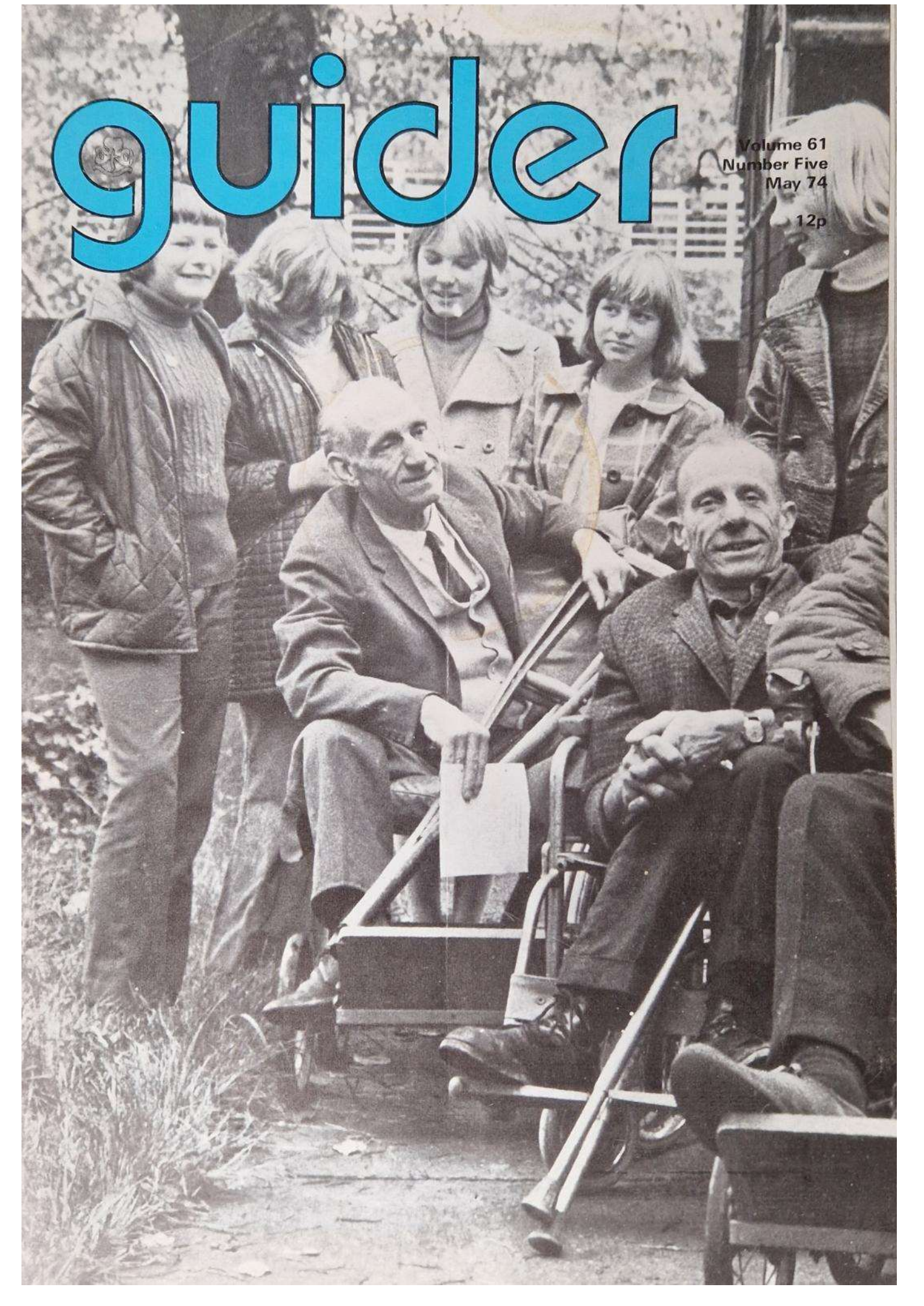


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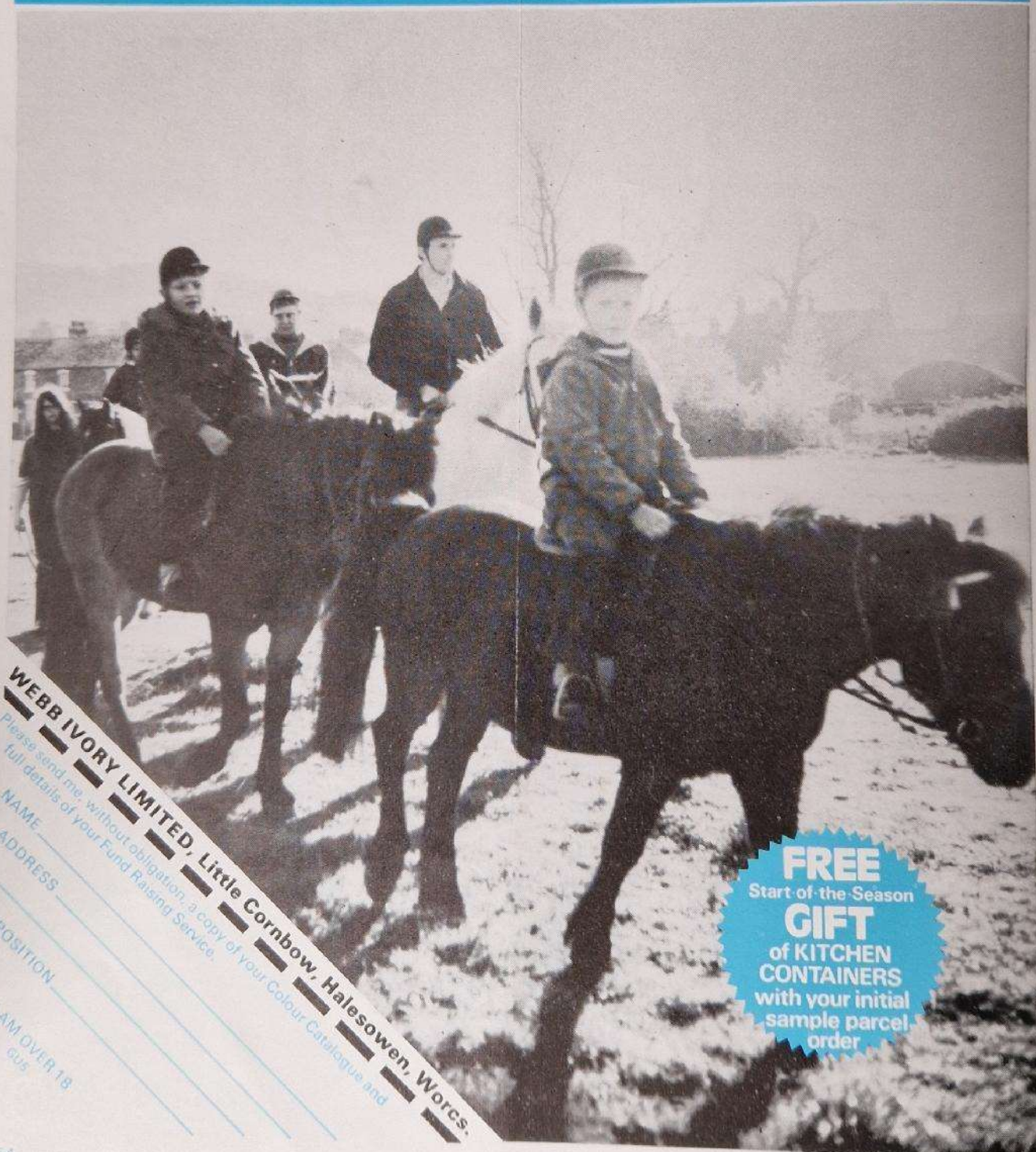
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Cover

A project recently undertaken by 1st Stowmarket Guides might have lasting results for the disabled in Suffolk. For two weeks the Guides took people confined to wheelchairs around the town. Every problem they faced, they noted, and are now compiling into a report which they hope to give to their local council.

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E C Paine

Members of the Hungerford Trefoil Guild joined with Guides for a gypsy scene in a recent concert (left). At the end of last year the 1st Wallasey Guide Company celebrated their 60th birthday with a party (right).



Wallasey News



Barbara Liles

Last summer, Cambridgeshire and the Isle of Ely celebrated the opening of their new outdoor centre with a ceremony attended by their president, the Marchioness of Cambridge and their recently retired County Commissioner Mrs Jean Holdaway.



North Herts Gazette Group

Rangers from Hitchin, Herts prepared and served a five course meal at this year's annual banquet of the Milbourne Venture Scout Unit (left).

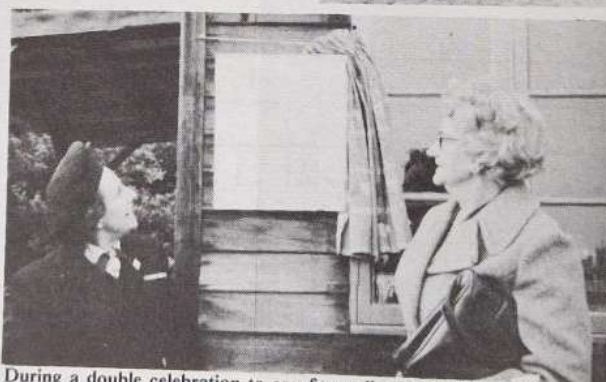


Ashbourne News Telegraph



Huddersfield Daily Examiner

With the co-operation of a local store, the 124th Thurstonland Guides and Brownies organised a fashion show to raise funds (left).



As well as planting trees the 1st Ashbourne Brownies presented a teak seat and matching waste paper basket to Councillor Moore (above) who accepted them on behalf of the Council. The Brownies had raised the money for these items as their contribution to Plant a Tree Year.

A M Berkeley

During a double celebration to say farewell to Mrs C C Ellis retiring County Commissioner for Middlesex West, and to welcome Mrs R Vaughan-Cox the new CC, the two ladies unveiled a plaque to commemorate the occasion (above).

Fire Officer E H Seymour of Honiton Fire Brigade is seen below instructing members of the 1st Kilmington Guides for their Fire Fighter Badge.



Express and Echo

A lavender girl, a balloon girl and a gypsy were three of the attractions when Tostock Brownies held a mini-market last year (right).



Bury Free Press



Camp will soon be with us again and if this picture (left) is any indication, the Kirkby Fleetham Guides will be prepared for even the largest appetite.

North of England Newspapers



Western Evening Herald

The 2nd Egguckland Brownies presented children at Hartley School for the Deaf with a doll and cradle which was an instant success (above).

Members of the Dawlish District Guides welcomed Miss N R Cornelius the assistant County Commissioner and Mrs M Hutchings the District Commissioner to their Christmas Fair last year (below).



Express and Echo

GUIDING ROUND ABOUT



Harrow Observer and Gazette

Three Guides from the Harrow Town District (above) getting ready for their bazaar.



N G Mead

Guides and Brownies of the 1st Shebbear (St Michael's) Units (left and below) did a roaring trade at last year's Christmas bazaar.

Great Bromley Brownies held a sponsored skip in aid of the Cheshire Home where they play on the lawns. The residents' committee accepted the money from the Pack (below).



Halifax Evening Courier

Packing up after a successful weekend camping trip are these Rangers from Moray and Linlithgow (right).



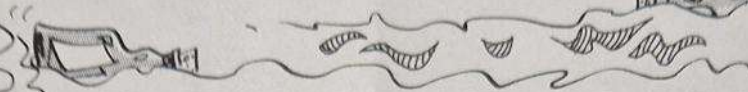
Essex County Standard

These 30 members of the Elland Scouts and Guides spent a weekend in the Lake District, staying at a YMCA Hostel and going out on expeditions (right).





AIRING & SHARING



Badge Testers

I was interested to read the views of Guide Guider Mrs Foster and assistant training adviser J Gunning in the March *Guider* on badge syllabuses. As a Brownie Guider I have had difficulty in understanding why the holding of a certificate in a particular skill should automatically entitle a Brownie to her interest badge in that field. The 'Cyclist' and 'Pony Rider' are examples of this. I feel quite strongly that such certificates are given as a statement of ability (or reward as some people may see it) at the end of a presumably specialised course on the subject. Interest badges on the other hand, are gained as a result of specific effort on the part of the Brownie (or Guide) who wishes to pursue the course or has a particular interest in the subject. The badges are surely awarded as much for the effort put in as for the ability of the individual child. Where certificates awarded by official organisations are of value, is in providing the Guider, and subsequently the examiner, with a general guide as to the overall basis upon which the child should be tested; and indeed whether or not, in very specialised subjects, she is ready to be tested at all. Obviously a badge such as 'Pony Rider' would need specialised training before being attempted. But surely in order to gain the badge it ought to be worked for first, and not be given as an additional prize for leisure activities not connected with the Movement.

Jean Wardle (Mrs)
Grantham, Lincs



I write in answer to Mrs Foster's letter in the March *Guider*. I support her letter and not the idea of excluding all exemptions. Firstly this would be impossible to enforce, unless HQ is contemplating the appointment of a national network of testers. HQ may not approve of this but I suspect that exams, such as those of the Royal College of Music, are already accepted locally for Guide badges. Secondly, it would be interesting to know who the badge testers normally are. In this District, for the badges in question, they are all teachers. Who tests for the Minstrel badge? The girl's own music teacher. Who tests for Horsewoman? The instructor at the local riding school; for Gymnast? The school gym teacher.

When does she do it? Very often in school hours or in the course of a lesson. Have we facilities to enable Guides to do Gymnast badge without the co-operation of schools? No. Minstrel or Horsewoman badge if her parents don't pay for tuition? No. These testers already have an opportunity to help the 'gifted girl' through their professional work. They are not likely to do any more for her if it is made a necessity to organise a formal test before signing a Guide badge certificate. This suggestion completely ignores Mrs Foster's point of wasting professional people's time, and implies that their own professional societies certificates are useless.

Thirdly, most of the people I know are not as inspired by 'Challenges' as are HQ's committees. Maybe this is the result of contact with the stick-in-the-mud Guiders. I remember many trainings of the odd type where the trainees had to do a variety of activities. The group invariably shared out these tasks so that everyone used their talents, rather than each tackling something new. Fellow teachers may recognise the quote from Bruner, 'We get interested in what we get good at'. Many Guides see interest badges as a record of what they are already good at, rather than as new challenges to be met.

Fourthly, and really the most important, the system must look fair to the Guides. If I remember the figures correctly, most Guides are now under 13. This age group doesn't follow abstract formal arguments but reasons in a practical way. Will it look fair to exclude a Guide from taking her First Aid badge because she is also a member of St John's and thus the badge may not challenge her to anything new? Maybe this Guide has a burning enthusiasm to become a Queen's Guide or achieve the Service Emblem. To do this, we must let her take the First Aid badge. Will it then look fair to exclude the musicians, gymnasts, etc, from using their already established interests? If we have a St John's member doing the First Aid badge is it reasonable to expect their officials to give up another evening to arrange a Guide test for a girl they must have been training for the last four years, and who has already successfully passed their exams?

Finally are we not still primarily a character training movement, aiming to spread the

ideals of Guiding? Does it really matter if not every badge is a challenge, and if standards vary a bit? Indeed the latter is inevitable. The state education system can't establish equality, so what hope have we? Is it not a valuable part of our badge system that it enables us to draw into Guiding many aspects of the girls' life, so we may truly say she is a Guide not just on a meeting night or when wearing her Guide uniform, but also on Saturday at the Dancing Class, on Sunday at the pony club, on Monday at her music lesson and so on. And thus we have more hope of making the ideals of Guiding carry over into the whole of her life. And through accepting the professional standards of those people who are more expert than most of us in their own fields, we Guiders have more time to devote to those things which are unique to Guiding.

What exactly does your training adviser J Gunning mean by 'show adaptations' for some candidates. Re-write the test for Guides with some previous knowledge? This will strike the girls as the height of unfairness. Before someone rushes to protest that we shouldn't use the same people both to teach and test Guides, will they please tell us who is to test badges if the teachers don't. Who else has the facilities and expert knowledge to test the gymnast badge? Accepting the examinations of other official organisations gets over the suggestion of unfairness which may follow from allowing the local teacher to pass his/her pet pupils.

Rene Sladen (Miss)

9th District Assistant, Preston

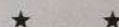
Both these letters set forth very interesting views and I hope many more opinions will come in. Obviously one must clarify 'show adaptations' which would be better expressed as development, for it must always be the aim of a tester to help the girl to see the next step and encourage her to continue with the hobby or interest. Miss J Gunning, Assistant Training Adviser.



I was very interested in Mrs Foster's views on the Interest Badges with syllabuses equivalent to professional organisations. I feel the trainer has rather missed the point in two places. Firstly there is not a

total lack of effort on the part of the Guide. To gain Grade IV in the piano takes years of hard work, and this can surely be recognised by a Guide badge as well as the College of Music certificate. Secondly Mrs Foster suggests it is unnecessary in such circumstances to bother the tester, not that the Guide would not bother to take the test. The reasons she gives are sensible and well thought out. Professional people are usually very busy and transport in rural areas is often extremely difficult. Also I very much doubt if the most gifted tester can have much impact in the single short meeting required by the test. I find that if a Guide can get a badge she is already qualified for outside the Movement, it stimulates her to try other new badges. It also spurs on other Guides to try to reach the standard of that badge which was thus brought to their notice.

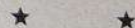
Margaret Tonkin (Mrs)
Hatherleigh, Devon



Oh, how good it is to read in Joan Gunning's article on Training Ideas (March *Guider*) that someone thinks standards are things to be stretched up to!

We are all so weary of the attitude that a Brownie need only make an effort, however feeble, to be patted on the head and told she can try the next thing. Life is not like that in either today's or tomorrow's world, and if a child does not measure up to some standard she should be encouraged to try harder, and most certainly not be given a badge until she has succeeded. Most children are unaware of their full capabilities and pleasantly surprised to find just what they can achieve.

L Swift (Mrs)
Redhill, Surrey



With regard to Mrs Foster's letter on inconsistencies in the Interest Badges, the one I come across most frequently is the Swimmers Badge as the Guides often gain certificates at school.

Incidentally, while on the subject of badges, a Guide, after reading the Rabbit Keeper badge remarked that she was a keen hamster owner and could I change it to suit the animal.

J Pitcher,
Coltishall, Norwich

Continued on page 165



THOSE were the DAYS

Two outraged Guides wrote: 'We have voted to write and protest to you as we can't wear red tams. My sister and another girl have red hair and it is not becoming... Could we wear boys' hats as they are so nice?'

A Guide mistress at Lincoln suggests the Boy Scout hat with a fancy scarf of the Company colour draped round, and another Guider suggests the Scout hat 'would not look too mannish'. Other Guides point out 'the white sailor hat is such a target if you are hiding in a bush'.

A month later the President is thankfully able to announce that 'for the future the official hat of the Girl Guides shall be a dark blue felt with stiff brim'. (Democratically, readers were invited to send a postcard to Headquarters if they were in favour of this proposition!) Girls who were wearing khaki Scout hats were urged to dye their hats dark blue and to put vinegar in the water to prevent the colour running.

Swimming

'No Guide can be of real use till she can swim' wrote the Founder in *Girl Guiding*, and 64 years ago the 1910 Guides were faithfully carrying out his precept. In *Home Notes* of 3rd November, 1910, there's an account of two Guiders taking 15 Guides for a week's training to Lancing-on-Sea. They stayed in a furnished house, four girls were on duty each day for the domestic work and a licensed boatman was in charge of the bathing and rowing. At the end of the week many were able to swim 50 yards. One Guide passed the rowing test and two the swimming test.

The Union Jack was hoisted on the house and the bathing tent. £1 0s 7d, contributed by each girl, paid all expenses - board, lodging, railway fares, bathing tent, swimming and rowing lessons and excursions.

Incidentally, eleven of the Guides had won their 2nd class before leaving for the training. One of the tests was to make a Union Jack, the 31 pieces being let in and the flag made to Admiralty dimensions. After they got home to various seaside places the girls all progressed with swimming and life-saving, and two boatmen certified life-saving tests for two of them.

The Coping Stone

She was a very good Guider and her Company was very good too. She was just the kind of person you would go to when you wanted something done. She was excellent at getting things done. She coped with people. Have you ever noticed the mysterious way in which half the people in the world are engaged in coping with the other half? Wherever she went someone would sieze this Guider by the arm and say: 'My dear, do you see that woman over there? Go and cope with her.'

So the Guider went her way for many months, coping well with all and sundry; more and more people came to her until at last she began to expect them to come. Afterwards, when the day's work was over, she would go wearily to bed and wonder how they would all manage without her.

At rare intervals the Guider came across people who preferred to cope with themselves, and that worried her, for she thought it such a strange attitude. As time went on she found that she had more work than she could manage, but this she knew was due to the fact that there were so few people to whom it was possible to delegate responsibility. She went on coping with the best will in the world until there came a day when she overheard some other Guiders arranging a meeting. Suddenly her name was mentioned, followed by a pause, and then she heard someone say: 'Whose turn is it to cope with her?'

Then she knew.

In this 'merry month of May' we're offering you a hotch-potch or hodge-podge from the two pages published weekly in *Home Notes* in 1910 and 1911 for members of the Guide Movement. They were edited by Miss Baden-Powell, the President and the Founder's sister. We have also included an extract from the *Girl Guides' Gazette* of April, 1927.

By the way, for crossword fans, hotch-pot is a legal term going back to Norman days: it meant the amalgamating of landed property that had belonged to anyone who died without making a will for the purpose of dividing the whole between the heirs in equal shares. For our purpose, 'hotch-potch' is a 'mixed dish'.

TWM

Those Hats!

'Where did you get that hat' ran the old music hall song so there will be no astonishment that hats for Guide uniform figured prominently in the *Home Notes* correspondence!

Those Hats! (Can any reader help the Archivist at CHQ by telling her where and when Sir Robert Baden-Powell is talking to Girl Scouts?)



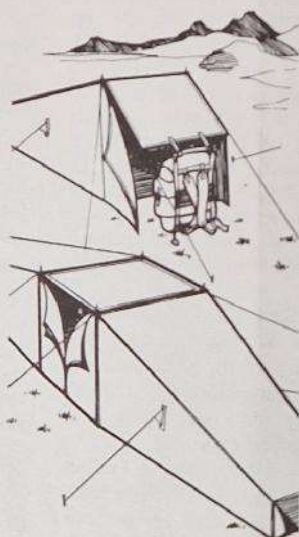


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Head Infestation . . .



A LIVE PROBLEM!

by Jean Rush

As with many unattractive problems, head infestation would cease to exist if so many of us did not refuse to acknowledge its existence

BEFORE turning the page with the thought that this cannot possibly apply to *your* Guides or Brownies, please read on. According to some medical opinion, there are possibly *one million people* with head lice in the United Kingdom today, most of them children.

This amazing figure was mentioned at a symposium held at the Royal Society of Medicine in March, to which the Girl Guides Association was invited to send a representative. We were not alone in believing at the outset that head infestation had long since been conquered by medical science; in fact it is this misapprehension which is to blame for the increase of the problem.

More Myths

Many other myths were exploded at the Conference. For instance, head lice are not encouraged by dirty hair, in fact rather the reverse. They feed only on human blood, and dirt and grease tend to discourage them from getting at their food. Secondly, the problem is not aggravated by long hair. These unwelcome insects can only live in close proximity to the scalp, and are only usually to be found in the first half inch of hair. Many school nurses are still unaware of this, and keep up the campaign for schoolchildren to have their hair cut short. Although this may be desirable for other reasons, no amount of cutting (short of actually shaving the head) will get rid of head infestation.

Another interesting fact is that the type of head lice at present flourishing in this country only like European heads; they can't exist on an African scalp.

Heads together

Researchers have found that head lice are a very real problem in children of school age, and in many areas particularly children of pre-school age. The reason is thought to be the close head contact of young children playing together. The problem is very much intensified in urban areas because of crowded living conditions. Medical Officers of Health meet with a great deal of unco-operative behaviour from parents, who understandably can't believe that their children could possibly be infested; the old inhibitions and sense of shame connected with the problem does a great deal to prevent it being tackled effectively.

Many schools, of course, cope effectively, but many school nurses are still perpetuating all sorts of misunderstandings and thereby making the situation worse.

The Facts

The facts are these: head lice can breed happily in a perfectly clean head of hair, having moved in by close contact from another infested head. The eggs are laid in rows on the hairs themselves, and these eggs are what are generally called nits. The nits are anchored to the hair by a glue which is so strong that no amount of washing with an ordinary shampoo will dislodge it; so strong that the hair itself will be dissolved before the glue. When the eggs hatch out, the life cycle begins all over again.

The Cure

A complete cure can be effected quite easily by means of a lotion containing malathion. This lotion kills all life on the head in one application, and the head will remain clear — unless of course it is re-infested. Teesside is now the clearest area in Britain, for the simple reason that Dr R J Donaldson, Medical Officer of Health for Teesside, launched a campaign with full press coverage. This captured the public imagination and the problem was tackled on a large scale, with excellent results. Dr Donaldson explained at the symposium how the matter was brought into the light and openly discussed with children and parents.

Birmingham Blitz

Dr N M Johnston, Senior Schools Medical Officer of Birmingham, spoke at the conference on Birmingham's current 'blitz' on schools. Every school in her area is currently being visited and every child examined. Those found to be infested are given a supply of lotion for themselves and their families, together with a letter to the parents asking them to use the lotion that night. The child is examined the following day, and if the head is not clear within 48 hours the child is banned from school until the lotion has been used. In this way, Dr Johnston hopes that the problem will be completely obliterated in the Birmingham area in a short time. She emphasised that there is no need for trained nurses to carry out this work; it can be adequately performed by a team of nursing auxiliaries trained for the purpose, and it is a waste of trained nurses to use them for this campaign.

What can we do?

Any reader who has persevered this far with this distasteful subject, will surely agree that here is a problem which should concern all those who care for children and young people. Guiders who are also teachers will probably already know of the many educational aids which are available on the subject. Two films were shown at the symposium: *Life that Lives on Man*, which was a film made by the BBC for their Horizon series and caused a lot of comment when it was televised; and *War to the Last Itch*. This film describes some of the researches of Mr John Maunder, MSc, BSc, of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and won first prize at the 27th International Scientific Film Congress. Both films, surprisingly, are absolutely absorbing to the lay viewer. A showing of both films can be arranged for specially interested groups; for further information write to Dr C Boroda, Medical Director, Napp Laboratories Ltd, Hill Farm Avenue, Watford WD2 7RA, Herts. A film strip *Mind Your Head*, posters and information leaflets, are available free of charge from: Priory Laboratories Ltd, Pyramid Works, West Drayton, Middlesex. If this is a problem which might affect your Unit, these would possibly prove helpful.

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MAINLY FOR RANGERS

Noises from the Bush

Two years ago when she went on this trip, Anne Renney was an undergraduate at Oxford University. She wrote this article to show how the knowledge and skills she had learned in Guiding, were of use in rather different circumstances.

When I decided to read Zoology at Oxford University after leaving Sunderland Church High School I was often asked what I would do when I had finished my course. 'Go on safari' was my usual reply, but no one believed me. My dream began to come true when, during a Chemistry Practical in my first term at college, Tim Clarke looked up from his experiment and said 'I am thinking of leading a four person expedition to Kenya in the summer, do you fancy coming along?'

This was how it all began and after nine months preparation we found ourselves the proud inhabitants of a forest hut 7,000 feet up the slopes of Mount Kenya. Our project was to study rodents at various altitudes but the excitement was caused by elephants, buffalo, and baboons, not to mention the safari ants which invaded the house.

The most terrifying moment for me was when the four of us were setting our traps in the dense bamboo forest and we heard a terrific rumbling a few yards away. After a moments hesitation we realised it was the noise of an elephant's stomach rumbling, so we made a hasty retreat and listened as the elephant crashed its way through the forest.

We came face to face with our first elephant a few days later when, after the suspension had gone on our Landrover, we were driving slowly down the track through the forest. We rounded a bend and saw an elephant facing us not 20 yards away. We stopped and waited for what seemed like an age before it lifted its head and, trumpeting loudly, crashed into the undergrowth.

Our most memorable attempt to penetrate the bamboo zone on foot was under the guidance of a native villager who proved to be extremely incompetent. After having a narrow escape from a buffalo which we met on the path, he said that he had heard a troop of elephants coming, and they could cut off our return route if we did not hurry back. In his haste the guide lost his way and we spent almost two hours going round and round in circles while he tried every possible route. All the time we could hear the herd of elephants breaking the bamboo as they came nearer, and it was only due to ignoring the guide and finding our way back by compass that we just missed meeting them on the track.

As well as pitting our wits against elephant and buffalo, we had to fight off an invasion by safari ants which completely surrounded our

hut one night. We first noticed them emerging under the walls and through cracks in the woodwork, but when we looked outside we found the whole house was alive with ants crawling up the walls and chimney, and columns two inches wide were advancing towards us across the grass. As we tried to stop them with insecticide, detergent, paraffin, and anything else we could think of, they crawled all over us and gave us rather painful bites whenever we moved. The way we stopped them in the end was by pouring petrol all over the ants and setting fire to them - rather dangerous in the vicinity of a wooden house. That night, after removing the ants which were still clinging on to our clothes and skin, we took the precaution of standing the bed legs in tins of paraffin to protect us if they should launch another attack during the night.

No sooner had we cleared up after the incident with the ants, than we had to protect ourselves against a gang of savage and marauding Wanderobo tribesmen whom we were told were looking for Europeans in the area. Our forest guard told us one morning that a man had been beaten up in a maize field where we had been working. Evidently they hide in the forest during the day and come out at night to steal property, often injuring the owners. Our forest guard deserted us to barricade himself in his own hut so we were left to defend ourselves. We improvised Molotov cocktails by tying fireworks to glass jars full of petrol. After barricading the doors and filling the bath with water in case the hut should be set on fire we sat and waited. We spent a few rather sleepless nights but fortunately never had to put our hastily made weapons to the test.

In between these rather dramatic incidents we did a considerable amount of work. We caught and studied 272 rodents and also made a collection of plants from the area, some of which were previously unknown to Mount Kenya. We then analysed our results prior to writing them up in a scientific paper.

One of my most treasured memories is of the local baptism ceremony to which we were invited as guests of honour. The service took place in the open and was lead by the local bishop, a very jolly fellow clad in cassock and raincoat. In addition to the actual service there was singing and dancing by the children, and we were asked to sing a few songs accompanied on our guitar. Since that day whenever we arrived in the village all the children would surround us asking for more songs, and it was a very sad occasion when we drove through the village for the last time and left behind us the mass of smiling black figures who lined the road to wave goodbye to us.



South Cheam District Ranger Unit with their new flag.

RECIPES



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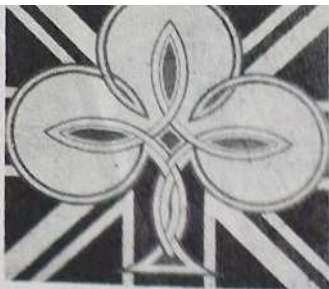
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Inside Olave House, life is never dull. Offering perhaps just a little more than the usual hostel, the house caters for residents who work and study in London, as well as the 'overnight' guests. The staff are of many nationalities and this adds to the warmth and friendliness already radiated by Olave House.

Coral Smith

Our Chalet

The thought of Switzerland conjures up majestic mountains, steep valleys and wooden chalets. All of these can be found at Our Chalet which is perched on the side of a mountain, and part of the fairy-tale village of Adelboden.

Our Chalet is typically Swiss, being built and furnished with wood. It looks much like many other Swiss chalets but has something 'special' about it. The shutters are covered with brightly painted flowers and there is a picture under the eaves at the front of the house.

Inside, the rooms are named after other countries; and generations of visitors who have enjoyed time at Our Chalet, have left their mark in the form of ornaments, pictures or simply a few words in the visitors book.

The view from the windows shows snow-covered slopes which invite ski-ing and tobogganning enthusiasts.

Of course no place can be run successfully or happily without the right people, and the staff of different nationalities are more than wonderful.

Pamela Compton

Our Cabaña

The trefoil gleams on the massive door, and the high walls surround protectively. Inside all is warmth, colour and friendliness.

Stone-walled buildings, simple and modern yet typically Mexican with wide sloping roof, have grown on a series of terraces linked by a maze of stone steps and paths where scorpions lurk to nip the unsuspecting Guide toe.

Each building is surrounded by beautiful lawns and colourful flowers. Poinsettias, bougainvillea, and banana trees reach up to the sky; while in shady corners English violets grow beside pink geraniums and roses in peaceful seclusion. The giant cacti are there and the blue swimming pool gleams in the sun.

Duties become Kapers, waitresses are Hoppers and the names of delicious food must be memorised in Spanish. The flags of every nation stand proudly in the dining hall.

Over all, the sun and the blue Mexican sky, with the mystical snow-covered volcano peeping through the clouds shrouded in legend and mystery.

Elizabeth Green

Sangam

At the station a most wonderful welcome from the staff and friends of Sangam awaits the traveller. The moment you arrive you are overcome by the peacefulness that the place seems to hold.

The word Sangam means 'going together' and the building consists of various arch-like structures linked together and housing dormitories, a house for the Guider-in-Charge, offices, a dining room, kitchens, a laundry and a large hall. There is accommodation for 67 guests and also a large Camp-site overlooking the Mulshi lake. Sangam has quite extensive gardens and a courtyard where the swimming pool is situated.

Christine Allen Bradford

Airing and Sharing Continued

Today's Guide

I was greatly interested in the two letters in the March *Guider* concerning the value of *Today's Guide* to both the Guider and the Guide.

I have *Today's Guide* myself and find it interesting and useful, and can appreciate the value a Guide could receive from it. I say could, as from experience in our Company, Guides seem to find it almost impossible to form a *Today's Guide* reading habit. We have 'plugged' it continually, pointing out that their own weekly magazine is well within the reach of their Patrol funds. A short while ago as part of a continuing Patrol challenge, we asked each Patrol to have a copy by a certain date resulting in practically no response. We have mentioned that a copy is to be found each week in their local library, where I work, and I have even brought library back copies to the Guide meeting so that each girl could have her own to take home.

Reluctantly I have come to the conclusion that on the whole they do not seem interested in *Today's Guide*. It seems to me a positive shame that such a marvellous magazine, crying out for a wider readership, is being met with this reaction, or lack of it. We have a Company of over 30 girls, mainly of the younger age range who seem to be brimming over with energy and vitality when it comes to a Friday night, but who cannot channel their energies into something that would give them so much help in Guiding.

Do any other Guiders have a similar situation existing in their Companies? It has been suggested to me that there is a general apathy among children toward reading, and yet I find this hard to believe as facts prove that books still hold a fascination for children. So why not *Today's Guide*?

Helen Gomm
8th Ilford Company,
London-over-the-Border

Guide Uniform

I have been a Guider for two and a half years and during that time I have thought many times of writing to you on this subject - Guide Uniform.

I left Guides myself at the time when the re-organisation was just beginning, and well remember the horror with which I and the other PL's at that time regarded the new overblouses.

Since my return to Guiding I have tried to forget about 'the old ways', and as far as the programme is concerned I have become really enthusiastic. But the uniform! Why was the change made to overblouses? To me they are neither neat, warm nor appealing and I have yet to

meet a Guide who likes them. If anyone reading this would like to make a quick comparison just turn to the photographs in 'Flag Ceremonial' and you will surely be convinced.

I am not, however, suggesting that a new blouse be designed, simply that the present one be worn under the skirt, not over it. I realise this would mean losing the use of the pockets, but since these sag and pull the blouse out of shape if they contain anything heavier than a handkerchief, I think it would be no great loss.

Although the present programme emphasises individualism rather than regimentation, it seems to me important, that while we do still wear a uniform (and long may we continue to do so) it should be one in which we can all take pride and which those outside the Movement can admire. Slovenliness is surely not the sort of individualism we want to promote and yet I feel the present uniform can do nothing else but encourage it. What do other Guiders and their Units feel?

Ruth Harvey (Miss)
Guider, 2nd Ballyclare
Company, Co Antrim

Mixed Camp

I have just returned from a weekend Camp for Ranger Guides and Venture Scouts at Blackmore, Malvern. Boys and girls alike chopped down trees in the woods, painted the inside of the new building and generally cleaned up the sites for the Guides to Camp on in the summer. As well as working hard we all had a tremendous time. The 'disco' on Saturday night provided us with a well earned rest, although we were even more tired after the 'disco' because of the energetic dancing as well as the time which it ended (11.40 old time) remembering that it was 8.30 breakfast the next morning (British summer time). This did not, however, deter us from working even harder the next day. We all met up with old friends as well as gaining new ones whom we will hopefully see again at Kinner in July of this year.

Lynda Heath (Droitwich Ranger)
Worcestershire

Handicapped Guides

I was interested to read the letter from the Clevedon Guider who has a Spina Bifida Guide, as we have one in our Company. We know the District Commissioner and she is going to put us in touch with the Clevedon Company, so that we can help each other.

But I feel that *Guider* could help all of us with articles.

Mary Richards
Knowle, Bristol

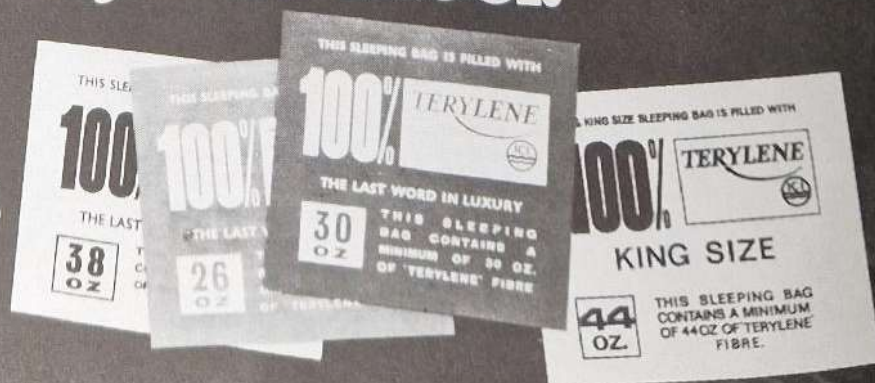
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Lillian Baylis Festival

During her life time Lillian Baylis was the driving force in establishing the Old Vic as a legitimate theatre and rebuilding Sadler's Wells Theatre. This later venture became the foundation for the Royal Ballet, Sadler's Wells Opera (soon to be known as the English National Opera) and the National Theatre. This year is the celebration of the centenary of Miss Baylis' birth, and from 5th May to 23rd special events and performances will take place. At the Old Vic there will be a performance of *Tribute to the Lady* with Dame Edith Evans and Lord Olivier among others. Sadler's Wells Theatre will house performances of *Harlequinade* by Ballet For All. *The Rake's Progress* by the Royal Ballet New Group, *The Marriage of Figaro* with Douglas Craig and an *Evening of Operetta* compered by Ian Wallace. Further information about this festival can be obtained from Festival Office, Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1R 4TN.

Writing Competition

Somewhere in your Unit there could be a budding writer who has written a poem, story, play or essay that could be entered in the *Daily Mirror* Literary Competition. This competition has three age groups 8 and under, 9-12 years and 13-16 years; and each entrant can submit three different pieces. Cash prizes will be awarded, as well as certificates for all work that reaches a sufficiently high standard. Sir Jack Longland, a member of the Advisory Panel, says; 'What the judges will principally be looking for, is writing which uses words honestly in the difficult business of communicating thought and emotion to the reader.' Closing date for entries is 24th May. If you would like details send a sae to *Daily Mirror, Children's Literary Competition, IPC Newspapers Ltd, Box 206, London NW1.*

Old Newspapers

What do you and other members of your Unit do with old newspapers? Why not save them to help children to see. Research Into Child Blindness are offering Green Shield Stamps for bundles of waste paper. The RICB will then use the funds raised from selling the paper to buy medical equipment for doctors and scientists engaged in investigating the causes of child blindness. If you would like to help, you can find out where to send your paper from **RICB, Garrick House, Drysdale Street, London N1.**

Baby Firemen?

Those of you who live in the Folkestone/Sidcup area may be very surprised on the morning of 7th May to see a fully-grown man sitting in a pram, complete with bottle and bonnet, go past your window. The Red Watch of Sidcup Fire Station are pushing this pram and its 'cargo' to Folkestone Fire Station in aid of their National Benevolent Fund. This fund supports firemen's widows, educates their children and helps during illness. If you would like to sponsor them, get in touch with the **Officer in Charge, Red Watch, Fire Station, Main Road, Sidcup, Kent.**

Save Our Ponds

Do you have a pond near your meeting place or your home? If so, is it polluted, rubbish filled or thick with weeds? Maybe your Unit could take part in the Wildlife Youth Service/Maggie project if you were able to answer yes to one or both of these questions. The Wildlife Youth Service with the help of the television programme *Maggie*, are asking young people to fill in questionnaires about local ponds. They want to know the location of the pond and its general condition. It is hoped to follow this with an Operation Pondclean campaign, to clean up these ponds which should be breeding grounds for plant and animal life. In recent years those children's favourites, the frog and newt, have been declining because of the disappearance and pollution of ponds. If you would like to help this survey, questionnaires can be obtained from the **Wildlife Youth Service, Marston Court, 98/106 Manor Road, Wallington, Surrey SM6 0DN.**

Adventure Holidays

Would your Guides or Rangers like to do something different for a holiday this year? The Youth Hostels Association invite you to try one of their 'Adventure Holidays'. Based on Youth Hostels, the holidays aim to teach you such survival activities as rural crafts, sailing, conservation, and orienteering. Parties can consist of those aged between 11 and 15 or 16 upward, and each group has an expert leader with them at all times. If you would like further details write to the YHA at **Trevelyan House, 8 St Stephens Hill, St Albans, Herts AL1 2DY.**

In Memoriam

In the early days of Guiding it was often the Guides who cajoled or persuaded the grown-up to be their Guider. How much we owe to Elizabeth and Marguerite de Beaumont who 'persuaded' their mother to become County Commissioner for Cambridge in 1916: under her regime Cambridgeshire quickly became, and continued to be, a centre of good Guiding.

A Vice-President of the Girl Guides Association since 1953, **Mrs de Beaumont** died on 25th March, aged 97, and we offer our sympathy to her daughters.



As you will have read, the Chief Guide steadily gathered round her from 1916 onwards a band of far-sighted, hard-working County Commissioners all over the country and Mrs de Beaumont was a member of this growing team. At the first County Commissioners' Conference at Matlock in October, 1916, Mrs de Beaumont spoke about Lone Guides, urging (probably from experience of her Lone Guide daughters) that 'Lones' should come directly under the leadership of their County Commissioner instead of working on their own.

Cambridgeshire, of course, will always remember Mrs de Beaumont's leadership, she served on the Girl Guides Association Council in the 'thirties, and in 1934 was awarded the Silver Fish.

Mrs de Beaumont maintained a lively interest in the Movement all her life (in recent years she used to 'phone to the General Secretary to offer her apologies when she could not attend the Annual General Meeting). We shall all like to remember this extract in a letter from her to *The Times* of October 8th, 1968: 'Scouting (and Guiding) is a way of life ... and boys and girls of today have the same need for guidance and understanding as did those of years ago.'

TWM

Friends in this country who enjoyed the friendship of **Mrs C O Fairbairn**, CBE, who died on 14th March, will wish to send their sympathy to her family and members of the Movement in Australia. Born in England, Mrs Fairbairn worked as a VAD in London in World War I, and she then went as a young bride to Victoria, Australia, in 1922.

As the Hon Federal Secretary, the first Federal Commissioner for Australia and from 1952-1955 Chief Commissioner, Mrs Fairbairn enriched all these appointments by her warm-hearted charm and sense of humour, and her deep belief in the value of all that Guiding offered.

At World Conferences in Sweden, the USA, Norway and Denmark, Mrs Fairbairn represented Australia, and for six years she served on the World Association Sub-Committee for Sangam and was Australian Appeal Director for this World Centre in India.

Many organisations benefited through Mrs Fairbairn's lively interest, including the Victoria League, the Country Women's Association and the YWCA. She was well known throughout Australia and overseas for her daffodil breeding. In 1969 Mrs Fairbairn was awarded the CBE for her service to Guiding and the community.

A fitting memorial is the 'Irene Fairbairn Award Fund', established in 1955 as 'an expression of affection and appreciation by the Girl Guides of Australia to benefit young members of the Guide Movement'.

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The Hon Mrs de Beaumont (left).

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BROWNIE

Training Ideas

BROWNIES HAVE FUN!

A BROWNIE who is having fun is happy. What causes her to stop having fun? Being bored. How does this come about in a Pack Meeting?

- (a) Having to do dull things, eg standing still for subs or inspection.
- (b) Having time when nothing is happening, eg between games and activities.
- (c) Doing too simple things.

Ceremonies are often a way of making dull things have more colour. Read again Miss Brambleby's ideas in the *Brownie Guider Handbook*, page 90. A Pack who has not made up its own ceremonies will need help to start with but will soon have lots of suggestions. Get them to think about the shape they will get in, eg one line or a letter 'S' etc; what they will say or sing (to a well known tune) and what they will do.

'The devil finds mischief still for idle hands to do' is true so try and play games where most Brownies are playing all the time and no one is out. 'Tails' (*Brownie Game Book*, page 17). Here you can buy a new tail if you lose yours, or 'Grab' (page 16), when the Brownies are not running they must count to 20.

Plan meetings well so that one adult leader follows another without gaps. When you have finished an activity or game with the Pack, think where they need to go next (in a circle or Six corners) and send them there so that they are ready for whoever takes over. (One reason for endeavouring to find yourself an Assistant.)

Prepare each game and activity before the meeting (check it is all there) so you can all start doing something quickly. This is especially necessary with hand-work, when they need to see a finished object and then all be able to start at once.

Some children seem very undisciplined and noisy. Could this be due to the place where they live? Have they little room to move about in flats or cramped houses. If so give them a noisy running about game like 'Brigands and Robbers' - page 20, *Brownie Games* or 'Nets' - page 24. Then expect quiet for your next activity and you usually get it. You may need a game like this at the beginning and in the middle. You can also help them by playing control games which are fun like 'The Bear and the Honey' and 'Pirates and Lighthouse'.

If your Brownies are noisy do not try and shout above them, but discuss with them in Pow-Wow some Pack signals which can be done silently, this helps too in making them wide awake. Some Packs use the Guide sign (hand above head) for silence, others signal the letter 'S' in semaphore. If you want a circle or two straight lines you could make them with your arms. A semaphore 'C' for 'come to me' or 'X' for 'go into Six Corners' could be used. To get them used to these signs a game can be made up on the lines of 'Port and Starboard' when the last to obey gets a spill and the Brownie with no spills wins. Whistles are rarely used in Brownie Packs, but they do have their place in large open spaces as a safety precaution. Brownies can wander too far when they are engrossed in a quest. A succession of short-blasts says to them 'Run, run, run to Brown Owl'.

If one child is difficult, try and find out the reason. You may not

be stretching her enough and therefore she is losing interest. So give her something to really work hard at and perhaps give her some responsibility, however small. Junior schoolchildren work on projects so much in schools today that if we are not challenging the individual Brownie enough she will get bored. If this is not the reason



for a difficult child then a quiet talk with her might help both you and her.

As Miss Brambleby says, 'If you keep the child so busy and absorbed with interesting and constructive things that she has very little time or opportunity to behave badly,' then you will find that there is a happy type of discipline and everyone including the adults have fun at a Pack Meeting.



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Planning the Company Meeting (2)

CAN TWO MEETINGS ever be alike? Companies and Patrols are made up of individuals, each unique and different, so meetings which involve individuals must cater accordingly.

We need to discover the interests and capabilities of our Guides if we are going to have meetings which are both satisfying and offer opportunities for progress. We should not assume that we know what their needs and interests are, this is often the reason why many girls leave. We can just as effectively use their interests, even if it is Pop stars and horse riding, to help them develop physically, mentally and spiritually; as we can use our own ideas, and have infinitely more enthusiasm from the Guides! As the *Guiders' Handbook*, P44, says 'It takes humility to realise that all you can ever teach them is only a fraction compared with that they can learn for themselves'.

Was this a worthwhile meeting? Firstly they had all enjoyed it, mainly because it had been based on the things they had chosen to do. Secondly, they had all had a chance to progress in one or more of the Eight Points, either by furthering a skill or learning a new one. There had been the opportunity within their own Patrol to work out situations and problems as real as those they would meet throughout life. They had been learning to manage their own affairs democratically; and of course the three Brownies were aware that they had done something towards their pre-Promise Challenge. From the Guide's viewpoint the meeting had given her the time to talk to the Patrols and to get to know the individual Guides, and where necessary, help them with future plans. Especially as next week Canaries planned to go swimming, and Robins skating! Enthusiasm can carry them away once the ideas start flowing and we are responsible for the safety of our Guides. Nevertheless these difficulties can be overcome if we are determined to help them carry out their ideas. (Parents and a life-saver would be helping Canaries and

Robins next week!) The next meeting should be even more peaceful with only three Patrols there!

Many Guiders will perhaps not recognise the following as a typical Guide meeting, but can there ever be such a thing if we follow the Guides' interests? Nevertheless, the opportunities are still there for the Guides to progress in the way we are all aiming, and through working in the security of their Patrols the chance is there for each to follow an Eight Point Programme and, hopefully, to grow in the understanding of their Promise. During the first meeting of this term each Patrol in the 3rd Blankton Company made lists, (under three headings: (a) The Patrol, (b) Individuals and (c) With the rest of the Unit) of all the things they would like to do. Because it is a new approach some Guides may at first have no ideas, so intermediary steps giving a limited choice, say eight activities, (one from each chapter of their *Handbook*) can be offered, leaving each Patrol free to make their choice or to provide an alternative. This choice can then be developed for future activities.

Before the next meeting the 3rd Blankton Company held a PLs Council Meeting and from their lists the Leaders drafted a Company programme for the term (see diagram). Forthcoming District/Division events headed the agenda and these were discussed before Patrol plans, Eight Point badges, finances, etc, as these could affect some of the plans. This year there was to be a Division Thinking Day with arts workshops, so one PL suggested that the Company have some celebration of their own as well, (along the lines of last year's overnight stay in the Brownie House). It was decided to take this back to the Patrols for discussion. A Pancake Party for Shrove Tuesday, suggested by the Kingfisher PL was unanimously agreed and ideas came quickly for inter-Patrol challenges such as the fastest made pancake, the most perfect, and the highest tossed and caught, but in fact details of

Pat Jackson

the party were deferred until the February Council Meeting, giving the Patrols chance to submit ideas.

Once the dates affecting the whole Unit had been fixed, the Leaders began to fill in the gaps with their Patrol plans.

Kingfisher Leader, always efficient, announced that they had every meeting planned for the whole of the term! (Wouldn't it be marvellous to have all the Patrols so self-sufficient? This stage is rarely achieved but always worth aiming at.) Bluetit and Robin were organised for the following meeting, (an outdoor activity and making peppermint creams respectively), but two of the other PLs, newly elected, had only got as far as getting their Patrols' ideas. Unfortunately Chaffinch PL was not at the meeting, nor had she arranged for her Second to come instead. From Swallows and Canaries lists the new Leaders helped to plan for Tuesday's meeting. Canaries decided to make Enamelaire jewellery with Anne's assistance (Anne had recently done this at a Young Leaders' meeting). Swallow's PL arranged to bring coloured string, scissors, etc, to teach her Patrol basic macramé. Kingfishers wanted the whole meeting to plan and practise for their Campfire Pennant and the rest wanted time to make more plans. Before leaving programme planning, one Leader volunteered her Patrol would take prayers.

So for Tuesday's meeting there now seemed little to prepare, possibly an active game to keep everyone warm as they arrived (no heating!), followed by prayers and general notices. The Patrols could then get on with their own planned activities. Chaffinch probably would not have anything planned so as a stand-by the activity 'footprints' P200 *Guide Handbook* was prepared, and they could then try some other ideas from the same page. As singing was on several Patrol lists, the Patrols who finished early could join together and do some action songs and dances.

3rd Blankton's Spring Term Plans

JAN	15th Planning	22nd Kingfisher: CF pennant Bluetit: Outdoor Act Swallow: Macramé Canary: Enamel Jewellery Chaffinch: ? Robin: Peppermint creams	29th KF: Making toffee B: Cook meal S: Knowing neighbours Can: Swimming Ch: ? Rob: Skating	20th Church PLs meeting
FEB	5th KF: Toys B: Agility S Can Ch Rob	12th KF: Swimming B: Agility S Can Ch Rob	19th KF: Toymaker B: Take Agility badge S Can Ch Rob	26th Pancake Party 23rd Division Thinking Day 24th Church PLs meeting
MAR	5th KF: Take toys to child hosp	12th KF: Cooking foreign meal	19th KF: Final practice for pennant	26th Test for CF pennant 23rd Church (Mothering Sunday)
APR	2nd Company swim fun night	Easter Holidays KF: 9th - Plan Hike 20th - Go on Hike		23rd New Term Plans

It's Exams Again

YOU'RE LUCKY, said one of my friends, 'not having teenagers in the house. It's agony living through their O-levels and A-levels!' Little did she know. This 'agony', even if only second-hand, is something most Ranger Guiders experience year after year. We all know the signs; the worried expressions, the ever-bulging book-bags, the falling attendance at activities so eagerly planned a few months ago. Now, more than ever, we need that one quality so necessary to both Ranger programme and Guider, flexibility.

At least we know when it will happen. This term is obviously not the moment for those new skills and adventures which need a lot of time and effort, nor for occasions when an outside Speaker will justifiably expect a good turn-out. A word of caution when the programme is planned, long before the panic sets in, can avert all sorts of disappointment. In the weeks leading up to the exams, activities need to be of the elastic kind where numbers don't matter. Perhaps now is the time to have that music evening with everyone bringing and defending, their own choice of record, or better still, their own choice of comedy record. Nothing cures the doldrums like discovering

what makes you laugh. You wanted to get the den spring-cleaned, but it's a small room and five can work more efficiently than 15, so this might be the moment. It would be fun to teach that rather complicated paper-flower work, ready for the summer Bazaar, and again it would be easier to start with a small number. You could then have several 'instructors' to help when next you do it.

In spite of warnings there may still be a large-scale activity on the programme, which could have to be scrapped when only half the necessary numbers turn up. You will need all the makings for a sudden switch, the material for simplified versions of TV Parlour Games for instance, like *Call My Bluff* or *Where in the World*. Now is the time, too, for many of the smaller group activities like learning to make wholemeal bread, visiting a half-built house to evaluate the lay-out, recording children's stories on tape for the local hospital. You wanted a quiet hour with the newer 14-year-olds, now's your chance!

While the exams are actually underway we find that a transfer to one or other of our homes on the Friday evenings works very well. There is an open invitation, a continuous supply of

Elizabeth Burbidge

coffee, cushions round the fire, and the real understanding that it won't matter if no one turns up. Be warned, however. Even the most dedicated swotter who said she couldn't possibly come, may well turn up out of the blue. 'Well, I needed some relaxation!' You may need a lot of cushions and possibly even a worthwhile, if non-intellectual, topic for discussion. Some of our best talking-situations have come out of this practice.

Above all, don't let us forget the working-girls in all this examination euphoria. The younger ones are getting more of our undivided attention and activities more suited to them, the work-weary candidates are assured of our understanding and concern for their success, but those who will never know either A-levels or University may well feel badly left out. Why not ask them to make all sorts of experiments on behalf of the Unit; find out about the Samaritans, plan a historical treasure-hunt around the churchyard, sample the local folk club, look for a new weekend Camp-site, all with a view to future activities for everyone. The day will come when the last paper is written and there are at least seven glorious months before 'It's exams again!'

Extension Guiding:

A Modern Approach

EXTENSION WAS CHOSEN as the name for that section of our Movement for handicapped girls as it truly indicated that the opportunities of the Guide programme were available for all girls. When this section was so christened, handicapped children were often withdrawn from society, and so we were ahead of our time in giving equal opportunities to both the disabled and active child.

It was (and still is) often easy to open Units attached to schools, hospitals and other foundations, where one usually has a captive audience. Girls (and women) mostly rejected by their families were only too ready to accept the security we offered them. However, now that handicapped folk are educated and nursed more according to their needs, and more within the community; and less according to the old categories determined by handicap-type, perhaps the time has come for us all to ensure we still are extending our welcome and opportunities to those no longer segregated from us. Do those of us in active Units welcome local handicapped girls and face readily that their needs are often no more demanding than the needs of a socially deprived or

affluent child? Isn't this what the programme gives us scope for? To assess all individuals and help with their growth, from any starting position?

It probably is true to say that the more severely and multiple handicapped are in some kind of foundation and that many of these still have the opportunity to join Extension Units. Many such establishments would no doubt welcome new Units, either closed to members or open as well to the local community. Commissioners and Extension Advisers will gladly help; and do refer to *POR* and *Come Guiding with the Handicapped* (10p). Do remember our very definite rulings on Units for the mentally handicapped. These sources will also help Guiders of active Units welcoming handicapped girls.

Many handicapped citizens now live

Wendy Pellowe

in their own homes or in hostels within the community. Potential recruits would be delighted to receive our hand of friendship, so do not be shy. Just consider the recruit as you would any recruit whether her handicap is physical, intellectual or psychiatric. Can she accept and understand our Promise, and contribute to and benefit from the Unit, without detriment to herself or others? If so, she is being correctly placed.

It is a growing belief that many disadvantaged children can benefit enormously from living in the mainstream of life. It is therefore to be hoped we will all make an effort to extend our work, so that again we are forerunners in giving handicapped children (and adults) an opportunity to share the width of our programme on as equal terms as possible.

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DISTRICT

Some Aspects of the Commissioner's Job (1)

Training for the Commissioner and her team of Guiders

What Face does your District Present to the World?

E Joyce Hay

HAVE YOU EVER stopped to wonder how your Guides appear to an outsider; what the leaders of other local youth organisations think of you and your Guiders and what the average reader's reaction is to that picture of the latest Queen's Guide in your local paper? If you haven't, I think you should pause a while and ponder, for good Public Relations doesn't depend only on the people at the top or that special Department at CHQ. It depends on you and me and on every one of the Guides, Brownies and Rangers in our different Districts. We, after all, are the only representatives of Guiding that the majority of the public ever sees.

But surely, you may ask, 'everyone knows that Guiding is a good thing? Everyone knows what we stand for and what we are doing.' But do they? What have you done lately to keep them informed and up-to-date?

Take newspapers first; CHQ takes care of the nationals, but what about your local paper? Have you actually met the Editor? Do you make a point of seeing that he knows about coming events well in advance and gets a clear list (type-written if possible) of all the relevant facts so that he can report them accurately; time, place, names and appointments of principal visitors, etc. And have you ever thought of suggesting that your next Queen's Guide might receive her certificate in the children's ward or old people's home where she actually did some of her service? How refreshing it would be if, just once, we could see a Queen's Guide doing something more than just smiling at the camera.

And what about other youth organisations in your town? If you are invited to join the local Youth Committee do you automatically draw back and say (often with a certain amount of justice), 'I've

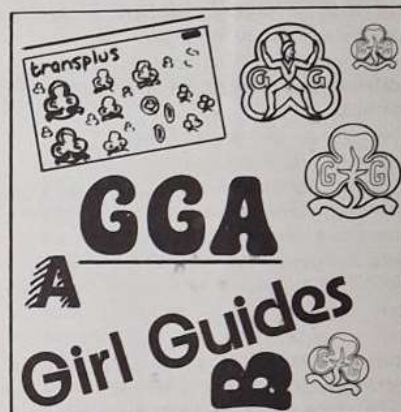
more than enough to cope with in Guiding and I don't need their help anyway'. But when you think about it, that's not really the point, is it? It is your attitude or presence that counts and it is important that the right person attends. Once there, she can not only give information about what is happening in Guiding today, but often exert her influence when important decisions are made; she can give the benefit of her experience, and incidentally, no matter how she feels to begin with, she can gain help and co-operation from other groups and societies which will broaden her Guide programme and bring benefit all round.

Newspaper reports and Committee representation, of course, are rather intangible things. Outward appearance is not. So, how do the members of your District appear to the man in the street? Are they as smart as they might be, and I mean Guiders as well as girls. For surely in uniform, as in everything else, Guiders should set an example. Have they put on weight since they bought their uniform? Grown a little beyond the mini skirt which looked so fetching five years ago? One of the drawbacks of belonging to a uniformed organisation is that it demands constantly high standards and these must be accepted if you choose to join Guides rather than the local Youth Club. For in some odd way, uniform not only makes you instantly identifiable, but also immediately representative of your entire organisation. It only takes one uniformed member to look or behave badly and thousands of others are automatically damned out of hand. Uniform has its rewards too, of course — many of them, and not the least that it is easier to feel an identity with the organisation whose uniform you wear, and more

than that, to feel at home and to know that you belong. So, take heart and cast a cool look at yourself, your Guiders and your Guides next time you meet. Don't be afraid to be firm about appearance or behaviour. Stop your Brownies turning round to giggle during the Service; see those Guides do not chew in Church; that hair and nails are tidy and clean;

that visitors to your meetings are welcomed and thanked.

And one other point, apart from seeing pictures in the local paper, meeting fellow committee members and passing Guides and



Brownies on their way to Church, what does the average man in the street actually see of your girls or their work? In most cases only that poster you put up in the corner shop to advertise next week's jumble sale. How much care did you take over the preparation of it? Do you know that CHQ Mail Order sells blank headed poster forms, and stencils of Guide and Brownie badges? That CHQ Public Relations Department has aids to artists and sheets of transplus rub off lettering and badges, specifically designed to help you produce better notices and posters? They will send you a full list of leaflets and prices if you send a stamped label.

Small things in themselves each of these may be, but the sum total is great and makes all the difference in the world to the face that you and your Guides present to it.

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HQ NOTICES

CHQ Awards

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Meritorious Conduct

Star of Merit

Claudia Bevan, Brownie Guide, 1st Welford Pack, Northamptonshire. Claudia was born with a severe deformity, which has necessitated her spending a great deal of time in hospitals undergoing treatment and surgery. She has borne a very considerable amount of discomfort with courage. With great determination, Claudia joins in everything she can, both at school and at Brownies; she has gained seven Brownie Interest Badges and the Brownie Footpath and Brownie Road Badges. Always gay and happy, she takes a keen interest in all that goes on, coping admirably with a succession of daunting frustrations and has become integrated with her community.

Penelope Clewer, Guide, 3rd Highcliffe Company, Hampshire West. Penny has shown remarkable fortitude in her illness and in all the limitations it has imposed on her activities. She has never been known to grumble or complain and never uses her handicap as an excuse, but joins in everything she can with enthusiasm. With her Company she entered a Song Contest and insisted on com-

pleting a Challenge which was considered impossible for her. Penny has gained her First Aid Badge and completed all the requirements for the Queen's Guide Badge, except camping.

Karen Trudgeon, Brownie Sixer, aged 10, 1st Windsor Great Park Pack, Berkshire. Despite considerable handicaps, Karen has always been extremely brave and cheerful. Even when quite small, she was a very happy little girl, constantly singing. She has learnt to live with her disabilities and now copes with them with amazing tenacity. Karen attends Pack meetings regularly, entering into every activity. She has gained her Singer's Badge and sang a solo in one of the Pack's concerts. Karen is now a very capable Sixer, ready to accept any challenge.

International Scout and Guide Club

Meetings take place every Monday 8.0 pm at Baden-Powell House, Queen's Gate, London. All visitors are welcome. Programmes for May include: 6th Peruvian Evening, 13th Annual General Meeting, 20th Potluck, 27th No meeting at House but 24th to 27th Pot-holing in Yorkshire.

IMPORTANT Warning to canoeists

Any Guider or Ranger who may be planning to canoe this year, either on her own or with a party, is asked most particularly to heed this warning — which could save

you and the Association possible unpleasantness or prosecution.

BEFORE canoeing on any river or non-tidal water you must find out whether you need a permit to do so, even if you have previously not required one. The person to contact is either the local British Canoe Union River Adviser (or in Scotland, where slightly different conditions may apply, to the Scottish Canoe Association) or to your Country/Region Outdoor Activities Adviser or General Secretary.

There may be problems of access of which you are not aware — so remember **BETTER SAFE than SORRY!**

Ranger Boating Weekend

The second of the CHQ Ranger Boating Weekends will take place at the Aldwark Centre, The Old Mill, Great Ouseburn, Yorkshire, from 6th-8th September. If you are interested why not write for details to Programme/Training Department, CHQ.

Commissioners— Bring the Family Too !

A Summer School will be held at Foxlease from 3rd-9th September, 1974 for all Commissioners, who may be accompanied by their husbands and/or children. Training sessions will be organised in such a way as to allow leisure time for everyone to enjoy the Forest and other local amenities.

Family accommodation is limited so applications should be made as soon as possible to the Guider in Charge, Foxlease.

The Scout and Guide Trust Fund

On 29th March, 1974 the value of a share in the above Fund was: for selling purposes 28.57p, for buying purposes 29.99p, interest only yield 6.34%.

The interest only yield does not include any capital appreciation and is based on the share buying price on the date stated.

CHQ Equipment and Publication Stocks

Because of the three day week, there has been throughout British industry a serious run down in stocks. Our suppliers' stocks and, of course, ours at CHQ were no exception, and by March we were finding ourselves out of stock of several items for varying periods.

By now, the re-building of stocks is in hand, but this is a process which will take many weeks, and until levels are restored we shall continue to be out of a number of items from time to time. We cannot be specific, as the position changes from day to day, but we are distributing supplies as fairly as possible.

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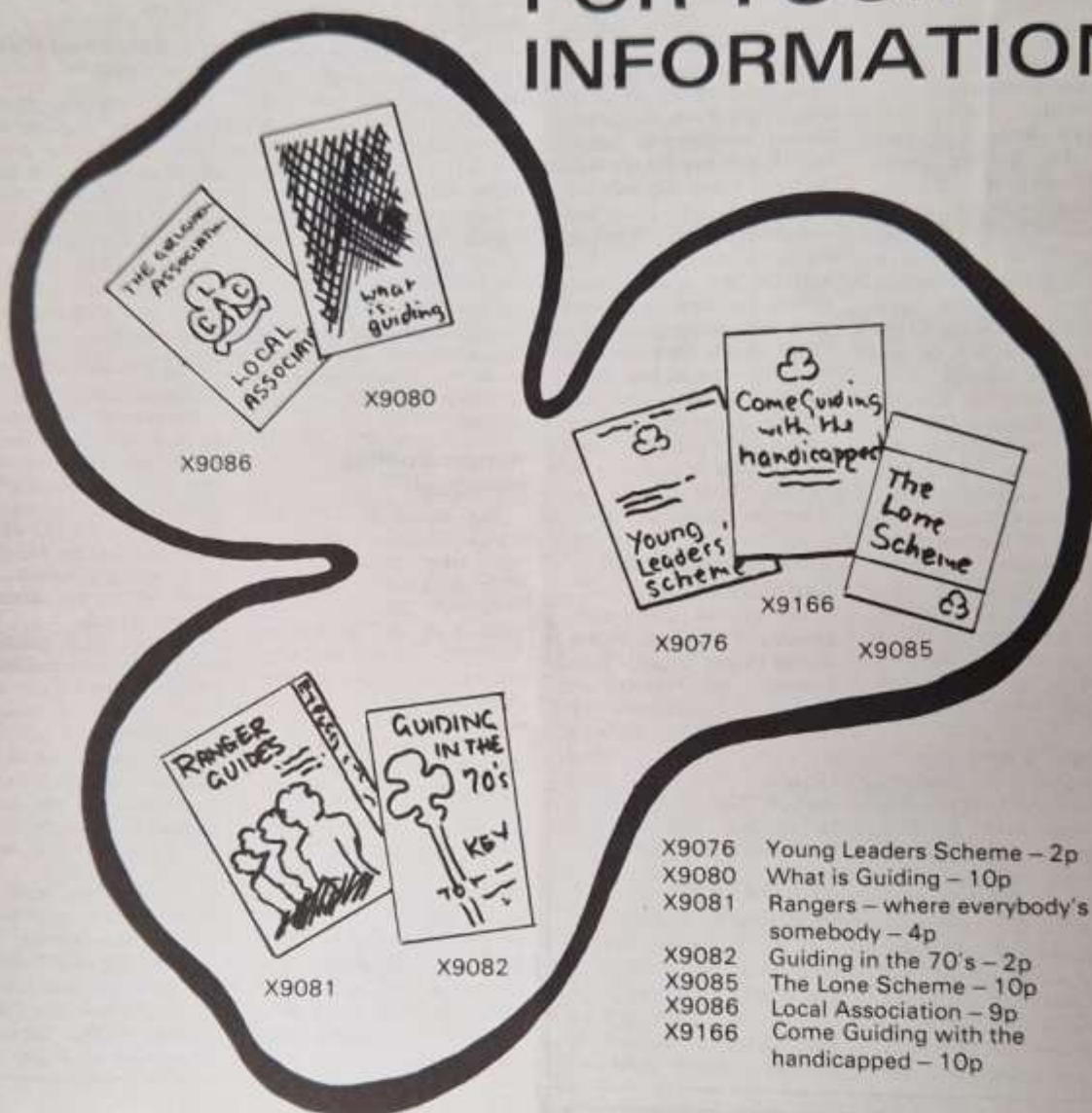
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- (3) Have an out-going personality, patience, and be able to work happily with girls of many races.
- (4) Have the ability to adapt to a tropical climate and be physically fit.
- (5) Hold a current driving licence.

In addition, it would be useful for a volunteer to offer some of the following skills – First Aid, Handcraft, Art, Music and Musical Instruments, etc.

Finance:

- (a) The return fare will be paid by VSO.
- (b) Free board and lodging, and pocket money, will be the responsibility of the Papua New Guinea Girl Guides Association.
- (c) An equipment allowance of £50, and a terminal grant on return to the UK of £150 for an 18 month tour, or £175 for a two year tour is paid by VSO.

Selection:

- (a) A selection will take place at CHQ followed the next day by a VSO Board for the final candidate to be chosen.
- (b) VSO will be responsible for the expenses of those attending the final Selection Board.

Applications: Application forms may be obtained from the Commonwealth Overseas Secretary, Girl Guides Association, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0PT. Latest time for receiving completed application forms will be Monday, 3rd June, 1974.

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The United Nations Children's Fund is supplying food and medical supplies and educational equipment to orphanages, and to Health and Day Care centres, and is also training people to work in these and to go out into the refugee camps and new villages to help mothers and children on the spot.

Please ask your Guides and Brownies to remember the children of Vietnam on World Children's Day this year and do what they can to help them.

Further information from:

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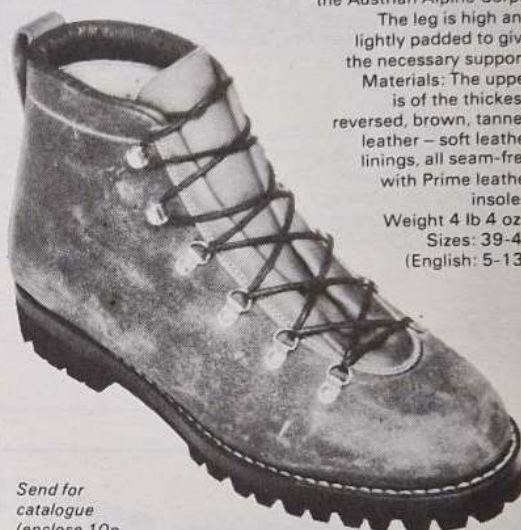
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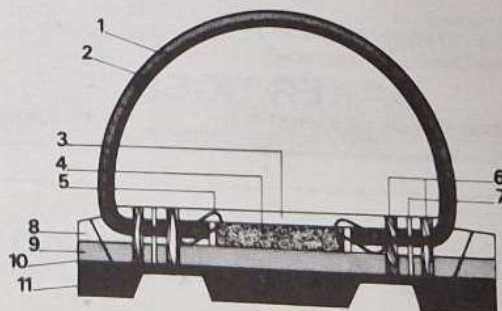
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GUIDE FRIENDSHIP FUND

Brownie Year

In the second April issue of the *Brownie* we suggested that Brownies might like to have a special Brownie project in this special Brownie Year. So often Brownies write and say 'we want to help other Brownies less fortunate than ourselves'. Brownies who are deaf, Brownies who are blind, Brownies who are disabled must surely come under this heading. So we suggest that Brownies who want to help 'those less fortunate than themselves' in this Brownie Year, may send their donations to the Guide Friendship Fund and we will make sure that their money goes to help deaf, blind or disabled Brownies in some part of the world. I hope always to be able to say exactly where their money will be going. Special equipment is often needed for handicapped children, and this, I believe, is where we can help this year.

Life-Boat Year

Already there are exciting whispers of fund-raising plans for our *Guide Friendship* Inshore Life-boat. To help with these efforts we have a limited supply of RNLI leaflets, posters, hand-outs and special metal badges we will gladly send you. All literature is free, but we ask you to send a 3p stamp for postage. The badges, and we have only a limited supply, are most attractive and the children will love to wear them, out of uniform, of course! If you care to send for some, please do. But we would ask you to keep these for those Guides, Brownies or Rangers taking part in fund-raising efforts for our *Guide Friendship* life-boat, or who have already taken part in some special effort.

You may be asked, and indeed you may yourself wonder, why the Royal National Life-boat Institution has to appeal for life-boats. There are 1,500 financial branches which

organise street and house-to-house collections and many social functions. Doesn't the government help?

The answer is this: the RNLI receives no money whatever from the State and is not controlled by the State. All the money it receives comes from voluntary contributions: from donations, subscriptions, bequests and branch money-raising efforts. This is the reason for a nationwide campaign in this 150th anniversary year for more life-boats: faster, self-righting life-boats to replace some of the very old boats still in commission; and many more of the newest inflatable life-boats of which the Atlantic 21 is the latest model.

There are a great many excellent books published telling the story of the life-boat, describing some of the thrilling and dramatic rescues that have taken place over the years. There are books written especially for the young, and for the very young. All are obtainable from the RNLI, 42 Grosvenor Gardens, London SW1. We can send you a list if you are interested (a 3p stamp please for postage).

Those of you who have ever been to Lynmouth in Devon will be able to visualise this epic story of a January night in 1899. The life-boat could not be launched at Lynmouth that night, a westerly gale was sweeping across the harbour. But there was a ship in distress in Porlock Bay. To reach her the Lynmouth crew and volunteer helpers transported the life-boat 13 miles overland. To do so they had to take the life-boat from sea level to a height of 1,400 feet. They had to dig down banks, knock down gateposts, break down walls and saw down trees. Their only lights were oil lamps. After a journey lasting ten and a half hours, they launched the boat from Porlock into the gale.

This story is typical of countless courageous rescues. Utterly regardless of their own lives the life-boatmen never fail to answer a call, the highest is demanded and the highest is always given. These are the men, and now women in the ILBs, who deserve the best boats, who deserve all the help we can give them, who one day might come to the aid of any one of us or our children. Will you do all you can to bring the story of the life-boat and the gallantry of the life-boatmen and women to your Units, and have a 'Share' in *Guide Friendship*?

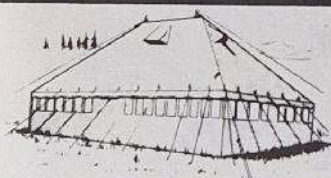
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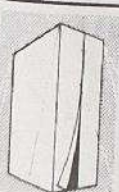
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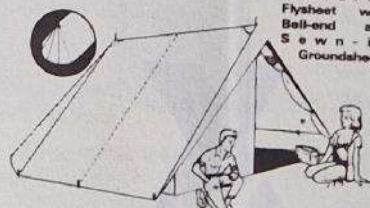
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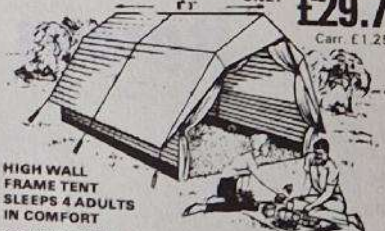


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MERSEYFOLK '74

by John S Leigh

FOLK FANS had a night to remember when they packed the Philharmonic Hall in Liverpool one cold Saturday in March. *Merseyfolk '74* was the name of the show, and 53 members of the Scout and Guide Movements were on stage.

What a parade of talent they were, too! Thirty acts had wanted to take part, but Len Barker, GSL of the 1st Waver-tree and organiser-in-chief, had whittled these down to ten. What he wanted was high quality performances from a mixture of acts; solos, duos and larger groups. What he also wanted was the limelight to be shared by both Move-ments equally.

The event, this was the second, was sparked off by the Associations' *Folk Fest* concerts. Len Barker's son Roy has performed in some of these, and Len thought that what London could do Liverpool could do just as well.

Len has the showman's touch. Not for him an amateurish effort for which you have to make a whole string of allowances. First he made sure everybody rehearsed carefully. Second he asked a professional folk song singer and writer from Liverpool, Pete McGovern, to string the acts together as compère. Third, and very important, he had John McCormick, The Spinners' double bass player, to accompany whichever acts needed it.

Of those from the Guide Movement who made the night so memorable, the 5th Aughton Folk were first on stage. Mostly very young and under the leadership of Guide Guider Elizabeth Rothwell, these girls had a lively, innocent style and a very pleasant tone. Of the 12, eight were also accomplished players of the Spanish guitar.

Two girls from the 19th Wallasey East Guide Company appeared later in the first half. Calling themselves The Magenta, Anne Ward and Carmel McHugh were one of the most popular acts of the evening. They sang a three song programme of *Last Thing on My Mind*, *Country Road*, and a jazzed-up version of that old negro spiritual *The Light that Shines*. Their warm, mellow voices filled the hall with a rich sound which brought thunderous applause.

After the interval we were entertained by Sandra Mander, Judith Maxwell and the Arrowe Folk. These girls, prettily and stylishly dressed in blue or red gingham full-length dresses, were a tuneful and enthusiastic group who sang crisply and appealingly. When they left the stage, Sandra and Judith remained to continue as a duo to sing *Hurry Home*, the Maori song, and *Massacre of Glencoe*, both of which proved highly popular.

Although she is not a member of the Guide Movement, we did have another young lady, Helen Cain, a Cub Scout Leader from the 4th Crosby, whose solo act was made up of highly competent guitar playing accompanying a light, attractive voice. Her programme was of some of the most well-known folk songs, including that 'hit' of the moment *Morning has Broken*.

The Scout and Guide Movements had, in Liverpool, co-operated to produce a high-quality folk show which had an added bonus, a handsome profit to be given as usual to a deserving cause. This year, it was announced, £150 was to be sent to the Alder Hey Hospital Children's Kidney Fund. Congratulations to everybody who took part in such a successful enterprise.

5th Aughton Folk (left)

Pete McGovern (below left) talks to 5th Aughton Folk during rehearsals

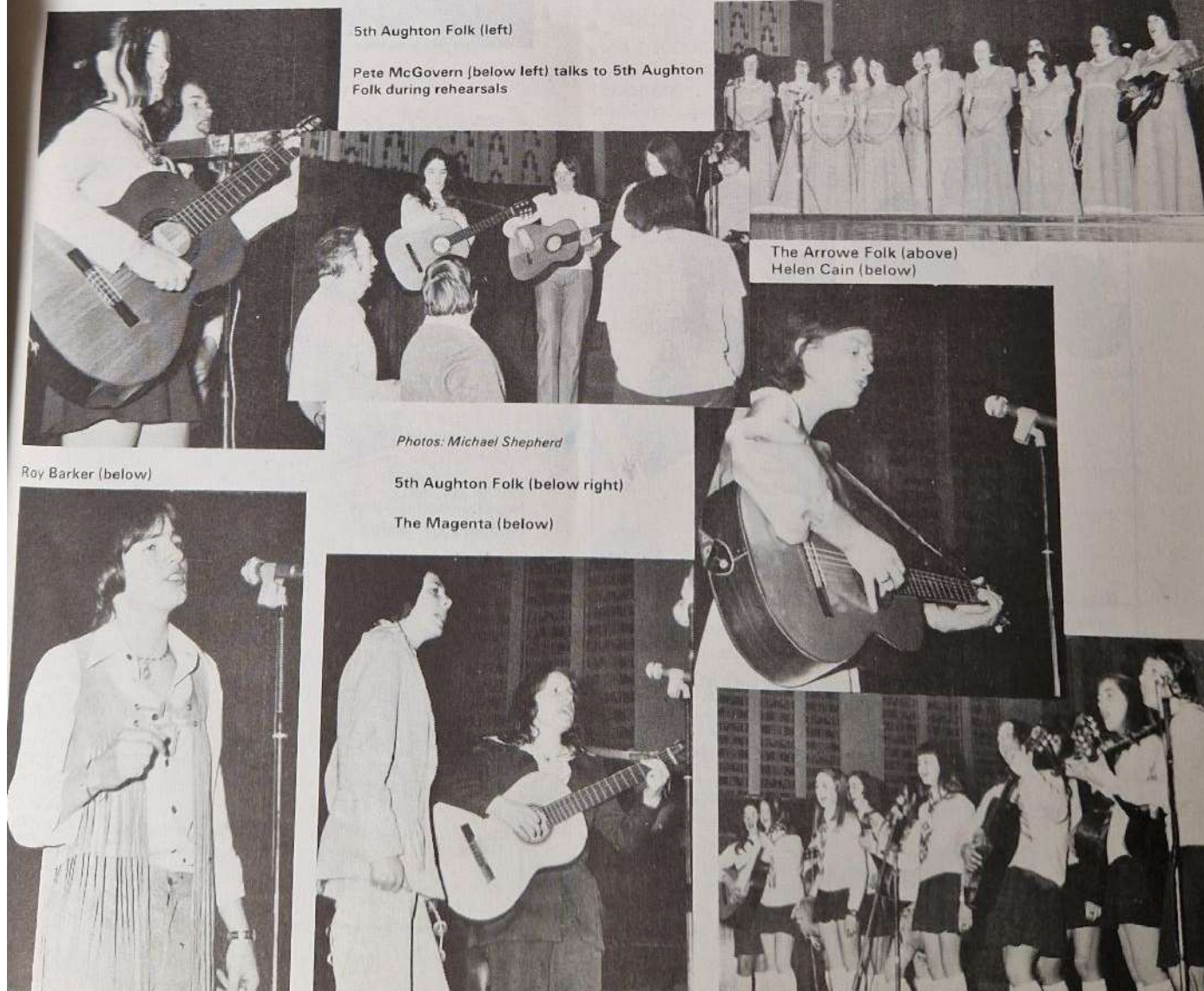
The Arrowe Folk (above)
Helen Cain (below)

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5th Aughton Folk (below right)

The Magenta (below)

Roy Barker (below)





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An application to attend a Guider 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.

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CHQ

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JUNE
7-9 Essex East
14-16 General Training, Brownie and Guide Guiders

21-23 Making the Most of the District (District Commissioners with up to seven of their Guiders)

28-30 Hertfordshire

JULY
5-7 Gloucestershire
12-14 Friends of Foxlease
17-23 Holiday Week (for the Trefoil Guild and other members, friends or mothers)

26-5 AUGUST
Patrol Leaders' Week

AUGUST
10-18 South West England Arts Workshop (by allocation)

24-31 Young Leaders' Week
(Bank Holiday)

SEPTEMBER
3-9 Summer School for Commissioners

13-15 General Training - Brownie and Guide Guiders

20-22 Division Commissioners with their Division Secretaries and District Commissioners

27-29 'New to Guiding' (Commissioners and Guiders of all Sections)

OCTOBER
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1-3 Somerset
8-10 Hampshire East

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MAY
3-5 Manchester
10-12 General Training (Brownie and Guide Guiders)

17-19 North West England (by allocation)

24-28 General Training, Brownie and Guide Guiders

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JUNE
7-9 General Training, Brownie and Guide Guiders

14-16 Making the Most of the District (District Commissioners with up to seven of their Guiders)

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JULY
27-3 AUGUST
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AUGUST
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SEPTEMBER
5-8 Cleveland
13-15 Creative Activities

20-22 General Training, Brownie and Guide Guiders

27-29 Ranger Guiders' Training

OCTOBER
4-6 Durham
11-13 Derbyshire

18-20 General Training, Brownie and Guide Guiders

25-27 Lancashire South East

NOVEMBER
1-3 North West England (by allocation)

8-10 General Training, Brownie and Guide Guiders

15-17 Making the Most of the District (District Commissioners with up to 7 of their Guiders)

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- MAY
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10-12 General Training (Places reserved for Central Glamorgan)
17-19 Welsh Trainers' Conference
24-28 General Training (Husbands and children may be accommodated)
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- JULY
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- SEPT 2
20-22 Music in the Unit
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- OCTOBER
4-6 General Training (places reserved for Gwent)

- 11-13 General Training (places reserved for Clwyd)

- 18-20 'How, Why and When?' Joint Venture Scout Leader/Ranger Guider Training Conference (by invitation)

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- NOVEMBER
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8-10 Arts Workshop

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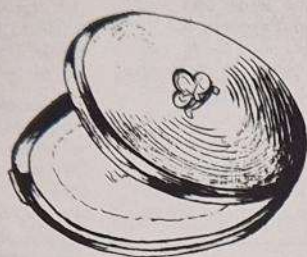
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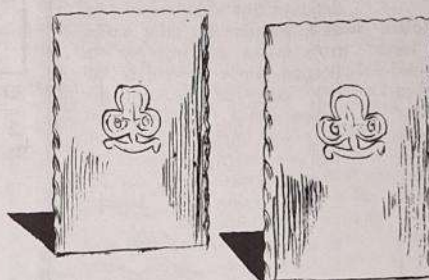
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