and Rangers know all about their respective section magazines. During the summer holidays the Periodicals Department at C.H.Q. has had visits from over seventy Brownie Packs and fifty Guide Companies, who during the course of their tour of the building have been given a short talk on how the periodicals are put together. We are alarmed to find that about three quarters of the Guides and Brownies who visit us have never even heard of THE BROWNIE or TODAY'S GUIDE, and it is up to their Guiders to make sure that they are all aware of the usefulness and importance of these two magazines.

front cover

The World Chief Guide at Gilwell Park after she had unveiled a bronze bust of her husband. Behind Lady Baden-Powell is a bust of herself, unveiled by her son The Lord Baden-Powell. The sculptures are the work of David Wynne.

Photo: Lawrence D. Curtis

INTERNATIONAL CAMP AT BRISTOL

For details of this camp, which was attended by representatives from ten European countries, see page 366.



Part of the exhibition of Arts and Crafts.



Guides from Bristol, Norway, Sweden, Austria, Germany, Denmark, Spain, Malta and The Netherlands.

The opening ceremony being conducted by Miss Bindloss, Regional Chief Commissioner for South West England. Left is Alderman Mrs Mercia Castle, far right the Bishop of Bath and Wells.



THE GUIDER

'YOUTH IN ACTION'

To conquer the often unjust censure and criticism which frequently seems to be the lot of the younger generation, Bentalls of Kingston-upon-Thames recently promoted an exhibition entitled 'Youth in Action'. Organisations concerned with encouraging young people to develop their own natural abilities, to acquire a sense of responsibility and to devote some of their time and energies to the help of others were invited to participate. The picture shows Mr Philip S. Henman, High Sheriff of Surrey, at the stand of the Kingston Division of Girl Guides. Demonstrating some of the handcrafts are, left to right, Linda Hockham, Brenda Ann Balcombe, Pamela Briggs.

Let's Face It

(4) Uniform

by Jean V. Rush

illustrated by Jennetta Vise

WE SEE some odd sights at C.H.Q. and learn to take most of them in our stride. A few weeks ago there was a Brownie Guider in the shop wearing a micro-mini-skirted camp dress, with a Guider's uniform jacket over it, a Guider's cap and bare legs with yellow rubber 'flip-flops' on her feet. On her jacket was pinned a Queen's Guide badge! It would be nice to say that this was a unique experience, but unfortunately a great many of our visitors seem to have this casual attitude to uniform, both for themselves and for the Guides or Brownies in their charge.

Today, for the first time in history, convention in dress has been swept aside. In one way, this is all to the good, because it means that we can now wear what we like and what we think suits us. On the other hand, it also means that a generation has grown up with an entirely new attitude to clothes and personal appearance, of which 'doing one's own thing' is the keynote.

If we choose to belong to a uniformed youth Movement, however, one of the things we must accept is that we are letting the Movement and ourselves down if we wear our uniform untidily with unsuitable accessories.

A letter was published in last month's GUIDER (page 329) criticising the standard of dress of Guides pictured in TODAY'S GUIDE newspaper. It is quite true that the uniforms of Guides on our news pages are sometimes rather odd. If we used only photographs of perfectly turned out Guides I'm afraid we would have very few news pictures indeed, and I think the interest value of the Guiding activities shown makes the photographs worth publishing. But even so, readers would be surprised at the lengths to which we go in order to cut off parts of photographs showing 'wet look' boots, ponchos, and other gear more suited to a discothèque.

It's a significant point, however, that when we published Jennetta Vise's delightful chart showing a correctly dressed Guide, that issue (March 5th) was a sellout because we had so many Guides writing in for the chart. In fact, such was the demand that we repeated the chart in the September 3rd issue of TODAY'S GUIDE.

There will also be a chart on the correct wearing of Brownie uniform published in two parts in THE BROWNIE of 20th October and 27th October.



Unhappily, in many cases it appears that the Guides and Brownies themselves are more concerned than their Guiders with wearing their uniforms neatly and correctly.

It is quite obvious that not every Guider can have the face and figure of a fashion model. But the uniform has been designed to look becoming on most shapes and sizes, and indeed it can do so when a little care is taken. The case quoted at the beginning, of a Brownie Guider in C.H.Q. shop, is not unusual; we have heard even of a District Commissioner attending a function wearing a uniform jacket over a Guider's summer dress. There is absolutely no excuse for this; if the weather is cool enough for the jacket, the suit should be worn. If not, the summer dress on its own.

P.O.R. sets out very clearly the rights and wrongs of uniform. Every Guider should be familiar with the correct wearing of uniform in all sections. If she is correctly and neatly dressed, she will find it easier to persuade the Guides or Rangers in her charge to take the same trouble with their appearance. Brownies on the whole seem the best turned out section of the Movement in recent years!

Many articles and editorials have been written about this problem. Every time there is a special occasion in Guiding we are surprised anew by the bizarre outfits we see. When one reflects that Units which come to London for a day, to go to a service at Westminster Abbey or to visit C.H.Q., are presumably dressed for a special occasion, the mind boggles to think what they wear to a normal weekly meeting or church parade.

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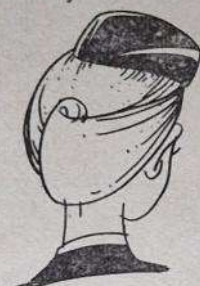
What can be done? There are certain basic rules that all ages, shapes and sizes can follow. Firstly, keep your uniform clean, well pressed and brushed. Through all changes of fashion, the uniform skirt should keep to a happy medium. It was not designed to be worn maxi, midi or ultra mini. Always wear plain shoes, never sandals,



however footsore you may be after a day out with your Unit. There are plenty of comfortable town shoes available these days. Always make sure your tights or stockings are unladdered when you start out and keep to conventional colours. Wash and iron your shirt after every wearing, and check that all the buttons are secure. Remove your trefoil

from the ribbon before cleaning it.

One of the major problems is hair. Many young Guiders have long flowing hair which is delightful with today's fashions, but ludicrous with a cap perched on top. Look at any air hostess and you will see that the long-haired ones wear their tresses in a neat coil or 'French pleat'. If your hair really doesn't suit you off the face,



there is nothing against your wearing a short bobbed wig with your uniform hat. They are rather hot and uncomfortable when worn for long periods, but can look very effective provided you buy one which suits you, and keep it clean and well brushed.

Take the trouble to find out where the various awards and badges should be worn, both for yourself and the girls in your Unit. It's surprising how many we see with their badges not only in the wrong place, but also upside down.

It is of course difficult to dictate what a Guide must wear, when her mother holds the purse strings and she may possibly only have one coat and one pair of shoes. But I feel quite sure that the Guide who wore white thigh boots to the Thinking Day service at Westminster Abbey this year, could have found a pair of shoes if the Guider had really insisted!

If the Guider herself looks neat, she will feel far more confident in facing problems of uniform in her Pack, Company or Unit. Girls of Guide and Ranger age are looking around them for guidance on personal appearance, from which they can eventually form their own style of dress. They may not admit it, but they can learn much from you. It's up to every Guider to ensure that they learn the right way.

The words of John Wesley, written so long ago, could well apply to members of our Movement:

'Let it be observed, that slovenliness is no part of religion; that neither this, nor any text of scripture, condemns neatness of apparel. Certainly this is a duty, not a sin.'

International Camp At Bristol

In July this year Bristol held their first international camp at Barrow Court, a delightful old house near Bristol. Twenty-two girls attended, aged 15-17 years, who came from ten European countries, and made the camp up to sixty. The theme of the camp was 'Arts and Crafts', girls being selected who had camping experience and were skilled in an art or craft and had the ability to demonstrate it. Although the camp was under canvas, it was camping de luxe as we had cooking, dining and cloakroom facilities in the house itself.

The camp was officially opened in glorious sunshine by Miss Bindloss, Regional Chief Commissioner for South West England, Alderman Mrs Mercia Castle welcomed the girls on behalf of the City and County of Bristol, and the Bishop of Bath and Wells gave the camp his blessing. Eighteen of the Bristol girls did a display of figure marching and a flag march. Following this was the most impressive sight of all—the flags from the host and guest countries being hoisted.

On the Sunday morning everyone attended an unforgettable united church service, the girls and Guiders contributing to a service of Concord.

During the day there were lectures, a practical session in various crafts—corn dollies, collage, pewter work, flower arrangement—and a visit was made to the local pottery. In the evenings the campers demonstrated their own crafts and learnt new ones, so that by the end of the week we had a magnificent display of work of an exceptionally high standard.

The last afternoon was Open Day, followed by a camp-fire when we had the pleasure of being joined by The Lord and Lady Baden-Powell. Some of our European guests sang and danced for us before the finale at which the Bristol girls performed their flag march again. Following this The Lord Baden-Powell officially closed the camp and the flags were lowered.

The following week the guests from Europe were given hospitality by Bristol Guides and Guiders and this provided an opportunity for many firm friendships to be made. The comments, and even tears, at the station on the final day, where we all gathered to give them a proud send off, were testimony to the success of the camp. (See pictures on page 364.)

M. N. CHERMSIDE
(Bristol International Camp Committee)

The Hazards of Fireworks

Very soon fireworks will be sold in the shops again and children will be building bonfires and collecting money with their familiar cry 'Penny for the Guy'.

But before you do spare a penny ask the question 'Am I being kind or cruel?' says RoSPA in a new poster aimed at publicising the hazards of fireworks falling into the wrong hands. Last year by far the largest proportion of firework victims were children under 13 years old, therefore RoSPA continues to stress that fireworks should be handled only by adults, with all safety precautions observed, and preferably used as part of an organised display.

Horseplay and tampering with fireworks is a dangerous and foolish occupation. Parents and those connected with children in any way are urged to keep a careful eye on children's activities around this time.

Together with the poster shown here RoSPA will be publishing a leaflet showing the safety code for fireworks and bonfires, and this will be distributed to the public through local authorities.



Horizons Unlimited

United Nations Day, 24th October

Is your home, village, town, county or country the limit of your horizon? The United Nations outlook is the world. Are you helping your Brownies, Guides and Rangers to think wide? Do your Rangers discuss world matters? Do you help them to see how they, too, have a part to play in world affairs?

1970—1980 is the Second United Nations Development Decade. It is largely concerned with the growth of developing nations, to lessen the gap between the

rich and poorer nations. The UNA aims to help these

countries increase their economy from the five per cent growth in the last decade to a six per cent growth in the present one. It means the United Nations helping with equipment for agriculture, medicine, education; it means training experts in these and other subjects including population research.

The United Kingdom is a founder member of the UNA and has a radical part to play. Among all sections in the Guide Movement you, the Guider, can encourage awareness of the world in many ways: through conversation, discussion, Unit prayers, raising money for projects and so on. Subjects of interest might be conversation, pollution, freedom from hunger, over-population, education for the illiterate, the refugees, the disabled, housing, racial harmony, health and world peace.

This year is the United Nations year for 'International Racial Harmony'. Can your Unit take part? Helping local housing schemes redecorate houses for newly arriving immigrant families, a Christmas gift for needy people overseas or a person from abroad in this country, are some things that may prove possible or your Unit may have ideas of their own.

If you are interested to widen your own horizons in the direction of the world *The UNESCO Courier*, a monthly magazine at £1 a year is excellent value from HMSO, PO Box 569, London, SE1 or other Government Bookshops.

D.M.S.

The greetings telegram sent to Her Royal Highness The Princess Anne on the occasion of her 21st birthday

On behalf of all members of The Girl Guides Association I send you loyal and affectionate greetings and best wishes on your 21st birthday.
(Signed) Ann Parker Bowles,
Chief Commissioner.

The reply on behalf of the Princess

Princess Anne has asked me to thank you for your kind message of good wishes for her twenty-first birthday.

Lady-in-Waiting.

South Newton

New Training Centre and Holiday House

South Newton is a Training Centre and a Holiday House, situated in beautiful country three miles from Kilmacolm and on the edge of the County Regional Park, so providing an ideal base for a great variety of outdoor activities in the area.

A dream became reality in the space of three years!

In 1968 it was obvious that a new County camp-site must be sought. Facilities at the former camp-site were limited and industrial development in the area made the establishment of more permanent facilities there impossible. Finally, after many months of dreaming and scheming, South Newton was found, acquired and finally equipped. The Viscount Muirshiel, Lord Lieutenant of the County, formally opened the Centre on 22nd May, 1971, and in congratulating all concerned he said, 'The value of a centre such as this lies in the fact that those who are going to use it, enjoy it, and benefit from it, will do so all the more because their own personal effort has gone into its creation and will go into its maintenance and development.'

The property was purchased and equipped by Renfrewshire Girl Guides through a Scottish Education Department Capital Grants Scheme according to which the Guides of Renfrewshire had to raise one quarter (£4,059) of the total cost.

The House has double bunk (adult size) sleeping accommodation for 22 in rooms for 10, 8 and 4; blankets and pillows are provided. There is a fully equipped kitchen with electric cooker; the dining room is equipped for 24 and like the sitting room has an open fire. Off-peak heating is installed.

The Barn is essentially an activity area; groups living in the house may use it for indoor pursuits, visiting groups may use it for training sessions and it provides emergency accommodation for campers. A small kitchen and toilets allow the barn to be used as an independent unit.

The Ranger Bothy is a small 'den' for Ranger Guides and overlooks the camp-site. It has an open fire and its own electric cooker.

The Outbuildings provide storage space for camp equipment and general workshop areas.

The Three Camp-sites are each suitable for group camping. Equipment for one camp of 36 and one of 22 is available and may be hired.

Now that the centre is in running order how will the house be used? Apart from Christmas and New Year it is already booked every weekend until July 1972, and requests for camp-sites are being received for next season.

Who will train and organise? The County has few Trainers but many experts who will help Guiders to try out new skills and to gain and deepen the understanding, expertise and sensitivity required to work with a Unit. The team is big, the enthusiasm high and there will be a vast exchange of information and know-how throughout the coming year.

HELEN M. LAIRD

Full particulars may be had from the South Newton Secretary, Mrs. MacLeod, Westsyde, Kilmacolm, Renfrewshire.



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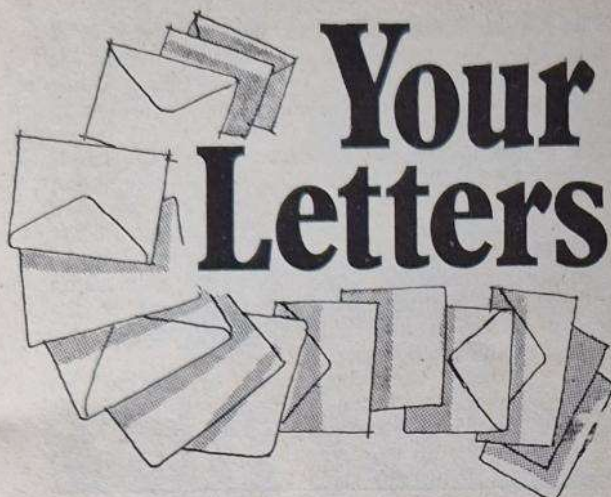
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Your Letters

A Thank You to Dedicated Guiders

It is with sincere appreciation of the very happy week's camping at Foxlease, by my grand-daughter, that I write to express my admiration for the dedication which must have been given by the Captain and her junior, to the 5th Purley Guides, who returned home so very relaxed and greatly benefited in every way, for the experience. Those who in this day and age undertook such a responsibility are to be commended.

SENIOR CITIZEN

The Essential Brownie Magazine

Success at last. Every Brownie is taking THE BROWNIE magazine. Keep up the good work. I have THE BROWNIE each week, and feel the Brownies learn a lot from it.

(MRS) ANN HARCUS, Brownie Guider, 59th Croydon (Holy Innocents) Pack, Surrey East.

This is one of many letters from Guiders who make use of their section magazines. Do You?—Editor.

Metal Interest Certificate Badges?

Is there no possibility that the badges awarded for Interest Certificates in the Ranger Section could be of metal, as are the badges for Service Certificates?

I realise the emphasis for Rangers is on 'Service to the Community', but a great deal of work goes into Interest Certificates, and the girls are rather disappointed when presented with the sew-on badge.

It does seem as though the 'powers-that-be' consider Interest Certificates rather second-class, hence the insignificant badge, and the fact that the Service badges are worn on the body of the blouse, while the Interest badges are worn on the epaulettes.

(MRS) C. A. HARBOUR Assistant Guider,
2nd Rushden (St. Mary's) Ranger Guide
Service Unit.

Grateful Thanks to Yeovil Trefoil Guild

I wonder if any other new Guiders have been as fortunate as we have here in West Coker, Somerset. Three of us have just started a Guide Company and to help us on our way the Yeovil Trefoil Guild gave us each a £2 voucher for uniform from the local Guide Shop, a copy of the Guiders' Handbook signed by the Chairman, and a list of 21 Trefoil Guild members willing to help with various trainings and activities. This financial and practical help which is given by the Yeovil Trefoil Guild members to other new Guiders

The opinions expressed in this column are not necessarily those of the Editor.

in the District, is certainly a good start to our Guide Guiding here, and we are extremely grateful to the Trefoil Guild for their kindness.

W. BOWLES, V. HAMBLIN and M. GARDENER,
West Coker Guide Company, Yeovil, Somerset.

Poor Reward for Patrol Camp Permit

I would be interested to know if other Guiders feel as I do, that the green cord issued to Patrol Camp Permit holders is a poor reward. So much training and work goes into this Permit yet the cord can hardly be seen on the uniform. Surely the ultimate camp award for a Guide should be more than just a slim green cord?

(MRS) MEG THOMPSON, District Commissioner,
Northumberland.

Lone Rangers

There have been many letters in THE GUIDER recently commenting on the 'Interim' when girls were too old for Guides, but not old enough to become Guiders, and for various reasons could not join a Ranger Unit.

It made me wonder how many members of the Movement are aware of the existence of 'Lones', who, although they no longer wear their own distinctive badge, are still active and anxious to help such girls.

While listening to the programme 'In Touch' on the radio, I thought its title summed up the 'Lone' position. We cannot see each other often, but have many problems in common and experiences which can be shared to the mutual benefit of all concerned. By means of a Unit Letter girls who are away from home, at school, college, nursing or working, and those who are still at home but cannot spare time for regular meetings for various reasons, can still work for the Ranger Syllabus in their own time.

Contact with the District Commissioner in whose area they live is essential, so that they can be tested when necessary and also invited to local functions when possible. Girls who have been attending Unit meetings regularly, but leave home can keep in touch through a Lone Unit and still attend their own Unit meetings when at home.

We have had girls from as far apart as Aberdeen, Margate, Gloucester, Switzerland, Woking, Germany, Shrewsbury, East Anglia and Leeds, and many of them are still 'in touch' even though beyond Ranger age.

The Movement needs Leaders and if a girl is keen enough to stay on to Ranger age she must be gaining something from the training she receives, and want to pass it on to others. She can help with her local Pack or Company and do her Ranger training by correspondence in her own time. Bernard Shaw said 'Youth was too good a thing to be wasted on the young' and I feel this applies to Guiding. It is only when a girl goes out into the world that she realises just how much her Guide training has helped her, and that it is, indeed, a way of life, and not merely somewhere to go, to play games and wear uniform.

If anyone would like any further information I shall be only too pleased to help.

(MRS) A. M. RYE, 1st East Kent Lone Ranger
Guide Service Unit.

If you would like further information write to Mrs. Rye, c/o Periodicals, The Girl Guides Association, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London, SW1W 0PT, and your letter will be forwarded.—Editor.

For Religious Knowledge: **THE QUEST SCHEME**

From time to time Guides have written to the Training Department, requesting that there should be a Religious Knowledge Badge.

Our Religious Panel and the Training Committee have given very careful thought to these requests and as a result the Quest Scheme has been devised. The scheme has the support of all the denominations and faiths represented on the Religious Panel and may be used by Guiders in closed or open companies.

The Quest Scheme offers a Guide a number of practical challenges which aim to help her to think through the First Promise and its relevance to life today.

Girls who decide to work on the scheme will be linked with a member of their own religious community who will act not only as an assessor, but as an adviser and encourager who will help the girl complete the challenges. The link will be made possible through the co-operation of the girl's parents, her Guider and Commissioner and her worshipping community.

The Quest Scheme Emblem will be worn by a Guide who has completed any two challenges. It shows participation in the scheme although a Guide who completes all the challenges may continue to wear the emblem.

The emblem itself consists of an initial 'Q' standing for the scheme. This encloses a trefoil to represent the Guide Promise and superimposed on this is a stylised form of the compass needle found in the World Badge, which gives a sense of direction to Guides everywhere. We hope that everyone working on the Quest Scheme will experience some of the feelings of exploration and discovery which this compass needle symbolises.

Full details of the scheme may be obtained by Guides who are interested to know more about it, from the Training Department C.H.Q.

J. GUNNING

New Booklets for Sunday Schools:

JUNIOR QUEST

Junior Quest, a new course for the 7-9 age group suitable for Sunday Schools and Church of England Primary schools, consisting of a Teachers' Handbook and three termly activity books for pupils has recently been published by the Church Information Office. The *Teachers' Handbook* costs 60p and the activity books are 16p each. The author is H. W. Dobson.

The year's course, in 25 sections, draws on the experience of everyday life and relates that experience to the Anglican Holy Communion service. It is particularly intended for use in Sunday Schools where teaching is integrated into the Parish communion service.

The themes for each term are: *Autumn and Winter*—Thanksgiving; *Spring*—Friendship; *Summer*—The food we need.

The *Teachers' Handbook* includes suggestions for prayers, hymns, visual aids and Bible readings.

Brownie Guiders, Please Note

Would Brownie Guiders please impress upon their Brownies that an absolutely correct Reader's Coupon must be attached to every contribution that is sent for inclusion in THE BROWNIE. Now that the country is divided into Regions, it will be far too expensive for us to ring round the country for the correct name of the Pack, or the Guide County, and we have therefore reluctantly decided that however good the contributions are, they cannot be accepted without the necessary correct details. Would Guiders also please note that material sent in by any Brownie for publication in THE BROWNIE must be the original work of the Brownie concerned.

COMING THIS MONTH

THE RANGER

The October issue of THE RANGER contains: Practical Ranger; This month's Calor Homecraft Award Questions; Customs and origins of Hallowe'en; Help with the Boatswain Interest Certificate. Plus all the usual features—Readers' letters, Book Reviews and notices.

TODAY'S GUIDE

1st October: Calor Homecraft Award Questions, Along with the Handicapped, Craft Badge.
8th October: Calor Homecraft Award Questions, Craft Badge, Music for Hallowe'en.
15th October: Calor Homecraft Award Questions, Craft Badge, Decorations for Hallowe'en, Storing Equipment.
22nd October: Calor Homecraft Award Questions, Craft Badge, Hallowe'en Recipes, Bonfire Safety.
29th October: Calor Homecraft Award Questions, All About Hallowe'en, Bonfire Recipes, Patrol in Council.

THE BROWNIE

6th Oct.: Continuing 'Lenderhand Brownies' serial; Jester Badge series; Calor Homecraft Award Competition.
13th Oct.: Book Issue.
20th Oct.: Free Knitting Pattern for doll's clothes. (Stamped addressed envelope *must* be sent.) Uniform Inspection chart (1).
27th Oct.: Hallowe'en; Uniform Inspection chart (2).

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Airing and Sharing



Uniform Tidiness

I endorse the 'plea for neatness in uniform' (page 320, September GUIDER) but we must face the fact that Guiders all too often set a bad example in this respect.

Ironically, the same issue of THE GUIDER has as its cover picture a Guider with her cap perched at the back of her head, surmounting a hairdo that looks as if the owner has just emerged from the swimming pool! Not so; we learn from the caption that she had been to Buckingham Palace to receive her Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award, and furthermore had been granted a radio interview with Prince Philip. I am afraid that many Guiders take this casual attitude towards their appearance, even on the most important occasions. No wonder Guides follow suit!

By contrast, the Ranger in the cover picture had obviously taken a lot of trouble with her appearance for this great day.

A friend of Guiding
(Name and address supplied)

It seems that this month's 'Let's Face It' article (page 365) has come none too soon!—Editor.

In a good many areas there does seem to be an aversion to the wearing of uniform these days but we are still a uniformed organisation and I do feel that if we become slack about wearing it this does reflect a lowering of standards.

I am proud to wear my uniform because I am proud to belong to a world-wide organisation but if we allow this laxness about the wearing of uniform how can we encourage this feeling of belonging no matter what creed, class or country? I should be very sorry to see the Guide Movement do away with the wearing of uniform and rather than allow mufti to be worn *ad lib* would welcome a firmer line. After all if anyone does not want to wear uniform there are plenty of Youth Organisations which can be joined which do not have a uniform.

DOROTHY SMITH, Brownie Guider, 4th Cheadle Pack, Staffs.

Problems of a Young Guider

I am 19 years of age and find myself in a similar position to Miss P. Holman (Problems of a Young Guider, July GUIDER). By law I am regarded as an adult: I can marry without obtaining parental consent or that of a court; I have the right, legally, to own my own house and to get a mortgage if I so desire; I can, and have, voted for my country; *but* although I have actually been running a lively Company of 36 Guides for over a year and have been responsible for them, I am unable to obtain a warrant until I am at least 20 years of age.

I was a Guide for five years, during which time I was a Pack Leader to both a Brownie and Cub Pack. I gained 21 Interest badges, attended as many camps and trainings as possible, and also gained the Queen's Guide Badge—surely a suitable background for a Guider.

As the Movement has 'moved with the times' over such matters as uniform, modern handbooks, and letting husbands and young children go to camp, I feel it is a shame that the age for warrants has not been looked into. I do realise that some young women are more mature than others at 18-19 years of age, therefore I suggest that through personal contact, it should be left to the District Commissioner's discretion to award a warrant to a person over the age of 18.

I would be interested to know what other Guiders feel about this.

MARION TERRY, Guider, 9th Dover (St. Mary's) Guide Company, Kent.

Too Many Warranted Guiders?

I would like to answer Mrs Lily Parkinson's letter in the August GUIDER.

Mrs Parkinson is very lucky to have such an abundance of help within her own Unit. Surely the situation she is quoting would never have arisen if the District Commissioner concerned had been told that there was a further newcomer to her Unit. P.O.R. does not state how many Warranted Guiders may help to run a Unit, but in all honesty can Mrs Parkinson make *full* use of three full-time Warranted Guiders? An alternative might be to ask the newest arrival if she would be prepared to gain her Warrant with another Unit, either Brownies, Guides or Rangers. Surely her District is not that well off for Guiders.

Regarding her remarks on Camping and children—it's never a crime to have children, but it could become a crime to have children at a large Division Camp. The problems that come to mind are too numerous to mention, but I would say that as a Guider at a Division camp you are expected to be 'on your toes' 24 hours a day, and therefore it becomes difficult to keep your eyes both on *your* children and a large number of very mobile Guides all this time. Delegating a Patrol to be Mum is not a good idea either as both children and Guides are soon frustrated, and tempers flare. By all means take children and husband to camp—but when the camp is ideally 24 or less in number. Then you can be assured of a very happy and enjoyable camp.

Please never regret camp qualifications gained—as long as your family are consulted and are in full agreement, think of the many Guides you will please by the mere fact that they have been to camp. It should be the intention of every Guider to get her Unit to camp even if she herself is not able to go.

(MRS) FRANCES M. LYNCH, District Commissioner, New Barnet District.

Volunteers in Captivity



illustration by Jean de Lemos

For five nights and six days myself and a 9-year-old boy were the captives of seventy females! The 'ordeal' started on Friday 28th May, 1971, when I was commandeered by the leader and was told to go to a nearby town to collect a van and canoeing equipment.

Under supervision of the leader, two of her assistants and a sergeant of the force, I was made to load the van with equipment until there wasn't even room for a razor blade on the roof-rack.

The following morning, with two coaches and the van, my friend and I were taken to a field in the north-east coast of England near a small village called Bamburgh. On arriving I was again under strict supervision, compelled to help with the erection of the living accommodation and dig mysterious trenches!!!

That night my friend and I retired, exhausted, to our sleeping quarters. The following morning we were told by the commandant what was expected of us over the next five days. This consisted of taking her followers for canoeing and swimming lessons, driving them on various sorties into the surrounding district, collecting gallons of milk from the farm, assisting in the security of the establishment during the silent hours, and helping with heavy manual labour.

As the sun set over the bay each evening we were allowed to join in their strange ritual around a fire, singing, acting, and dancing to conjure up a spirit of friendship and happiness before retiring.

At the end of the sixth day we took down all the equipment, reloaded the van, and with the two coaches in front of us set forth for civilisation.

Speaking for my friend and myself I can honestly say that we thoroughly enjoyed our 'captivity' and found tremendous excitement in being given the honour of helping and taking part in this Girl Guide Whitsun camp.

P. J. LANE, J. DRYDEN

Holidays for Deprived Children

BREAK BIG BUSINESS BARON SCHEME

BREAK is a charity which has as its aim, the providing of holidays for handicapped and deprived children.

The organisation has recently purchased a house in Hunstanton on the north-west coast of Norfolk, called The Sandcastle. £10,000 is needed to pay off the house and furnish it, and on top of this there are the running expenses of the home—train fares, holiday treats such as zoo visits, ice creams, sweets.

Guiders might like to mention this charity to their Brownies, Guides and Rangers as a charity to support. One of the best ways of raising money is by organising fund-raising events—such as knit-ins, stalls, fetes and concerts. All require effort but would surely be worth the trouble if it could be remembered that as a result someone is going to be able to make an unhappy child's face light up by telling him he's actually going on a holiday.

Break have recently produced a leaflet in which ways of fund-raising are suggested for individuals or groups and the fund-raising is done under the title 'Break Big Business Baron' scheme.

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BOOK ** REVIEWS

The Brownie Annual for 1972, Purnell/Bancroft,
65p.

Stories, things to make and do, puzzles, competitions are among the many items packed into the 1972 Annual. There is plenty here to keep the young Brownie amused and occupied during wet, wintry days, and the book comes in time to solve that Christmas gift problem.

The Girl Guide Annual for 1972, Purnell/Bancroft,
75p.

Guides of all ages should find plenty to interest them in their own Annual this year. There are directions for making things that would be useful for Christmas gifts or as a start towards next year's early Spring fête or bazaar. Stories, poems, puzzles, cartoons, ideas for Patrol meetings are among the other items which fill this annual, which would surely make a most welcome Christmas gift for any Guide.

P.T.

Gifts and Games, by Joan Moloney. Ward Lock,
£1.30.

Children are always asking 'What can I do now?' especially during the long summer holidays and on wet days when there is endless time to be filled. This book with its easy-to-follow instructions and simple diagrams is packed with ideas for all kinds of games—for making them and playing them—and also with many ideas for inexpensive gifts which will give pleasure in the making to the giver, as well as to the receiver. Also included for children who love dressing up are many ideas for making costumes and masks. An ideal book for keeping a child busy and occupied.

M.F.

Painting on Fabrics, by Joan Moloney. Ward Lock,
£1.30.

Painting on fabric needs little space and equipment and can give great pleasure. The ideas in this book are very practical, and included is detailed information on equipment and the best fabrics to use, as well as clear instructions for making up articles such as headscarves, pinafores, purses, bags. This would make an ideal gift for someone interested in a 'different' handcraft.

M.F.

Fred Rome's Potted Pantos. Wolfe Publishing Ltd.,
£1.75.

Now is the time to start rehearsals for that Christmas pantomime the Brownies and Guides suggested would be such a good idea to do 'next Christmas'. Good, short, easy to learn scripts are in short supply but this book may safely be recommended as suitable for most pantomime needs. The book includes 12 pantos from *Aladdin* to *Goody Two Shoes* with casts of five or six main characters; crowd scenes to suit all shapes and sizes of Packs and Companies could be incorporated. Guides and Brownies will love these, and, I strongly suspect, Rangers and Guiders will find them irresistible as well.

A.M.M.

A Week in Lateef's World—India; A Week in Aya's World—The Ivory Coast; A Week in Robert's World—The South; A Week in Hagar's World—Israel; A Week in Yani's World—Greece; A Week in Agata's World—Poland; A Week in Bico's World—Brazil; A Week in Windley's World—Hawaii. Collier-Macmillan Ltd., 80p each.

This delightful set of books in the 'Face to Face' series is ideal for the younger reader. Each book covers a different country and a child is the main character in the pictorial story of his homeland. Their homes, their food, their way of life unfold as the pages are turned. These books are sure to appeal to the Brownie age group and will give them an insight into the life of a child in a far away country.

G.B.W.

World Folk Tales: Persian, Russian, Chinese, Breton. G. Bell & Sons Ltd., £1.30 each volume.

Attractive dust jackets and bindings make these four volumes an elegant addition to the bookshelf. They are not illustrated, and are presumably intended for adults who will retell them to children. The texts are based on scholarly collections of folklore and include myths, adventures and fables. Although expensive, they are useful works of reference to all those interested in folklore.

J.V.R.

Gemstones of the British Isles, by Val Axel Firsoff. Oliver and Boyd, £1.25.

This is a book which will have a great appeal for the person who has already experienced the irresistible lure of pebble and rock hunting. The complete beginner, however, might find it somewhat technical and lacking in helpful illustration. The two colour plates that are included are attractive but could lead the reader to suppose that the stones shown were more easily found and identified than in fact they are. As a guide to where to find what in the British Isles this is an excellent book. One feels that the author knows every inch of his ground and longs to take up pack and pick and go with him.

E.C.H.

Practical Encyclopaedia of Crafts, by Maria and Louis Di Valentin. The Oak Tree Press Ltd., £6.25.

Although high in the price range this book must be one of the most comprehensive surveys of the subject that has been published recently. It covers almost every division of craftwork. The sections include: Clay, Fabric, Metal and Glass, Paper, Leather and Plastic, Print-making and Woodwork. There is also an excellent section on the possible uses for scrap materials. There are abundant ideas for using new materials, and many twists for old techniques and methods. The step-by-step illustrations are numerous and clear. As a reference book this can provide a constant reserve of new ideas. If some of the techniques suggested may seem too sophisticated, they can perhaps serve as an impetus for experiment. It is, however, unfortunate that the large bibliography at the end refers almost entirely to American published volumes, but some addresses are included that can be written to for specific titles.

J.F.M.

Readers may notice that this book was also reviewed in the August GUIDER, but it was felt that such a valuable book justified a second review, this time by a crafts specialist.

NEW FILMS FOR YOUTH GROUPS

A number of new films produced primarily for audiences in the developed world as a contribution towards a better understanding of the issues involved in the Second United Nations Development Decade are now available and would be of special interest to youth groups. Details of the films and hire charges are given below:

Feel No Shame, 16mm, colour, sound. An Oxfam film which would be suitable to start off discussions in youth groups about the issues of world poverty and development. May be hired (in some cases free) from regional Oxfam offices, or from Concord Films Council, Nacton, Ipswich, Suffolk, price 50p, 25p postage.

Free To Grow, 16mm, colour, sound. A Christian Aid film which concentrates mainly on the needs of development in Malawi, the churches' involvement in development, and discusses development in general. Price of hire is £1.00, plus 50p for subsequent showings. This includes postage. Address your enquiries to Miss Joyce Moon, Christian Aid Film Department, 2 Sloane Gardens, London, SW1 (01-730 0614).

Jamaica, 16mm, colour, sound. This film was first seen on the BBC-2 Money Programme and gives a clear insight into the economic background of Jamaica, concentrating especially on unemployment, sugar and trade. Obtainable on hire from VCOAD, 69 Victoria Street, London, SW1 (01-799 3863). Price of hire is £1.50, including postage and background notes.

The World Without—Three films, *The Villagers*, *The Newcomer*, *The Inheritors*. 16mm, colour, sound. These are filmed in Senegal, Peru and Java and concern themselves with the human factor in development. Available from Knight Film Distribution Ltd., 4 South Mansions, Gondar Gardens, London, NW6 (01-435 3148). Price £3.00 first day, £1.00 subsequent days. Postage 15p.

Casualties Union Day Sunday 3rd October

This is being held at Sports Field and Pavilion, Guinness (Park Royal) Ltd., Park Royal, London, NW10. From 10.30 a.m. onwards there will be demonstrations, displays, and contests. Tickets available from Casualties Union, 1 Grosvenor Crescent, London, SW1, 10p each, or 13p at the gate on the day.

BOTANICAL SOCIETY'S CODE OF CONDUCT

The Botanical Society of the British Isles has prepared a Code of Conduct in the interest of conserving wild plants. The Code sets out in a series of steps ways and means by which our wild plants may be preserved for the benefit and enjoyment of others.

Guides in particular would find it most useful and for those who want copies the Code has been published in the 24th September issue of TODAY'S GUIDE.

THE BRITISH POLIO FELLOWSHIP

The British Polio Fellowship is a national voluntary organisation for the polio disabled and in order to help provide all the year employment for polio victims and to make available holiday and hostel accommodation Christmas cards are sold each year as a method of fund raising. By this means thousands have been able to be helped by financial grants.

The Fellowship hopes that they will be able to maintain or even increase their level of sales this year, so that they can continue to give help and security to so many polio victims.

For further information about the Fellowship write to: The General Secretary, The British Polio Fellowship, Bell Close West End Road, Ruislip, Middlesex, HA4 6LS. Tel. Ruislip 75515.

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DISABLED LIVING

The latest publication to help the disabled to live normal active lives, was launched by the Disabled Living Foundation in July: This is 'Sports Centres and Swimming Pools', a study of their design with particular reference to the needs of the physically disabled. The report is by Felix Walter, F.R.I.B.A., and sponsored by the Thistle Foundation, Edinburgh.

Introducing the report at a press reception, Mr. Walter made the point that almost all sports buildings and grounds to date have been designed for the able-bodied, and he felt the reason was the absence of a manual identifying the architectural needs and suggesting the answers. This is amply covered in 'Sports Centres and Swimming Pools', which is fully illustrated with photographs and diagrams. The study is obtainable, price £1.50, from the Disabled Living Foundation, 346 Kensington High Street, London W.14, telephone 01-602 2491. **J.V.R.**

ADVICE ON SPONSORED KNIT-INS

Sponsored Knit-ins are very popular at present, and they are certainly an excellent fund-raising idea as well as having a useful end product. But there are some points which Guiders should bear in mind before their Brownies, Guides or Rangers embark on any knitted blankets projects. Firstly, please make sure that all the squares are knitted with the same thickness of wool—light wool, not double knitting or chunky knits. It's amazing how heavy a double knit blanket can be! Secondly, be sure that the squares are of the same size and sewn together securely. Also ensure that once a specific size of blanket has been decided on that this plan is followed.

Above all, please don't send the blankets to CHQ or The Guide Friendship Fund for distribution—we simply haven't the space to store them nor the time and money to send them on to various charities. The best plan is to find out if there is an old people's or children's home locally, or any lonely old people who would like a blanket. Failing this a charity such as the Save The Children Fund, Help the Aged, Oxfam or Christian Aid could be contacted.

It is important, too, to remember that it is not a good idea to send blankets overseas, as very often

An archery session, Bellahouston Sports Centre, Glasgow



Help The Disabled Week 3rd - 9th October

That the disabled are able to play a part in the life and affairs of the community is becoming an increasingly recognised fact, and this year, therefore, in Help the Disabled Week it is hoped that these abilities of the disabled can be stressed.

The Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act still needs emphasis and the Central Council for the Disabled hope that October 1971 may well be a good time to show what has happened in the last 12 months and what remains to be done in the way of buildings and facilities for the disabled, so that they can reap the full benefits of all that the Act promises.

(The Scottish Help The Disabled Week is 5th-12th March, 1972.)

the people at the other end are made to pay customs duty, which makes the blankets more expensive than ones bought locally.

This is not to suggest that knit-ins be discouraged but rather an appeal that care be taken in organising these projects to ensure that the efforts which have gone into them by so many people are not wasted.

J.V.R.

FUND RAISING ? A New Booklet to Help You

How to Organise a Sponsored Work-in. A Young Volunteer Force Foundation Publication, 25p.

A sponsored work-in has two main aims—firstly to raise money, secondly to get work done; and this booklet contains practical advice for doing both these things. Full details are given of what needs to be done in preparation by a group considering a service project of any kind. Much of the advice given would be helpful when planning a sponsored knit-in which is so popular a money-raising effort within the Movement.

The Training Department at C.H.Q. would like to emphasise that the recommendation of this booklet does not reflect a change in the Movement's policy of good turns big and small nor of any undertaking along the lines of the National Scout Bob-a-Job Week.

Peeps into a Programme Book—5

A MONTH

with the

1st TOWNEND PACK

by RIKKI

Illustrated by Jennetta Vise



ALL the Brownies arrived at our first meeting in September full of excitement, bursting with news. 'Look at the shells we found . . . Can we tell the others about camp? . . . I've got a new teacher . . .' The noise rose higher and higher, as they all talked at once. Finally I put my hands over my ears! We had Pow-wow at the beginning of our meeting so they all had a chance to tell me their news and I could hear them one at a time—at least it was one at a time for most of the Pow-wow! The four Brownies on the Highway, who had visited the Guides at camp, told the others all about it and completed the second part of their Friendly Challenge.

Kathleen, who has been with us for about five months, is beginning to be a problem on occasions, as she has such a bad temper. I can usually tell what mood she is in as she walks in the door. She receives no encouragement from home, so I was very pleased when she produced a collection of seven shells in a box for her Footpath Fun Out-of-Doors challenge. Having just had them proudly given to me, in rushed Catherine, late as usual, with a collection of fifteen shells all mounted and labelled on a card painted with a seaside design. She obviously did not think much of Kathleen's shells as she said, 'I've collected more shells than I did flowers for school.' Needing time to think, I sent them both to play the game Pack Leader was organising, as she had a new one from TODAY'S GUIDE. They were both back as soon as the game was over, but it had given me time to look up the Challenges in *The Brownie Guide Handbook* p.55. We decided between the three of us that Kathleen had done something she had never done before as it was her first collection and Catherine had done it in a more difficult way. They both seemed to think that this was fair, thank goodness! I had realised that both of them had done their best, despite the difference in the end product, but this is not easy to explain to children.

Between them the Brownies had a lot of shells and Amanda had brought along one of her mother's magazines with pictures of shell animals and Pack Leader had an article on Shell Craft from TODAY'S GUIDE (13th August), so together with my shell ideas we had plenty to do. The Brownies thoroughly enjoyed their 'shell meeting'. There was no major catastrophe, but it took Tawny and me nearly half an hour afterwards to clean up the floor! Next time we will cover the floor with paper or plastic as well as the tables. We could have done with an extra pair of hands—I must see if we can get someone to help with future handwork, perhaps Wendy's mum, Mary our Guide Guider or a Patrol Leader.

Just as we were going home after our 'shell meeting', Lucy asked, 'Please can I do my Make Things Challenge for my Footpath?' I looked at her clutching her shell box and asked if that had been a Challenge. 'I can't use this Brown Owl, I would have tried harder if I had made it for a Challenge,' was her reply. Why don't I think about things in advance and see when our programme covers Challenges! Fortunately we were going to make our Hobby Horse heads for the Revels the following week, so Lucy was able to do her Challenge. It also made me look at the other Challenges when I got home and I found that Leslie and Jeanette could complete their Lend a Hand Challenge on the Road, by helping a younger Brownie, and Carol who lives near me and wants to do her Wide Awake Challenge on the Road by shopping reliably, could buy the glue as we needed some.

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Training

Peeps into a Programme Book—5
—continued

We have played games this month deliberately to help the Brownies with various Challenges, and to give them some idea of what is involved before they make their choice. The Brownies cut out pictures from magazines of food and articles they would use to look after teeth, hair, nails or skin, which we used in several ways.

LET'S MAKE A GOOD MEAL, p.47 Guider's Handbook.

WHAT CAN WE USE? The Brownies were numbered in Sixes and when a question was asked, such as 'Something to look after your nails—number four' all number four Brownies ran to the end of the room to find a picture of something they could use and then they had to say how they would use it.

SHOPPING. This is played in a similar way, only the Brownies are given a list of articles to buy at the shop—such as 'Sugar, tea, coffee—number two.'

We find in team games it is better not to even up the Sixes if they are uneven but to let one or two children in a Six have two numbers, and to put the number after the question, so that they all have to listen. The first Brownie always gets two tokens and everyone else who is correct gets one each.

QUEEN OF NAILS. One of the Guiders sat with her back to the Brownies who were ladies-in-waiting, and they in turn came up and placed their hands over her shoulders to see if she would nod to accept them or shake her head. I could not think why Wendy insisted on wearing her gloves on quite a warm evening. 'I'm not taking them off, until the Queen's been,' was her answer.

HEALTH MIMING. Each Six was given an article in a bag; soap, comb, file, toothpaste, and then they mimed how they would use it.

OUT VISITING. Each Six was given a postcard of a place of interest; local beauty spot, the church, model village and the museum. They decided what they would most like to see and then acted a short scene to show how everyone would know they were Brownies on their visit.

NATIONAL ANTHEM. Pack Leader wrote both verses out on four different coloured cards, cut each line up, and then placed all the pieces in the centre of the room for the Sixes to collect and arrange in the right order.

All the Brownies enjoyed the games and it helped some in particular. It will not be long now before some of them will have completed a Journey, so we must think of a way of presenting the badges.

THE GUIDER

We've Learnt a Lot

A Ranger and Venture Scout project

by D. Howard

HOW about coming on a joint trip abroad next year? This was the way it started during a day's service of conservation. I wonder—? we said, and after speaking to our County Commissioner and District Commissioner the ball began rolling.

The first and most important thing was for the two Guiders and three Scouters to meet and thrash out their different approaches. After many hours of quite heated discussion, we found a mutually agreeable plan to follow and a feeling of respect for one another's point of view. This was to be of great value and importance to the atmosphere of the whole party. The Rangers and Venture Scouts were then approached, and as the party was to be a comparatively small one, eight Rangers and 12 Venture Scouts were selected. They decided to work in groups of five—two Rangers and three Venture Scouts. Each group was to be completely self contained and responsible for themselves i.e. equipment, catering and finance.

The first meeting of 20 young adults, in many cases seeing each other for the first time resulted in the usual 'them in their corner, us in ours' but as always, the cups of coffee went part way to breaking the ice, and with questions like, 'Have you ever been on an expedition before?' and 'What sort of equipment can your Unit provide?' the conversation became a little more animated. The Rangers and Venture Scouts decided the date of their next meeting, and with a list of things to do and find out they went their various ways. We, as leaders, had much the same to do from our own point of view. The next meeting was much more relaxed, and items like dried food were tested, the best boots to purchase for climbing was argued out; was it a good idea to have fly-sheets on tents? Why was it so difficult to find maps of the area? What medical injections were necessary for going abroad? The

whole expedition suddenly came alive and as this was to be a survey party in a little known part of the Pyrenees for a larger group going out the following year it became obvious that certain tasks needed research. The various jobs were allocated and work began in earnest.

In order to try out our 'new and acquired equipment' **two training weekends** were arranged, one at Buckmore Park, and the other at Broadstone Warren, with an interval of about two months between. At the first camp we walked in our new boots. There were many tired feet and blisters—but we learnt about the right socks to wear. The cooking was done by Rangers—and sad to say in some cases, the Venture Scouts took over and proved very good cooks. The second weekend we had packed our rucsacs as we expected to carry them while we were away, and hiked from East Grinstead up to Broadstone Warren. Again we learnt—our rucsacs were far too heavy, and much serious thought was given as to how we could lighten our loads. All these things may seem elementary and trivial—but proved to be immensely valuable. We also did a day's service at Gilwell on Cub Day, and helped with a fund raising effort for the Rangers.

At last after nearly eight months' planning and preparation we were off. The group was now a closely knit unit—everyone knowing where they fitted in and the job they had to do. We completed our journey by boat, train and mini-coach and arrived at our site. We had been given the official Scout site for that year, but on investigation decided it was not suitable, and moved further up the valley to a site little used as it was off the beaten track.

The following day the various groups set about their tasks of exploring the pathways up to the lakes—finding out if camp sites were available, what the food shops were like, where the local buses left from and how regularly, if it was best to speak Spanish or French, and if Gaz refills could be bought easily. Some took photographs of the churches, and architecture, and discovered where the local crafts could be seen. This went on for five days, and the group recorder noted all the information when the groups returned in the evenings. During this time **two parties on different days climbed the nearest mountain**, which meant sleeping overnight half-way up in shepherds' huts. The groups were mixed, and accompanied by a Guider and a Scouter. This was the climax to our planning. Our boots were



broken in, and our rucsacs light enough to manage. Even so it was hard going for some of us!

The next part of our journey was by mini-coach through some of the most hazardous roads in the Pyrenees on our way back to the Spanish/French border. We planned to stay overnight at a camp site previously booked, and arrived to find it closed, it being the end of the season. However after some discussion they agreed to let us stay. We then moved on the following day to the border where we had arranged for a coach to take us to Luchon to pick up the train for Paris. Unfortunately the Spanish border police would not allow the French coach down from the top of the mountain where the border was, and after a four hour delay we picked up our rucsacs and made the ascent up the road to our coach, which we had seen from the bottom.

We caught our train with a few minutes to spare, and settled down to spend the night on our way to Paris. This was to be our 'carrot' at the end of a very strenuous expedition, and we stayed in a very modern and new 'youth centre'. The day was spent looking, and doing all the things any tourist would do, and various groups met in the evening for a meal.

Home again next day without incident—but conversation on the journey in the train to Victoria was decidedly lacking! Suddenly it was all over. Twenty young people, and five adults were ending what can only be described as a Scouting and Guiding event in every sense of the words. We had become one integrated Unit—each giving something, and receiving something in turn. We all developed as people, by sharing the good things and the bad. We had learnt that individuals working as a group, respecting each other's opinions and abilities, could work with a common aim.

The result, nearly 200 Venture Scouts and Ranger Guides went on the County Joint Expedition the following year.

Training

Surprise Surprise!

Brownies

by Joan Owen

'WHAT are we going to do next week, Brown Owl?' asked one of the Brownies. 'What would you like to do?' I replied. 'Oh I don't know.' 'All right then we will have a surprise,' I answered vaguely. 'Brown Owl you are always giving us surprises,' came the quick rejoinder. It was my turn to be surprised now. Always giving them surprises? Was I? And was it a complaint or not? Anyway I thought at least we aren't being dull.

So we come to the subject of this article 'Surprise'. Most Brownies love it. They like the unexpected. They like a game with a surprise element in it. i.e. How near can we get to the Giant before he chases us back to base? or When is Grandmother Going to Turn Round? They like the thrill of the unknown. So intentional surprise elements introduced into the programme occasionally can add spice to the Meeting. It may help to think of a few that can be tried. Probably the best time to do this will be at Pow-wow but not invariably.

If it is possible to get down to the Meeting Place some time before the Brownies arrive all kinds of things can be hidden and later on referred to at Pow-wow and used as surprises. A message for each Six concealed in matchboxes may be hidden somewhere suitable, asking them to find such things as a clean handkerchief, a pencil, a Brownie beret with the owner's name in it, someone with clean finger nails, the last word in the Brownie Handbook, and the colour of the outside of the hall door. In Sixes the Brownies carry out these requirements. Alternatively a bag of shells and some plasticine per Six or bags of fir cones, beechmast etc., and plasticine can be hidden beforehand. At Pow-wow the Guider can say that if the Brownies look on the window sills they will find something with which they can each make an ornament.

Just for fun, and for better self-control, challenge the Pack to sit still for three minutes without smiling. The very suggestion will send some of them into mild hysterics. Others, sometimes the quiet shy ones will take it seriously and have a rare chance to shine. Miraculously they will sit there determinedly serious while their fellows grin, grimace and almost burst in their efforts to keep straight faces.

Try a Litter Race. This is suitable for a playground, park or sea-shore. In Sixes the Brownies see who can collect the largest amount of litter in five minutes. They much enjoy racing against the clock, and after the winning Six has been congratulated it may be pointed out that during those five minutes the Pack have also done a collective Good Turn.

Skiping is such a popular pastime with Brownies. Why not hold a Skiping Championship? First in Sixes and then the four winners to compete in the Finals—the best to become Pack Skiping Champion. If it is suggested to them that by turning the rope backwards they will grow up with straight backs and so look more attractive, they will readily take to the idea.

Make a fan and have a fan exhibition. Give each Brownie a sheet of paper with crayons or coloured markers available. First draw a design, then colour it and finally fold into a fan. A piece of adhesive tape will hold the fan together at the top. The fans when finished should be displayed. If desired the activity could be made longer by first telling a story about the adventures of an Empress's fans.

With the darker evenings here, on a starry night surprise the Pack at Pow-wow by asking them what colour they see the stars. Then go to the door and have a look. Sometimes Brownies haven't looked up into the night sky and sometimes even the Guiders haven't for quite a while!

Perhaps after all it is the Guiders who will be the most surprised. Often a quick unexpected activity reveals much about a Brownie. Through them you sometimes accidentally hit on the key to a child who has hitherto seemed reserved even rather colourless. Suddenly she makes an unexpectedly beautiful pattern with those leaves or perseveres with what she has been asked to do long after the others have lost interest. And it is on these pointers that we can build.

. . . . Rangers

by Joan Hodgson

Illustrated by Elizabeth Wall

'MEET outside the church hall on Friday at 7 p.m., wearing old clothes, and bring a hammer,' read the note sent to each Ranger early in the week. As a result, we went to give service at a recently erected sectional building on our county site. We measured up, cut and fitted hard-board panels to separate rooms and to cover the floor boards so the lino tiles could be laid on top. Why was this a surprise meeting? Mainly because our County Executive had put an urgent

appeal for helpers the very next week, but also partly because an explanation beforehand might have brought comments like, 'My dad says I can't even hit a nail, never mind knock it in straight.'

Some opportunities for service need to be seized as they arise, because help is needed there and then. Short projects requiring a number of people can sometimes be fitted into an ordinary meeting, and usually provide opportunities for progress in several of the eight points. I'm sure our Rangers who hammered alongside the denim-clad County Commissioner progressed in personal relations.

Most of the Unit's programme will have been planned weeks or even months in advance, but there is a lot to be said for including in the plans the occasional meeting listed as '**Guiders will Arrange**'. Apart from service projects, other surprise meetings might include visits to exhibitions, furnished show houses, and other events advertised in the local press only a few days beforehand.

With luck, and Guiders keeping a sharp lookout, something like the above should turn up to fill a few such evenings in a year. However, others will need considerable advance planning and preparation by the Guiders. Why not try a '**How Safe is this Home?**' evening. A small Unit might ask the District Commissioner or a helpful parent to co-operate, or you could use your own home.

A large Unit would need to be split. The occupants of the house would set up a series of unsafe situations. The girls might be asked to check for unsafe factors, bearing in mind that the occupants had all gone to bed, e.g. doors not locked or bolted, big windows on the ground floor left open, electric fire on floor of bathroom, vase of flowers standing on top of TV set, electrical appliances like TV sets, standard and table lamps switched off but left plugged into a live socket, coal fires burning but without a fire-guard etc. Another possibility could be to check the house from the **safety to children** point of view. Remember that half the value of such an activity lies in the discussion after the inspection, when reasons for some of the less obvious points can be made clear. The girls can then be encouraged to go and look critically at their own homes and see if any changes need to be discussed with their parents. (Other ideas and information for such plays can be found in the book *New Safety and First Aid* by Gardner and Roylance, published by Pan Books at 30p. This is a fund of ideas to use in meetings whether of the surprise type or planned by the girls.)

First Aid is a topic neglected by some Units these days. You could invite the local branch of Casualties Union to stage some accidents at one of your meetings this winter so both you and the Rangers can find out if they really would be able to face and cope with this. Such knowledge and



skill can save lives, and practising with realistic looking casualties is the best way of acquiring it.

Speakers may be invited by you to visit the Unit without the prior knowledge of the girls. This could happen if you hear of someone in your area for a short time only. We once abandoned our planned programme because a Canadian Guider I had met on the other side of the Atlantic turned up on my doorstep while I was at work. She left a message, and her telephone number. I rang as soon as I got home, only to discover that she was staying that one night, then moving on. My only chance of seeing her, and I had to go to Rangers! The problem was quickly solved by inviting her to the meeting. She gave a most interesting talk, and answered questions about her home country, completely off the cuff.

Discussions on some particularly relevant and topical themes may be suggested by the girls from time to time, or they may arise spontaneously during a meeting, when they should be encouraged if the moment is opportune, even though you might be in the middle of something else. However, you may feel that there are other subjects which should be discussed, and these can form the surprise topic for part of a meeting.

Articles in newspapers or magazines may give you a lead in. (A report about a woman who eventually got the unclaimed £250 she found in the pocket of a jacket she bought at a jumble sale, and handed to the police, sparked off a wide ranging discussion on honesty in our Unit.) The booklets in the 'Probe' series, published by S.C.M. Press, price 20p might give you a lead. Topics covered include Racial Discrimination, Population and Family Planning, Drugs, Human Rights. These will provide material to help lots of discussions.

If the Rangers know that something interesting will turn up when the programme reads '**Guiders' Surprise**', your attendances will be assured.

..... Guides

by Dorothy Pike

Illustrated by Jean de Lemos

THE Guide meeting is in progress, the Patrols are in their corners deep in discussion, or sitting looking bored, as the case may be; the door of the hall opens and an elderly lady and small boy enter. The Guider immediately goes to greet them, and engages them in animated conversation for a few minutes, making sure that the visitors walk about the hall, and can be clearly seen by all the Company. Then the visitors leave. After a few minutes the Guider asks each Patrol for a detailed description of the two 'missing' people. Consternation from the Guides! Protests that they were polite and 'did not stare'—but finally great racking of brains as they have a go, first as Patrols, then together as a Company, and great hilarity when elderly lady and small boy are produced half an hour later, and descriptions are verified. Surprise? Certainly—and fun, and a useful exercise in observation and memory.

Most Guiders can borrow relatives or friends who will co-operate in such activities, and will enjoy taking part. What about members of the L.A. or Guider's colleagues from work?

Guides enjoy puzzles and the sort of Patrol activity that requires making up a story or description from a collection of articles. Each Patrol is given a collection of articles, told where these were found, and asked to describe the owner, as far as possible, and reconstruct what might have happened.

Suitable articles are:

1. A lady's shopping basket containing purse, ticket, shopping list etc., found on a bus
2. A man's briefcase—left on a park seat
3. A boy's school satchel—left at the library
4. A lady's handbag—left in a shop
5. A man's raincoat—left in a picnic place in a wood.

These activities might surprise the Guides into thinking, but not into doing. What about the occasions when a little action is needed? Even such a thing as 'EACH GUIDE TOUCH ALL FOUR WALLS, RETURN TO PATROL CORNERS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE', can rouse a lethargic group. Better still, a quick purposeful scavenger hunt can be fun, and surprise them all. Such instructions as 'MAKE A RAINBOW IN TEN MINUTES', calls forth gasps at first, and then most beautiful works of art from flower petals are produced, and perhaps an idea for prayers is suggested to the girl or Patrol whose turn it is. (N.B. a word of warning about where petals can or cannot be taken from is advisable.) Similar activities include collecting autumn



leaves to match the colours in a picture, or collecting autumn fruits and naming them. The surprise may come in the reason for the activity, e.g. after a lot of hectic racing about the Patrols are asked to list six things for which they are grateful—eyesight, health, beauty etc., and surprising indeed the lists can be.

Invitations for impromptu entertainments are always fun, and certainly surprise some Companies. These can range from something quite simple, e.g. 'A VISITOR FROM ABROAD WILL ARRIVE IN HALF AN HOUR'. Find and prepare all you can show her typical of English life in this town/village, to a much more complicated activity e.g. 'A coach load of 20 old people will arrive in 30 mins. You have that time for three Patrols to prepare a seven minute sketch/charade/entertainment each, and the fourth Patrol to make tea/coffee and serve biscuits.' The meeting can end with the impromptu entertainment for the Company, or the parents (previously warned) waiting to collect their daughters, and drinks all round.

The surprise requests for help and good turns are always popular; from the simple request to 'produce as many things as possible which could be used for good turns' to the challenge of 'receiving a family evacuated by flood damage', and needing bedding, hot drinks, etc. The more realistic it sounds the better.

Finally what about a whole 'Surprise' meeting. Guides have been warned to arrive promptly, wearing jeans and anoraks, and when they turn up, the hall door is locked, and there are sealed envelopes pinned to the door. Each Patrol has one, with a code to decipher telling of a trail to follow which finally leads back to the hall, and to a map, showing buried treasure hidden at a particular spot, and the winning Patrol finds some chocolate money.

Surprise indeed!

A Year in the Life of a Patrol

by E. Towner



Illustrated by Elizabeth Wall

JANUARY. The Guiders brought up the suggestion that another Patrol was needed. The idea was firmly turned down by the Patrol Leaders Council, who were happy as they were.

March. An idea came from the Patrol Leaders that another Patrol should be formed, and so the Nightingales came into being! There is Diana, P.L. aged 13, Jane, Patrol Second aged 12, Linda aged 11, Mary and Rosie aged 10. The Company is very rural and the Guides all live in three small villages.

I do not want to suggest a standard, but rather to show what was felt to be a challenge to these particular Guides. Many Patrols elsewhere would of course set themselves much more challenging pursuits, but, as B.P. said when Scouting first came into being 'the standard is the individual's best effort', and when in two weeks' time Diana and Jane receive their green 8-point badges, this will be because they, and the Patrol Leaders' Council think they have done what is their best.

MAIN EVENTS IN THE YEAR

A Coffee Morning

with stalls and competitions, to make money to pay C.H.Q. Annual Subscription.

Mothering Sunday

Request for small flowers from Vicar.

Company Supper Hike including Promise Ceremony for Linda.

A Patrol Happening

Guide Friendship Fund

WHAT THE PATROL DID

The Patrol — sewing, knitting, glueing. Jane and Linda wrote notes and distributed them to every house and organised return visits to collect jumble, cakes, etc., Patrol made model camp for buried treasure competition. On the day Diana made coffee, others selling etc.

Flowers brought by Diana, Jane, Linda and Rosie, bunched by all, and delivered to Church.

The Patrol—mapping and compass practice. Planned expedition, food etc.

Jane broke her leg. Patrol visited with 'treasure' from hike. Formed idea of Patrol screen.

Patrol 'Willing Shilling' organised by Diana over half term.

JANE'S BOOK

Thinking for Yourself Organised Jumble Collection (page 291)

Filled in a 'blank' in Service Chapter P.P.P.

Out of Doors Skill with map and compass (page 109).

Getting to know people. Brought the hammer for making screen.

Find out about G.F.F. Raise some money for it (page 217).

ROSIE'S BOOK

Pre-Promise Challenge—Becoming a Homemaker — Sewing.

Keeping the Laws Special effort to come to Church.

Enjoying the Out of Doors

Take part in an outdoor activity. Thinking for Yourself Trail with messages.

Service Join in a Patrol Good Turn.

Training

Competition in Today's Guide (28th May)

Village Carnival

Promise Ceremony for Rosie

Division Church Service

A Patrol Enterprise

Local Association Sale

Creche at Local Hospital Fete

Vicar came to explain about confirmation
County Training in nearby town.

Company request to swim

Camp
Pre-camp preparation challenge evolved by P.L.'s Council.

Special Meeting for first in September

Patrol all pressed grasses and stuck on cards. Linda did Craft Badge. Entries sent to Jane to see, who organised sending them to C.H.Q.
Guide entry starring Jane, now recovered.

Patrol effort to smarten up.
The Patrol took on a garden for old lady.

Company pitched Marquee.

Diana, Linda and Jane took toys and helped.

Patrol discussion.

Diana, Jane and Mary took toys and organised children in the creche.

Company expedition in Mini Bus to swimming baths, and fish and chip shop.

Patrols. Practising square lashing, bedding rolls, fires, pitching, striking, making plate bags, cutting gadget wood, trails, etc.

One Patrol did fashion show, one did a story in sound. Nightingales taught us 3 new songs from *Diamond Jubilee Song book*.

Exploring the Arts
Mount flowers and leaves to make a picture (page 230).
Thinking for yourself

The Arts
(not very!)

Homemaking
Gardening Team for Old Person (page 170).

Homemaking
Have a creche at a social event (page 162).

Becoming a Home-Maker

Have a creche at a social event (page 162). Also Child Nurse badge.

Keep Fit
Something you couldn't do before, cross the deep end, swimming. (page 277)

Jane and Rosie—Out of Doors

All self training schemes (page 141) were done by them and most of the Patrol. Purpose Plan—collect wood and practise gadgets.

Keeping the laws

P.L.'s agreed Jane always did her best, especially in camp where she had worked to make life fun for all her Patrol.

Jane and Rosie

Thinking for Yourself

Learn three campfire songs with good tunes. (page 297)

Exploring the Arts
Make something.

Keep Fit

Keeping Fit
Using a mallet. Leading to Rosie's own chart for 14 days cleaning spectacles.

Thanks to C.H.Q. (Annual Subscriptions) the County (County Training creche), Division (Service), District (Emergency Team Contest), the Seasons (Mothering Sunday), the Village (Carnival), a programme evolved.

Who knows what they'll do next. The weeds will no doubt come up again in 'Gran's' garden, and it does not seem to occur that the piece of service should be dropped. I've heard rumours of a guitar being bought, so with all probability and fittingly, I feel, the Nightingales will be found singing Christmas music?

HERE AT C.H.Q.

Miss Hydes Retires

At the end of August we said goodbye to one of the most longstanding and most popular members of C.H.Q. staff, Miss Gertrude Hydes—affectionately known as 'Hydie'. Hydie joined the Association in 1954 as a senior clerk in the Equipment Department, and was promoted to Supervisor in the Despatch Department in the following year. Her motto of 'waste not want not' must have saved the Association quite a lot of money over the years and her scrupulous economies have become a legend at C.H.Q. Her stock sheets contained such items as '3 sheets tissue value 16/23d.' (old penny), and '2 cartons received torn (to be credited after stock)'. All old string was neatly kept in bundles in a box.

The Despatch Department was transformed into fairyland every Christmas, with boxes hanging from the ceiling and presents piled on window sills. I am only sorry that I was never able to attend a Christmas Party organised by Miss Hydes as I have been told that this was an event to remember.

Apart from her work at C.H.Q. Miss Hydes has always been closely connected with the Movement both as a Guide Guider and a Brownie Guider, and still acts as a Brownie Tester. In her retirement she looks forward to even more success at Agricultural Shows at which she has won many prizes for her vegetables. We all wish her a very happy and fruitful retirement.

On her last day Hydie was presented with a Chefette Mixer and other gifts from all her friends at C.H.Q.

Calling Music Students

We now have one of the C.H.Q. violins ready for re-allocation. The violin would be very suitable for a girl who shows promise and is interested in furthering her musical knowledge.

Should you know of any Guides/Rangers who you think might be interested, ask them to write to Miss D. Lockett, Keeper of the Musical Instruments, here at C.H.Q. enclosing a report from her District Commissioner, and her Music Teacher.

National Trust Properties

As a subscriber to the National Trust, the Association holds some season tickets admitting members to any of the Trust's properties. The tickets—one for 30 under 21 and two adults, and 2 adult cards—are mainly reserved for use by Country, Regional and County parties, but others wishing to borrow them can apply to Reception Department, Commonwealth Headquarters.

Whistles

As, from time to time, metal whistles available do not cover the requirements, Trading Division now holds a stock of dark blue plastic whistles.



Miss Hydes receives the gifts given to her by her C.H.Q. colleagues from Mrs. Whiteaker.

Photo: CHQ Periodicals

Increased Prices of Made-to-Measure Suits

The price of the made-to-measure suits supplied by Montague Burton Ltd. and Jackson The Tailor will, from the 1st October, be increased as follows: 2 piece uniform Style 902—Price £16.25.

Hints on Guide Badges—Campers, Pioneers

We extend our sincere apologies to all those who have been waiting for the new edition of this booklet. It was prepared during the postal strike and with the help of many kind people all the text and drawings were delivered to and from authors and artists and finally to the publishers in May. After many enquiries and letters from us they have now informed us that they just forgot to get it printed! We are naturally taking this up with them very strongly.

Remembrance Day

This is the day on which those who serve their country and their fellow men remember those who died in war. Because it is a special day of general remembrance, when we plan to take part in services or parades, we should make sure that any event will be of real meaning for our Brownies and Guides.

Lysia Whiteaker

General Secretary

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headquarters' notices

THE CATHOLIC GUIDE GUILD, ARCHDIOCESE OF WESTMINSTER

The meeting of the above Guild will be held on Saturday, 2nd October, at St. Vincent's Convent, Carlisle Place, SW1, from 3-6 p.m. All Guiders welcome.

WEEKEND LEE ABBEY, DEVON,

19th-21st November

Guiders are reminded of the above weekend at which some of the implications of the first Promise from the Christian point of view will be considered.

Full details were given in the June GUIDER (p. 227), but if you would like an application form write to: The Secretary, Lee Abbey, Lynton, N. Devon.

C.H.Q. SKI HOLIDAY

A winter ski-ing holiday is being arranged for Guiders and Rangers (over 18) at Our Chalet, Adelboden, Switzerland.

DATES: 16th-29th January, 1972.

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

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

Guiders' and Rangers' application forms should be signed by the Commissioners and County International Advisers and sent via Country/Region Headquarters to the International Secretary, C.H.Q., not later than 30th November, 1971.

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

CHQ GREETINGS CARDS

Brownie Birthday Card

A most attractive newly designed birthday card for Brownies is now available from CHQ and Branch shops, price 6p, code number 5176.

Christmas Cards

Two designs are available this year, both of which would be suitable for friends and relatives whether or not they are members of the Movement. The cards are available from CHQ and Branch shops priced as follows:

Brownie in silhouette with Crib, 4p, code number 5180.

Three Kings and Guides, 6p, code number 5179.

If ordering from *Guidemall* please remember to quote the code number and note that the minimum quantity of any of these cards which may be ordered is 1 dozen.

Orders for single cards cannot be accepted.

Illustrations of all these cards will appear in the 8th October issue of *TODAY'S GUIDE*.

BOAT SHOW, EARL'S COURT, 1972

Once more the Scouts and Guides have been invited to organise a messenger service for the Boat Show at Earl's Court which next year will be 5th to 15th January, excluding Sunday.

Guides and Scouts of 14 years and over, Rangers and Venture Scouts, also Guiders and Scouters under 21, wishing to offer their services as messengers, should apply on the appropriate forms available from Public Relations Dept., Commonwealth Headquarters. This form has to bear the signature of approval of the Unit Guider or Scouter. Those intending to apply should check first on their term dates (if still at school or college). Preference will be given to those who can offer time in the second week. Fares will be paid by the organisers within a radius of 35 miles of London, plus subsistence.

Circumstances this year are preventing the Scout and Guide Associations from organising a special feature with demonstrations. It is hoped, however, that Scout and Guide personnel will be invited to help with some of the other Boat Show features. As soon as anything definite is known a notice will be published.

BLIND AND PARTIALLY SIGHTED GUIDES

The Guide Handbook is available in Braille and Large Print.

Due to generous grants Guides are able to purchase these editions at the same price as the standard edition i.e. 38p, although there is a small package charge of 5p for the Large Print Handbooks.

Guiders of Extension Units should apply direct to the Training Department, and Guiders of ordinary Units who wish to order a book on behalf of a blind or partially sighted Guide should apply through their County Extension Adviser.

YOUR OWN GUIDE ACTIVITY FILM?

If there are any men or women in your Local Association or Supporters' committees, or a member of your local Trefoil Guild whose hobby is cine filming, why not invite them to attend the Scout and Guide Movie-making Training at Gilwell Park, Chingford, during the week-end of 29th-31st October, which is open to members and supporters of both Movements.

Details from Public Relations Department, Commonwealth Headquarters. Apply immediately to reserve a last minute place.

CODE 5673—EVOLVING COMMONWEALTH

The above leaflet will in future be available to personal shoppers only from CHQ and Guide Branch Shops and not by post from *Guidemall*.

Members who are unable to shop personally may obtain this leaflet by writing direct to: The Central Office of Information, Hercules Road, London S.E.1, and not to CHQ or *Guidemall*. The price is 5p.

COMMONWEALTH AND INTERNATIONAL CIRCLE

The Commonwealth and International Circle will meet at Commonwealth Headquarters at 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 20th October, 1971.

GUIDE FILM: 'PERPETUAL SPRING'

Because of the difficulties which members have been experiencing in booking this film, Sound Services Film Library have now changed the method for hiring it. The majority of the eleven copies which are lodged in their library will now be kept in their manually-operated library instead of in the computerised section. This will make it possible for enquirers to be given immediate information as to its availability for a specific date. It is important to note, therefore, that requests for hire should be addressed to: **Sound Services Ltd., Film Service Section.**

THE SCOUT AND GUIDE TRUST FUND

The value of a Share Unit in the above Common Investment Fund as at 1st September, 1971 was: 33.53p-35.29p.

Income was distributed for the last half-year at the rate of £0.0072 per share.

STAFF VACANCY

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Age: immaterial up to 50.

For further details please write to Mrs. Hurgon, Head of Personnel, C.H.Q. or ring her at 01-834 6242.

CORRECTION

For those of you who are entering the National Guide Festival of Song we would like to draw your attention to the fact that in Group 3 (the composite entry for Guides, Rangers and Guiders, or Rangers only) there will be two free choice. We apologise that this was left out in the article in the September *GUIDER* (page 330) which gave details of the Festival.

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Perhaps you have not yet applied for a ticket—your July copy of *THE GUIDER* got lost under the pre-holiday debris or got left on the beach? Don't worry! Drop us a line and we will send you a booking form by return post.

Ian Grant has a splendid cast lined up to entertain you, so don't miss the show. Come on, and join in the fun!

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Where to train

HOW TO APPLY

Any Guider may apply herself to attend a training course at the Centres, provided she has reached the minimum age of 17 years (or 19½ in the case of prospective Ranger Guiders).

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.

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.

FOXLEASE

Lyndhurst, Hants, SO4 7DG.

OCTOBER

- 1-3 General Training, Brownie and Guide Guiders (Full)

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Commonwealth Headquarters

- 8-10 1. Ranger Guiders (Emphasis on Programme Planning) (Full)
2. Brownie and Guide Guiders (General Training) (Full)

- 15-17 Dorset
22-24 S.W. England (District Commissioners)

- 29-31 General Training, Brownie and Guide Guiders (Full)

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 (Full)

DECEMBER

- 3-5 Camp-Fire (Full)
29-2 JANUARY. New Year House Party

JANUARY

- 7-9 1. General Training, Brownie and Guide Guiders
2. Anglia (Campfire Leaders)
14-16 District and Division Commissioners (by allocation)
21-23 Wiltshire
28-30 1. Ranger Guiders
2. Guitar Playing (for complete beginners) (Full)

FEBRUARY

- 4-6 Greater London with Surrey North
11-13 General Training, Brownie and Guide Guiders
18-20 1775 And All That (for Guiders and Rangers of 17 and over with an interest in the Antiques and Architecture of the time)
25-27 General Training, Brownie and Guide Guiders

MARCH

- 3-5 South West England
10-12 General Training Brownie Guide and Ranger Guiders (places for Guiders working with Extension Groups)
17-19 Making the Most of The Programme (District Commissioners / Assistants with up to 6 other Guiders)
24-26 General Training, Brownie and Guide Guiders
30-3 APRIL (Easter) Out and About (A weekend of outdoor activities for all Guiders and Ranger helpers of 17 and over)

WADDOW Clitheroe, Lancs., BB7 3LD

OCTOBER

- 1-3 Durham
8-10 General Training, Brownie and Guide Guiders (Full)
15-17 N.W. England
22-24 Nottinghamshire
29-31 General Training, Brownie and Guide Guiders (Full)

NOVEMBER

- 5-7 N.W. England (Arts Advisers)
12-14 General Training, Brownie and Guide Guiders. (Places reserved for Guiders working with Extension Groups) (Full)
19-21 1. District Commissioners
2. Division Commissioners
26-28 General Training, Brownie and Guide Guiders (Full)

DECEMBER

- 3-5 Yorkshire Central Scouters
30-3 JANUARY New Year Training (Brownie and Guide Guiders)

JANUARY

- 7-9 Ranger Guiders
14-16 Making the Most of The Programme (District Commissioners / Assistants with up to 6 other Guiders)
21-23 General Training Brownie and Guide Guiders
28-30 N.W. England (Camp Advisers)

FEBRUARY

- 4-6 1. Handcrafts on a Shoe-string
2. Guitar Playing (for complete beginners)
11-13 Manchester Scout/Guide Club
18-20 S.E. Lancashire (Winter Camp Training)
25-27 District and Division Commissioners (by allocation)

MARCH

- 3-5 General Training Brownie and Guide Guiders
10-12 Cheshire Forest
17-19 General Training Brownie and Guide Guiders
24-26 Teesside
30-3 APRIL (Easter) S.E. Lancashire (Pack Holiday Training)

Fees at Foxlease and Waddow

Shared room per day	£1.35
Minimum fee for weekend	£2.70
per week	£8.00
Double room per day	£1.70
Minimum fee for weekend	£3.40
per week	£10.20
Single room per day	£2.00
Minimum fee for weekend	£4.00
per week	£12.00
Deposit	£1.00 cheque or postal order only.

NB. As there is a possibility that fees at Foxlease and Waddow may have to be increased in the New Year, all bookings accepted will be subject to any increases which may be decided between the dates of booking and those of the actual training.

GLENBROOK OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES CENTRE

Bamford, Sheffield, S30 2AL.

OCTOBER

- 22-25 Activities Weekend. (Fee —same as above)
29-31 Advanced Training (by invitation)

Glenbrook Courses, 1972

- 11-13 FEBRUARY
17-19 MARCH
4-9 APRIL
19-21 MAY
30 JUNE-2 JULY
*22-29 JULY
*19-26 AUGUST
15-17 SEPTEMBER
27-29 OCTOBER
17-19 NOVEMBER

Courses at Glenbrook are open to Commissioners, Guiders and Rangers, unless otherwise stated. Initial applications for courses to—The Glenbrook Secretary, C.H.Q.

Broneirion

Training Notes

For details of courses at both Foxlease and Waddow see the special 'pull-out' section of the September GUIDER.

Further descriptions of the 1972 courses at Glenbrook will be published shortly in THE GUIDER. These courses will include chances to do gliding, climbing, riding, caving, canoeing, lightweight camping, expeditions by land and water, sub-aqua, and many other activities.

*Ranger Adventure Courses.

Scotland

NETHERURD HOUSE
Blyth Bridge, West Linton,
Peeblesshire

OCTOBER

- 1-3 Rangers
8-10 Brownie and Guide Guiders (Places reserved for Dundee)
15-17 Brownie and Guide Guiders
22-24 Brownie and Guide Guiders

Fees at Netherurd

Shared room per day	£1.15
Double room per day	£1.25
Single room per day	£1.35
Deposit	50p



Wales

BRONEIRION

Llandinam, Mont. SY17 5DE

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
26-28 University Scout and Guide Clubs
12-14 Welsh Association of Youth Clubs
19-21 Training towards Pack Holiday Permit and Campers' Licence

DECEMBER

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

MARCH

- 10-12 Ranger Guiders
17-19 —
24-26 Approaches to Worship
*30-4 APRIL (Easter) Patrol Leaders (not more than two per Unit—open to all Counties)

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*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	

Ulster

LORNE

Craigavad, Co. Down, Ulster

OCTOBER

- 2 Trainers' day
15-17 The Patrol and the Programme (for Guiders in Belfast County)
22-24 South East Belfast Division
29-31 Brownie Guiders. General Training

NOVEMBER

- 5-7 County Tyrone
12-14 Guidelines for Guide Guiders (for Guiders who are new to the job or have not attended a week-end training)
19-21 East Belfast Division
26-28 Guidelines for Brownie Guiders (see note for 12-14 November)

DECEMBER

- 3-5 Arts Week-end (for all Guiders to enjoy, to learn skills and get ideas to take back to their units)

Fees at Lorne

£2 for the full weekend. A reduction will be made for a shorter stay.

Deposit £1

Bursary Help

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 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.

Camping Holidays and Pack Holidays

Foxlease Camp-sites

Applications for sites should reach Foxlease by 7th January, 1972 and will be considered during or after the second week of January. They should be addressed to the Secretary and the envelope marked 'Camp'. Suggested dates with alternatives and approximate numbers should be stated and whether an equipped site is required. Camps may begin on any week day.

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

Beaverbrook Lodge

Bookings for Beaverbrook Lodge for the period 1st January 1972 to 30th September 1972 will be accepted from 1st September, 1971. Applications should be sent to the Secretary Foxlease, Lyndhurst, Hants. SO4 7DG, together with an initial deposit of £1 (which is forfeit if the booking is cancelled).

A stamped addressed foolscap envelope should be enclosed. It is anticipated that bookings will be heavy so, please, give alternative dates. Priority will be given to applicants who have not already stayed in Beaverbrook Lodge. Applications for the period 1st October, 1972 to 31st March, 1973 will be accepted from 1st April, 1972, and should not be sent before that date.

Waddow Camp-sites

Applications for sites in 1972 will be considered during the first week of January 1972. They should be addressed to the Secretary and the envelope marked 'Camp'. Suggested dates should be given with possible alternatives and approximate numbers. It is preferred that camps begin on Saturday. Please state whether an equipped or un-equipped site is required.

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

Waddow Pack Holiday House

Applications for Pack Holidays in 1972 will be considered on and after the 17th November 1971 and should be made to the Secretary. The applications must be accompanied by a written recommendation from the Guider's C.A., and a foolscap s.a.e. enclosed.

Waddow Caravan—4 berth

This is available for bookings throughout the year. Particulars from the Secretary; Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

Waddow Cottage

This provides full accommodation for six people and is available to members of the Movement, their families and friends throughout the year. The cottage is heated by means of an oil fired boiler.

For details please write to the Secretary and enclose s.a.e.

Glenbrook Camp-site

Five sites are available, both for Rangers and Guiders at a cost of 5p per head per night. Applications for sites should be addressed to the Booking Secretary, 20 Smithy Croft, Donfield Woodhouse, Nr. Sheffield S18 5YD. Suggested dates with alternatives and approximate numbers should be stated.

Please enclose a foolscap s.a.e. with your application.

Netherurd Camp-sites and Brownie House

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



GUIDE FRIENDSHIP FUND

Chicken Project for Uganda

I wrote about this last month. Since then we have had further news from Sister Francis who is absolutely delighted at our promise of help in launching the scheme.

This year's Christmas good turn

Our Christmas project this year is to bring a little happiness to as many old people as we possibly can. Will you encourage your Brownies, Guides and Rangers to think of these old people this year? They can choose how best they would like to help from this list of ways and means:

- 25p will provide a Christmas dinner for an elderly person. (This varies with the country, but 25p is an average cost: in India 10p is enough for a curry and rice meal, in some countries a good meal costs 25p.)
- £1 will feed and shelter an aged refugee for a week.
- £2 pays for a cataract operation so that an old blind person may once again see—in India or Pakistan.
- £5 provides medicines and food for 15 old people for a week—in Lesotho.

camp-sites will be taken from 1st January 1972 onwards. Applications for the Brownie House will be taken on 1st December 1971—during Scottish school holidays (July and half August) priority will be given to Scottish Packs.

Netherurd Caravan

Two fully equipped sites are available—applications will be taken now. An equipped caravan is available at Netherurd for holiday bookings by Guiders and their friends for weekends or longer periods. Apply to the Secretary, Netherurd, for further details.

Broneirion Camp-sites and Pack Holiday House

Applications for sites and the Brownie Pack Holiday House at Broneirion will be considered from 1st January 1972. They should be addressed to Mrs. Kwantes, Tavistock House, 76 Parcwern Road, Sketty, Swansea, Glamorgan (Swansea 24967).

Bookings for dates outside school holidays for the Brownie House, direct to the Guider-in-Charge. Storage heaters have now been installed.

Lorne Camp-sites

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.

Holidays at Lorne

Lorne will be open as a holiday centre during July and August. In pleasant grounds with lovely views and quiet surroundings on the shore of Belfast Lough, Lorne is only six miles from Belfast and is a good centre for sight-seeing tours. Special terms for parties or Guide Companies taking the house and wishing to do their own cooking and catering.

Full details from the Guider-in-Charge, Lorne Craigavad, Co. Down, Ulster.

Irene McKibbin Memorial Cottage

In the grounds of the Ulster Training Centre, Lorne Cottage available for Ranger holidays. Fully equipped for 12 persons. Electricity, running water. Full details from Mrs. Grace A. McBride, 9 Credon Hill, Dunmurry, Belfast. S.a.e. please.

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

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



A special Christmas meal for some old people in Hongkong.

Photo: Help the Aged.

- £5 provides rice or noodles for 1 year for 1 old person in Hong Kong.
- £10 will buy livestock to produce the necessary proteins for an Old Peoples' Home in Nigeria.
- £36 will adopt 1 old person for 1 year in Uganda.
- £50 will buy a wheelchair for an elderly person anywhere—you can state your choice for Africa, West Indies, South American country, India, Pakistan or Hong Kong).

Free literature about The Guide Friendship Fund, an up to date information sheet and a 'Help the Aged' leaflet will be sent on application. Please send a 3p stamp. All correspondence and donations to: The Guide Friendship Fund, The Girl Guides Association, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0PT.

be sent to Miss N. Pratt, 22 Bangor Road, Holywood, Co. Down.

Magilligan Camp-site

Three sites, fully equipped for 25-30 campers. Sandy soil, drains easily. Expanse of beach. Large hut on the site containing three rooms, one with open fireplace. Double Calor gas stove for each site. An information list can be obtained from the Secretary, Mrs. R. F. Scott, Derrymore House, Limavady, Co. Londonderry.

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'Restrop' is a furnished bungalow, available for 25, with bunk-bed accommodation in the new dormitory for 20. Specially suitable for pack holidays.

Full details about Blackland and 'Restrop' as well as copies of the booklet 'The Story of Blackland' (5p) are available from: The Warden, Blackland Farm, East Grinstead, Sussex. Please enclose a foolscap s.a.e.

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A Guide to current entertainment What's on

Opera

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE, COVENT GARDEN
The programme for October is as follows:

Aida; Fidelio; Falstaff.
SADLER'S WELLS THEATRE, Rosebery Avenue, London,
E.C.1.

The Handel Opera Society is appearing here from 19th
October-23rd. The Society will give three performances
of Handel's rarely seen *Ottone*. Alternating with *Ottone*
will be a revival of *Susanna*. Charles Farncombe will
conduct the English Chamber Orchestra in both works.

Ballet

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE, COVENT GARDEN
The Royal Ballet is appearing here throughout October.

The programme is as follows:
Anastasia; La Fille mal Gardée; Dances at a Gathering;
The Rite of Spring; Swan Lake.

Music

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL
Highlights from the concerts at the Royal Festival Hall
are:

- 4th—Chicago Symphony Orchestra, conductor Georg
Solti. Programme includes *Symphony No. 1 in C*
Minor by Brahms.
- 12th—London Symphony Orchestra, soloist Pierre
Fournier (cello). Programme includes R. Strauss's
Don Quixote.
- 17th—Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, conductor Daniel
Barenboim. Programme includes Tchaikovsky's
Symphony No. 6 in B Minor, (Pathétique).
- 25th—London Symphony Orchestra, conductor Andre
Previn. Programme includes *Symphony No. 67*
in F by Haydn.
- 28th—Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, conductor Rudolf
Kempe. Programme includes *Symphony No. 8*
in G by Dvorak.
- 31st—London Symphony Orchestra, conductor Andre
Previn. Programme includes Beethoven's *Violin*
Concerto in D.

The following is a list of main events in principal cities:
Plymouth

- 12th —Robert Daniel Brass Band contest at The
Guildhall.
- 17th-19th—Flower Festival—Saltram House, Plympton.
- 19th —Car Rally on Plymouth Hoe.
- 27th-2nd Nov.—Shopping Festival.

Nottingham

- 7th-9th —Goose Fair.

Edinburgh

- 6th-9th —Scottish Kennel Club Championship Dog
Show—Waverley Market.
- 10th —Motor Racing—Ingliston.
- 30th —English Chamber Orchestra—Usher Hall.

Leeds

- 23rd —Yorkshire Collie Club Show—Corn Exchange.
- 26th —Northern Contract Interior Exchange—
Queen's Hall.
- 27th (Prov.)—Vienna Boys Choir—Town Hall.

October 1971

Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill, Greenwich, London,
S.E.10.

Greenwich celebrates its second birthday with a short
season of Greek tragedy.

- 14th October, *Antigone*, 7.30 p.m. Creon will be played
by Freddie Jones and *Antigone* by Freda Dowie.
- 28th October, *Electra*, 7.30 p.m. played by Sarah Badel.

Music for Young People on Radio 3

A series of twenty-minute programmes for young
children about music can now be heard daily (except
Wednesday) at 4.20 p.m. on Radio 3. The series, called
'Pied Piper', is for children aged between 6 and 12
and is presented by David Munrow who may be known
to many for his part in the music of the popular
'Henry VIII' and 'Elizabeth R' programmes on tele-
vision.

Each programme consists of short examples of all
types of music together with a commentary to help the
children understand what they hear. The programmes are
timed so as not to clash with the children's programmes
on television and would make an ideal opportunity to
encourage children to appreciate music in all its forms.

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On Wednesdays, from 4.45-5.55 p.m. Radio 3 have a
music programme for older teenagers entitled 'The Young
Idea'.

Each programme, which is introduced by Christopher
Hogwood, a professional harpsichordist, has a particular
theme, and records are chosen from requests by listeners
which fit in with the proposed theme for that week.

Older Guides, and Rangers particularly, would find the
programme most useful for part of their Music Lover
Badge or Music Interest Certificate.

Roland House Pantomime, 1972

The Roland House Pantomime for 1972 is *Sinbad
the Sailor*, which promises to be as full of fun and ex-
citement as previous productions. The Pantomime will
be presented at Poplar Civic Theatre, which is a well-
equipped, modern building providing an exceptionally
good seating layout. The nearest underground station
is Bow Road and it is also fairly easy to park in side
roads, convenient to the theatre.

The opening night is Friday, 7th January, 1972, there
being evening performances throughout the following
week plus matinees on Saturdays.

Tickets are priced at 20p, 30p and 40p and the
Box Office will be open from 1st November. Applications
for tickets should be made to the Box Office Manager,
Roland House, 29 Stepney Green, E1, (s.a.e. please)
or by telephone—01-790 1688 on Mondays, Wednesdays
or Fridays between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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Olave House, (Our Ark) 45 Longridge Road, London, S.W.5. Telephone 01-370 2574.

EMPLOYMENT OFFERED

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COMING EVENTS

11th Scout and Guide Folk Festival, 23rd October at Amersham. See September copy for full details.

50th Birthday. 1st Wandleside Brownie Pack celebrate their 50th Birthday on 21st November. Old Brownies contact Mrs. B. Field. Tel.: 01-647 9613.

Blaydon Conference has moved to Dipton. Our ninth conference will be held 27th/28th November. For details, please send s.a.e. to: Mrs. I. M. Slater, 113 Bryan's Leap, Burnopfield, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Calling London North West and friends. Hammersmith Division Hallowe'en Fayre, 30th October, Flora Gardens School, Dalling Road, Hammersmith, 3.00 p.m.

Skyrac Folk Fest 72 to be held in Leeds, 4th March. Tickets 25p, including tea, available from 1st December. Groups or individual Rangers, Ventures, Guides or Scouts interested in performing please write immediately. B. L. Goldthorpe, 226 Stanningley Road, Leeds, 13.

Congregational Guide Fellowship Annual General Meeting and Conference to be held at Baden-Powell House, S.W.7, on Saturday, 30th October, 1971. 'Working With Today's Innocents and Adolescents'—Speaker and Trainer: Mrs. T. Euman. Further details from Mrs. D. M. Burgess, 77 Greenfield Avenue, Surbiton, Surrey.

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In Memoriam

Because of the close association of Lady Cochrane with Kent many members of the Movement from there felt that they would like to add their own tribute to the appreciation already published in the August GUIDER.

LADY COCHRANE (then the Hon. Dorothy Cornwallis) was the first Division Commissioner for Maidstone soon after the end of the 1914-18 war, and was County Commissioner for Kent from 1927-36.

After Kent was divided into three Counties Lady Cochrane always visited them all frequently. She was President of Kent East Trefoil Guild and a County Vice-President and had hoped to attend Kent East Annual Meeting only four days before her death.

We therefore feel a very personal sense of loss in the passing of this well-loved figure.

NORAH MALLETT, County Secretary, Kent East.

Sister Dorothy, known to her friends in the Guide Movement in the 'twenties as DOROTHY RUDYERD-HELPMAN, died at La Retraite Convent in London on 9th August aged 80. In 1919 she had had a big hand in arranging the Guide Peace Rally in the Royal Albert Hall, which was attended by 13,000 members of the Movement from all over the United Kingdom. She had served as a C.A. and County Commissioner in Merionethshire and as a County Commissioner in Caernarvonshire and one of her friends in Wales recalls her enthusiasm, sound organising ability and belief in the value of the Guide training methods. She never looked backwards and only recently was discussing the scope of the Eight Point Programme.

Sister Dorothy served on the Executive Committee, the International and Hospitality Committees and the Imperial Advisory Council, formed in 1919 under the chairmanship of the Chief Guide, and she was the Corresponding Member for English Companies Abroad. In the early twenties she was also Head of Publications at C.H.Q.

In 1930 Dorothy Rudyerd-Helpman joined the Sacred Heart Community and many Trefoil Guild members and Guiders and Rangers will remember her warm welcome, as Mother Mary Ancilla, for holidays at La Retraite Convent at Prinsenhof, Bruges.

T.W.M.

MISS KATHERINE ELIZABETH LINNELL, (Kay), a member of the Movement for 53 years, died suddenly at her Downton home near Salisbury, in August. For her services to Guiding while in India she was awarded The Vices to Guiding while in India she was awarded The Beaver. Further service was given to Guiding in England as District Commissioner for Salisbury and later for Downton.

She will be greatly missed for her wise leadership and continual care and concern for those she served.

H.M.D.

MRS. W. N. MONTEITH, J.P., died on 6th August; a shock to the host of friends who will long remember her with affection and appreciation.

If one word could describe Muriel Monteith I am sure that all who knew her would agree that word is 'steadfast'. It applies to all she was and all she did. Her married life was tragically short for her husband, who had been parish minister of Elie, Fife, was killed in the first War a few months before the birth of her son.

In the 'twenties Mrs. Monteith was Captain of a Ranger Company whose members must remember her with gratitude. Her wisdom and powers of leadership led to a long list of appointments: District Commissioner, 'Head of Rangers for Scotland', member of the Scottish Council, 'Commissioner for Rangers, I.H.Q.', Assistant County Commissioner for Fife, member of the Scottish Executive Committee and for two years its Deputy Chairman, member of the I.H.Q. Council and various other committees. In 1937 she was awarded the Silver Fish.

When the Square Centres started in Scotland Mrs. Monteith was their Commissioner.

Gentle, kind and a good listener she had friends wherever she went. She had the characteristic reserve of a Scot, but gave generously of herself and if asked to solve a problem it invariably was done in the form of a suggestion and only later one realised that one hadn't arrived at one's own solution. However, when she had to take a decision it was a firm one and proved to be a correct one.

Our sympathy goes to her son whose grief we share.

E.M.B.

St. Paul's Cathedral Appeal

It is now two and a half centuries that Sir Christopher Wren's splendid edifice has dominated the City of London.

It should not be surprising, therefore, to learn from engineering and technical consultants that unless preventive measures are taken immediately the cathedral will almost certainly face disaster. In 1954 a Trust Fund was launched which enabled an immense programme of costly repairs to be carried out, but those repairs and cleaning merely revealed the necessity for further restoration of the building.

Included in a long list of necessary repairs is work on the west front and tower, roof repairs, drainage, fire precaution, air cleaning and humidification.

Further details and pictures can be seen in the 23rd July issue of TODAY'S GUIDE.

An appeal is now being launched with a target of £3,000,000, the plan being to achieve the target within seven years.

All enquiries about the appeal should be addressed to: Col. R. A. P. Wehner, Resident Campaign Director, or G. M. Sparkes, Esq., Associate Campaign Director, The Chapter House, St. Paul's Churchyard, London E.C.4. Telephone: 01-248 2753.

Contributions should be sent to: The Hon. Treasurer, St. Paul's Cathedral Appeal, The Mansion House, London, E.C.4.



BRIDGING THE GENERATION GAP

On Mother's Day gifts were made by the 14th Mansfield (St. Augustine's) Pack and distributed to the ladies of two wards at the Victoria Hospital, Mansfield, Notts. Brownie Guide Linda Stevenson, aged 9, is shown here with Mrs. Minnie Fowkes, aged 94.

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NEWS FROM THE ASSOCIATION IN MALTA

Earlier this year a dinner party was given by the Malta Girl Guides Association in honour of Miss Rose Lanfranco, on the completion of nearly eleven years' service as Chief Commissioner.

Among the many guests was Her Excellency Lady Dorman, President of the Malta Association, who presented Miss Lanfranco with a gold brooch in appreciation of her services. Mrs. A. E. Wetz succeeds Miss Lanfranco as Chief Commissioner.

Seated at the table are, left to right, H. E. Opperman, Miss Lanfranco, Her Excellency Lady Dorman, Mrs. Wetz.

Photo: Times of Malta



TRUE TO THE SPIRIT OF GUIDING

The Garstang Courier recently held a Women's Week and declared Brownie Guider Mrs. Molly Walmsley as Woman of the Week. Two letters written by Mrs. Walmsley's daughters were decisive in the Courier's choice. Mary aged 17 years wrote: 'Mum will do anything to help anyone . . . she is the sort of person you can tell all your troubles to . . . if she makes a promise she keeps it.'

Eleven-year-old Sylvia wrote: 'Even though Mum has had a headache . . . she's just carried on normally . . . she likes to show us that she's trying to enjoy herself even though down inside she isn't.'

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