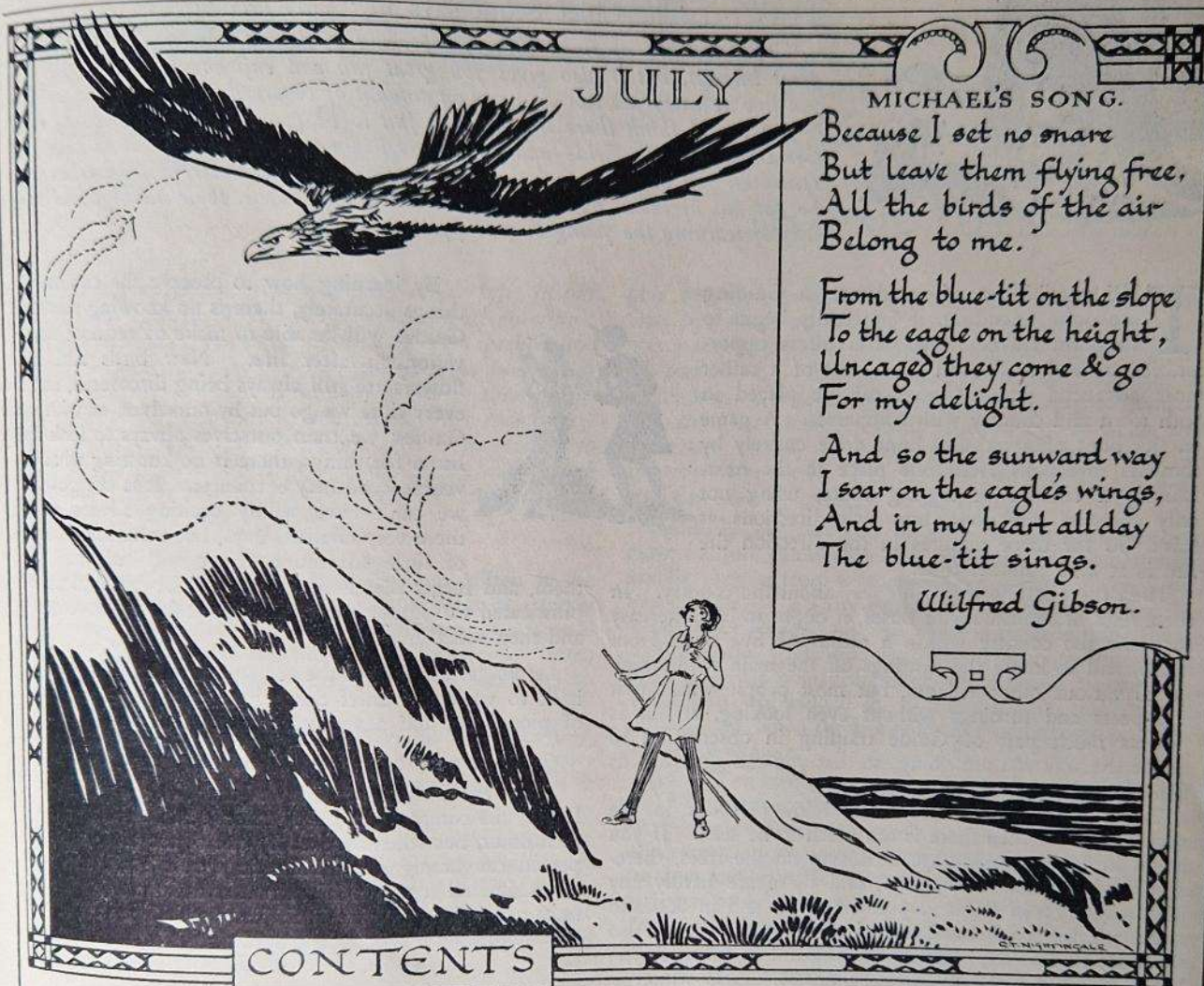


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MICHAEL'S SONG.

Because I set no snare
But leave them flying free,
All the birds of the air
Belong to me.

From the blue-tit on the slope
To the eagle on the height,
Uncaged they come & go
For my delight.

And so the sunward way
I soar on the eagle's wings,
And in my heart all day
The blue-tit sings.

Wilfred Gibson.

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WOODCRAFT IN EVERYDAY GUIDING

The Chief Scout says in "Girl Guiding":

"The noticing of small things, especially in animal life, not only gives you great interest, but it also gives you great fun and enjoyment in life. Even if you live in a city you can do a certain amount of observation of birds and animals—you would think there is not much fun to be got out of it in a murky town like London or Sheffield—and yet, if you begin to notice and know all about the sparrows, you begin to find there is a great deal of character and amusement to be got out of them, by watching their ways and habits, their nesting, and their way of teaching the young ones to fly."



THE possibilities of woodcraft in Guiding are quite unending, if you really begin to look for them. First Class offers opportunities as well as Second Class, but of a rather more advanced type. Games can be played in both town and country with compasses. A game on the lines of a treasure hunt done entirely by compass directions from one place to the next, making a circular or zig-zag route, using not only compass directions, but such directions as this: Go for three minutes in the direction the sun is at 2.30 summer time.

Then there is knowing your way about the country. In these days of multitudes of buses, it ought to be quite easy to know the country within a radius of five miles from home, and to know the turnings off the main road which go to various other villages, but most people whisk past sign-posts and turnings without even looking, and it is just as much part of Guide training in observation to notice the way you are going, so that you can get back, as it is to notice animals.

The time to begin woodcraft training is not in the spring, because then there is too much to be seen. If you begin in January, there are no leaves on the trees, therefore birds can be easily seen, and there are hardly any birds singing: in England perhaps three, and in Scotland two: robins, song thrushes and missel thrushes. Also there are no flowers, although in England in February you begin to see a few, including primroses. Also winter is an excellent time to do Scout's Pace, it warms everyone up and gets them out of doors, and often on a bright, fine afternoon in the winter you can play out of door tracking games, as long as everybody keeps moving, but the idea of Guides tracking in the snow is not really a good one, because they are apt to get very wet about the feet.

Another thing which Guides enjoy is the old method of beginning to map-make, known as "traversing." I know that this is supposed to be out of date by at least five or six years, but the Guides enjoy it just as they do the other old plan of making plaster casts of animals' footmarks!

Just because Guiders are bored by a thing after a few months, it doesn't in the least follow that the Guides are, or the Guiders of rather remote country districts, where it takes some time for ideas to penetrate. We are always having new Guides through our hands, so what may seem old to us is new to them.



By learning how to observe the commonest things accurately, there is no knowing what use Guides will be able to make of accurate observation in after life. New birds and new flowers are still always being discovered, and if every time we go out by ourselves, or with our Guides, we train ourselves always to look and listen for things, there is no knowing what adventures we may encounter. It is obvious that we can't have wildly exciting adventures in these very civilised days, but there are all sorts of little adventures if we will only look for

them, and forget that it is supposed to be smart to be sophisticated and know everything. Look for the adventures, and they will come.

Let us get away from the red tape and fashions, and get back to what the Chief Scout gave us: the Great Game of pioneering and adventure through Guiding.

Q. Can you suggest any Woodcraft game for towns?

A. Yes: a sort of hide-and-seek in a certain area. Divide the company, and they mustn't run, shriek, or catch each other, but when touched by one of the other side, the person caught signs her name in a note book, and at a given time all return to Headquarters and the side with the most names in their note books has won. The skill of this will be playing it without the public realising what is going on.

Q. How can you learn bird songs?

A. Whenever you hear a bird singing try and see the bird and decide what it is, and if you like to aid your memory, put the song into words, like the well-known yellow-hammer: "A little bit of bread and no cheese."

P. M.





(This "competition" was held very successfully in our division last spring. There was no question of entering: unless unavoidably prevented by illness, every pack in the division—twenty-five, varying in numbers from four children to twenty-eight—was visited during one of their ordinary meetings between January and April. We took everything—string, paper, etc.—with us, as it is impossible to hold up the game while B. O. searches wildly in the pack cupboard! It is also quite a useful way of testing Golden Bar work in your own pack.)

IT was decided to hold a Brownie Competition in the division—at least we called it that for want of a better name. "The Brownies mustn't know that it is a competition, though," said the Brown Owl, who was chosen to help with the examining because she had some experience and a good deal of leisure!

"Don't worry," the Division Commissioner soothed, "no Brownie ever *does* know, because, you see, every Brownie is quite sure that her pack is the best!" So it was settled.

The Examining Brown Owl, with wet towels round her head, and much midnight oil, made up the story and each of the three District Commissioners very kindly said that she would be the Witch for her district—at least, if she might wear her own car-rug as the Cloak and *not* the very cobwebby curtain in the Parish Room.

So, at the end of January, they started—the District Commissioner and the examining Brown Owl. Nobody knew exactly the date on which they would visit a pack. In the middle of an ordinary pack meeting timid Brown Owls jumped, as a knock sounded on the door and they walked in.

"May we have a Pow-wow ring, please?" said the District Commissioner, "and then we'll tell you a story." The E. B. O. told the story, because she was going to all the packs and it was only fair that the story should be always the same. This was it:—

"Once upon a time there was a Brownie pack. . . ." (pause while the E. B. O. elicited details as to the name of the pack, etc., explaining that it is much more exciting to have a story all about your own pack, and the D. C. in the background made mental notes on the intelligence of the children), ". . . whose Brown Owl one day took them to

play on the beach. When they got quite near Brown Owl sent them on to hide. Now the only place to hide was a big empty boat at the edge of the water so in they all scrambled. Along came Brown Owl, hunting for them, but—just as the Brownies were going to jump up and shout—a dreadful thing happened. A huge wave came and carried the boat right out to sea. How the Brownies screamed! But the boat went faster and faster and was soon out of sight of land.

Suddenly—a great pile of sacks in the stern began to move and out came—what do you think?—(suggestions usually varying from a coastguard to a crab! The E. B. O. impressively)—"a Fairy Princess! She was very surprised to see them because she had never seen a Brownie before, also she was frightened and began to cry. Just as the Brownies were comforting her, there was a terrific bump—the boat had landed on a desert island. Out they all climbed and, when the Brownies had tied up the boat, they set out to explore.

All of a sudden there was a terrible noise and a Wicked Old Witch appeared. She shook her Magic Cloak and all the Brownies turned into stone; then she shut the Princess in a tower. After that she made all the Brownies be her servants and work for her. She was going to a ball that night, so some of them had to sew her dress, and some of them had to darn her stockings, and some had to plait her hair. Then she sent two to lay the table for tea, and told them to be very careful to lay for two people, and to put knives and forks, because she was asking the Princess to tea and giving her poisoned ham!

When tea was laid, the Witch said she would dress for the ball first; so the Brownies dressed her. Then, as it was not quite time, she told them to play a game to amuse her—a singing-game if possible—because she was very fond of music. In the middle of the game there was a SNORE! The Witch had fallen fast asleep.



Off crept the Brownies to rescue the Princess, who had thoughtfully hung out a Union Jack upside down as a signal of distress. Then a Sixer had a good idea. She crept away to get the Witch's Magic Cloak so that they would leave her powerless. Unfortunately the Cloak was so full of bad magic that it burnt their fingers and they dropped it, until the Princess found a sheet of brown paper and some string to make a parcel.



Then they crept to the boat and rowed home, where they found Brown Owl waiting for them and were able to tell her all they had seen on the island. Luckily Brown Owl had found the Princess's wings, which she had left on the beach when she fell asleep in the boat, and she was just helping her on with them when there was a splashing and the Witch arrived. However she could do no harm without her Cloak so the pack gave a Brownie "Thank You," to both the Princess and the Witch and they flew back to Fairyland!

"Well," said the E. B. O., "would you like to act that story?"

At only one pack was there the slightest hesitation and the E. B. O. wondered desperately what the Eagles would say if one forced a pack to act a story after they had politely said "No, thank you!"

The pack were allowed to arrange the room and build the boat, etc., exactly as they liked. The D. C. was asked by courteously-saluting Sixers, if she would be the Witch and the E. B. O. said she would be the Princess, without being asked. The pack's own Brown Owl was the Brown Owl in the story—a cunning method of testing the calibre of Brown Owl!—and the game started: usually pretty promptly, much to the relief of the E. B. O. who was lying half-stifled, under *all* the coats of the pack!

The Princess, when she was discovered, was *very* stupid and had to be told exactly "what Brownies are," receiving pious answers, such as "little girls who are trying to be good," and the much more human response of the newly-enrolled Brownies who shouted proudly "We wear UNIFORM!"

When the boat came to be tied up, however, the Princess was tactfully equipped with string—but only in small pieces which required much joining!

Meanwhile the D. C. had been putting bits of twig, bird-pictures, etc., round the room to be "observed" by the explorers.

We discovered that it requires great self-control to

"turn into stone," when a cloak is shaken at you. Some packs failed dismally!

For her ball-dress the Witch was equipped with long strips of material (ready-tacked, and with threaded needles of different coloured cotton for each pack, attached), which had to be hemmed; canvas, to be darned in coloured wools, for her stockings, and lengths of coloured cord for her hair. When the E. B. O., for the first time, saw her District Commissioner "dressed for the ball," she laid her head on her arms and wept with unseemly mirth. Incidentally, it was the part of the story the children loved most: not every day are you armed with large safety-pins and invited to pin things all over "Madam."

The "poisoned ham" always caused a thrill of indignant horror, but was necessary to introduce knives and forks—the tea-things were doll's-house size. If there were Golden Hand Brownies the D. C. introduced a few questions on making tea, etc. This was a difficult test to judge as "mother's" ideas were so different from the D. C.'s. At one pack, a small person, on being asked, "Why have you put the tea-pot over there? Don't I pour out tea?" replied crushingly, "Not if you have a servant, you don't."

The singing-game was left entirely to the pack to choose and organise quite by themselves, on the spur of the moment. A difficult test for Rangers or even Guiders, but which the Brownies took in their stride!

The "signal of distress" had been arranged by the Princess beforehand, "just in case. . . !" and there was a good deal of difference of opinion over it: the Princess had never seen a Union Jack before so asked a lot of questions—a tiresome woman!

More self-control in "creeping" to the boat.

The Witch was dragged in again at the end because the examining Brown Owl thought it was only polite that the District Commissioner should be given a Grand Howl, too!

Then out they both "flew," to sit in the D. C.'s car and write up marks and remarks before, very often, dashing off to another Parish Hall to go through the whole thing again.

We marked as follows:—

Manners and welcome	5	Singing-game	10
Story (attention and intelligence)	5	Union Jack	5
Arranging room (originality, Sixers' initiative)	10	Parcel	5
Finding Princess (acting powers, politeness, willingness to help)	5	"Creeping" (self-control)	5
Knots (tying up boat)	5	Grand Howl	5
Observation	5	Neatness (general tidiness)	5
Hemming	5	"Brownie"-ness (all the intangible things that make a real Brownie pack)	10
Darning	5		
Plaiting	5		
Laying table	5		
		Total	100

A copy of "marks and remarks" of her own pack was sent to each Brown Owl, and only one thing remains to be said—every Brown Owl heaved a sigh of relief when it was over and every Brownie asked us to come again.

D. CALLENDER.

RANGERING

THE RENT THAT I PAY.

IN the initiation ceremony of Toc H. comes the question:—

"What is service?"

And the answer is: "Service is the rent that I pay for my room in the world." As service is the keynote of Toc H., so it is for Guides and Scouts. Some say they have as good a right as anyone else to be here, but this is a primitive point of view, for a sense of indebtedness springs from a sense of honour and honour is a maturer growth. Only a moral pauper will be content to live rent free. Primitive man had to give service to his tribe or village as the price of his own safety. This developed into the feudal system where land and protection were given for service rendered. Then came the dawn of chivalry and the knight learnt to make his vows of service "to all who might need his help" irrespective of their claim. So service came to be regarded as a gift, freely offered, rather than a price that must be paid. Find out your Rangers' ideas about the difference between duty and service, and get them to count up the things for which they are indebted. Some may seem to have very little to "pay for," yet you may find that they think they have many of the prizes of life.

What are characteristics of service?

It must be *disinterested*; it must be done in no bargaining spirit; with no feeling that we are doing more than others and "being made use of."

Service must be *individual*. It is a form of self-expression and must not become stereotyped. There are many more opportunities for women to use it than there were fifty years ago when little was available beyond Sunday school work. Guiding is a great chance for many of us, for an openly idealistic appeal will stimulate girls to give their best although it is worth noting that it will often alarm boys and produce little response, while these will react to an objective need such as war or a general strike.

Service must be *intelligent*. It must be done with *vision*, i.e. with power to see on a spiritual plane. Some say they have no time to serve since they have to earn a living. But do we say that statesmen, doctors, clergymen are not serving because they are paid for their work? Tell your Rangers to choose their work intelligently; it should be productive work, productive of something good and useful, or it will fail in its appeal to them, but without the power or vision they may not realise what they are working for. For example, the kitchenmaid in an orphanage may regard herself as the least important person in it, or she may consider that without her services the cook would not stay, no meals would be prepared and the whole life of the institution would be upset. It is for us to make the Rangers see what is behind their work. If a girl is forced to take work which does not serve any useful end, such as the "luxury trades," she must be given special opportunities for service outside her work.

Service must be *non-personal* in its outlook. It is sometimes assumed that it is not service to tend our own children, but only other people's. Looking after grandfather is a "family tie" and no credit is given for

either. But if family life is the greatest asset of a country, then, surely, tending the family is the greatest service we can do. The ideal at the back of it is to save the weaklings, the young, the old and infirm, that is to preserve the spirit of chivalry in the race, and it does not affect the matter whether they are our own relations or someone else's. If we recognise that home duties are a part of the general scheme of work we shall not feel that the homemaker is being sacrificed to her family. Rearing children is not sufficiently regarded as an important part of national service in England, and we must accustom ourselves to realise it more fully.

We have seen what service must be. What is its reward? It is its own reward. This point of view was implied in old days when we spoke of the Navy, the Army, the I.C.S. and so on, as the "Services," since it was always assumed that those who entered them gave more than they were repaid in salary. Service is the least possessive joy and can be introduced into any work. The cost of service may be all that you have; for no one can it be cheap, but the chance of making this gift is to be envied.

If service is the rent that we pay, who assesses the rent? We do ourselves, and only honour makes us pay it. Professor Henry Jones used to make his students divide a sheet of paper into two columns. In one column the student must put all that he has done for his country and set a price in money by each item, making it as high as he likes. Then he must put in the other column all that the country has done for him and set the value as low as he can. Then the columns must be balanced and the good citizen will find that he is always owing. Try to give your Rangers the feeling that they are always in debt, and make them ask themselves:—

"Do I pay an adequate rent for the good room in the House of Life which has been allotted to me?"

E. J. CRICHTON MILLER.

A New Training Scheme

THE idea that training is an essential preparation for any kind of social work is now generally accepted and the Guide Movement has been one of the pioneers of training.

The Y.W.C.A. of Great Britain, a still older movement, dating from 1855, has for many years emphasised the need for training and has tried out many experimental schemes.

The two movements have so much in common in their international basis and ideal of character training, that it is interesting to compare the development of their training schemes.

The Y.W.C.A. has recently had a Commission sitting on the subject, and its new scheme is now coming into force.

The Commission included such authorities on training for social work as Miss T. M. Morton, O.B.E., late Principal Organiser of Children's Care Work for the London County Council, Miss Hilda Kelly, O.B.E., and the Hon. Eleanor Plumer.

The scheme which the Commission recommended is comprehensive and at the same time capable of adjustment to meet the needs of students of varying ages and experience. In fact the Commission aimed at laying down what equipment, in their opinion, the Club Leader or Hostel Warden needs and then devising a means of giving it to each individual.

This training course should be of great value to any women wishing to take up work on a Christian basis amongst girls and young women. It preserves a nice balance of theory and practice not always easy to obtain and lays great stress on teaching methods in educational work. It also provides training in general social work which gives the student an insight into the actual living and working conditions of a great city, its local government and social administration. In outline the full training scheme is as follows:—

1. A month's trial in a Y.W.C.A. centre recognised for training.
2. Three or four months' supervised social experience such as C.O.S. general and case work in London, or for Scottish students, in Glasgow.
3. Two terms at the College, attending lectures in Bible Study, psychology, Christian ethics and other subjects with special training in club principles and methods and supervised practical experience in a large Y.W.C.A. Club in Birmingham.
4. A year's apprenticeship in a Y.W.C.A. centre with full maintenance and pocket money salary.

This scheme can be freely varied to suit differing ages, experiences and qualifications.

The Central Colleges at Selly Oak offer remarkable academic advantages and inspiring fellowship among men and women preparing for service.

Full particulars, including information as to bursaries may be obtained from: The Training Secretary, National Headquarters, 17, Clifford Street, Bond Street, London, W.1.

How to Teach a Baby to Breathe Properly

By MRS. J. LANGTON HEWER, S.R.N.,

Author of *Our Baby* and *The Baby of To-day*.

This year sees the fifteenth National Baby Week. Ever since 1917 the first week in July has been set apart as a week during which the National Baby Week Council asks the public to study the needs of mothers, babies and little children, so that we may have a nation well aware of the fact that in babyhood the foundations of health are laid. The modern mother makes a thorough study of the art of rearing children. The modern girl makes it her duty, too, to understand the management of children, as the Guide, working for her Child Nurse badge, will realise.

GUIDERS are well aware how difficult it is to overcome a bad habit of any kind, and it is therefore of great importance to prevent our babies developing bad health-habits, which often lead to serious results.

It is as easy to teach a baby good health-habits as bad ones, and the good habit of breathing correctly is one of the most valuable that you can secure for a child.

Nature has designed the nose as the outside door to the lungs and the mouth as the outside door to the stomach, the lungs requiring air and the stomach food.

The nose is wonderfully constructed for its purpose. Both nostrils, which open into one cavity, are lined with what is known as mucous membrane, which is really the under layers of ordinary skin. Mucous membrane always contains blood vessels and nerves, but that which lines the

nose has also a special coating of very fine hairs, over which the air passes on its way to the lungs. The function of these hairs is to filter the air before it arrives at its destination. The necessity for this is obvious as, especially in crowded places air contains dust, dirt and even disease germs. The blood vessels of the nasal mucous membrane have also a special function—they contain warm blood continually flowing through them, and as the air passes over them the heat is sufficient to warm it up to the temperature of the body.

Now if air goes straight to the lungs without the treatment that it receives on its proper route, i.e. through the nose, it may (1) carry disease germs through the blood supply into some part of the body where it may set up serious mischief, e.g. tuberculous germs may be carried to the lungs themselves or to glands and cause glandular disease, or it may (2) in cold or damp weather cause a chill and bronchitis or pneumonia may follow. It is therefore a matter of national importance that the habit of *nose breathing* as opposed to *mouth breathing* should be established from birth.

The end results of mouth breathing are disastrous. The air taken in through the mouth, being neither filtered nor warmed is largely responsible, not only for the evils stated but for enlarged tonsils, adenoid growths, mal-development of teeth, flatulence and chest troubles.

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To establish the right method of breathing it is necessary to:—

1. See that there is a clear airway to the nostrils. These are easily compressed by too thick or soft a pillow or pressure from the mother's breast, or they may be covered by the shawl or blanket.

2. See that the child's chin is slightly depressed towards the chest when laid in the cot, as should the head be at all thrown back the mouth may open automatically.

3. Keep the nostrils clear and clean by using a tiny swab of clean cotton wool dampened with saline or boracic lotion (a fresh piece for each nostril) twice a day. If this produces a sneeze it is all to the good.

4. Do not allow comforters or thumb-sucking, as on falling asleep the mouth remains open. Thumb-sucking can be prevented by wrapping a soft shawl round the baby, with the arms inside, before placing him in his cot.

5. Close the mouth gently when not in normal use, and if necessary put a small pad under the chin. Should a child appear unable to breathe freely through the nose the doctor should be consulted at once.

Finally, when the baby is a week or two old, begin very gradually, according to the time of year, to provide plenty of fresh *moving* air, when possible out of doors or on a balcony, but if indoors, in an uninhabited room in front of a window widely open at the bottom with a screen placed between the door and window to prevent a draught.

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If the general public would only realise the far-reaching evils of mouth breathing, which, if allowed in babyhood is often present through life, these simple measures to ensure *correct* breathing would be eagerly carried out and many of the "tonsil and adenoid" clinics would be able to close down.



[Photo]

[Tattersall]

A CAMP HOSPITAL

THE hospital tent is a very necessary part of a camp, and to some Guiders, it is the part that is almost the most fun to fix up, while to others it is rather a nightmare. It is for those who find it difficult to stock a medicine chest and to plan a hospital that this article is written. This list of things must not be taken as the only possible one, it is merely a collection of ideas which have been amassed at different camps, most of them having been originated by others and to those others I am most grateful for the help they have been.

To start with, don't be put off by the size of the hospital tent in the photograph on the next page. That was taken at the World Camp at Foxlease last year, and as there were about a hundred and fifty Guiders of over thirty nationalities, more things had to be provided than in the case of an ordinary Guide camp. I may add that, when stocking a hospital for Guiders, more remedies have to be kept in stock, as Guiders expect a choice while Guides have to take what they are given!

The hospital as shown in the photograph was as follows: the tent was a ridge with a fly and huge pegs which can be seen supporting the orange boxes. The top shelf was two planks tied together and covered with white paper.

The "table" was an ordinary Tate sugar box, also covered with white paper, in which everything was packed except two of the white jugs. On the top the bottles are: methylated spirit, cold sterile water in a screw-topped bottle, and hot sterile water in a thermos flask. On the other side of the sweet peas—three dressings bowls graded

in size (these were all Woolworth's), a kidney dish and a pint measure, a mug and two little china bowls. These are not necessary, but I have had them a long time and find them most useful for

iodine or small quantities. All the bowls should be kept upside down on a clean towel. The best way to disinfect bowls in camp, is to put a very little methylated in each and set fire to it. Be careful not to hold the bowl when doing so, nor to put it on the grass.

The orange boxes were provided by Q.M. and after being scrubbed, the shelves were covered by white American cloth (Woolworth) which came halfway up the back. This prevents the bottles being blown down if there is a draught through the box. The left-hand box had all external applications, the poisons and the dressings. The right-hand one had all the internal remedies, so there was no chance of a mistake being made. One word as to poisons—never have a poison in tabloid form—terrible accidents can happen. Poisons should be unmistakable; linaments are obvious and so is iodine—the others I had were lysol and permanganate of potash in crystals—the latter is for snake bite and will also do as a lotion.

Dressings were: boric and white lint, cotton wool, picric gauze (use soaked in olive oil) and white gauze, all in round tins except the picric which is in a carton (cocoa tins do excellently). Mead's widest strapping, as you can always split it to the size you need, band aid, bandages, roller 2½ in. and 1 in., triangular, and jaconet.

I find it a tremendous help to have different sized squares of lint and wool in a towel ready for use, also a

glass pot with a lid, full of cotton wool swabs. This all saves time when you have to do a sudden dressing. Keep your stock up every day. A biscuit tin for the kettle keeps off the draught. The kettle and stove both came from Woolworth's.

The right-hand box had various remedies on the top shelf—all the aperients to the left. The second shelf had two medicine glasses, an eye bath, a potted meat jar with

front, large at the back, clearly labelled. Keep your shelves clean and the bottles dusted and your hospital will then be a joy to behold. The following list may help when stocking a hospital: iodine, linament, witch hazel, castor oil, syrup of figs, senna pods, cinnamon or ammoniated quinine, bicarbonate of soda, aspirin, oil of cloves, cough lozenges, smelling salts, sal volatile, boric ointment, boric powder, sunburn lotion, some old gloves for finger stalls, salt for gargles, soda for stings, and olive oil, and the things already mentioned in the description of the hospital.

If you know of a good remedy for keeping away midges, use it. I know of none.

A. H. M. WILDER.



[Photo]

The Hospital Tent.

[V.J.R.]

methyated in which were kept forceps, sharp needles for thorns, etc., scissors and a thermometer ready for use. The bottom shelf had a small teapot and milk jug, cup and saucer, tea and sugar, a tin of Oxo cubes and a box of matches in another Oxo tin to keep them dry. The board on the pegs had Monkey soap for the bowls, carbolic soap and ordinary soap. The "table" had three jugs, a basin and a towel. The two extra jugs were necessary as we needed a good deal of hot water. Inside the box were kept spare towels and glass cloths. Beside the things shown, we had a hot water bottle, wringer and bed with pillow and blankets.

Now for a small or ordinary sized camp, the hospital can be arranged on the same lines. A small ridge or bell tent is suitable with a camp bed, bedding and pillow. Your medicines will get into one orange box and I suggest that "internals" go on the top shelf, "externals" on the next, and dressings below. You will have room on the top for your bottles and bowls. The "table" you will have as your things will be packed in it and you can keep extra things in it as well. You will need two buckets, one for dirty and one for clean water and a torch or lantern. The lantern is hanging on the end of the shelf in the photo.

The hospital does cost a good deal to fit up at first, but once assembled, unless you have a very unusual run of illness, you will find it can be kept up with very little expenditure. I cannot say for certain how much the initial outlay would be, but certainly not more than £1. It is far better to fit it up yourself than to buy a case already fitted which will have a good many things you will never use, which are also packed so tightly that it is impossible to get anything out in a hurry.

Have everything in the right order: small bottles in

sent to the public by the Roads Beautifying Association, and it is hoped in time to extend the planting of these avenues over the Home Counties.

The Children's Branch of the Roads Beautifying Association was formed in order to give young people a practical interest in nature and the preservation of the English countryside. Guide companies may join the Association at the cost of 2s. 6d. a year, and patrols may join for 1s. a year. The cost of a cherry tree in one of the Avenues is two guineas which includes the tree guard and bronze name-plate.

Further information may be obtained from the Honorary Secretary, Children's Branch, Roads Beautifying Association, 34, Chandos House, Palmer Street, S.W.1.

It is of interest to note that the steady educative campaign carried out by a sympathetic Press on the subject of vandalism of the countryside is affecting the holiday-making public. Over a recent Bank Holiday week-end the woodland reserve on the Denham-Rickmansworth Road was used by some 300 picnickers, who put their litter in the boxes provided and left the wood almost exactly as they found it. No fires were lit and the 1,000 daffodils which were then in full bloom were left untouched. This is a gratifying indication that as a result of the efforts made on all sides, the British nation are waking up to appreciate their natural heritage.

A BROWNIE STORY.

BROWNIE (*thoughtfully*): "I know why we are 'Brownies' and Guides 'Guides,' but why are the big ones 'Reindeers'?"

A HAMPSHIRE HOWLER.

SMALL GUIDE: "Is a dip, a person who goes bathing at Fox lease?"

GUIDING OVERSEAS

HONG KONG

THE photograph was taken of the Hon. Mrs. Charles Tufton and the Guides on March 14th, when all the companies of Hong Kong assembled for the Annual Competition for the Prince of Wales's Banner.

When the Prince was visiting Hong Kong some years ago he was often carried in a sedan chair, and the two embroidered panels from the side of this chair he gave to the Scouts and Guides, and these were made into banners by them. Every year competitions are held to decide which troop or company shall hold the banner.

In Hong Kong we have about 160 Guides. There are eight companies, of which some are of British girls, some Chinese and some Eurasian. The Chinese wear their own kind of uniform. To English girls they look like very wide pyjamas with rather a tight-fitting coat well buttoned-up at the neck. (It is not considered proper for a Chinese girl to have an open-neck to her dress.) In competitions we cannot have uniform inspection because the Chinese Guides wear no ties, hats or belts; long trousers do away with the suitable-undergarment-problem! The belt is a difficulty. It looked so wrong to wear it over the little coat and yet if no belt was worn what was to happen to the whistle, knife and hank of cord? So a fashion was started of wearing the belt round the top of the trousers (which is, of course, a usual place for a belt!). Some Guides dispense with the belt and keep their things in pockets tucked away somewhere inside and hang their whistle on a button of the coat which does up on the side under the right arm, and this seems a satisfactory plan. Two or three rows of narrow braid or piping is put round the edge of the sleeves, neck, and hem of the coat and trousers; these are of the company colour and differentiate the companies at a glance. In summer the uniform is of white cotton, in winter of blue; on very cold days there is hardly a limit to the number of warm garments that can be put on underneath.

Guiding was started among British girls in Hong Kong a long, long time ago, and at first there were great difficulties.

The Chinese were encouraged to take an interest until finally companies of them were formed. The Chinese of the Colony of Hong Kong are British subjects most of them. There are now four companies of Chinese girls and three of them are carried on entirely in their own language. Usually the captain cannot speak a word of it, sometimes the lieutenant cannot either and then the fun begins! Can you imagine taking a meeting without talking to the Guides at all, yet teaching company drill—quite a new thing to them—

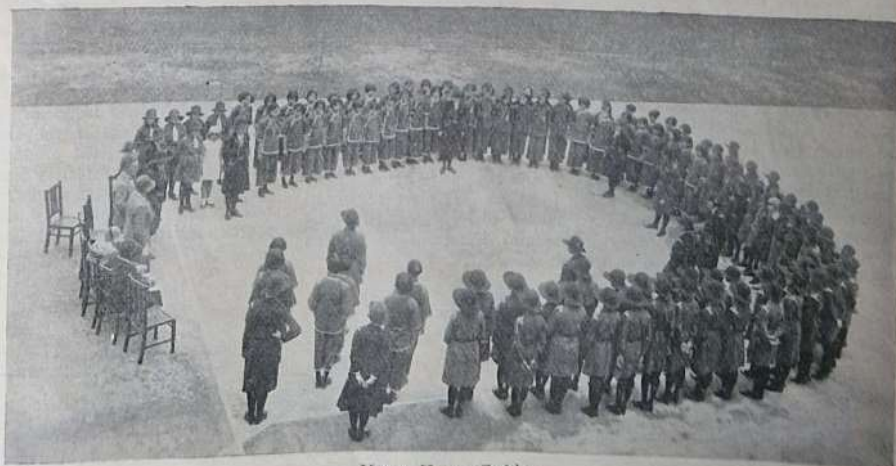
health rules, or a game? Try a meeting like that if you want a new experience! Or try with a lieutenant pretending to interpret, but remember she finds one language much more difficult than the other one and there are probably no Chinese equivalents for sheepshank, patrol corners, and so on. Of the four Chinese companies only one is lucky enough to have a Chinese captain and only two others have a lieutenant who can speak Chinese fluently. We find it a bit beyond us to get first-class badges or all-round cords, but still—we are Guides nevertheless.

It is not easy to get Guiders to tackle the difficulties, so those who are keen and brave enough to do so are treasures indeed.

We only have one purely British company, but we have one made up of English, Scots, Irish, Jews, Germans, Norwegian and maybe other nationalities—a kind of "league of nations"—there are language difficulties there, too, sometimes.

Hong Kong has Brownies, too, over 160 of them. There are 9 packs, 7 of them are of British children and they are dressed as Brownies are in England except that in the summer they wear topees. The Chinese Brownies wear brown trousers and tops; like the Guides they have their pack colour in braid round the edges of the uniform. Chinese children do not hear about fairies and elves as English children do. It is all new to them when they join the pack, and Brown Owl has to be prepared to deal with much scepticism and sophistication, and to concentrate more on other aspects of Brownie-ing. The continual cry from Brownies in Hong Kong is "Please send us some ready-made Brown Owls and Tawnies." The need is great.

There is a company of Rangers also in Hong Kong which having come through various vicissitudes is now recruiting again under a young acting-captain who having been a Brownie, a Guide, and an Owl in the Colony is now learning Rangering—by experience, as most things have to be learned with us.



Hong Kong Guides.



THE WOODCRAFT

BY MARCUS

The Trail in July.

Harvesting begins ; and now the veil is torn which has given summer sanctuary to a host of wild creatures in the jungle of the corn-stems.

The corn would show many pictures of wild life if we could pierce that golden veil before the reapers come to the field—fox cubs at their play ; badgers following their parents in evening twilight, one behind the other, on hunting forays ; sleek leverets learning to race and leap ; or the devoted partridge parents brooding their chicks.

Rabbits fly in scores, and in hundreds from a large field, before the reapers. The farmer is well aware of their presence, as of that of badgers if the corn has been rolled flat in patches, but he does not see the moles tunnelling under the roots of his crop, or the sly little weasels which run in the surface mole-runs, the hedgehogs which come in from the ditches, the rats or the stoats which know the cornfield as a hunter's Elysium—as it is a naturalist's. Even the ever-vigilant gamekeeper does not know what partridges or pheasants, quail or landrail, the corn hides.

Reaping gives us all a chance to see one of the least known and most attractive of our wild animals, the harvest mouse, and its miraculously woven nest among the stems ; it is perhaps the prettiest of all the pictures of the harvest field, to see the midget, reddish mouse sitting on an ear of corn, nibbling the grain, supported by its prehensile tail, winding round a stem.

Here follow a few matter-of-fact wild life notes for July on subjects on which Guides may fittingly be invited to whet their powers of observation :—

Constellations Scorpio, Ophiuchus, and Hercules in southern sky ; Draco overhead, Ursa Minor above the Pole Star. Times of sunrise and sunset ; dates of the phases of the moon. Cuckoo last heard ; swifts last seen. A census of differently coloured July flowers. A "thing of beauty" observed for the first time this month ; the prettiest bird and animal picture of the month. Birds heard still singing. Butterflies and moths of the month. The phenomenon of a "midsummer humming" heard in the air. St. Swithin's Day—wet or fine. Flowers by the sea : flowers on the hills. Birds in the garden. Harvest-time notes. Bees in lime-blossom. Birds in family parties. Swallow families gathering. Wild strawberries ripe. Dor-beetle humming. House-martin's second brood. Crickets chirping at night. Lizard in heather. Number of sunny days of the month : number of wet or gloomy days.

Your Own Nature Log-Book.

The above suggestions I have copied from my newly-published book for Guides, entitled *My Own Nature Log-Book*, the meaning of which title is "*Your Own Nature Log-Book*," supposing that you possess, kind reader, as I trust, a copy of the book. For this book is intended to be written, as to the best part of it, by its possessors, for which purpose blank lines are left after suggested notes, and, moreover, the book is intended to be decorated by its possessors, for which purpose it contains hundreds of outline sketches, lending themselves to illumination.

I may claim that this is essentially a Guide's own book. It ran a first experimental course in *The Guide*. The idea of it was an outcome of a suggestion by the Editor of the paper. The Editor had marked how gladly Guides will make entries in books, if suggestions are supplied, when they would not trouble to make them otherwise—entries, for example, on matters of such great concern as birthdays, heights, weights, glove-size or shoe-size, favourite colours, and all sorts of sympathies and antipathies. We adapted the idea of a confession-book to a Nature-log suggesting subjects on which notes are worth making for future reference, with space for writing them, week by week through the year, and supplying outline sketches for colouring. Here we were ably helped by Miss Freda Noble's art, which provided us with a series of decorated full-page weekly calendars, for note and picture making.

In addition, I wrote a running commentary on the events of the year, with hints on exploring the little-trodden bye-ways of "the Woodcraft Trail."

Suggestions were invited from *Guide* readers for making the calendars attractive, were liberally bestowed and freely adopted. The experiment as it ran its course in the paper was watched with close interest by many Guides, to whom I was greatly indebted for valuable hints as to making the suggestions for wild life study really appealing to the Guides, and within their compass. Thus, some pleaded that the stars should have a place in our calendars, and we added the stars ; others wanted butterflies, or moths, and many were especially keen on suggestions which should encourage Guides to see beauty wherever they go.

All agreed that the aim should be to induce Guides to break away from the cursory style of note-making which is usual in their Nature note-books, to look wide and look far, and to observe given subjects continuously and intensively—for example not to be content with noting : "Saw a wild rose," but so to watch the rose as to learn how its life is ordered, and how long it may live.

All ideas having been tested, I wrote the book anew, and Messrs. Pearson's published it at two shillings.

So the book was inspired by a Guide ; it was cradled in the Guides' own weekly paper ; it was nursed by Guides themselves and by experienced Guides who were watching its weekly growth ; it was written for Guides, before all—so I hope that a Guide here and there will read it—and paint it—and like it !

Preserve the Countryside.

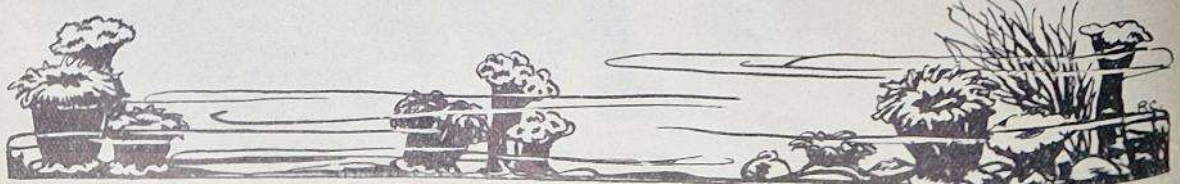
"We must help our Guides to realise that the preservation of the countryside is a personal matter to each one of us. To realise that our help is vital is the best way to call it forth.

"It will help if Guiders themselves have an interest in the societies whose aim is the preservation of beauty : such as the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds : the Bird Lovers' League, of which the Misses Benson, of Polzeath, Cornwall, are Presidents (both ardent Guiders) ; the Roads Beautifying Association ; the Society for the Preservation of Wildflowers ; and the various Anti-Litter Leagues.

"It would help if the Brownies' 'Beauty Quest' idea were expanded and utilised among the Guides ; also if we did more to call forth the protective instinct innate in every girl.

"And, last—always to encourage the Guides to take heed of the call of the open road, to hike, to camp, to ramble, to explore, to search, and to look wide !"

M. B. J. (B.O., 1st Winchcombe Pack.)





TRAIL WOODWARD

Robin's Birthday.

What a great adventure was that enshrined in the following note made by a Guide of the 4th Guernsey (Intermediate School) company!—kindly forwarded by her captain (B.W.G.C.):—

"One day as I peeped into a robin's nest I saw that one of the eggs was cracked in two, then the shell separated and a tiny bird about one inch long wriggled its way out of the shell. The little bird was very thin and its eyes were closed. It had a very large beak."

BIRD LAW RHYMES.

SUNDAY PROTECTION.

Anxious to make sacred one day, Councils may ordain that
Sunday
Shall be made a *dies non* to bird enemies, whereon
No bird may be shot, no net or trap or other snare be set.
For Sunday is the special day with catchers, from out East-End
way,
Who sally forth to sweep the sky of warbling larks for cage
and pie,
And doom the creatures, born to fly, in prison cells to fret and
die.
With Borough Councils also lies the power that C.C.'s exercise.

MORAL.

Seeing then what may be done by the Councils, everyone
Who loves the birds should do his best to get the vote and
interest
Of Councillors and Aldermen for birds and bird protection;
then
Bid them frame an Order wise which to their district best
applies;
Get it officially endorsed, and last, but far from least, enforced.
L. G. (Secretary, R.S.P.B.)

Winning the Bird-Lover Badge.

Miss Gardiner's clever rhymes on the bird protection laws (now completed by this month's instalment) should go far to help candidates for the Bird-Lover badge in those tests suggesting that they should try to protect birds, and know about the measures in force,

and protective ideals—such as the new ideal of observing birds while frightening or harming them in no way whatsoever.

It is little that we can do to save a bird from its natural foes. The robin that nests in a kettle on the ground must take the risk of attack by snake, weasel, cat or rat. Yet by taking thought we may find a way to help birds. Thus, we may improve the morals of bird-catching cats. Gardeners are often great and bitter enemies of birds, and they, too, often need lessons.

Perhaps the deadliest enemy of birds is the collector of specimens and eggs, and a frightful enemy is the bird-catcher who traps birds to supply the cage-bird market.

In considering the dangers which beset birds, candidates for this badge should inform themselves as to the new and terrible menace which, during the last few years, has been taking deadly toll of sea-birds—the waste oil from oil-ships, which floats on the surface of the sea.

They should think, too, of the perils of migrating birds. Very few of those which fly west and south in autumn come north or east again in spring. Probably not fifty in a hundred live to come home. A great danger is the fatal attraction of lighthouses and lightships, where the birds kill themselves, as, dazed and bewildered, they fly against the glass. We may help them by becoming members of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (82, Victoria Street, London), which supplies resting-places for the voyagers when they reach the lights, and is fighting nobly to make it illegal for ships to discharge oil on the sea.

Hedgehogs of the Sea.

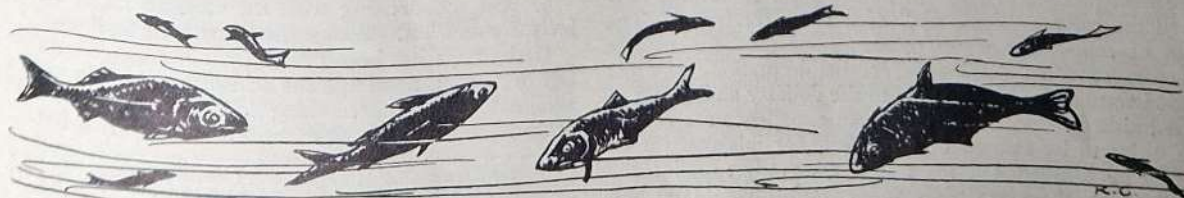
Down by the sea this month many of us will be studying the abundant and varied life of the rock-pools—those oceans in miniature—and will be seeking again the answer to such questions as the purpose for which sea-anemones were created? and what does life mean to a jelly fish? In the rock-pool we may meet specimens of every sub-kingdom in the realm of animal life, from sponges and anemones, starfishes, worms, mussels, crabs and fishes, to visiting sea-birds.

One of the greatest curiosities of all queer creatures of the sea is the little globular sea-hedgehog, which we see as a spiny ball, about orange size, with spines that can be moved all ways, and a mouth with five chisel-like teeth all pointing upwards to its centre. These are eaten in Paris, and in a Chinese restaurant in London one may call for a dish of their allies, the sea-cucumbers. All the sea-hedgehogs are relics of the days before man was, and are degenerate descendants of the giants of those days, when there were starfishes which would cover your house.

WILD LIFE COMPETITION.

Hiking.

Much controversy has centred lately round "Hiking": about it and about. Readers this month are invited to contribute ideas on this subject, helpful to Guiders and Guides. Prize Books will be awarded to contributors of notes. Address letters: The Woodcraft Trail, THE GUIDER, 25, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.1.



Woodwork



Woodwork comes into the Toy Making sections of the London Guide Handicraft Exhibition. No entrance forms or labels can be issued after November

1st, 1931. Miss Leighton, 13, Sloane Gardens, S.W., is the Honorary Secretary from whom all information can be obtained.

THE above title is more comprehensive than is warranted by the contents of this short paper, which must confine itself to a few words on the decoration of white wood articles.

Wood carving is an Art and comes outside the scope of small-talk on handicrafts, the use of the fret-saw is suggested in the article on Toy-Making; carpentry and joinery, with the allied craft of French polishing, need equipment and space which are not usually within the reach of those seeking hobbies to practise at home.

Recently the writer has been privileged to visit Art Class Rooms in some secondary as well as primary schools, and the work brought to her notice is full of promise and very pleasant to look at. The students are encouraged to think out ideas and suggestions, to learn the co-ordination of brain, hand and eye, by experimenting in handwork. "Handicraft" is recognised as a useful stepping-stone towards higher attainments and greater efforts, wherever real artistic talent is discovered, but the handicraft in itself is a hobby, which learnt in class, can be transferred in the holidays and when school days are over, to spare hours at home.

Painting on wood or pulp is one of those fairly simple, popular "crafts." The initial cost is not great, the articles when decorated are attractive, and find ready purchasers, the student can experiment with her ideas without incurring large expenses. Pulp ware is the cheaper, but results may easily be indifferent as the colour effects are apt to be dull, and inartistic; for the beginner, however, it is worth consideration. Even Brownies can turn out very effective decorated bowls and boxes by cutting out shapes in coloured paper, which they paste on to the selected article, and varnish over with a quick-drying spirit varnish.

For the more advanced craftsman a carefully-chosen white wood bowl or platter gives more scope. The design should be simple and sizeable. The natural veining of the wood must be observed, then the design transferred, or drawn direct, in fine outline, with indian ink on to the selected article. Ordinary water-colour paints should be used which allow the beauty of the veining of the wood to show through. No size is necessary, but it can be used if desired, bearing in mind that the colour of the wood will be slightly darkened by its use. Careful varnishing is the next process, and it will be a delight to observe how well the colours "come up" after the second coat. The use of transparent water colour rather than the opaque colours so often employed for the decoration of white wood ware adds tremendously to the delicacy and charm of the finished work. Care and some experience are needed in order to be assured of the effect, for mistakes cannot easily be rectified, but the results are vastly superior and well worth the extra trials and experiments. The best

colours should be procured, even for the beginner, and the best paint brushes, otherwise results will be poor, disappointing and disheartening. Above everything work in a good light, on a steady table. Never hurry over your craft. Finishing against time may ruin a promising effort.

The Dryad Handicraft Leaflet, No. 14, "Painting Wood and Pulp Ware," contains a few hints on the use of transparent water-colours (price 6d.). Handicraft House, 25, Lower Belgrave Street, S.W.1, supplies white wood and pulp articles in great variety.

RACHAEL LEIGHTON.

The Treatment of Burns or Scalds in Camp

By A. T. LAKIN, M.B.*

BURNS and scalds differ only in the manner in which they are caused; a burn is either caused by dry heat such as a red-hot poker, etc., or by a burning acid or alkali, and a scald is caused by moist heat, such as boiling water, steam or hot oil. The treatment is the same for both burns and scalds.

The treatment of a burn or scald depends upon the degree of the burning, and not upon the extent of the burnt area.

If the skin is merely reddened (a burn of the 1st degree), cover it with bicarbonate of soda (baking soda) and then apply a dressing.

A burn of the 2nd degree is one in which blisters are formed over the injured area, and this stage requires a more definite treatment, which may be tabulated conveniently thus:—

1. Immediately exclude air from the 'burned area by plunging the burned part into warm water. Add a little bicarbonate of soda to the water in the proportion of 1 dessert-spoonful of the powder to a pint, this will make a soothing lotion. If the burned part cannot be put into water, as, for example, when the face or chest is burned, cover it at once with cotton wool, or dust it over with flour.

2. Whilst in the soothing lotion, remove any necessary clothing from the injured part unless it sticks to the skin, when it must be cut round with scissors. (If hot jam or treacle from the boiled jam rolls has caused the burn, the warm water will dissolve it away very easily without hurting the patient.) DO NOT BREAK ANY BLISTERS as the fluid in the blisters forms a protective coating for the injured true skin beneath.

3. Prepare strips of lint or old clean linen, and soak them in a freshly-prepared solution of bicarbonate of soda of similar strength and warmth.

Cover the injured area with the strips whilst they are wet.

4. Cover with cotton wool and bandage lightly.

5. Wet the dressing with the soothing lotion when it feels dry and hot. Renew the strips every 12 hours.

If the burn has been caused by a burning acid, such as Oil of Vitriol, neutralise the acid first by bathing with an alkaline lotion—the soothing lotion described is a mild alkaline lotion—and then treat as above. If a burning

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alkali such as caustic soda has caused the injury, bathe the parts well with equal parts of vinegar and warm water to neutralise the alkali, and then treat as above.

In all cases of burns, even if only slight, treat shock by keeping the patient warm and at rest.

Scalds are treated in exactly the same manner, and this is as far as it is safe to go with the treatment whilst in camp. Burns and scalds of greater severity, such as when the true skin and the muscles underlying it are charred and destroyed **MUST NOT BE** dealt with in camp as the risks of shock and sepsis are too great for a Guider to undertake lightly. Simply cover the injured parts with a thick layer of cotton wool and apply a bandage lightly to keep it in place; cover the patient warmly and send her to the nearest hospital. Do not apply dressings of any kind (only the cotton wool), as by so doing you may interfere with the treatment adopted at the hospital.

The best method of all is to prevent burns and scalds occurring by taking care both in the building of the cooking places and in the handling of the pots and pans. Injured persons are a nuisance in a camp, and a little extra care in the kitchen will avoid Guides becoming a nuisance and a hindrance to the enjoyment of all the others.

Ode to an Incinerator

As the hot smoke from a volcano's crater
Rises to meet a periwinkle sky,
So in our English fields, the incinerator
Wafts up the smoke of frail things doomed to die.

Oh, little lamp! Oh, twinkling, flickering star;
Seen by lost travellers, seeking for the fire.
You are a symbol of that sacred car
Of Balder dead; or Dido's funeral pyre.

Like Vesta's lamp, that tended is with care
Your fiery radiance never must be dim,
Caressed you are, by delicate hands so fair,
And tears have turned to rust your silver rim.

How many secrets does your warm heart hold
Of puddings that were never wholly "dead,"
Of meat that somehow cultivated mould,
Of unsuccessful cakes like lumps of lead?

How many maidens waited by your side
Trying in vain to make your cold heart glow?
How many thousand matches do you hide,
Squandered in fine despair to make you go?

I cannot tell! With tears I call your name.
Oh, fiery monster! Oh, incinerator!
I must have patience, and yet all the same,
I'll come and see you later.

Protect the Countryside

By "GILCRAFT."

THERE are many and various ways in which Guiders and Guides can protect the countryside both by the example they set and the things they do when they are out in the open. There is, however, one special way in which we can help to safeguard it both by precept and practice, and that is to interest ourselves in the question of the prevention of forest, heath and roadside fires.

Of late years the number of preventable fires occurring in the open air in the home country has increased considerably, entirely owing to the carelessness of the people using the countryside. It is the manifest duty of Scouts and Guides to set a good example in this matter and to do what they can to interest others in the preventive and protective measures that should be adopted so as to ensure that the number of fires decreases instead of increases.

A few years ago the Guides and Scouts of Canada took part in an intensive Fire Protection campaign in the course of which they distributed thousands of posters carrying the slogan:—

ONE TREE CAN MAKE A MILLION MATCHES:

ONE MATCH CAN DESTROY A MILLION TREES.

I remember when I was at school—many years ago now, I regret to say—that we had what practically amounted to a whole holiday, because the whole school was turned out to fight a heather fire which had been started by a careless cyclist throwing down a match by the side of the road after he had lit his pipe. We enjoyed the experience and the holiday, but the cyclist got no thanks from us, but the reverse for destroying the heather.

Others of us have still more bitter memories of heath fires. I remember ten years ago now going with the Chiefs to see a Guide camp down Wisley way that had been enveloped in a fire the day before, and had had to be broken up owing to the carelessness of some tripper on the Portsmouth road.

When such incidents as these are within our own personal knowledge we realise the danger so much more, but what of these bare, burnt patches of woodland or heath that all of us have seen and regretted? Do not they give us a call to action, too? None of us want to see *our* countryside damaged and hurt, and *our* trees and bushes and grass destroyed. They are ours, but only when we care for them and do what we can to help them. No matter on whose land they grow, they are ours to see and enjoy and take a pride in.

So far as Guides are concerned there should be some definite teaching so that all who go out into the open are alive to the dangers that may happen in consequence of a carelessly built fire, a match thrown away, a litter of paper and bottles left lying on the ground. I am not suggesting that Guides will commit such offences, but that they should be told of the dangers and of their duty to put such things right if they come across them. Any fire left unattended, seen smouldering, should be put out thoroughly; a smoking match should be stamped on, or preferably lifted and extinguished and the ground on which it was thrown searched for traces of smouldering moss or other material that needs attention; bottles and glass should be buried and papers collected and buried or carefully burnt. Fires

have been caused by the sun shining through bottles, or even broken pieces of glass, or on to paper that has been left lying about, or dry moss.

We have all learnt that we should never build a fire against a tree or log, or close under over-hanging branches. But we have also to make sure the fire cannot spread under or on the ground, and so we should see that it is built on a dirt or rock foundation, and that all rotten wood, leaf-mould and other inflammable material is scraped away within a proper radius. We have learnt, too, that turf should be cut and removed, and kept in good condition and alive so that we can replace it over the place when we are breaking camp.

Similarly we have to learn never to leave a fire, even for a short time, without completely extinguishing every spark with water or earth. It is not correct to throw charred logs and embers to one side where a smouldering spark might catch. All such should be soaked thoroughly and then covered over with dirt. Finally we want to feel all over the ground within a radius of some three feet and make sure that no fire is smouldering in roots or leaf-mould. When our fire is built on peat soils or in heath country, then our care should be re-doubled, and we should make a point of returning to all fire sites after a time to make doubly sure that there is nothing left to smoulder and break out into flame once our backs are finally turned.

I do not want to make too long a song about all this, but I do want to emphasise the need for the very best example on the part of Guides, and to ask them to carry out some kind of a campaign amongst their friends, so that they too can be enlisted in the defence of the countryside.

For their benefit it would be well to set down the Seven Rules for the Prevention of Forest Fires that are published by the British Columbia Forest Service. In that Province as many as one million acres of forest land are destroyed by fire every year, and it is reckoned that some 75 per cent. of the fires are due to human agencies and so preventable!

1. MATCHES.—Be sure your match is out before you throw it away. Matches have heads but they can't think. Do it for them.

2. TOBACCO.—Don't throw pipe-ashes, cigar or cigarette stumps from a car into the inflammable material by the roadside. If you simply MUST get rid of these, it is less dangerous to drop them in the centre of the road.

3. MAKING CAMP.—Build a small camp fire. Build it in the open, not against a tree or log. Scrape away the debris from all around it.

4. LEAVING CAMP.—Never leave a camp fire, even for a short time, without quenching it with water or earth.

5. BONFIRES.—Never build bonfires in windy weather or where there is the slightest danger of their escaping from control. Don't make them larger than you need.

6. FIGHTING FIRES.—If you notice a small fire starting, try to put it out. Larger fires should be reported immediately.

7. SPREAD THE GOSPEL OF FOREST PROTECTION BY YOUR PERSONAL EXAMPLE.

And there you have all the advice you need give yourselves and your friends in order that you can do what you can to help.

Hearty Girls

"THE original title of this address was 'Moral Adventure,' but I changed it to 'Adventure' because I thought the former might frighten you!"

These words were spoken to some hundreds of Guiders at a recent conference. The speaker was a Commissioner in high places, in close touch with all ranks of the Movement. The criticism implied by her decision is voiced constantly in downright manner, by the outsiders who say, "I can't stand this 'hearty girls' atmosphere of yours."

It is, of course, the common way of humanity (perhaps especially English humanity!) to cloak serious feeling or thought under an assumption of gay carelessness; and we, as Guiders, are so anxious not to appear goody-goody that an undue emphasis on the jolly side of personalities and activities is perhaps inevitable unless we think, and consciously avoid it. Everyone knows the kind of Guiders' meeting which is filled with the fun of pretending to be Brownies, and of learning new games, with exchange of chat between Guider friends, all the jolliness of a meeting of players in the same game. And every Commissioner will remember her first few such meetings, when the moment came when she felt it incumbent upon her, as leader of the group, to offer something in the way of definite help on the more serious parts of the game, and how impossible it seemed to break through that atmosphere of cheerful, hearty energy. And perhaps she left it thinking they were "all so happy, it seemed a pity to damp their spirits"; and perhaps she forced herself to do it, and went away disheartened, feeling they had resented "another pi-jaw."

We are surely all agreed that the priggish attitude of a doer of good works is to be avoided—we are not that, but players in a game—but could we not find a happy medium in which we eschew the solemnly virtuous and yet are not self-conscious in face on an expression of the spirit of the game? Someone, perhaps, will justly say, "it's all very well, but at that rate we shall spend all our time thinking about what our attitude to this or that should be, and just get more and more self-conscious." The only answer seems to be the very difficult one—"Don't let's think of ourselves at all." If we could fill our minds with a genuine desire to help others, morally as well as mentally and physically, would it not then be easier to listen and talk naturally and without any self-consciousness when serious subjects are under discussion? Can we not try to follow our Chiefs in this? They are always so actively giving out themselves that they have no time to be thinking of themselves doing it. Admittedly they have very much more to give than the rest of us, but everyone has something to contribute if it can only be released, and it grows with the giving.

This is only a suggestion as to one way, there are probably other and better ways of remedying a corporate state of mind that merits the rather terrible suspicion of being afraid to face the words "Moral Adventure."

Each one of us is bound to make the little circle in which we live better and happier; each of us is bound to see that out of that small circle the widest good may flow; each of us may have fixed in our mind the thought that out of a single household may flow influences that shall stimulate the whole commonwealth and the whole civilised world.

DEAN STANLEY.

A Transylvanian Camp

PERHAPS a few of the readers of THE GUIDER will be interested to hear about my experience in Transylvania last year.

It was in July that I was told by a friend of mine that she had arranged to take me to a Scout camp fire, and we drove in a motor from Torda to not far from the Gorge of Torda, over an inconceivably bumpy road! But as seven of us were packed into the five-seater, there was little room to be jolted about!

It was a perfect night. The moon was just getting up, showing an orange golden colour in the sky, and we arrived at the camp about 9 o'clock, and I was taken at once to be introduced to the two Scoutmasters. They neither of them could speak any other language but Hungarian and I only know a few words, so our conversation had to be limited. But with the help of two Scouts who came up and asked if I understood French and German, we managed to exchange ideas. My interpreters then escorted me round the camp, and showed me the large Scout Tenderfoot made with stones and grass in the centre of the camp, and the birchwood gateways which divided up parts of the camping ground where small tents stood. The Scouts were finishing their meal of macaroni and I had a taste of their very excellent supper.

In one part of the camp an altar had been made of birch wood, and the simplicity of the little chapel in this beautiful mountain setting struck me very much—such a quiet spot away from the noise of the camp. A long thin flag-pole with a small Scout flag was flying on the hill above the chapel. Then a bugle sounded, and I was asked to go to the camp fire, as all was ready, and where ninety Scouts were sitting round in the circle, with huge birch wood logs on end making a glorious blaze in the centre with a large trench cut round the fire.

The Scoutmaster belonging to the Catholic section stood by the Calvinistic Scoutmaster, and spoke, giving me a welcome saying many nice things about the Scout Movement in England and in Hungary. As only about two boys knew French or German, it was no use to reply in words, so I acted my gratitude for being made so welcome.

The lads cheered the Chief and then sang songs together: some very sad Hungarian songs with their melancholy rhythm, then some jolly action songs. The Scoutmaster asked different boys in the circle what good turns they had done that day and received their answers.

Suddenly from the hill-top came the sound of a band played by about eight Scouts. It sounded almost eerie in the stillness of that moonlight night, and the light from the camp fire on the Scouts' faces as they listened made a picture that I shall never forget.

The owner of the land then arrived, and I was taken at once to be introduced. I sat by him and we were able to converse in French and German and a few words of English. We were a happy party and I think the boys, like myself, realised the spirit of the Movement in every land—that wonderful Brotherhood and Sisterhood!

We ended the camp fire by going to another part of the camp, where leaders reported on the day's camp. Then prayers followed and lastly we all held hands in a circle and said "Goodnight" in Hungarian. Then I was taken to our car by lamp light, and after many salutes, went home.

As in other lands where I have been with Scouts and Guides, I was treated with every kindness and a true spirit of friendship. Friends have taken me to see them privately and every time a hearty welcome has been given me, and I have each time brought home greetings to our country, as I have many Scout and Guide friends in many lands. My tenderfoot badge travels with me to other countries and hospitality is always shown to me. The hospitality of the Hungarians all over their country was wonderful.

ELSIE LINTON,
District Commissioner, Carshalton.

Our Five Senses

MOST Guiders make a valiant effort during the winter months to include games which help in some small way to train the five senses, but it is a good thing to remember that camp is the best place of all for this training because, there, we have facilities for getting into the open and accustoming our eyes and ears and noses to strange new sights and sounds and scents.

The town Guide may be an adept at taking in the contents of a congested shop-window in a given number of seconds, but when she gets to the country you may find that although her sight is normal, her eyes have never been trained to span distances. So, don't forget to invent games for teaching and testing long-sight as well as quick-sight, because camp gives us such a fine chance of looking out, beyond "the houses opposite."

Similarly, most town people are clumsy and practically useless in the darkness, but a little practise far away from the glare of street-lamps and night-signs soon shows that this can be overcome. It is only a matter of employing the sense of touch instead of always relying upon sight, to guide one.

It is a good plan to take, say, five or six of the older Guides for a short walk when it is dark and get them to stand quite still now and again so that they may listen to the night sounds. When you return to camp, ask them to tell you what they heard. You can also ask one Guide at a time to lead you, in the dark, and silently, towards a certain tree-stump, or to a certain gate or other landmark of some kind that is known to them by daylight.

Summer in the fields, in the woods, and by the hedges, affords us a glorious opportunity for tracing trees and plants and flowers by their scent. It doesn't take long even for the town Guide to learn the names of such things as the wild rose, foxglove, honeysuckle, fern, pine, and so on. Later, she will be quite ready to learn to identify each one blindfolded, and by means of its perfume alone.

As a rule, "tasting" and "listening" should always be practised blindfolded. Various sounds such as poking the fire, tightening guy ropes, digging, raking, the homely sounds from the camp kitchen, finding another Guide by her particular "call" or "whistle," and so on, can all be enjoyed out of doors.

Games which encourage sensibility of touch, such as the identifying of objects when blindfolded, should be played first with the hands and then with the bare feet. Our feet are generally so imprisened in boots or shoes that we are apt to forget that they also should be trained to become sensitive.

Soon you will realise that you can all see fairly well in the dark, that you can feel your way without stumbling and crashing through bushes and into other obstacles, that you can hear and undersand the meaning of various night sounds, and that you can find things by scent alone.

M. M.

Girdle Cooking in Camp

By NANCY F. SAMMAN.

A GIRDLE is the most useful thing to have in camp, and although it is rather heavy, being quite flat, it is easily packed. It is invaluable for cooking scones, pancakes, fritters, etc., and may also be used as a plate warmer.

If there is any difficulty in obtaining a girdle from an ironmonger, one can quite easily be made by any blacksmith. It consists of a flat circular piece of iron with a handle at either side (with which to draw it on and off the fire). A convenient size for camp is about 12 in. in diameter and $\frac{1}{2}$ in. thick. This should cost about 2s.

Here are some rules to remember when using a girdle.

1. Always keep the same side nearest the fire and see that the girdle is put away dry or it will rust.
2. See that the girdle is hot before commencing to cook on it.
3. Grease the girdle before cooking moist things such as pancakes, but flour the girdle (and do not grease it) when cooking dry things such as soda scones.
4. To grease the girdle rub it lightly with a piece of suet wrapped in muslin or with lard or butter paper.

Now for some recipes.

Drop scones.

$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. flour, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt, $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of buttermilk or sour milk, 1 teaspoon carbonate of soda, $\frac{1}{2}$ ditto cream of tartar, 1 egg, level tablespoonful of sugar.

Put the flour into a basin. Make a hole in the centre and into this put the salt, sugar and egg. Break the yolk of the egg and stir in the buttermilk. Then with a wooden spoon beat the mixture until the bubbles "open their eyes." See that the girdle is hot and grease it lightly. Immediately before commencing to cook the scones, add the cream of tartar and carbonate of soda, and beat again slightly. Drop spoonful of the mixture on to the girdle and when bubbles appear on the surface, turn with a knife. Cook the scones for about 5 minutes all told. They should be nicely browned all over. If the scone commences to froth, the girdle is too hot. Eat hot or cold with butter or syrup.

Fritters may be made by dipping slices of apple or banana into this mixture, dropping them on to the girdle and cooking in the same way as for drop scones. Coat with sugar before serving.

For *Savoury Fritters* omit the sugar and add pepper. Stir chopped up tomatoes and a little parsley, or sausage meat or cold meat diced into the batter. Drop spoonful on to the girdle and cook in the usual way.

For *Pancakes* proceed exactly as for drop scones, but when you have added the carbonate of soda and cream of

tartar, add more milk (about $\frac{1}{2}$ pint) until the batter is just thick enough to coat the back of the spoon. Pour a cupful of the mixture on to the greased girdle and when it is cooked on one side, slip a knife under it and turn it over. Sprinkle with sugar and squeeze lemon juice over it (if liked), then roll up and serve as soon as possible.

Soda Scone.

$1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. flour, pinch of salt, 1 large teaspoonful of cream of tartar, 1 ditto carbonate of soda. 3 ozs. lard or margarine, buttermilk or sour milk.

Mix the powders and salt in a bowl and rub in the fat. With a wooden spoon stir in sufficient buttermilk to make a light paste. Turn out on to a well-floured board and knead a little.

Divide into two portions and roll each into a circle about $\frac{1}{2}$ in. thick (the scone will be about the size of the girdle).

Heat and flour the girdle, then lift one of the scones on to it. Cook slowly and do not "worry" it. Watch the scone carefully for a moment or two. If it rises quickly and the edges become straight, or if it browns quickly in patches underneath, the girdle is too hot. The scone should rise and brown gradually, and the edges should curve outward. When it is nicely cooked one side, turn it over. The easiest way to do this is to have a clean cloth in the form of a pad on the palm of the left hand (as a protection against heat), then with a knife push the scone off the girdle on to the pad and turn over quickly. When the scone is finished the edges should be firm and springy, not moist or dabby and the surface should be firm and nicely browned but not "crusty" or "piebald." Cut into pieces then split and butter. Eat hot or cold.

Girdle Scone.

2 ozs. butter rubbed into 1 lb. flour and sifted with 2 ozs. of sugar and $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. of cream of tartar. Take $\frac{1}{2}$ pint or more of buttermilk or milk and in it dissolve $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. carbonate of soda and add to the flour, making a hole in the centre and form into a dough. Roll out, cut into triangles or circles and bake on a hot floured girdle. A few currants or sultanas may be added if liked.

Brownie Revels.

The 17th Watford A and B Brownie packs held their Midsummer Revels last year on the lawn of the St. Michael's Vicarage.

The Revels were delightfully carried out with many parents and friends of the Brownies as spectators, and were preceded by a mime "The Wedding of the Painted Doll," which was an elaboration by the Brown Owl of the well-known ballet from the film "The Broadway Melody."

After tea the lawn was converted into an enchanted glade, and Brownie Sixes, each with appropriate caps, became not mortals, but elves, gnomes, imps, pixies, kelpies, and spirits. After this, country dances were performed by the "B" pack, and a fairy chariot competition was held. For this, tiny handcars, which had been made by the Brownies' fathers, were in the possession of each Six complete for a picnic, their contents including a ground sheet, a first aid set, cups and saucers, including one for the visitor, needles and cotton, a tea-cloth and a sponge. Prizes were awarded to the members of the smartest and quickest team.

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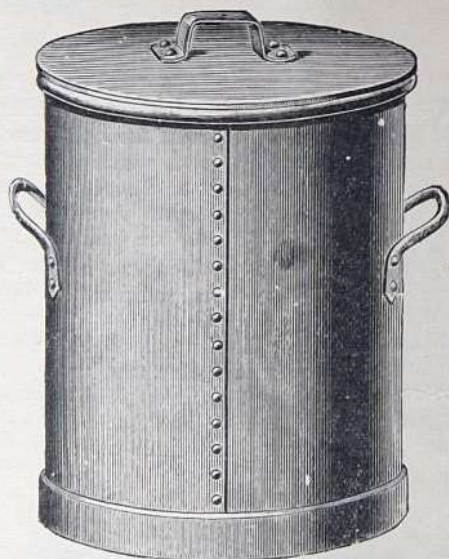
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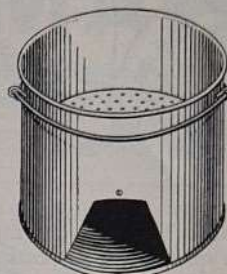
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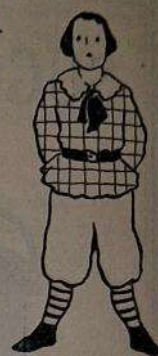
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MRS. MARKHAM EXPLAINS—III

For the Benefit of the Would-be Camper

By the Founder of the
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MRS. MARKHAM: This morning, my dear children, we will consider the question of disposal of rubbish—always a moving factor in camp life. You must know, my dears, that although the kind dustmen empty our dust-bins when we are in town, they are not able to do this when we are in camp. Therefore wise and clever people have devised a satisfactory scheme by which we are able to use the countryside without turning it into a rubbish dump. No, Tommy, that is what we must be very careful to prevent, for it causes considerable work and worry to our dear ones. You must always remember, Mary, that, just as a piece of paper lying on the nursery floor, gives our home an uncared-for appearance, so does the careless dropping of a toffee paper bring sorrow to efficient campers.

TOMMY: Would it not be simpler, Mamma, to eat toffee and paper together, then the efficient campers would not be made unhappy?

MRS. MARKHAM: Well, Tommy, the official receptacles for all waste paper are the incinerator box and the camp paper basket, but I know of no rule forbidding the private disposal of litter, providing that it is securely hidden from the eye of authority. However, the chief thing to remember is, that you must not give waste paper to the pigs, for it might make them ill.

MARY: What may pigs eat?

MRS. MARKHAM: Ah, Mary, you have touched on one of the happiest of Nature's phenomena. The pig, my child, eats all our scraps of food, with a few important exceptions. It will be well for you to learn carefully what these exceptions are, as we must always be kind to animals.

TOMMY: Mamma, what happens if a pig gets hold of an exception and is sick?

MRS. MARKHAM: We now pass on to the workings of the incinerator. This is a complicated process, and is usually set in motion at dusk. It is worked by two courageous persons with strong nerves, and indifferent

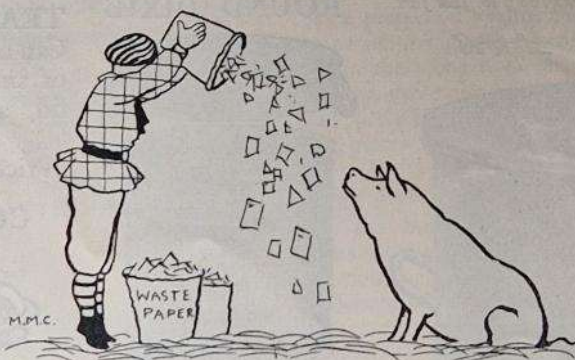
sense of smell. A fire is kindled in an iron cauldron and the contents of the paper-baskets are examined, and carefully added to the blaze. No, Tommy, we do not tip on a boxful of rubbish without first looking at the contents, as at times the rubbish includes old shoes and wet flannels.

MARY: Would it not be more thoughtful, Mamma, to send the old shoes to a needy family?

MRS. MARKHAM: Indeed, my dear, I wish this could be done, for usually they are secretly transported to a deep gully or trench, and there buried. And this brings me to my concluding remarks. I hope, my dears, you have not forgotten those portions of our food which are excluded from the pigs' wash as unsuitable. As these do not burn they are generally interred.

TOMMY: I know, Mamma, you put them down the gully.

MRS. MARKHAM: No, Tommy, we do not. We dig a special hole in some shady place, and there lay them quietly to rest, sprinkling each new arrival with mould and early violets. And that, I think, will do for to-day. Next time I will tell you something about the joys of screening.



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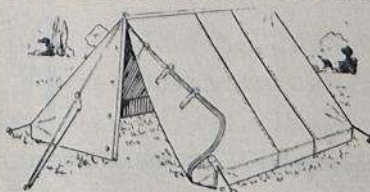
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Those who have not been able to visit Headquarters yet, and particularly Guiders overseas, will be interested to see the actual planning of the rooms.

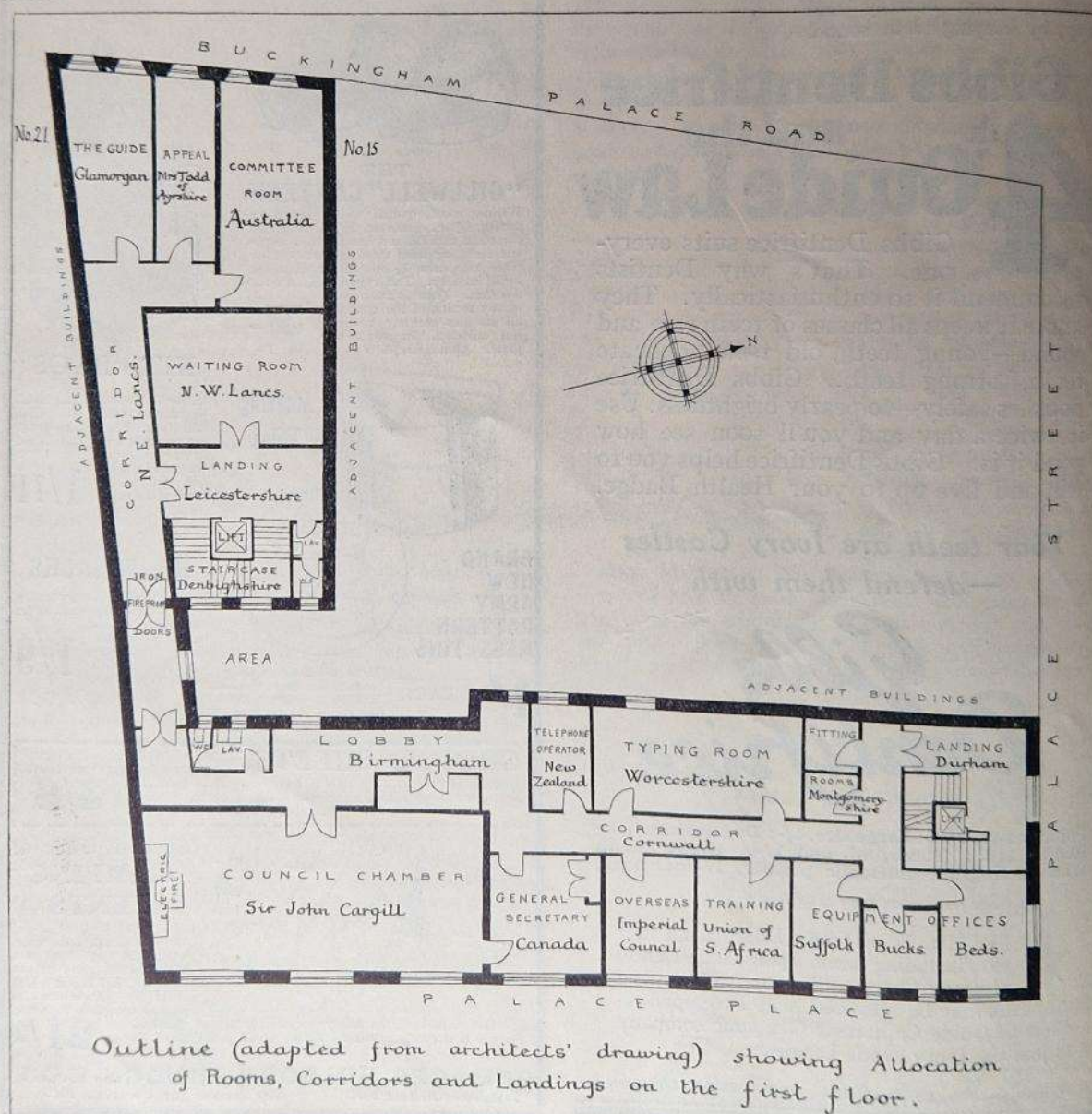
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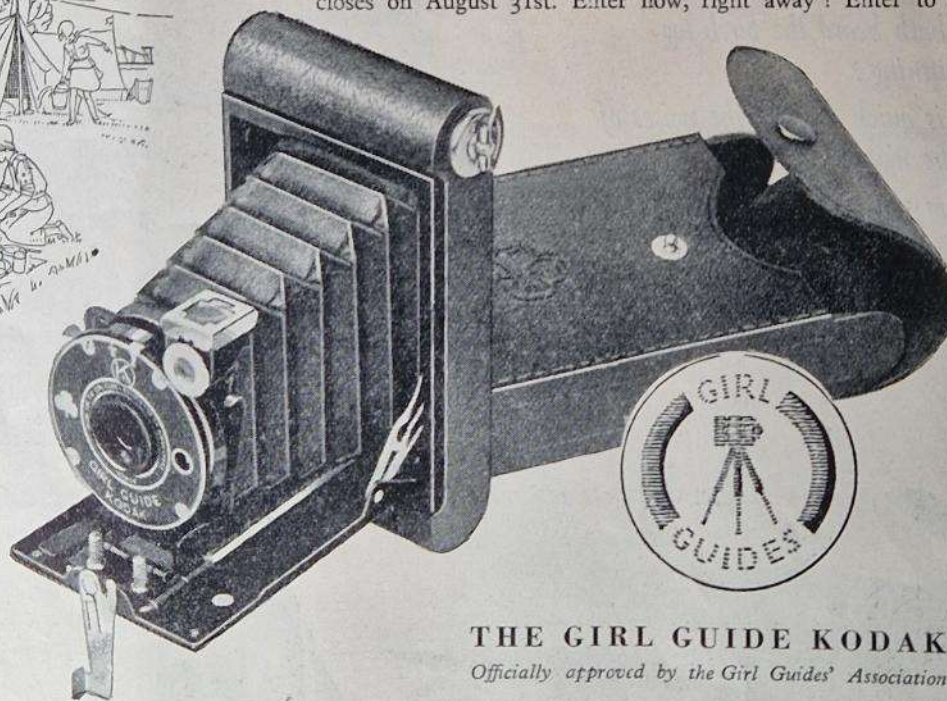
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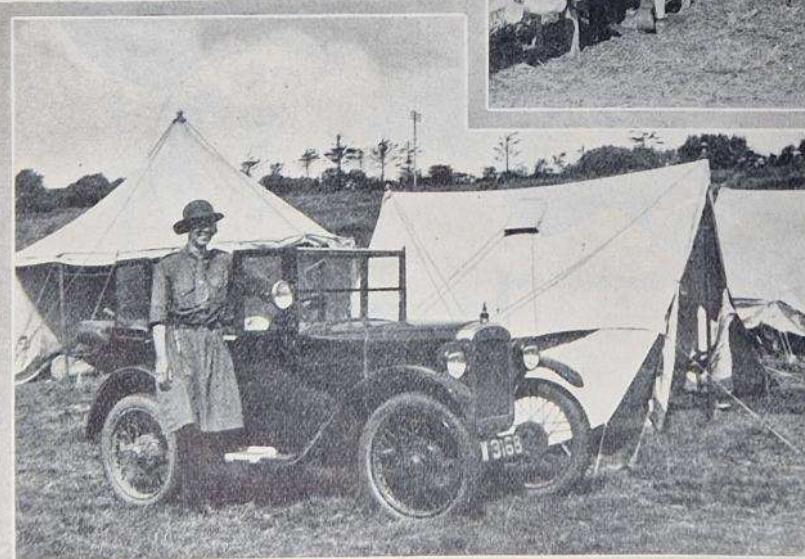


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twilight?
Who bath heard the birch log
burning?
Who is quick to read the noises of
the night?
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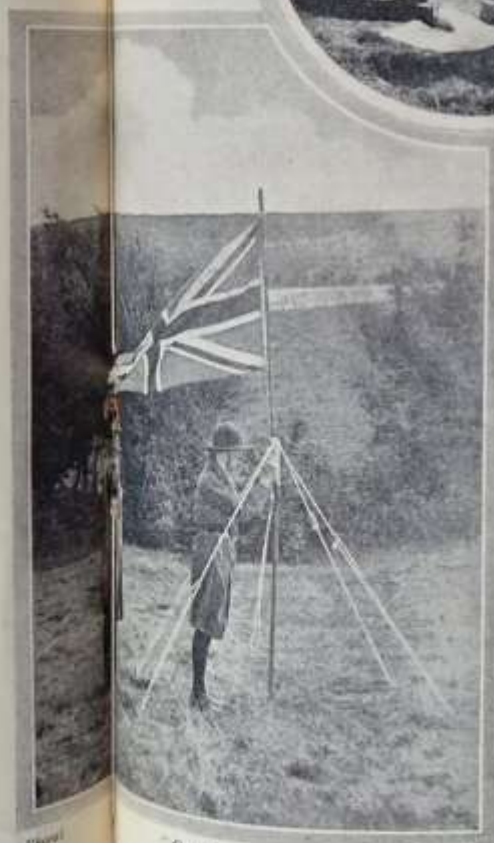
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A. S. G.

BROWNIES AND WOLF CUBS.

Brownie Revels. By Various Authors. (Shaw. 1s.)

Brownies almost invariably like stories about other Brownies and other packs. The eight stories in *Brownie Revels* are everyday stories about Brownies and four or five of them could be told in the Pow-wow. The stories all have a moral, but these are not too obviously stressed.

It is a pity the Brown Owl in one of the stories in *Brownie Revels* has been made such an obtrusive and unattractive person. The book is hardly suitable for a Brownie library, or as a gift to a Brownie for this reason.

P.M.B.T.

Wolf Cubs. By Gilcraft. (Pearson. 1s. 6d.) (Stocked at Headquarters.)

I would recommend every Brown Owl to read *Wolf Cubs*, for although it is essentially a Cub book, there is much in it that applies equally to Cubs and Brownies. The practical advice and illustrations given in the book are all the more valuable because they are the author's own experiences with his pack, and we can feel that his suggestions have been tried out and found successful. One of the best chapters is on "Discipline," with its wise advice to those dealing with children of Cub and Brownie age to "remove when possible the occasions for sin." The book is full of sound ideas and both experienced Brown Owls and those quite new to Brownies will find it useful.

P.M.B.T.

RECIPES.

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GUIDE FICTION.

The Hawthorn Patrol. By Diana Pares. (Blackie. 1s.)

This is the story of a patrol of Guides, all related to one another, who go to live in the country, where the village Guide company is rather slack. The poor Guider of this company is depicted as a rather hopeless young woman with no backbone, but the Hawthorn patrol successfully "wake up" their sister Guides. They also raise money with which to improve the local headquarters and reconcile an old lady to her daughter whom she has refused to see for years.

The heroines strike one as being complete prigs, but even so, they provide us with an exciting story at a very moderate price. The tale is brightly written, with plenty of dialogue, but it is a little lacking in humour. It is clearly printed on good paper and may prove popular amongst older Brownies and Guides under twelve.

J. R.

Thrilling Stories of Girl Guides. (Nelson. 2s.)

This is a companion volume to *Thrilling Scout Stories* in Nelson's Bumper Book Series and contains stories by Madge Torrence White, Ethel Talbot, and Edith Lake, about school companies. Some of the stories show originality, but they are on the whole wildly impossible, and it is a pity that the authoresses do not know a little more about the details of Guide organisation and the amount of liberty permitted in a modern girls' school. Whilst we envy boarders who are allowed to go down to the village and buy ices in the mornings, we can only feel sorry for Rangers who, when suspected of starting chicken-pox in camp, are told they must go home without having been examined by a doctor!

One or two of the stories are exciting, but it is unfortunate that the Guiding episodes are not true to life.

The book is profusely illustrated with black and white line drawings and has a coloured frontispiece.

J. R.

LEADERSHIP.

Mutual Service Methods. Collected by Lieut.-Colonel W. B. Dauntsey, C.B., C.B.E., D.L. (Silas Birch, Ltd., 23, Southampton Street, W.C.1. 3d.)

The ideas and suggestions in this little pamphlet for training boys and girls in leadership and service for others will be familiar to Guiders in the Patrol System and the underlying ideal of the Guide Movement, but the application of them to the larger elementary schools is of interest to all those who are in touch with the children in these schools.

The House and group system, with its colours and mottoes and chosen leaders, has been successfully used in many such schools, and when wisely worked, provides a fine training in public spirit and loyalty.

A. J.

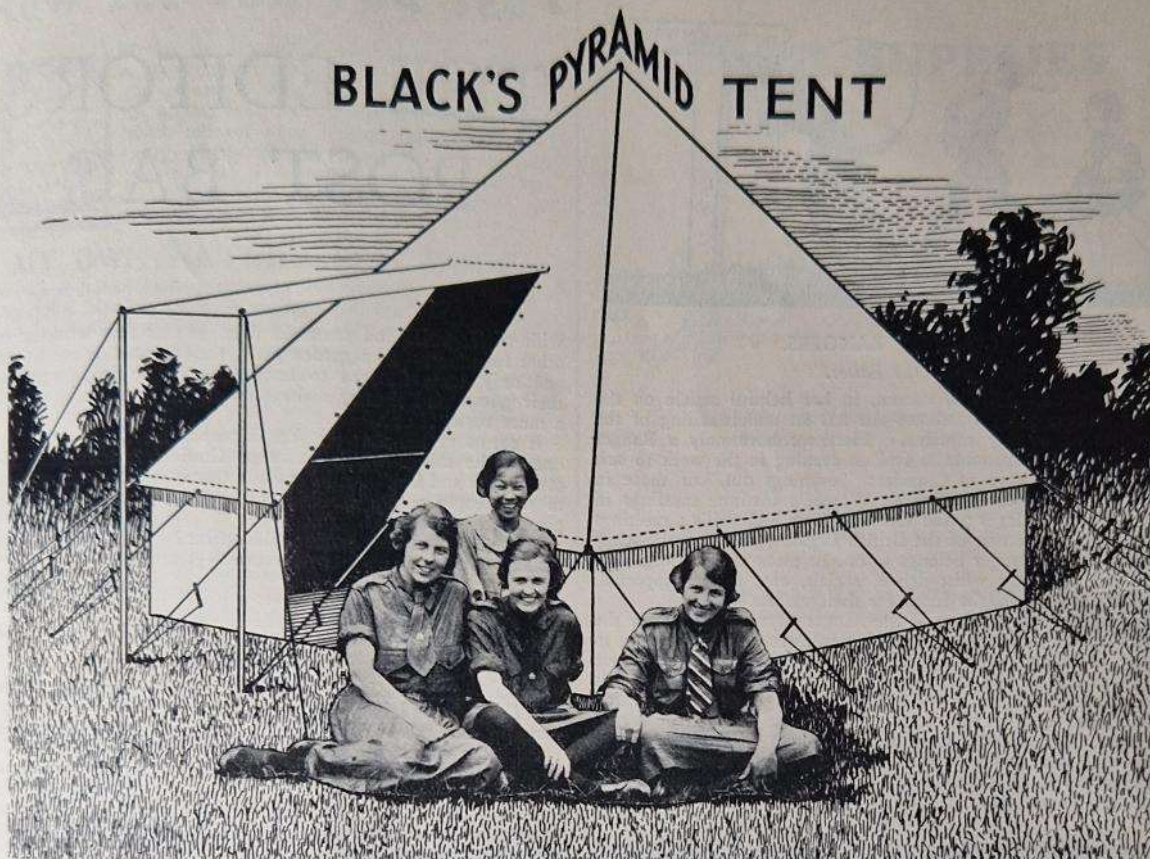
Simple Indoor Games and Dances. By P. Spafford and P. Colson. 1s. (National Council of Girls' Clubs, 3, Bloomsbury Place, W.C.1.)

In this little book brought out by the National Council of Girls' Clubs, we have a collection of team games, of which most are various combinations of running and ball catching.

The book does not claim to introduce any but "simple" games, and if they are not very original, they are at least all very playable. Now that country dancing is so popular the "dances" included in the book would probably not appeal to Guiders, since they have nothing that country dances have not, and lack much that they have, but at the same time there is much to interest new Guiders here.

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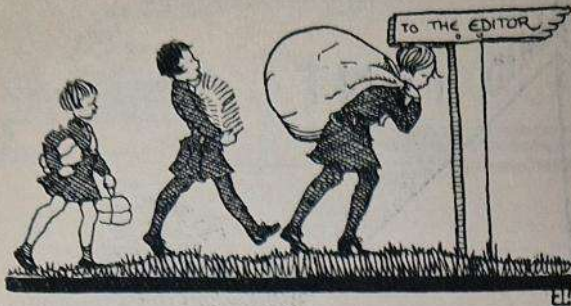
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COUNTRY RANGERS.

To the Editor.

DEAR EDITOR,—Miss Woosnam, in her helpful article on the country Ranger company, shows she has an understanding of the difficulties of country captains. Here we have only a Ranger patrol, but it is impossible to find an evening in the week to suit everybody. We have to consider: "evenings out," of those in domestic service; choir practice; Women's Institute meetings in three different villages; Red Cross lectures and drills; meetings of the Women's section of the British Legion; and Choral Society practices. Each Ranger belongs to one or more of these organisations, and there are whist drives, socials, etc., to be supported, providing as they do, the funds for their various treasures.

Miss Woosnam writes as if the Ranger captain was simply the Ranger captain and nothing more, but in a small village, owing to scarcity of helpers, she is probably a Guider, or takes an active part in several of the above-mentioned organisations, whose calls on her time she has to try and balance evenly, while not neglecting home duties and social claims. Truly, life in the country is strenuous. Incidentally, it would be a help to many of us to learn some new games suitable for a few players. Most of the Guide games cater for numbers. I enclose one that may be new to some.—Yours, etc.,

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UNIFORM v. PLAIN CLOTHES.

To the Editor.

DEAR EDITOR,—It has been my good fortune to be asked to numbers of Guide general or annual meetings. Meetings to which members of Local Associations or of the general public are invited with the view to interesting them in the Movement.

I have always been struck, on these occasions, with the way in which the women in uniform have kept apart from the women in plain clothes. In many cases these two sets of women probably belong to the same family or to the same group in society, and yet the fact that some of them wear uniform and the others do not, seems to separate them completely. The women in plain clothes usually sit in the front rows and those in uniform sit at the back. And then suddenly, when the votes of thanks have been done with and tea is on the horizon, the Guiders rush out of hiding and become hostesses, handing round the food.

Now, I always wonder why Guider hostesses do not mix freely with the rest of the audience all the time. Why don't they sit

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with their guests and entertain them just as they would at any other function? At a garden party, the hostesses do not sit apart and only come forward to hand food. They intermingle with their guests and thereby make the occasion a more friendly and a more sociable one.

It seems to me that this keeping apart on Guide occasions is one of the things which makes us Guide folk incomprehensible to our kith and kin. And I am sure that it makes us less attractive to the people whom we wish to attract because we need their pennies or their parks.

Why does uniform produce this effect? Or if it be not produced by uniform, what is the cause?—Yours, etc.,

KATHARINE FURSE.

RANGERS AND CUB PACKS.

To the Editor.

DEAR EDITOR,—Miss Bond's timely article in the March *GUIDER*, has, I feel, served two very useful purposes. Firstly, it has suggested a new sphere of service for Rangers, and, in addition, has freed those of us whose duty it is to discover prospective Old Wolves from any charge of "poaching" should we approach Ranger authorities for help.

In this district we are engaged in a campaign to develop the Cub section of the Movement, which has hitherto been somewhat backward, and are hoping to hold a preliminary training course during the summer. I should, therefore, be most grateful for any offers of help from Rangers living in these parts.—Yours, etc.,

JOHN L. I. PALMER,

A.D.C. for Wolf Cubs for Mid-Somerset.

Cathedral Grammar School,
Wells, Somerset.

THE CYCLIST TEST.

To the Editor.

DEAR EDITOR,—I think the District Captain who invited suggestions about the Cyclist test in your March number may be interested to hear my method of taking it.

I am not an officer in a Guide company, only an outsider, who has for some years been Badge Examiner for the Cyclist test to a country district. I appoint the girls to come to me on a Saturday afternoon when there is plenty of time and daylight. After looking over their machines to see if all is in order, brakes sound, rear-lights, pumps, etc., I send them a short distance to give or take a verbal message, preferably to an address that gives them a little trouble to find. This is done by pre-arrangement with someone in the village. If it can be made the opportunity for advertising some coming local event (place, time, price of tickets, etc.), this serves a double purpose. The points are—speed, accuracy, and courtesy to the person to whom they are sent.

On their return, they take a tyre off their machine (or mine, if it is punctured!) and mend the puncture (either real, or imaginary if there is none), under my supervision. I judge this by thoroughness and care rather than by speed.

I think the most practical way of reading a map is to give them a county map, large scale, and ask them to tell me by what route they would go from one named town or village to another, what sort of road they would expect it to be, and what is the distance?

This method of taking the test seems to me a practical and simple one, and the girls enjoy it.—Yours, etc.,

BADGE EXAMINER.

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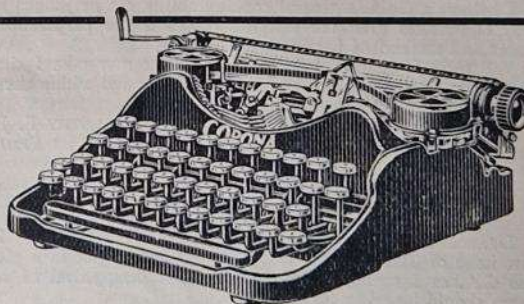
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THE COOK'S BADGE.

To the Editor.

DEAR EDITOR,—I am entirely in favour of a change in the Cook's Badge syllabus. It has always seemed to me absurd to expect a child to remember how to cook the enormous quantity of dishes required in the old syllabus. After all, most cooks use recipe books and it is so unnecessary to learn by heart a tremendous amount which will probably be forgotten after the exam. If the dishes to be learnt were fewer then the Guide would most likely remember them always and so have really learnt something useful for her badge, and passing would not be a lucky fluke.

To me the new suggested syllabus seems most practical and sensible, but may I suggest one clause that might be added, i.e. show ability to follow a plain, printed recipe which she has never seen before.—Yours, etc.,

V. E. POWELL,
District Secretary, Lyndhurst.

To the Editor.

DEAR EDITOR,—I was very interested in the letter concerning the Cook's badge in the June GUIDER.

I have found it extremely difficult to examine thoroughly and fairly for this badge. The syllabus is much too vague and contains far too much for any Guide to prepare thoroughly. As it stands at present it is a harder test than the senior badge.

With the addition of the cooking of green vegetables, I think the suggested syllabus would be very satisfactory, but I would add that it be left to the individual examiner which part she tests practically and which theoretically. For instance in the district where I examine, the Badge tests are held twice a year and most Guides enter for more than one badge at a time; if a Guide were taking her Cook's badge and had to make a stew which ought to be allowed two hours to cook plus the time required to prepare it and wash up the pan, she would be unable to take any other badge in the limited time we are allowed the use of the building where the tests take place, also it is impossible to make a small quantity of stew without it boiling and many Guides are unable to use larger quantities. A Guide should most certainly know how to make a stew properly, but where it is impossible to make it properly at the test I think it better not to attempt it.

I believe a Guide's general cooking ability can be judged by the way she makes even the simplest dishes if her preparation, the order and method of her work are noticed.

Whatever form the alteration in the test may take I shall be pleased to see the syllabus made more definite and within the scope of the average Guide.—Yours, etc.,

DOROTHY E. JAY,
Captain, 1st Preston.

"OUR CAMP."

To the Editor.

DEAR EDITOR,—Having read and enjoyed "Our Camp," in the last issue of THE GUIDER, may I be allowed to put in a plea for the C.A. as I cannot understand why her disapproval of such a camp should be taken for granted.

I feel sure, that the type alluded to, if she exists at all, is very exceptional. The average C.A. simply wants to see a clean camp of healthy, happy Guides and every Commandant must arrange her day as best suits the tastes of her campers.

I heard it said recently by a trainer of long experience, that, her ideal in her own company was simply "the happiness of the Guide," and this remark was received with unanimous applause.

I have yet to meet the Guide skirt that could be accused of impeding the free use of the limbs, but if happiness can only be attained in knickers, I see no reason why the cumbersome skirt should not be discarded, if we are sure of privacy.

Everyone must agree that our camping rules are necessary and have brought Guide camping to a very high standard. It is the C.A.'s duty to see that this standard is maintained, but she comes to help and advise, not to find fault.

I should love to visit "Our Camp." I should probably not shine at their particular form of gymnastics, but I would certainly do my best! And I should feel amply compensated for any loss of prestige if I could convince those in charge that a C.A. puts the happiness of the Guides first, even before Nature Study. After all, most of us are just ordinary captains, well used to "playing the goat" in our own camps!—Yours, etc.,

MAY G. CHATTERTON,
C.C.A., Co. Louth, Irish Free State.

A GIFT.

To the Editor.

DEAR EDITOR,—A church company in my district having been disbanded, I have a small Crucifix and a plaster figure which might be appreciated by some poor company. Would the captain of any Church of England company that would like them kindly apply to me.—Yours, etc.,

V. C. MACKENZIE,
District Captain, Bideford.

Octagon House, Strand,
Bideford, Devon.

THE NINTH LAW.

To the Editor.

DEAR EDITOR,—I wonder if other Guides and Rangers have enjoyed their experiments in National Savings as much as we have?

We started the scheme, I must confess, somewhat dubiously, expecting some profit perhaps, but little pleasure! It has surprised us all to find what a real stimulus it has proved.

To begin with it has helped us to realise our citizenship in a fuller sense than ever before. We do feel that we are giving our money in trust to the nation, and that it is holding it in trust for us; and to that extent we stand in a real personal relationship to the State, and can feel ourselves a part of its machinery.

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The branch has been extended outside the company by some of the Rangers undertaking to collect weekly contributions from one or more people of their acquaintance, who in their turn have been supplied with cards. Thus the membership has spread and a little "service" introduced.

We are none of us capitalists yet, of course, but we are beginning to enjoy an added sense of importance and self-respect as our sixpences mount up. Number nine is perhaps not the favourite Guide Law, but it holds no reproach for us now; we can enjoy a modest feeling of pride and independence in the knowledge that we really are practising Thrift and helping others to do the same, with some small advantage to the National Exchequer, and a very substantial advantage to ourselves.—Yours, etc.,

M. E. DOVER,
Captain, 6th Bognor Rangers.

BACK NUMBERS.

To the Editor.

DEAR EDITOR,—I have copies of THE GUIDER and GAZETTE dating from 1922 which I must dispose of. Only one year is complete (1928) and 1924 is missing altogether.

I do not want any money for them, but if any Guider would like them she is welcome to them, and if she wishes to pay something, it can go to the Building Fund.—Yours, etc.,

W. F. BARNES,
Homefield, Godalming. Camp Adviser, Guildford.

To the Editor.

DEAR EDITOR,—I have in my possession the GIRL GUIDE GAZETTE and THE GUIDER practically complete from 1914 to 1930, and should be pleased to pass it on to anyone to whom it might be useful, and who would care to pay the carriage.

FLORENCE R. BLYTH.
Landsdell, 27, Canterbury Road,
Bybrook, Ashford, Kent.

To the Editor.

DEAR EDITOR,—I am writing to ask whether anybody has a copy of the January, 1923 GUIDER, that they could let us have? We want to have all our copies bound for Waddow, and only this one is missing. I thought someone might have a copy which they would be willing to part with.—Yours, etc.,

D. ELLISTON,
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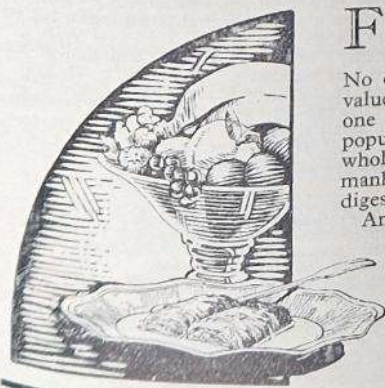
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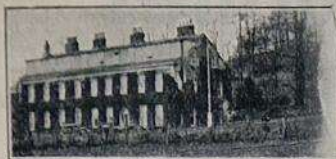
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APPLICATIONS.

All applications for a Training Course should be made to the Guider-in-Charge, Foxlease, Lyndhurst, Hants, and must be accompanied by full name and address of each applicant, together with a deposit of 5s., which will only be returned if withdrawal is made two full weeks before the date of the Course. No applications for any Course will be dealt with until an official notice has appeared in THE GUIDER.

It has been arranged that three vacancies should be reserved for Scotland for all General Training weeks until the 20th of the month in which the dates are first published. Scottish Guiders are therefore requested to send in their applications, including the 5s. deposit, to the Secretary, Girl Guide Headquarters, 12, Melville Street, Edinburgh.

Guiders are asked to note that when a training week is marked closed it is no longer possible to consider applications, even when Guiders are willing to sleep out. The Guider-in-Charge cannot undertake to train more than a certain number of Guiders, so the main factor is not really accommodation but numbers.

This does not apply to Overseas Guiders, for whom special vacancies, within limits, are kept.

FOXLEASE COTTAGES.

The two cottages at Foxlease are to be let by the week to Guiders requiring a rest or a holiday. The larger one contains two double bedrooms and one single, a sitting-room, furnished by Canada, a bathroom and a kitchen. The charge for the cottage is 3½ guineas per week.

The "Link," which is the bungalow furnished by America, contains three bedrooms, a sitting-room, a bathroom and a kitchen. The charge for the "Link" is £2 2s. per week.

These charges include light and coal. Guiders cater and cook for themselves entirely. If they wish it, Mrs. Craze, the gardener's wife, is willing to board them at the rate of 28s. to 30s. per head, in addition to the above charges. A charge of 5s. deposit fee is made for booking the cottages. Guiders wishing to bring their cars can garage them at Foxlease by arrangement, at a charge of 5s. per week, or 1s. per night.

It is not necessary for Guiders staying at the Cottage and "Link" to wear uniform.

Any applications or inquiries to be sent to the Secretary.

CAMP SITES.

All applications must be sent in through the Guider's District Camp Adviser. No district camps, or camps of over fifty, may be held. No further applications can be taken for the first three weeks of August.

"QUIET ROOM" AT FOXLEASE.

At the Diploma'd Guiders' Conference this year it was suggested that there should be a "Quiet Room" at Foxlease, and it has been decided that one of the attics should be converted and used for this purpose. The work is being put in hand at once, and any contributions towards furnishing, etc., will be gratefully received.

PRESENTS.

Coffee Cups, Mrs. Edey; Stools, Highcliff Rangers; Waste-paper Basket, Miss Sconce and Miss Cathcart; Tea Urn, Hants Commissioners; Dinner Mats, Mrs. Joynson; Jug, Kettle, etc., for "Link," Miss Finch and Miss Westcott; Books, Mrs. Agnew, Australia; Door Knockers, Miss Canvin and Miss Matthews; Brownie totem, Commissioners, May 11-15.

WADDOW

DATES.

- June 30-July 7. General Training.
- July 10-14. Ranger Training week-end.
- July 17-24. General Training.
- July 31-Aug. 7. Bank Holiday. General Training.
- Aug. 11-18. General Training.
- Aug. 21-25. Ranger Training week-end.
- Aug. 28-Sept. 4. Brownie Training.
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APPLICATIONS.

Applications for a Training Course to be made to the Secretary, Waddow Hall, Clitheroe, Lancs, and must be accompanied by full name and address of each applicant, together with a deposit of 5s., which will only be returned if withdrawal is made two full weeks before the date of the Course.

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PRESENTS.

Books, Dr. Allison, Paisley; Song, Miss Ure, Stirlingshire; Rock Plants, Mrs. Matheson, Argyll; Donation, Whitsun Training Week, May 22-29; Cushions for Hut, 1st Ferryby Company; Books, Miss H. Campbell, Orkney; Vase, Misses Houghton, Margerison, Easterby and Wilkins, N.W. Lancs.

CAMP SITES.

Applications for camp sites, giving dates and approximate numbers and with a booking fee of 2s. 6d., should be sent to the Secretary. Waddow has three camp sites with drinking water laid on. The North Riding and Canada sites include a permanent shelter. The usual permission forms are necessary.

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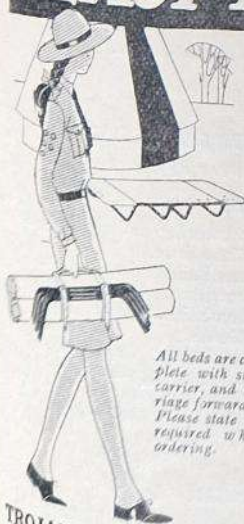
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MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL

Held on June 16th, 1931.

PRESENT:—

Dame Helen Gwynne-Vaughan, G.B.E. (Chair.)
Mrs. Percy Birley.
Miss Bray.
Sir Percy Everett.
Mrs. Houson Craufurd.
Miss Pilkington.
Miss Robinson.
Miss Sharp.
The Hon. Mrs. Charles Tufton, O.B.E.
Miss Ward.

The appointment of Mrs. Arthur Bowlby as Commissioner for Extensions in the place of Mrs. Fryer (retired), was confirmed.

The question of the recent revision of Rule 21—power of a Guide Captain—was reconsidered. In view of the recommendation from the County Commissioners' Conference that the consent of the County Commissioner and Division Commissioner was not essential before the dismissal of a Guide, it was decided to delete the second paragraph of the new ruling. Rule 21, para. 2, therefore will read as follows:—

"The captain, in consultation with the Court of Honour, may suspend a Guide for unsatisfactory behaviour, but she may not dismiss a Guide without first consulting her District Commissioner."

Recommendations from the Production Committee of the Coming-of-Age Masque were considered. Pending the allotment of seats, it was agreed that every county in England and Wales be asked to send ten Guides or Rangers as official representatives of the county to London to be present at one of the performances.

It was agreed that the date of the Guide Thanksgiving Sunday be altered to May 29th, 1932, instead of May 22nd.

It was agreed that the word "closed" should not in future be used in connection with Church and other companies, but that the word "attached" should be used to apply to those companies attached to any Church, Institution, Kindred Society or School, etc., and the word "open" used to apply to those companies which are formed without any connection with any body.

It is also recommended that the wording of the Registration form should be slightly altered to make this point perfectly clear, the line in para. 3 (a) to read:—

"If attached, please state whether the company or pack admits non-members."

It was agreed that the following be added to Rule 44, Blue Cord Diploma, para. 4 (a):—

"... and she should undertake to keep in close touch with camping after taking her diploma."

Routine and financial business was transacted.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for July 21st.

AWARDS

Medal of Merit.

Patrol Leader Daphne Arnold, 1st Glovertown, Newfoundland.
"Rescue from drowning."

Badge of Fortitude.

Patrol Leader Mona Swaine, 1st Hertfordshire Post Guides.

Gold Lanyards.

Miss Prickett, Lieutenant, 48th Birmingham, 1st Stirchley.
Miss Stuart, Captain, 2nd Stroud.
Miss West, Guider, Wandering Lone Guiders' Circle.

Gold Cords.

Cadet B. Holroyde, 5th Harrogate.
Company Leader Muriel Powell, 13A Croydon.
Patrol Leader Violet Dixon, 2nd Nottingham.
Guide Elsie Munden, 5th Slough (Licensed Victuallers' School).

MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL, 1931.

THE TRAINING AND CAMPING COMMITTEE.

Those marked with an asterisk were appointed in 1931.

EX-OFFICIO.

Miss Bray.	Commissioner for Training.
Miss R. C. Ward.	Commissioner for Camping.
Miss Shanks.	Guider-in-Charge, Waddow.
Miss N. Chance.	Commissioner for Brownie Training.
Miss Wolton.	Guider-in-Charge, Foxlease.

ELECTED MEMBERS.

Mrs. Houson Craufurd.	Chief Commissioner for Scotland.
*Miss Lee Baker.	Red Cord Guider.
*Miss Grimwade.	Blue Cord Guider.
*Miss A. Maynard.	Chief's Diploma.
Miss V. Syngé.	Red Cord Guider.
Miss E. Sharp.	Blue Cord Guider.
Miss V. Walmisley.	Red Cord Guider.

THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

Those marked with an asterisk were appointed in 1931.

EX-OFFICIO.

The Lady Delia Peel. (Chair.)	Representing the Executive Committee.
Miss Bond.	Commissioner for Rangers.
Mrs. Thomson.	Great Brown Owl.
Mrs. Crichton Miller.	Commissioner for Auxiliary Guides.
Miss S. Chance.	Commissioner for Lones.
Miss Bowlby.	Chairman of the Extension Sub-Committee.
Miss Bewley.	Chairman of the Schools Sub-Committee.

ELECTED MEMBERS.

Miss Wolton.	Representing the Training and Camping Committee.
*Miss Pitman.	Representing Town Guides.
*Miss R. Warren.	Representing Country Guides.

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THE SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES SUB-COMMITTEE.

Those marked with an asterisk were appointed in 1931.

EX-OFFICIO.

Miss Bewley. (Chair.)	Commissioner for Guiding in Schools and Colleges.
Miss Burstall.	Liaison Commissioner.
Miss Bond.	Commissioner for Rangers.
Miss Burrows.	Representative of Association of Headmistresses of Recognised Private Schools.
Miss Wolseley Lewis.	Representative of Headmistresses' Association.

ELECTED MEMBERS.

The Lady Mildred Fitzgerald.	County Commissioner, Middlesex.
Miss Hanbury Williams.	County Commissioner, Berkshire.
Miss Judson.	Division Commissioner, Bewdley.
Miss Cattley.	Representative of Headmistresses' Association.
Miss Cossey.	Representative of Headmistresses' Association.
Miss Strachey.	Representing Guiding in Colleges.
*Miss M. Heath.	Representing Guiding in Schools.

THE EXTENSION SUB-COMMITTEE.

Those marked with an asterisk were appointed in 1931.

EX-OFFICIO.

Mrs. Bowlby. (Chairman.)	Commissioner for Extensions.
Miss Daly. (Vice-Chairman.)	Assistant Commissioner.
Sir Montague Burrows.	Scout Commissioner for Special Tests.
Mrs. Hood.	Commissioner for Extensions (Scotland).
Miss J. Allan.	Secretary for Hospital Companies.
Miss M. Bessemer.	Secretary for Cripple Companies.
Miss C. Duff.	Secretary for Mentally Defective Companies.
Mrs. D. Thompson.	Secretary for Deaf Companies.
Miss T. Verrall.	Secretary for Blind Companies.
Mrs. Strover.	Post Guide Secretary.
The Hon. Patricia Stopford.	Post Brown Owl.

ELECTED MEMBERS.

The Hon. Mrs. Tufton.	*Miss Batten.
Miss Jean Robinson.	*Mrs. Fryer.
Dr. Littlejohn.	

HEADQUARTERS' NOTICES

THE COMING-OF-AGE CELEBRATIONS.

As already announced, the Masque written by Mrs. Eric Streatfeild, Commissioner for Music and Drama, to be produced by Imperial Headquarters under the direction of the author, will be performed at the Albert Hall, London, on May 27th and 28th, 1932.

As at present planned there will be three performances: on the Friday and Saturday evenings, and a matinée on Saturday.

Mrs. Streatfeild will build up the house of Guiding actually before our eyes. From the early days when the first "Girl Scouts" insisted on playing the Chief's game too, right up to the present time when the Movement is world-wide—the building up of Guiding has gone steadily forward.

The Chief's foundation stone—the great idea and conception of Scouting; the ten main planks of the Laws; the mortar binding all together—the Promise; so the building grows with wide open doors and windows, to its twenty-first year which we are going to celebrate.

The whole scheme of the Masque is conceived on a big scale—for it is to illustrate the rise of a great children's Movement that is without precedent in modern times.

Arrangements for the large number of performers and members of the choir are in the hands of a committee.

HEADQUARTERS SHOP.

OPEN LONGER HOURS IN JULY.

For the convenience of customers who are unable to shop earlier in the day, the camp showroom and shop, No. 17 and 19, Buckingham Palace Road, will remain open each evening until 7 p.m. during the month of July.

ENTERTAINMENT TAX.

Guiders are reminded that in practically all cases exemption from entertainments' tax can be obtained. There are two methods.

1. By use of Form E.D.23 which can be used where all the performers are members of the Guides Association. A certificate as required on the back of the form will always be supplied by the local education authority.

2. By use of Form E.D. 40. When this form is used a full statement of the accounts may subsequently have to be produced.

3. By the use of Form E.D. 12, which can be used in cases where no expenses are paid out of receipts.

In each case the appropriate form and any further information required will be supplied by the local office of Customs and Excise, and the form must be completed at least 14 days before the date of the performance.

CLOSED MONTH FOR CORRESPONDENCE.

September.

It has been decided that the month of September shall be kept as a CLOSED MONTH for all correspondence connected with the work of the various branches of Guiding, i.e. Rangers, Brownies, School and Cadet companies, Lone Guides, Extension and Post Guides, Kindred Societies and Auxiliary Guides.

Letters will therefore not be forwarded to the Commissioners for these Branches during that month.

Correspondence in connection with Camping will, however, be carried on as usual by the Commissioner for Camping.

Will Commissioners and Guiders make a special note of this and pass on the information to others.

THE WORLD FLAG.

Should companies desire it, Headquarters is able to arrange that gold instead of white lettering be printed on the new World Flags for an extra charge of 5s. for the first line and 3s. 6d. for the second line, making an extra charge of 8s. 6d. for two lines of lettering.

ENDURANCE TEST.

Camp Advisers and others arranging Endurance tests for Life Savers are reminded that on no account is the Royal Life Saving Society to be asked for help. This is a Guide test and arrangements for taking it must be made locally through Guide authorities.

HOME ADDRESS.

Guiders are earnestly asked to make a point of giving their home address when writing to Headquarters from camp or when on holiday.

If only the camp address is given there is no means of tracing the writer's account, and much delay and inconvenience is therefore caused.

FOUND.

Two keys tied together with a black tape were found at Cecil Sharp House after the Guiders' Country Dance Party on May 16th. The keys can be claimed from Imperial Headquarters.

SCOTTISH HEADQUARTERS.

EVERYONE connected with Guiding in Scotland is requested to write for all requirements to the Secretary, Scottish Headquarters, 12, Melville Street, Edinburgh.

All the necessary equipment, etc., is kept there, but it is impossible to stock every new book advertised in THE GUIDER. They are always willing to order these, but must charge postage.

MEMORIAL TO THE EARL OF MEATH.

In memory of the late Earl of Meath, who chose as his chief watchwords, "Duty, Sympathy, and Self-sacrifice," it is proposed to place a window in St. Paul's Cathedral, and to provide an open-air memorial, facing Hyde Park at the entrance to Lancaster Gate, where Lord Meath resided. The first will recall his sincere religious convictions, and his attendances at the Cathedral Empire Day celebrations for school children, and the second will remind many thousands daily of a pioneer in safeguarding open spaces, the first chairman of the Parks Committee of the L.C.C., and the founder of the Metropolitan Public Gardens Association. The cost of this undertaking is £4,000; subscriptions should be sent to the Hon. Sir Arthur Stanley, Westminster Bank, St. James's Square, S.W.1.

PATROL SONGS.

Patrol Songs. By Harman Howland. Published by Headquarters. In card form, 1d. each.

Some time ago Mr. Howland, who is the Boy Scout Assistant Commissioner for Music, wrote some patrol songs, which were published in *The Guide*.

Six of the series have been reprinted in card form, in response to a wide demand for them. The songs are those for the following patrols: Skylarks, Chaffinches, Wrens, Kingfishers, Robins and Thrushes.

It is hoped to add to the series later on.

GUIDING.

Hints on Girl Guide Badges. (Brown, Son & Ferguson. 3s. 6d.)

The 1931 edition of this much-used text book is in stock, brought up-to-date in several particulars and with one or two new chapters.

There is a new article on Hiking and others on printing, skating, and the Bird Lover badge test.

POST BROWNIES.

What are Post Brownies? Published by Headquarters. 6d. per dozen, 3s. per 100.

A new Post Brownie folder is now in stock, which explains the question asked in the title, and gives details of how this small section of the Extension Branch is run. It is a companion leaflet to *What are Post Guides?* and can be obtained for propaganda purposes from Headquarters.

SALE OF SECONDHAND BOOKS.

A sale of secondhand books is being held in the Book department of the Girl Guide Shop, Imperial Headquarters.

The books are in good condition, though in some cases slightly shop-soiled, and must be cleared to make room for new stock. Most of them are to be had at half the published price.

These are among the titles, the sale price is given in each case:—

Diana, My Badger (2/6); *Tom, My Peacock* (2/6); *Katie, My Roving Cat* (2/6); *Tommy White-Tag, the Fox* (3/6), all by Frances Pitt. Several of the *Dr. Dolittle* books (half price, at 3/6). Stories by Mabel Marlowe, Roy Meldrum, Boyd Cable and Marjorie Bowen, etc., all published separately, and which would make excellent patrol prizes, each at 9d.

Girl Scout Stories (4/-), *Downright Dencey* (3/6), *Three Wonder Plays*, by Lady Gregory (2/6), and many others.

The books can be seen on special shelves in the Bookshop.

HOSPITAL AND CRIPPLE GUIDE CUP.

The competition for the All-England Hospital and Cripple Companies' Cup has been postponed until the autumn, when captains will be notified.

THE EXTENSION BRANCH.

The Blind Section will in future consist of: (a) companies and packs in schools, institutions, workshops and hostels for the blind. *Secretary:* Miss T. Verrall, East Lodge, Leatherhead, Surrey. (b) Blind Post Ranger companies. *Assistant Secretary:* Mrs. Napier, Kyrle, Ashbrittle, Wellington, Somerset.

BLIND POST RANGER COMPANIES.

These companies have been re-arranged as follows so as to correspond with the areas worked by the Counties Associations for the Blind.

1st Northern Company. (Lancashire (except N.W.), Yorkshire, Cheshire, North Wales.)

Captain: Mrs. Napier, Kyrle, Ashbrittle, Wellington, Somerset.

2nd Northern Company. (N.W. Lancs., Northumberland, Durham, Cumberland, Westmorland.)

Captain: Miss C. Rutherford, 11, Cheltenham Street, Barrow-in-Furness, Lancs.

6th Middlesex Company. (Middlesex.)

Captain: Miss J. Robinson, Burford, West Byfleet, Surrey.

1st London Company. (London.)

Captain: Miss S. Munday, 173, Linden Gardens, W.2.

1st South of England Company. Berkshire, Hampshire, Sussex.

Captain: Miss Dyer, 65, Magdalen Road, North End, Portsmouth.

1st Midland Company. Bucks, Derbyshire, Herefordshire, Leicestershire, Northampton, Notts, Oxford, Rutland, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Worcestershire, Warwickshire, Sok: of Peterborough.

Captain: Miss M. Durnell, Boars Hill, Oxford.

1st West of England Company. (Somerset, Gloucestershire, Bristol, South Wales.)

Captain: Miss Burnes Holland, Charleville, The Shrubbery, Weston-Super-Mare.

Devon and Cornwall Company.

Captain: Mrs. Thomas, Selbourne, Vicarage Road, Chelston, Torquay.

2nd Dorset Company.

Captain: Miss Lowe, Upwood, Parkstone, Dorset.

1st East of England Company. (Beds, Cambs, Isle of Ely, Hunts, Lincs, Norfolk, Suffolk.)

Captain: Miss Patteson, Great Hautbois House, Colteshall, Norfolk.

1st Kent and Surrey Company.

Captain: Miss Graham, Hollingden, Wokingham, Caterham Valley, Surrey.

Essex and Herts Company.

Captain: Miss Robinson, Burford, West Byfleet, Surrey.

GUIDERS OF BLIND POST RANGER COMPANIES.

In qualifying for a warrant a Guider of a Blind Post Ranger company should submit a specimen Braille company letter, Court of Honour letter and a report of three months work to Mrs. Napier (Assistant Secretary, Blind Post Ranger Companies).

It is recommended that Guiders of Post Ranger companies should take the Senior Braille badge within a year of becoming captain.

THE VENTURE.

This is a monthly Braille magazine for blind Scouts and Guides, price 1s. 6d. per annum, post free (recently enlarged), obtained from the National Institute for the Blind and published under the auspices of the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides Association of the National Institute of the Blind.

Guide Editor: Miss Robinson.

Scout Editor: Mr. H. Merridan.

BLIND RANGERS AND GUIDES IN OPEN COMPANIES.

The Extension Sub-Committee feel that in most cases it is more satisfactory that blind Rangers who are now members of open companies should belong to one of the Post Blind Ranger companies and remain attached to the open company so that they may

- (a) Be in touch with other blind Rangers.
- (b) Receive the Company Letter in Braille.
- (c) Attend the blind Ranger camp.
- (d) Use the Handicraft depot.

It is part of Post Guide policy to attach blind Post Rangers to open companies whenever possible. Membership of a Post company would of course not be compulsory if the Ranger preferred to remain a member of the open company, but the Commissioner for Extensions would like to know of any blind Rangers who as yet are not connected in any way with the Extension branch. Captains who have blind Rangers as members of their open companies are therefore asked to communicate with the Secretary for Blind companies, Miss T. Verrall, East Lodge, Leatherhead.

CRIPPLES AND BLIND RANGERS AND GUIDES CAMPING WITH AN OPEN COMPANY.

1. The captain of the open company must understand the rules that apply to blind and cripple Guides when camping, i.e. a doctor's certificate is necessary.
2. A list of "precautions" should be obtained by the captain from the Secretary for Blind or Cripple companies, Headquarters.

GENERAL NOTICES

THE AUXILIARY BRANCH.

A strong feeling exists amongst Superintendents of Preventive and Rescue Homes to which Auxiliary Guide companies are attached, as well as amongst the Guiders responsible for these companies, that the value of their work would be increased and deepened to a very great extent by some general knowledge of the reasons for which the girls come into the Homes, the conditions from which they come, and by some initiation into the problems involved in their training.

Few Guiders are able to spare time to undertake the usual course of training for social work, so that the following offers of abbreviated training and insight into this work were received with great appreciation at the conference of the Auxiliary Branch held in May.

1. Miss Pinney (Principal), will take any Guider for one month's training at the Josephine Butler Memorial House, Liverpool.

Fee (inclusive of board), 10 guineas.

2. Miss Baggally (Central Organiser of the Archbishops' Advisory Board for Preventive and Rescue Work), will put any Guider in touch with the Superintendent of a Home, who is willing to take the Guider for a week's residence and insight into the work of the Home. Fee to be arranged with the Superintendent.

Any Guider will be welcomed for these trainings and it is greatly hoped that Auxiliary Guiders will not fail to avail themselves of this splendid opportunity.

Applications should be made to Miss Clemow, Dorton, Thame, Oxon.

LECTURES.

The attention of Commissioners, Diploma'd Guiders, Auxiliary and Ranger Guiders is especially drawn to a course of 6 lectures which will be given by Miss Swaisland (British Social Hygiene Council), at Girl Guide Headquarters, 17, Buckingham Palace Road, on September 16th, 18th, 22nd, 25th, 29th, and October 2nd, at 8 p.m. Fee 1s. for separate lectures or 5s. for the course.

These lectures come as the result of a special request made by Guiders present at the Conference of the Auxiliary Branch, who then had the privilege of hearing Miss Swaisland's address.

In the forthcoming course of lectures Miss Swaisland will deal with facts of physiology, biology, and the practical implications of the 10th Guide Law, with the object of helping Guiders in the sometimes difficult task of talking to their companies on these subjects.

The first two lectures will be devoted to the elementary part of the work (in accordance with the wishes of many Guiders), and the latter ones to the more advanced aspects.

It would be a great convenience if Guiders wishing to attend would send in their names, stating if they wish to take the whole course or only certain lectures, before August 31st, to Miss Clemow, Dorton, Thame, Oxon; in order that the lecturer may have some idea of numbers.



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LECTURES.

Mrs. C. B. S. Hodson, F.L.S., 406, Fulham Road, S.W.6, is prepared to give lectures either to Guiders or to Rangers and Guides on simple laws of heredity and their importance for health and the responsibilities of parenthood. No lecture fees are asked, but in most cases, travelling expenses would be required.

For those leaders who desire to undertake teaching to Rangers and Guides, a course of three lectures would be desirable.

1. *The Beginning of Life.*

(a) The laws of life and how the living is distinguished from the non-living.

(b) The beginnings of life—the cell and its nucleus; cell division.

(c) The laws of heredity as learned from plant and animal life (Mendel's law).

2. *A Living Thing in its Environment.*

(a) The action of the environment on the individual.

(b) The action of the environment on the race; Natural Selection. Examples from animal life; social evidence of the working of these laws and their importance for the race.

3. *Man's Distinctive Place in Nature.*

(a) The beginnings of intelligence and the makings of temperament and character.

(b) Inheritance of intellect and temperament.

(c) Man's control of his environment; human responsibility for man's own future (with specific problems of our modern national life).

SINGLE LECTURE FOR RANGERS OR GUIDES.

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5. The dolls and toys will be sold for the benefit of the funds of the Association. Those unsold will be distributed among the invalid children at Christmas.

6. A Doll and Toy Exhibition and Sale will be held in the Lecture Hall, I.C.A.A. Offices, Carnegie House, 117, Piccadilly, W.1, on Friday, December 11th, from 4.30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

7. Special prizes will be given for baby dolls and for those in knitted costumes as well as for the most skilfully-made animal and toy.

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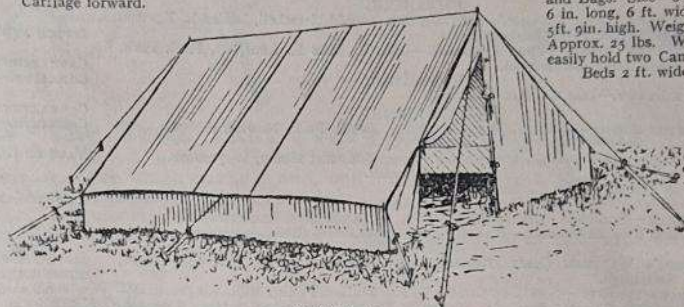
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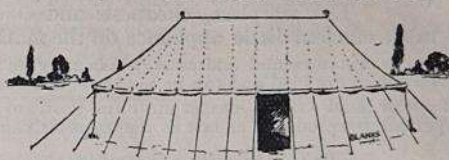
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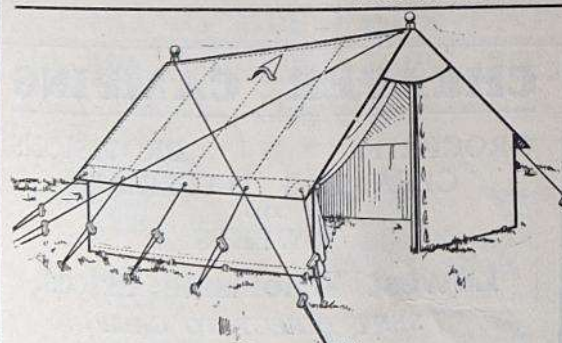
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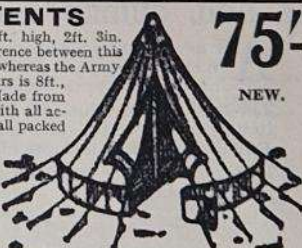
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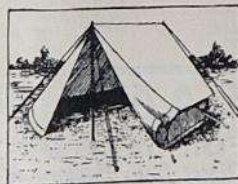
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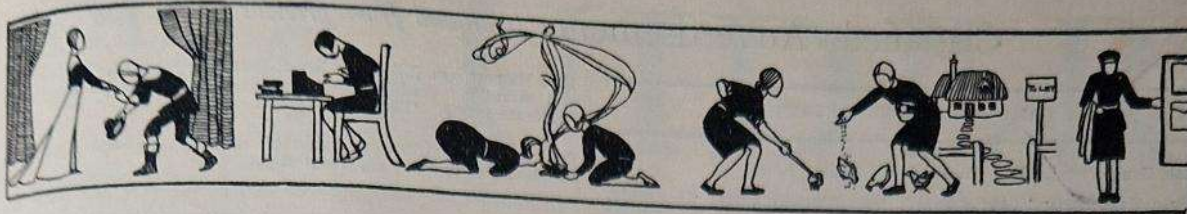
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