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# GUIDE SUNDAY

## May 29th, 1932

THE week May 23 to 29 has been set aside as a short festival in the Guide year, to remind all Guiders and Guides that for twenty-one years the Movement has been growing in health and strength, until today it numbers nearly a million members throughout the world.

"Guide Week" is a birthday week, and a celebration of a twenty-first birthday is always a great occasion.

To mark it off from any other week in the Guide year, it has been felt that the central point of such a time of rejoicing should be focussed upon a General Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the benefits that have been bestowed upon the Movement throughout these twenty-one years of its life, with Prayers for its future welfare and wise influence.

From this universal feeling arose the idea of "Guide Sunday," on May 29th, to be looked upon throughout the British Isles as the culminating point of the week; the day on which the bishops, clergy and ministers of all the Churches should be asked to hold special services for Guides, or to make mention of the Movement in the prayers of their churches.

The most cordial assent and encouragement has been given to this suggestion by the heads of the Churches in this country: by His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, His Eminence Cardinal Bourne, the Rev. S. M. Berry, D.D., of the Congregational Union of England and Wales, the Rev. T. G. Dunning, M.A., of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland, the Rev. Thomas Mackay, M.A., of the Presbyterian Church, the Rev. H. B. Workman, D.D., D.Lit., of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, and the Chief Rabbi.

It is therefore hoped that upon this day (or upon any other day that may be more convenient during that week) Commissioners and Guiders will arrange, in consultation with their local church authorities, that Guides may attend a special service according to the denomination to which the children belong.

The Association prefers to leave all arrangements of these services entirely in the hands of local authorities.

It may, however, interest the members of the Movement to see the proposed Order of Service to be held in St. Paul's Cathedral on Saturday, May 28th, at 5.30 p.m., this date having been chosen as the Cathedral is fully occupied on the Sunday. This service will be held for representatives of Church of England Guides in the Diocese of London.

The Order of Service may be subject to slight alteration, and it is hoped to publish it in its final form next month.

Copies of this announcement may be obtained in leaflet form from Headquarters.

### SPECIAL PRAYER FOR GUIDES for use on Guide Sunday

GRANT, O Lord, we pray Thee, that Thy special blessing may rest upon us, and all other Guides. Help us with

Thy grace to serve our country and keep our Guide Law and Promise.

Make us humble and friendly, eager for adventure, alert and prepared for service.

Give us courage to dare to do right, make us both strong to fight and steadfast to endure, and may our lives be filled with the joy that spreads happiness everywhere.

Grant this we pray Thee for the sake of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

## Order of Service

to be held in

St. Paul's Cathedral

on Saturday, May 28th, at 5.30 p.m.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN.

THE LESSER LITANY.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

*Then shall be said:*

O Lord, open thou our lips.

*And our mouth shall shew forth Thy praise.*

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.*

Praise ye the Lord,

*The Lord's Name be praised.*

HYMN.

THE LESSON.

MAGNIFICAT.

THE APOSTLES' CREED.

*Then shall be said:*

The Lord be with you

*And with thy spirit.*

Let us pray.

*Then shall follow:*

PRAYERS

For the King.

For the Empire.

For the Peace of the World.

For Girl Guides.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING.

GRACE.

HYMN.

ADDRESS.

HYMN.

THE BLESSING.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.



# PLANS FOR GUIDE WEEK

## HERTFORDSHIRE.

THREE Divisions are holding services in their own areas on the afternoon of Sunday, May 29th, the other two Divisions holding a combined service for Rangers and Guides in St. Alban's Abbey. It is intended to hold the same service throughout the county. Guides are to be asked to attend their own places of worship in uniform, on the morning of May 29th.

A county Ranger camp is being held in Hatfield Park at Whitsun.

Tree planting is being considered.

## KENT.

Bexley Heath District hope to arrange (1) a District concert, each unit contributing items, proceeds to be given to some charitable object; (2) at the rehearsal it is hoped to entertain aged folk, giving them good refreshments during the evening.

Chislehurst and Sidcup District have arranged to give a party and entertainment to old people and to send some specially nice gifts to those who are too infirm to be able to come to this party. Each company is taking some part in the arrangements; one Ranger company has promised to manage the entertainment and another has undertaken the tea.

Dartford I District hope to get up a district entertainment for the old people and any poor who get no treats.

Erith District hope to entertain the old people by invitation, general public to contribute funds by paying. Funds received to be devoted to some good cause. Erith also hopes to make garments for the Kent Community Council for their tubercular cases.

## SEVENOAKS.

The following arrangements are being made for the Birthday Celebrations:—

1. Brownies, Guides, Rangers and Guiders to wear their badges throughout the "Week" and to make a special effort to prove their readiness and ability to "help other people at all times."

2. Brownie Service on May 22nd, at 3 p.m.

3. Division Church Parade on May 29th—national "Guide Sunday."

4. Fête to be held on May 25th, 3 to 8 p.m., to combine: propaganda, money-raising for "Good Turns," sports, a world outlook and enjoyment.

## LONDON.

The following services will be held in London, as part of the Guide Birthday celebrations:—

### CHURCH OF ENGLAND GUIDES.

The arrangements for the Service for Guides and Rangers in the Diocese of London to be held at St. Paul's on May 28th, at 5.30 p.m., are fully announced elsewhere. Mrs. Janson Potts and a small committee are arranging matters of detail.

The Commissioners of London and Middlesex will be informed how many representatives may be sent from each of their divisions.

A Service for Guides and Rangers belonging to the Diocese of Southwark will be held in Southwark Cathedral on Sunday, May 29th, at 3.30 p.m. The Divisions concerned will be notified of the arrangements through their own Commissioners.

### FOR ROMAN CATHOLIC GUIDES.

A Church Parade for the Roman Catholic Guides of London, Middlesex, and Surrey, will be held at Westminster Cathedral, on Sunday, May 22nd, at 4.30 p.m., when His Eminence Cardinal Bourne will preach. Details will be published in the April GUIDER.

Miss MacDermott, Hon. Secretary of the Catholic Advisory Council, 94, Ashley Gardens, S.W.1, will be glad to hear of any Catholic Guiders, Rangers, and Guides in non-Catholic companies, so that they too may be invited to attend.

### FOR GUIDES OF THE FREE CHURCHES.

A Service for the Wesleyan, Primitive and United Methodist Guides and Rangers of London will be held in Kingsway Hall, on Sunday, May 29th, at 3.30 p.m. Will captains of such companies send their names and addresses, and approximate number of their Guides, to Mrs. Leslie F. Church, Richmond College, Surrey, before March 14.

It is hoped to arrange a Service at one of the famous Free Churches on Sunday, May 29th, for the Congregational, Baptist, and Presbyterian Guides and Rangers of London. Full particulars will be sent to Divisional correspondents, but in case of doubt inquiries should be addressed to Miss I. C. Stead, 81, Humber Road, S.E.3.

### FOR JEWISH GUIDES.

A Service for Jewish Guides and Rangers will be held on Sunday, May 29th, at 3.30 p.m., in the Hall of the Jews' Free School, Bell Lane, E. (lent by courtesy of the Managers). Rabbi Gollop will officiate. After the Service there will be a tea, followed by a sing-song.

All captains of Jewish companies, and Jewish Guides and Guiders (whether attached to Jewish companies or not) are invited to attend, and should inform Mrs. Nathan, 24e, De Vere Gardens, W.8, stating approximate numbers.

*All applications or inquiries in connection with any of the above services should be accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope.*

### EAST CENTRAL DIVISION.

Our plans are as follows:—

On Saturday, May 21st, we are having two competitions (one for Rangers and one for Guides) down at our camp site at West Wickham. A squad of six from each Guide and Ranger company in the Division may compete. After the competitions there will be supper and camp fire.

On Thursday, May 26th, the whole Division will gather together at 8 p.m. for a March Past and Inspection, which will be followed by displays of the various Guide activities (these will be done in Districts), then supper, and a camp fire. We are hoping to hold this at the Foundling Site.



# THE CHIEF GUIDE'S OUTLOOK

## CAMPING

**T**HICK fog and a hard frost outside my window. A letter is lying on my desk, and instead of turning my thoughts to hot bottles, as is their inclination, it has switched them off to a picture of the glowing of a camp fire and the gleam of white tents in the dusk of a summer night.

To think of this in March in Great Britain may seem a little incongruous, but with the lengthening out of the days we can with wisdom begin to make our plans for the camping out that may be before us this coming summer.

I picture many varied outlooks on the part of Guiders when the idea of camp begins definitely to materialise.

"This will mean hard work," says Number One. Yes, of course it will; probably a great deal of it. But is anyone the worse for that, and fear of work is not one of our Guiders' characteristics!

Just a little word of warning, though, to those fine, splendid, ardent campers who look forward with such zest to the work as well as to the play in the camp that is coming.

It is often so very much easier to do with your own hands something that has to be done, and that saying: "If you want a thing done, do it yourself," is at times our undoing.

It tempts us too far, and in doing much of the work of pitching tents, making gadgets, doing the cooking and so on, we are just taking away from the Guides some of the most priceless lessons of camp life, and even defeating our own ends. Allow the Guides to make their mistakes, for they will learn the better for them, and let them take their full share of hard work, for they will gain by it all—and you will gain too.

Besides, we have still to remember our critics, who are only too ready to point with irony at dishevelled and tired-out Guiders returning from camp; and we should think how we owe it to our parents and our belongings, not to get worn out and over-weary in our glorious excess of zeal for our Guide camp.

"This will mean anxiety," says Guider Number Two. Yes, of course it will, for the care of other people's children is not to be undertaken lightly, and having this responsibility for some days and nights on end brings a fresh, unexpected burden on to our shoulders. But again, fear of responsibility is not part of our Guiders' make-up—bless 'em!

But the anxiety should not count as a deterrent to one's enjoyment, but act more as a spur to greater care and effort, in the preparations that are to be made beforehand.

The Chief Scout had, as many of you know, a very quaint nickname in the long-ago days of his hunting the wily hippopotamus in Africa. "M'lalapanzi" was how it was spelt, but it meant in plain English, "He who lies down to shoot," or, in other words, "He who makes his plans beforehand and shoots them successfully to their issue."



So the Guider who looks well ahead and lays all plans safely, need have no fears or trepidations in undertaking what should be the best experience in the whole year with her Guides.

Surely now we all realise to the full how precious and unique is our opportunity in camp for really getting to know the character of each individual Guide, how to bring out the elusive bit of good that is there in the difficult member of the company, how to sort out the wheat from the chaff—and yet to make the best use of the chaff too and give it its chance of being as like the wheat as possible. The week in camp can do more for both Guider and Guides than weeks or months of ordinary meetings indoors.

"This will mean a lot of bother," says Number Three. Yes, of course it will, and time and trouble and thought too. But is anything that is easy to attain really so worth while as that which has cost quite a lot of effort?

A lot of attention will be needed about that camp equipment, which plays so large a part in the success or otherwise of our camps.

Long ago it was thought that the heavier the tent the safer it would be. Now we know otherwise, and it is splendid to see our Guides' camping equipment getting lighter and more handy as our efficiency has increased a hundred per cent. in the last few years.

With strong boys or men it may be all right to handle heavy bell tents and marquees, but—speaking from personal experience—I know how much easier it is to handle the lightweight tents and things, and how much better they serve one for work and for transportation purposes.

I don't for one moment want to belittle the heavier equipment that is already in use, for it is sometimes more within our limited means, and there it is already as the property of camping Guides. It is grand for companies and counties and districts to own their own, and so long as we camp—and camp well, that is after all the main thing.

And how proud we may well be in the Movement, to see this joyous good activity developing so well, with thousands of girls benefiting by it each year, and with hundreds of Guiders all playing this game with them and for them.

"This will mean hardship," says Number Four. Yes, of course it will, especially if it rains as it usually does at camp time. But here lies a still further challenge to the faint-hearted. It may seem odd to compare a little



party of Guides going off to spend a few days under canvas with tales of heroism and adventure.

But haven't we all somewhere inside us got a love of adventure, and how can we ever find expression of this in these days of "safety first," easy transport, comfortable living, convenient communication, and the whirl of noise and restlessness of modern civilisation.

Even if the young ones amongst us are happy and content to be surrounded by the garish jazz and bustle and noise in which they have been brought up, there is, I believe, deep down as well always a love of real beauty and of the quiet that comes only to us away in the countryside where Nature still holds sway.

And so, facing hardships of weather and conditions we can go back to learn from Nature how to tackle other difficulties, how to take the rough with the smooth, and we can learn to find fresh happiness and inspiration away from man-made things and close to those made by God Himself.

#### PERSONAL.

I want to express my very sincere thanks to the many Guide friends who have sent such generous letters of sympathy on the occasion of my Mother's death.

Such messages have indeed helped me through a dark time.

*Olave Baden-Powell*

### A Few Further Remarks on the Same Subject

By The Commissioner for Camping

CAMPING is indeed being given an encouraging send-off this year by having an article all to itself by the Chief Guide. The article shows how well the Chief Guide knows the doubts that sometimes assail us as to why we embark on such an amount of "hard work," "anxiety," "bother" and "hardship" for one short week. She equally well knows what makes us lay aside our doubts and tackle our preparations for camp with real care and thought and energy because she, together with the Chief Scout, perhaps realises better than any of us, what a worth while and far-reaching effect a well-run camp can have.

The hints she gives as to how a well-run camp may be achieved, are of special value because they are given from the point of view of one who sees beyond the actual camping. Let us therefore this year give special thought to the preparations of our camps, for if these are well and carefully made, we shall be all the more care-free in camp when the time comes, and therefore all the more able to enjoy ourselves with our Guides. This cannot be when things are left to the last minute or to chance.

Well thought out preparations will obviate the over-work that the Chief Guide warns us against, and if our preparations include, as they should, the training of our Guides, they will be able to share in the hard work which provides so much of the joy of camp. This is where small camps have such an advantage over large ones, as no advance party is necessary, and Guides can share with Guiders the building up of the camp right from the beginning.

The preparation of the equipment is another interest we can share with our Guides, more so, if, as the Chief Guide suggests, we aim at getting our equipment as lightweight as possible. Rangers in particular will enjoy making their own lightweight tents and latrine screens, and having once tasted the freedom of being able to move easily from place to place, or to camp at very short notice, the more adventurous spirits will never again heedlessly hamper their movements by burdening themselves with unnecessarily heavyweight equipment.

Thus with well-prepared plans, well-prepared equipment, and well-prepared Rangers and Guides, we can confidently face the hardships and learn the worth-while things which the Chief Guide sums up so well in the last paragraph of her article.

### The Prince's Call to Service

The "Appeal to Youth" speech made by the Prince of Wales at the Royal Albert Hall a few weeks ago has been printed in pamphlet form by the National Council of Social Service, price 6d. (post 1½d.), the proceeds of which will be used to set forward the scheme. It is obtainable from Headquarters, and Guiders who did not have the opportunity of hearing the speech on the wireless will be glad of the chance to read this stirring and inspiring call to the youth of the nation for personal service.

A mass of correspondence is being handled by the National Council of Social Service at its overflow offices at 44, Russell Square, London, where each volunteer is told how and where he or she can set to work.

Offers of help have poured in from all parts of the country. Suggestions for voluntary work are embodied in "Opportunities and Service," a pamphlet which can be obtained free in any quantities on application to the National Council of Social Service, 44, Russell Square, London, W.C.1.

The Chief Scout, in a letter to *The Times*, said:—

"None can be deaf to the call of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to our young folk as well as to the adults to come to the aid of their country in the time of its trouble.

"May I indicate one direction as an instance? Thousands of young people of both sexes are coming out of school into the world, seeking employment and finding none. Through no fault of their own they are to a considerable extent left to drift into all the dangers, physical and moral, of idleness, and largely to deteriorate into being unemployable. There are thousands of young bodies and souls being thus left to drift into wastage, whom we could save, if we would, to be assets to the nation. It rests with us citizens of the country to do it.

"In the Boy Scout and Girl Guide Movements we aim at developing strength of character as well as of body in building healthy, happy, hardworking and helpful citizens. Our methods appeal to the young people; so much so that we have this year a total of 808,307 British Scouts, an increase of 51,000 on last year (and largely in industrial centres). . . We can, and do, reach the poorest; but so far we are touching only the fringe of the multitudes who need the training. We turn away hundreds every week who want to join us. We have to do so for this sole reason—we have not enough men and women available as leaders to take them in hand.

"Here lies an open field and a great opportunity for those who have any love for their country and their kind. It is no time for any of us to stay idle when our country needs us, and there is scarcely one among us who cannot help in this particular direction. Scouting and Guiding are a joyous job, and one which, once embarked upon, brings no regret; not only because of the 'good companions' you find in our happy team, but because the work itself proves so worth while a service for the future of our country."



## Competitions

### FOR PATROLS.

OUR Chief Guide, in her New Year's message, has given us to think. In January, 1931, she asked us to develop the imagination of our Guides, to train them to see the other fellow's point of view. In January, 1932, she is asking us to develop our own. She tells us that seventy-four Guiders asked for luncheon at Headquarters; sixty arrived and had lunch; but the remaining fourteen never sent a message to say they were prevented from coming; yet no one would willingly have given Headquarters the expense and trouble that meant.

My experience is: "*What we ask for, we get,*" sooner or later. We are asked every October for our totals, and we have put our backs into trying to raise them. We have been asked to help build Headquarters by every known method of asking, and we have strained to surpass each other in our efforts to do so. Suppose we were asked for a reliability and courtesy report: we might collect it from badge examiners, County Secretaries, caretakers and others. What should we find? This—*that what we have asked for we have got.* Some Commissioners ask for nothing, others only ask for more recruits, others don't know how to ask, they just scold, which is the equivalent of saying, "I expect nothing."

A competition is a good way, and a Guide way of asking. Suppose you care more for the kind of Guide than the number of Guides you have, and want to help them to become reliable—A Guide's honour is to be trusted; you want her to possess that courtesy which means kindness with imagination. Then the following competition may be useful as a suggestion.

First, let all the companies know well ahead what points they will be judged on, i.e. *courtesy, reliability, imagination, and observation*, so that they may select their patrol to represent them, probably made up of members from each patrol, so that all the Guides should know just what happened afterwards, and begin to think along these lines.

Secondly, tell them that the competition begins from the time the chosen Patrol Leader receives the invitation, asking her how many of her patrol can stay to tea afterwards, with an R.S.V.P. The Patrol Leader will probably answer by return, and having done so once, will do so again, having said to herself unconsciously: "I am that sort of a girl." The co-operation of four people in the neighbourhood, whose homes are some little distance apart, must have been obtained. Between two of them an open common, field, wood, park or sea shore could be probably found across which the Guides can track. Each patrol should be provided with directions of her route, including, if possible, a carbon copy of a map traced from the ordnance map, or if in towns, larger scale maps can be obtained from agents. The houses being A, B, C, D, half the patrols should be sent to A house first, the other half going first to D house.

The patrols are now called together and told that the town is isolated by floods, all food-stuffs in the shops have been commandeered by the authorities, and rations will be issued to-morrow; but the ladies at these houses say they have some food to spare which the Guides may fetch, to be distributed to-day to families where there are babies or very small children in need.

They are to hand in notes addressed to these ladies and await results, and besides bringing home what they may

be given, they should keep their eyes open for any food vans from another town, as that would show that a way had been found through the floods. Any news of food will be valued, they must use their imagination, but while playing the game not forget they are real Guides, and that it is very kind of these ladies to join in their game.

At these houses they will deliver their notes, which contain a blank sheet for remarks for the owner to make as to their behaviour, observation, and the time they took to find the food ticket which they bring back. The name of the food is written on two tickets placed visibly, but not conspicuously, either in the house or garden. Thus—"2 tins of milk"—written on white paper, placed on a white window-sill, etc.

In addition to just hunting for the food tickets, the following points could be marked, and placed to their credit in the letter, two for each house according to suitability.

1. Do they rub their shoes on the mat on entering?
2. General courtesy.
3. Letter stamped and sealed. Do they offer to post it?
4. Someone peeling potatoes with a bandaged hand. Do they offer to finish them?
5. Clothes blown off the line.
6. Dirty paper at the entrance gate.
7. Broken glass bottle in the road.
8. A pair of spectacles almost disappearing down an armchair.

Do they notice and take action.

Further, each house has a special problem.

#### A House.

The lady says, "You Guides learn to judge heights. I have been offered a twelve-foot ladder by my neighbour; could I reach my windows with it to clean them?"

Will they make allowance for a six-foot stretch and remember the top of the window needs cleaning as well as the bottom? Will the Guide who borrowed a ball of wool—dropped it out of the window, then measured the wool by yards, get more marks than the one who offered to fetch the ladder, and try? And what of the one who lies in the road while her friend holds a stick for her to measure by? Possibly the public will be better judges than the captains, so we leave the judging to those who know nothing of the First Class Test.

#### B House.

The lady says her puppy tore open the flour bag that she was preparing to give the Guides, and got himself covered with flour; now he has gone; would the Guides try and find him, taking her daughter with them, as he would not come if they alone called him. The daughter (a Guide accomplice) follows the flour track with them to and fro across the common, and suddenly says, "I have dropped my purse." What do they do? Do they know the best way to spread out and find things? After some time she finds it (if they don't), and they continue the track towards House C. The "daughter" there is ready to escort another patrol back from House C to House B. If they meet on the common she changes over to them with the same tale.

#### C House.

Same as B House, for those getting there first.

#### D House.

The lady says she has a very troublesome daughter, it would do her good to join the Guides, she thinks. Could she? The lady here must understand Guide ideals, and draw them out; if possible, this should not be suspected.

A. M. MAYNARD.





## BROWNIE BADGES.

A FEW more interesting suggestions for new Brownie Badges were sent in at the last minute, and as a result three syllabuses for new badges have been drawn up. The Book Lover badge will be a welcome addition for Brownies who have access to a pack or school library. Libraries in connection with schools are being used more and more, and a good selection of books is usually available.

The Writer badge will be an encouragement to Brownies to improve their style if they have talents in that direction. It is astonishing what a number of children of Brownie age love to make up stories and are inspired to write poetry. It is the age at which so many children start to edit or write stories for little magazines of their own—written by hand and circulated among their friends.

Several packs lately have made toys out of old scraps of material, or mended and repaired old toys for slum children or poor families which they have adopted. A simple Toymaker badge has been drawn up which will be an encouragement to those who are doing a good turn to poor children in this way. Attractive and hard-wearing toys can be made out of the most unattractive-looking oddments of material.

An additional clause has been added to the syllabus for the Artist badge. "Know the primary colours and how to mix them to make secondary." The mixing of colours is one of the first and most important things for a would-be artist to know. No child who is taking up painting at all seriously would be allowed to use the set of colours provided in children's paint boxes, but should know how to mix her own. A knowledge of what constitutes good colour and the blending of colours will be a help in all sorts of ways to the Brownie later on, handicrafts, dress, the colour schemes in a room, etc. If the children are not taught the mixing of colours at school, charts, which are easy to follow, can be obtained at shops that sell artists' materials.

"Out-door treasures" has been added to the list for the Collector's badge. It is hoped that Brown Owls will not allow Brownies to collect birds' eggs and that they will discourage the collection of any but the commonest wild flowers. Out-door treasures really mean stones, shells, sea-weeds, mosses, feathers and inanimate objects.

## BROWNIE WINGS.

THE new ruling about Brownie Wings has been made because it is found that so many Brown Owls keep their Brownies on in the pack after they are 11 years of age

and ready for the company, in order that they may go in for their 1st Class test. We are defeating our own ends if we do this—it is much more important for a Brownie to become a Guide at the psychological moment than to gain her 1st Class badge after she is really too old for the test. I went into this question very fully in my article on the Brownie 1st Class test in the February GUIDER. As the rule stands now, a Brownie may enter for the test after she is eleven and wear the 1st Class badge until she is enrolled as a Guide, but she cannot hold Brownie wings unless she has gained the badge before she is eleven.

## THE BROWNIE FIRST CLASS TEST.

(Concluded.)

Sometimes when you are a very new Brown Owl, semaphore is a nightmare to you, or at best a heavy cloud which hangs over First Class and which you try to escape from as long as possible, but which inevitably overtakes you sooner or later. If this is your attitude to semaphore, be very sure you do not communicate it to the Brownies. Tackle it manfully, once learned thoroughly it is not easily forgotten. Introduce semaphore to them as a secret language. Nearly all children of that age love a secret language, and very often invent signs and languages of their own with which to fill in the duller moments at school and try the patience of their teachers. Semaphore is quite safe in that way. It is impossible to send messages by semaphore in a classroom without immediately attracting the attention of everyone in the room and it is much too slow and difficult a process to write it—unlike morse, which is easy to read—one of the reasons why semaphore is so much more suited to Brownies!

Sometimes requests are sent in to Headquarters that Brownies should do morse instead of semaphore. Have you ever thought of the character training which semaphore and morse teach? The intelligence, alertness, perseverance and concentration required to attain any degree of perfection? If Brownies learned some morse in the pack half this character training would be done away with. The use of morse flags is not suitable for Brownies, because it is too big a strain for them to keep their arms in the correct position, and the tendency would be either to overstrain the child or develop a bad style. Granted that semaphore is very much better than morse for Brownies, the system of teaching the alphabet in circles is usually found to be the best and simplest.

Circle No. 1:	A to G
" No. 2:	H to N (missing out J)
" No. 3:	O to S
" No. 4:	T U Y
Odd letters V	W X Z & J.

They should be shown a new circle each week. As each circle is taught it makes it more amusing to send them words composed of three letters from that particular circle. The First Class Brownies in each Six could read the semaphore and whisper the word to their Six, then the other Brownies draw the article and see which gets it most correct. Insist upon a good style from the beginning—feet apart, upright carriage and good position of arms. It is usually easier to start without flags, only using the arms, and it takes up less room if you have several Brownies in a small hall, while later on, they can learn to use the semaphore flags. Get on with the semaphore



while the Brownie is still filled with enthusiasm and keen to learn, and don't let the learning of the alphabet drag on for months, or they will certainly get bored. Learn the alphabet quickly; then there are heaps of games with which to practice.

The nature test has to be rather elastic. The great majority of Brownies can easily grow a bulb or seed and look after it at home and they love doing it, but in large towns there are circumstances which make it rather difficult and in some cases almost impossible. The Brownies who come from overcrowded homes and live in dark back rooms with little or no air or sunlight find it hard. These are conditions under which even the most expensive bulbs cannot flourish no matter how much care and attention they may be given, and in these special circumstances it is allowable for the Brownies to grow haricot beans, dried peas, acorns, various kinds of corn and mustard and cress in sponges or in flannel or blotting paper. These are very easy to obtain, cost practically nothing, and do not depend on environment in the same way as plants or bulbs. They are fascinating to watch as you can see their roots growing, and they need a considerable amount of care; but this, of course, is only permissible in cases where it is impossible to grow a plant or bulb.

The knitting of a scarf, jumper or other garment should be done specially for the test, and articles made at school do not count. Besides being a very useful and necessary thing to learn, if they are not already able to knit, it is a test of perseverance. To some children it is a great effort and a real test of patience to finish a big piece of knitting in a given time. In most cases it cannot all be done at pack meetings, and the children usually have to take it home on the understanding that they do it themselves and are not given any help.

The cleaning of forks and spoons has been taken out of the test as it was felt that there was rather much in the handicraft and service section compared with the rest of the test. In any case it is not a very practical test nowadays, when most of the forks and spoons are made of metals which do not require cleaning with plate polish, etc. The washing of the spoons and forks most Brownies already do every day at home.

"Prepare and stew fruit" has been added as an alternative to "Make a milk pudding," as in some homes a milk pudding is a thing that Brownies would never have to cook except for the test, as a great many mothers find it is expensive and not so good for the children as other cheaper dishes. Stewed apples would be a practical dish to choose. It is inexpensive, rich in food value and needs a good deal of careful preparation. If a milk pudding is chosen—and it does not necessarily need to be a rice pudding (though some Brown Owls seem to have this idea)—milk puddings which do not require to be baked are sometimes more suitable.

The ideal way to prepare the Brownies for the handicraft section of the test is for Brown Owl to have them to her own house and show them the proper methods of going about these household tasks. They enjoy doing these practical things, and do not really need to have their interest aroused through games. I never think it is a really very exciting or helpful way to learn to make a milk pudding, to transform the other Brownies into the ingredients and push them into an imaginary pudding basin chalked on the floor, besides, it is very little help when it comes to handling the actual articles. The Brownies

much prefer the important, grown-up way of doing it properly in a kitchen. It isn't always possible, though by far the most satisfactory way, for Brown Owl to supervise personally the teaching of the tests such as laying and lighting a fire (which is meant to be done indoors, in a grate, for Brownies), making tea and a milk pudding. Very often if she cannot take the children to her own house, some kind member of the Local Association is willing to lend a kitchen or work-room with a stove, but if both these fail, Brown Owl has to fall back on a certificate signed by the mother to say that the Brownie has done these tests satisfactorily.

"Folding clothes and cleaning shoes" can be done at the pack meetings, although nowadays it is considered more hygienic to hang up clothes to air at night rather than fold them. The Brownies can be taught to brush and tidy their clothes, and fold them neatly before putting them away in a drawer.

In the skipping test it is sometimes asked what other variations besides "crossed arms" count as a fancy step? Reels, strathspeys or similar steps are included, or any arm movements such as the children are taught at gymnasiums or dancing classes.

"Binding up a cut finger or grazed knee" can be taught through the enthralling game of "Hospitals and Patients," and a thrill is added if the nurses wear paper aprons and caps, and real materials and bowls of water are used, and if the game is treated very seriously and professionally; but above all things observe the law of cleanliness in teaching this part of the test. The rather grubby pack bandage has been known to be produced out of Brownie boxes after being disentangled from the knot cord and skipping ropes and rolled on the grimy floor of the hall. Brownies are apt to copy everything you do, both good and bad and if they see you rolling the bandage on the floor or washing an imaginary cut without first washing your own hands, they will do the same when it comes to treating a real cut or graze. Be very practical and play the hospital game to the last detail.

"Carrying a message" and "Knowing what to do when clothing catches fire," gives ample scope for the game of "Let's Pretend," in which the whole pack can join. The message lends itself to an endless variety of games from delivering an urgent message coherently about a motor accident, to the game of shopping, when the Brownie can also be taught the giving and receiving of correct change from a given amount. Knowing what to do when clothing catches fire may be the means of saving someone's life or at any rate saving them from serious injury.

Impress on the children that the first thing to do is to lie down, and try to smother the flame by rolling on it with a rug, etc., and not rush wildly about. After having played fire emergency games with them, try shouting "Clothes on fire" in the middle of a pack meeting when they are engrossed with some other activity and go on doing it at intervals until their immediate reaction is to lie down at once.

In using these methods of teaching the First Class test it will be seen that the other Brownies will have picked up a certain amount before they start on the test seriously, and there is no reason why Brownies should not be ready to take the test by the time they are eleven years old.

P. M. B. THOMSON,  
Great Brown Owl.





THE GUIDER invites a monthly page of overseas Guide news, and we feel most privileged to begin our first page with a message from H. R. H. Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone, the new President of the Overseas Branch.

I am sure that all Guiders will also be very interested in the account of this wonderful camp in Bombay.

HELEN TALBOT,  
Overseas Commissioner.

MESSAGE FROM H.R.H. PRINCESS ALICE,  
COUNTESS OF ATHLONE.

*It is with great pleasure that I send, through the medium of THE GUIDER, my greetings to Girl Guides throughout the Empire.*

*I have always been especially interested in Guiding Overseas, and have most happy memories of my association with the Guide Movement in South Africa. It will now be delightful to have this far wider connection with the Overseas Guides as President of the Overseas Department.*

News from India

A TRAINING CAMP for Guiders has been held in the beautiful hill fort of Panhala, which has been well described as "a jewel in the crown of His Highness the Maharajah of Kolhapur State." Through the kindness of the American Presbyterian Mission, their large bungalows and beautiful compound were placed at our disposal, and the Resident of Kolhapur State, Colonel Lang, graciously arranged to put the Residency Bungalow at the disposal of Her Highness the Rani Saheb of Sangli, and to

give another near-by bungalow to use if necessary. He also arranged for engineers to erect latrines, set out washing stones near the well, put up our two flagstuffs, and prepare the site generally for our occupation. The State generously provided free lorry transportation for all the Guiders to and from Kolhapur, about fourteen miles each way.

The Commandant, Mrs. John Goheen, Divisional Commissioner for the Southern Maratta States, put the bungalows in shape and did the thousand and one odd jobs that fall to the lot of a Commandant so effectively, that no one would ever have suspected that this was the first Guiders' camp she had ever seen! She is to be congratulated on the efficiency, comfort, and cleanliness of the camp arrangements from start to finish.

The Staff consisted of our Commandant, our Chief Trainer, Miss Rustumjee (Provincial Trainer for Bombay), Her Highness the Rani Saheb of Sangli, Mrs. Banubai Havildar, and Mrs. Senubai Kolawadikar of the Satara Division and Miss Picken, assisted by two other Guiders from the Satara Division, Mrs. Anandibai Powar of Islampur, and Mrs. Radhabai Shaligram of Kole. Miss Florence Ridley, Superintendent of the Nurses' Training School at Wai, not only acted as Camp Nurse, but gave courses in Ambulance Badge work for First Class, and Child Nursing for Second Class.

In all, forty-one Guiders from the Southern Maratta States and thirty-seven from the Satara Division took courses in the camp. Of these, only three were Westerners. Including the staff, there were but six Westerners present. The Indian women were a widely representative group including one Parsee, one Mohammedan, eight Jains, ten Christians, and the five Hindus. The Wahini Saheb of Ichalkaranji State, widow of the late heir to the throne, has been in deep mourning for two years for the deaths of her husband and son, and has not taken part in any public functions whatever. Yielding to the persuasions of her friend, Mrs. Goheen, and of the Chief of Ichalkaranji, she reluctantly consented to attend the camp. Here she amazed us all by putting aside her private grief and joining in all the activities of the camp in a most gracious spirit, even to becoming a Bluebird in Flock Meetings. She took an enrolment or two and gave us an interesting talk at camp fire one evening on the history of the State Flag. We were all deeply impressed by her demonstration of true Guide spirit. It was noticeable when she led camp prayers one morning and chose as the Law which she wished us to remember especially, the Law of Cheerfulness.

Her Highness the Rani Saheb of Sangli, who has taken a training week at Foxlease, won all hearts by her inimitable charm and graciousness, whether as a trainer on the staff, or taking an enrolment or camp fire, or joining in any of our sessions. Of course, the Indian Guiders felt that they should fall at her feet in the ancient manner of showing honour to royalty, and they were eager to do so. You can imagine their surprise when she refused a chair and even a rug to sit upon, and joined us all upon the bamboo matting of the lecture room, or sat with those who watched the games in our out-door sessions. She was in all things a true Guide, sister to every other Guide, and I am sure that nothing could have brought home so completely to these village teachers the meaning of the Guide Sisterhood as she did by her joyous fellowship with us all.

One of the Guiders, a mother of four children, was told originally that she could not be present owing to her



infant, but her reply was, "Oh, but I must come to the camp! I cannot miss it, can't you help me?" It was arranged that a hut be rented and one of the older sisters be put in charge so that other Guiders with children could also come, knowing their babies were being taken care of.

We had planned on two Visitors' Days, as there were a number of Indian Rani's in Kolhapur who wished to see the camp, but who are in purdah and could not come on the same day as men visitors. We were expecting His Highness the Maharajah of Kolhapur to come up on the Visitors' Day for men, but on Wednesday at 4 p.m., we received notice that he and Colonel Lang would arrive within an hour! The programme was accordingly altered to give them a fitting welcome and show them the camp activities. They also witnessed an enrolment ceremony taken by Her Highness the Rani Saheb of Sangli. This was an interesting occasion for us all, as it was the first meeting of these two royal persons who live in adjoining States, but whose paths had never crossed before. We made an opportunity at this time to express our thanks both to His Highness and to Colonel Lang for all that they had done to make our camp so successful and comfortable.

On the following day, the purdah ladies and a number of other Indian ladies from Kolhapur and elsewhere arrived. One car-load made the ninety-mile round trip from Miraj to be present. It was a happy afternoon for all of us and Her Highness Princess Indumatibai of Kolhapur ex-

pressed the feeling in our hearts when she said, "If India were full of Guides and Scouts, we could soon settle all our communal difficulties." Again Her Highness the Rani Saheb of Sangli took an enrolment ceremony and the Princess of Jamkhandi said, "Oh, how soon may I be en-

rolled? I want to be a Guide just as soon as ever I can!" The Blue-bird songs and games, and the 1st Class Ambulance demonstration of how to deal with those wounded in an automobile accident, the many charts and displays made by the various patrols, and last but not least, the tour of the camp site with its incinerator, grease pit and latrines that might be duplicated in any Indian

village with very little expense, made deep impressions on the minds of our visitors. The Wahini Saheb of Ichalkaranji said, "Who knows how far the influence of this camp may spread? In our State we have given the right of election to the local councils to women, and it may be that some of these Guiders will stand for election and be instrumental in helping to change materially the sanitary conditions of more than one village." It is something which we devoutly hope for.

Miss Rustumjee conducted this training camp splendidly. She is deeply entrenched in the hearts of the Guiders of all this Southern Maratta area and they will go back to about seventy towns and villages to play a better game of Guiding with little Indian girls, understanding in a new way what it all means, because of her tireless, patient, careful teaching.



*Guiders of Central India Making Mats.*

## Games

### MORSE EMERGENCIES.

The patrols stay in their corners except one messenger who is sent running to a central post. There an emergency is described such as "burglar upstairs." They run back to their patrols and consult with them as to what would be the most useful thing to have on the spot (one word only). Another Guide runs with this word to the back of the room and either picks out the letters in Morse from a set of blocks, or signals them to the judge who is standing at the top of the room.

### ACTING PROVERBS.

A number of well-known proverbs are written on strips of paper, each strip cut in two and the pieces placed about the room. Each patrol searches until they have found a whole proverb, which they prepare to act in dumb show. When all are ready, each is acted in turn and the audience has to guess which are being acted.

H. B. D.

### KNOTS.

Patrols sit in file behind their leaders. Each Guide has a piece of string and each patrol a pencil and paper. At a signal the P. L.'s run up to the Guider who ties a knot. The leaders must run back to their patrols and write down the name of the knot. The paper is then passed down the patrol, each Guide writing down a use for the knot, and also tying it. The same use must not be put down twice. If knot is incorrectly tied the leader must teach the Guide until she knows it.

Guides in pairs. Opposite each pair, at the other end of the room is a bundle of wood, or a log, and each pair must have a long piece of rope. At a given signal, one Guide in each pair makes a pair of reins with a sheepshank and drives the other to the wood. With one end she ties a timber hitch round the wood and then drives the horse back. If knot is correctly tied the wood will arrive safely.

E. M. C.





### This Ranger Job of Ours

ON the one hand there is the Commissioner who laments, "Of all Guiders, the Ranger Guider is far the most difficult to find," on the other hand there is the possible Guider who says, "If you needed someone for the Guides or the Brownies, I might try to do it, but Rangers, of course, are so much more difficult." And those of us who have had Ranger companies for some time wonder about it all. Is it really so much more difficult to be a Ranger Guider than a Guide captain or a Brown Owl? When we first began, probably all of us thought so; possibly some of us still do. Then *why* is it? The two reasons that are most often given are these: because so little is laid down to help the Ranger Guider, and because the Rangers themselves demand and expect so much of her.

Things *are* difficult for a Ranger Guider when she first starts, particularly if she has to take a company without having experience as a lieutenant first. She cannot find very much to read on the subject; specialised Ranger trainings are less common than those for Guide and Brownie people, and in the ordinary training days less time seems to be given to Ranger subjects than to anything else. When she reads the test and Star bits in the *Book of Rules*, she feels over-awed by the extent of the ground that has to be covered and by the amount that she presumes she is expected to know. She hears speakers talking about the possibilities of Rangering and telling of the multitudinous activities and occupations of companies, and she is appalled by the magnitude of the whole thing.

There is another side, of course, to the whole question. If a collection of Ranger Guiders were discussing the subject: "Would it be better to have more definite lines laid down upon which to run our Ranger companies?" I think opinion would be divided, roughly speaking, according to the amount of experience they had had. Probably all the people who were just beginning would think that some more definite guidance would make their rather alarming job easier. I don't think the more experienced Guider would agree. As you work—or play—with a Ranger company, what you learn to value more than any-

thing else is the amazing freedom that you have. Everybody in the company understands the principles that underlie Guiding, you have all made the same Ranger Promise. Provided that you are loyal to those principles and to that Promise you are practically unrestricted in what you can do.

And you need that freedom! Generally speaking, Brownie packs and Guide companies everywhere run more or less on the same lines. Ranger companies do not. The two essentials that I have just spoken of seem to be the only factors that are common to all Ranger companies, with the exception of the three things that all Rangers seem to hope to find in joining a company: friendship; a chance to do something to help; a chance of learning something interesting. Perhaps we worry too much about our companies, most of us, about whether we "are doing things the right way." Perhaps there is no one right way, but lots of different good ways of doing things in Ranger companies, and perhaps the best way for each company is the way that the Rangers and Guiders together have worked out to suit their own individual circumstances and possibilities. As far as training goes, don't you think that Ranger training is difficult to *get*, probably simply because it is so difficult to *give*?—and that the reason for that is that Ranger companies are so different, that it is not easy for a trainer in a limited time to discover common ground on which even five or six Ranger Guiders will find the thing that is going to be useful in dealing with their respective companies?

There is this much to be conceded to those who say that the Ranger Guider has a difficult job—we simply cannot get away from the fact that every Ranger Guider has to *think out*, *find out*, and *try out* a great deal for and with her own company. That does not mean though that other people's experience is going to be of no use to her. It is simply stupid for a speaker to lay down the law about Ranger matters, but there is all the help in the world to be had from talking things over with others who are interested in the same job, and especially with people who have had a good deal of experience. Of course, if a new or a perplexed Ranger Guider can go to a training week, it will help her more than anything else, and Ranger Guiders' conferences and training days are invaluable, as is anything that makes possible an interchange of ideas. But if such opportunities do not arise, we must seize any chance we can of hearing about what other Ranger companies are doing, not with the idea of slavishly copying their schemes, but in the hope of developing for ourselves something that may work well in our own companies.

With that end in view, we are going to try and have each month a Ranger page in *THE GUIDER*. Will you write and say which of the many aspects of Rangering you would like discussed? Will those of you who have made successful experiments with your companies send me, for this page, short descriptions of what you have done and how it has worked? The accounts will be put in anonymously, but anyone who is interested in any suggestion can get the address of the writer from me.

To go on to the second reason that is given for considering the Ranger Guider's job a difficult one: I made a statement about the three things that Rangers want to find in their companies. Those three things were not chosen by guess-work, but are the result of votes taken at many conferences and company meetings. I want to deal with that second difficulty very shortly by telling you about a



similar experiment I made a couple of years ago. I wanted to find out exactly what Rangers did expect and hope for in their Guiders, so I sent this question to about sixty different companies: "What do you consider are the essential qualities in a Ranger Guider?" No Guiders censored the answers, no names were put on them. They came back from town and country companies, large and small companies, old and new companies, and unless I chanced to recognise the writing of some Ranger I happened to know, I had no idea from whom each reply came. The results were occasionally surprising (for instance, one list, the first I opened, began, "The Ranger Guider *must* have a loud, commanding voice!") occasionally rather disturbing (when, for example, they emphasised the demand for impartiality and absolute fairness), but on the whole they were the most re-assuring reading. An overwhelmingly large number of votes were cast for friendliness, and especially for "the sort of friendliness on the part of the Guider that is infectious, and that makes the atmosphere of the company happy and friendly." They wanted her to be "the sort of person you can trust and believe in," to be "interested and interesting," to be "interested in all sorts of things, and not just in Ranger things," and over and over again they insisted that she must enjoy the job herself and not only be doing it from a sense of duty. Quite far down the lists came references to actual Ranger tests. I don't think they wanted to disparage these in any way, but they considered that other things were of greater importance. They disposed of one of the bug-bears of the new Guider, that of her own ignorance, in a sentence: "She *must* be keen on things, but she need not be good at every thing because she can find people to help her with the things she doesn't know." It matters much more what she is like than what she can do," was the succinct answer of one company. There was hardly one list which did not hint that the ideal Ranger Guider should if possible possess many of the characteristics of its own captain or lieutenant!

If difficulties are real and not imaginary it is impossible to dispose of them simply by writing a couple of paragraphs about them, but, as by looking all round an obstacle you may discover a way to climb over it, so by discussing our difficulties we may find means to overcome them. Doesn't the task seem a little less formidable when we hear exactly what the Rangers *do* expect of us? It is still a great deal that they ask for, just as the Guiders expect a lot of their Rangers, but it is not more than most of us expect and get from our friends, and we don't shy off friendship with all its pleasures and advantages because of its difficulties!

But the argument that carries more weight and more encouragement than any other is this: hundreds of quite ordinary people are coping successfully with their Ranger companies all over the world. Most of them began with misgivings, distrusting themselves. Most of them are realising now that to run a Ranger company satisfactorily is not a one-woman job. There are Commissioners, outside experts, above all the Rangers themselves, all ready to co-operate. All of these Guiders, all of these companies have their failures and their successes. It is the sum total of all these struggles and achievements that makes this difficult Ranger job of ours the satisfying and worthwhile thing that it is.

M. M. MONTEITH,  
*Commissioner for Rangers.*

## Ideas for Ranger Companies

### AN EXPERIMENT IN SERVICE.

A year and a half ago our company decided that it wanted to do a definite piece of company service over and above that done by individual members. It was not to be compulsory as some Rangers had more time to give than others, but it was felt that something was needed to unite us in one effort.

The matter was discussed in our groups and finally a scheme for providing babies' clothes to needy expectant mothers was evolved. The clothes were to be knitted and sewn by those Rangers who were gifted in this direction or who felt they would like to learn. The buying and distributing of the wool and material was put into the hands of a committee of three Rangers who made it their business to find out up-to-date and serviceable patterns of a baby's first outfit.

Any Ranger in the company is entitled to hand the name of an expectant mother to the committee and an outfit is then delivered to the address given; only the committee and the Ranger concerned knowing the name of the mother. The Rangers decided that they themselves would hear of needy cases and that the actual searching out of those in need would add to the service and be more useful than applying to the District Nurses.

Each outfit consists of 1 vest, 2 squares, 1 nightdress, 1 jacket, 1 cap or shawl. Thirteen sets have been given out so far.

The next question was that of finance, and so a Dramatic Club was formed of ten Rangers to whom acting appealed. For our first performance the rehearsals took place during one half of the company meetings. This year the plays are being produced by Rangers and the rehearsals take place outside company meetings, lieutenant occasionally going round to see that all is well. The extra time is not grudged by those who are fond of acting and it enables more Rangers to act as producers, giving them great scope to develop any artistic talents of stagecraft that they may possess—and providing a valuable training in responsibility.

The Dramatic Club gives performances, when called upon, for such things as settlements and clubs, etc.

## A Guide Company's Idea

CASTING round in our minds a few years ago for opportunities of making our company of use in the neighbourhood, the thought occurred to us that we might help to cheer up the rather drab lives of the people in our local Union. So one Saturday we set off by bus, carrying with us mysterious parcels containing toffee, oranges, biscuits, etc.

The matron (who was known to captain) welcomed us warmly and took us all over the building. Some of the old folk in the infirmary part of the house were too ill to take any notice, but most of them shook hands and accepted the sweets, etc., with great pleasure. The women in the sitting-room, and the laundry staff seemed quite bewildered by our invasion and could only beam and laugh. One little epileptic boy was so pleased at blowing our whistles that a P. L. gave him hers as a parting gift. We sang camp fire songs in each room, and finally left with hearty invitations from all to "come again." Since then we have been several times. At Christmas we sang carols in the wards, the staff joining in with us.

This summer we gave a company tea party and invited our Union friends to tea. The matron brought over fourteen women and two boys, and it was a real pleasure to see how much they enjoyed it.

It was rather a problem how to fill up the time after tea, as they were not quite up to playing games; but we found they loved singing. So we sat in a semi-circle round the fire and sang alternately camp songs and Moody and Sankey hymns! They left with bunches of flowers and beaming smiles!

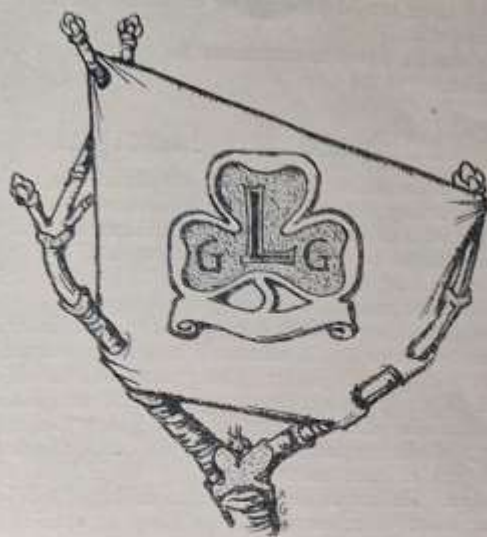
D. P. M.

### MOTHERING SUNDAY.

Mothering Sunday—the fourth Sunday in Lent—is a day set apart as a Home Festival. Special prayers are offered up in church and home for members of the family, and in intercession for unity in Christendom.

It is becoming a custom for the younger members of a family to visit, send a letter or a gift of flowers to their mother on this day.





THE L within this trefoil does not—as is sometimes queried—indicate that Lones are LOANED or LENT from one company to another, nor does it stand for LONELINESS, nor even LETTER-WRITING.

Lones are indeed proud of their special trefoil which is their own distinctive mark, and gladly shoulder their responsibility of carrying on alone.

However, the queries do have some bearing on our Branch, for if the definition of the word LENT is looked out in the dictionary it is found to mean "granted for temporary use," while LOAN means "adopted from other people." Therefore, as the aim of all Lone Guiders is to get their Lones back to, or on to, active Guiding as soon as possible, this fact must be impressed upon recruits from the very first.

We British are supposed to be unduly conservative and slow to move. This may be so, and yet what about our pioneers? Those men, aye, and the women too, who for generations have gone out to break new ground, Lone Guiders have an excellent opportunity of inculcating this adventurous spirit into their girls, reminding them that, as they are merely "granted for temporary use" to this Branch of the Movement, they must be ready at the first opportunity to leave their little sheltered company, and bravely step out into a wider world.

Unlike their more fortunate sisters, moreover, Lone Guiders lack corporate companionship, and have very few opportunities—except through the Exchange Bureau—of interchange of ideas with other Guides. Yet, even though this is only through the written, not spoken, word, they may count themselves fortunate in being forced back upon their own interior lines.

So many people in these days seem to have been turned out of one mould and to have lost all sense of individuality; and loneliness is not, as so many seem to think, a thing to be dreaded, but rather to be welcomed as giving time for contemplation.

Loneliness may, however, be mitigated by a greater use of *THE GUIDE* or *THE GUIDER*—the former being particularly helpful to the Lones—and also by seizing every opportunity of meeting active Guiders, scorning the suggestion that ordinary Guiding is of no use to Lones.

Were the word "Solitude" to be substituted for the word "Loneliness," would not the latter lose half its terrors? Solitude, being the best society, allows time for the soul to grow:—

"If chosen souls had never been alone  
In deep mid-silence open-doored to God  
No greatness ever had been dreamed or done."

A little solitude, a little time each day for quiet thought, is as necessary for the mind and soul as is sleep for the body, and in the crowded excitement of modern life, mind and soul are apt to be overlooked. The story of the old Quaker may well be brought to mind, who, after having listened with great interest to the friend who told how every hour of her day was filled with good works, merely made the comment, "And when does thee think?"

Letter-writing without thought would be a barren thing. Moreover, it is, in this Branch, of the utmost importance, and, if the inevitable drudgery is disregarded, is a very fascinating occupation.

The Company Letter should in fact do more than be a channel of information to its readers, or a mere collection of household hints. Its compiler must think wisely, and as a writer quaintly defines it, "entice the soul through rhythms of language."

When put together in its correct proportions, this Letter (or Lone Company Meeting) should be a word-picture, grave or gay as the case may be, making a clear impression upon the mind of the receiver, and giving due regard to the composition of the Letter, in which to be successful the Lones must take their share.

To accomplish this end, well-written books must be studied, in order to enlarge and enrich the vocabulary, and, having searched for and found the right words, care should be taken to place them so that they will have their due weight and beauty, and convey the thought intended.

And if at times efforts at word-painting seem in vain and carry no conviction, or do not portray the ideals intended, it should be remembered that failure sometimes spells success.

And that the Letters which have cost so much labour and heart-searching to write, and when written seem so dull and halting, may have brought fresh life and encouragement to the unseen correspondent, while fresh stimulus to the Guider should be given by the recollection that, after all, it is Drudgery that is the Grey Angel of success.

SYLVIA CHANCE,  
*Commissioner for Lones.*

#### THE WANDERING LONES.

FROM the humble beginning in 1928 of one small Wandering Lone company, has grown a group consisting of two Ranger and two Guide companies and a Guiders' Circle.

Girls going to isolated places abroad or overseas were formerly attached to their County Lone organisations, but with growing numbers the problem of having one member of the company in Riga and another in Portuguese East Africa became increasingly difficult. The risk of losing the precious Company Letter in the post, the expense of foreign postage, and the time necessary for communicating with girls abroad, constituted three major problems which have now been satisfactorily solved by the formation of these Wandering Lones.



During the past few months a new scheme has been evolved in order to maintain a high standard of Lone Guiding out of England. Patrols have a lieutenant as well as a patrol leader, and are arranged—as far as possible—geographically, France, Belgium, Syria, Mexico, America, the far East (including Ceylon and Japan) to mention only a few in order that communication, finance, and the possibility of meeting may be less difficult.

Captains are responsible for a Quarterly Circular Company Letter, lieutenants sending round Patrol Letters during the other months, thus leaving captains more time for personal letters to the members of their companies, and greatly increasing the scope of the patrol leaders and lieutenants.

The Commissioner for Lones will always be glad to hear of new members and would gratefully receive old copies of *Girl Guiding* for distribution to these Wanderers.

### Holiday Insurance Scheme

THE Holiday Insurance scheme organised by the National Council of Girls' Clubs proved to be a great boon to the Club girls and Guides who went camping, or enjoyed other forms of holiday at home and abroad last year, and especially it was an enormous relief to the leaders and officers in charge that they were safeguarded against those inevitable accidents which seem to occur from time to time however well the holidays are organised. No less than 14,862 girls with their leaders and officers were covered by the scheme, and we received during the autumn many letters of appreciation of the prompt and considerate way in which the insurance company had met the claims made upon them. In one case an operation for appendicitis had to be performed upon a girl abroad and the sum of £10 was paid towards the hospital charges and another £7 towards the expenses of the leader who had to stay behind to look after her. In another case, a girl was taken ill with diphtheria, and expenses were involved for her and for girls who had been in contact with the victim. The insurance company paid £11 8s. 6d. Other examples of claims met are for tooth extractions, internal chills and sprained muscles, tonsillitis and motor accident, congested lung, bronchitis, two cases of impetigo, septic foot, dislocated thumb, one case of mumps and many other minor ailments.

The scheme will be continued this year at the same rate as before and under the same conditions, but for the convenience of this office and of the insurance company, the National Council of Girls' Clubs would like to emphasise the need for all receipts to be retained in respect of illnesses or accidents and to be sent with the claims, and for each claim to be made in respect of the illness or accident of a specific girl.

On the other hand, if there is any doubt as to whether or no a claim can be made, it is certainly advisable for the leader in charge to write making inquiries about it.

The insurance company which guarantees the scheme is willing to extend its scope if there is a demand for it, and to arrange policies which would cover clubs, brigades and companies, etc., all through the year in their regular activities in so far as these are not covered by the existing scheme. These would include ordinary meetings, rallies, etc., but not week-ends, or activities involving that the girls would have to spend the night from home. The details and the premiums would have to be arranged later,

but the latter would probably be in the neighbourhood of 9d. per head.

We should welcome comments on the working of this extension.

### The Need for Discipline

WE are all aware that there is a disquieting tendency among the ultra-modern educationists to abolish rules of any type, maternal guidance, or even self-control, and we have all met with the result of this indulgence in the form of the unhappy child who has never been disciplined or restrained in any way.

Strangely enough, the undisciplined person is marked for life by his or her ill-mannered behaviour, because the two invariably go together. The person who is self-controlled is rarely guilty, except perhaps in exceptional and excusable circumstances, of losing his temper, of cruelty, of inconsideration, or of discourtesy, whereas, the "youth of street-corner fame" has never been taught discipline. He knows no better than to laugh loudly, to talk or shout when others are speaking, or even to lose his temper freely, and often cruelly.

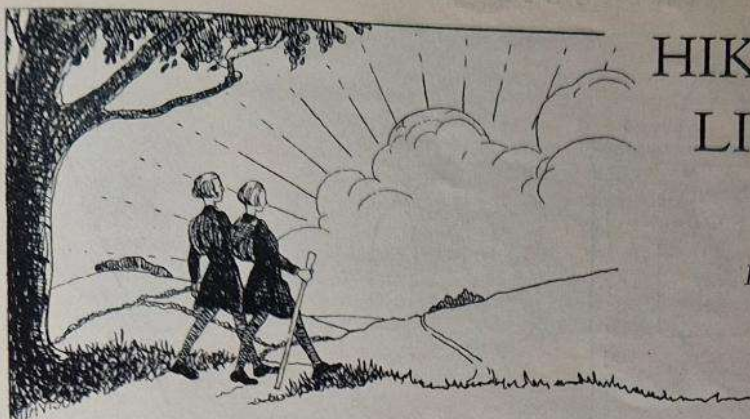
Frankly, discipline and good manners are the trademarks of self-respect and if you can get your Guides and your Rangers to realise that, you will have achieved much. Those of us who have given a helping hand to any company from its formation, have experienced the sensation of watching evolution at work. It may be that you have had to deal with the rowdy, quarrelsome, rude, unkempt little girl who has no ideas on the subject of "playing the game," or again, it may be that you have had merely the indolent, spoilt, bored, precocious type who cannot understand why she should salute "Mary Jane," who is a P.L., and lives above a fish-shop! And, if you have been able to lead wisely and well, you will have seen a miracle performed. Gradually, the less fortunate child learns that noise and rudeness spoil a lot of fun, waste a lot of time, and don't help one to feel "quite right" in one's clean, smart uniform. Whereas, the other child, does not take long to understand that "Mary Jane" is well worth respecting, and, incidentally, saluting, and that, after all, there is rather a thrill about trying to be as chivalrous, as considerate, and as kindly as the knights of old. Finally, when both Guides learn the joy of being able to carry out an order swiftly, smartly, and competently, the battle is won!

So, if we wish to give our Guides of our best, we will treat them as self-respecting citizens, not as hooligans, nor as spineless dolls, and we will show them that we expect from them both discipline and courtesy.

But—and this is most important—we ourselves must be faultless in our behaviour. We must see to it that we treat our Commissioners with deference, and that in turn we ourselves are willing to be disciplined; we must be as courteous to the hall-keeper as we are to our lieutenants, and we must be fair and fearless in our leadership. It does not do to overlook a discourtesy in one Guide and to condemn it in another, and it is fatal to be slack and indefinite. Never give unnecessary orders, but when you do wish an order carried out, see that it is done, otherwise your Guides will not be quite sure whether you are just being dictatorial and "bossy" or whether you really expect, and are looking for, obedience.

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# HIKING AND LIGHTWEIGHT CAMPING

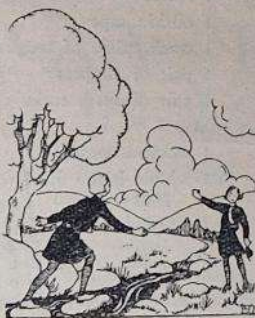
By A. M. MAYNARD

## II. THE OUTFIT

"TRAVEL light and travel far." An ounce in the morning is a pound at night, and remember that by halving the weight of everything, we halve the weight of the whole. Travel light, but not so light that you have to borrow from friends, but rather that you can slip in a little extra woolly for a Tenderfoot who may not have one.

### THE RUCSAC.

This is the only really practical way to carry your stuff. The Swiss are a nation of hikers; the towns and villages stream out on to their mountains every holiday; men, women and children, each with their rucsac slung from their shoulders where the weight is felt least, and the arms are left free to swing or carry a stick. If it is only a sandwich lunch and a camera—put them in and be free. The diagrams will show how easy rucsacs are to make, and if they were not, they would be worth the trouble, as you can put on what pockets you like, choose your own material, and by adjusting the shoulder straps when the rucsac is full, get rid of brass runners, and so reduce the weight—besides a very large reduction in price. Most people advise waterproof canvas, but I do not, because, unless it is very expensive, very heavy, and too difficult to sew, it is not waterproof, or very soon ceases to be. Have an oilskin cape, and slip it over the rucsac, and know your things are dry, and if you are not carrying your oilskin, take half a yard of rubber sheeting to sit on, which will save sitting on the sandwiches, when you want to rest by the way; I have had a sac for years made of Italian cloth which only weighs 8 ozs., and there being no buckles or leather straps, it folds up and can be carried in an overcoat pocket if not wanted, or makes a nice pillow for the train if packed properly. It holds all one needs for an over-night hike, except bedding. If however, one needs to carry more, leather straps are better than canvas, because they don't cut into the shoulder; if you get webbing, get a 1½-inch strong wool one, from a sail-maker's if possible. A cobbler will put the eyelets in for you and supply the boot-lace for a few pence. Note the position of eyelets in Figs. 1 and 2.



When hiking in hot weather, the rucsac is apt to feel like a poultice on your back, so frames are used to keep it away. A simple dodge is to make a tight roll of your mackintosh or oilskin and let that rest on your hips (see Fig. 3); the rucsac then rests on the roll and allows a passage of air between it and your back. It can be secured by putting rings at the corners of the rucsac (see Fig. 2).

A very cheap cane frame can be made by buying a cane carpet beater; you soak the handle in a jug over night and in the morning unravel it and make two arms by threading the ends from the top, in and out of the flat part. Now put a piece of webbing or leather of eight inches to join both arms; this rests against the waist and the frame is fastened to the back of the rucsac.

### HOW TO PACK YOUR RUCSAC.

This is also an art worth acquiring and applies also to a kit sack; you may find when lunch time arrives, especially if you have dived into your rucsac for oranges and chocolate or other things *en route*, that your packet of sandwiches has got hopelessly entangled with your woolly sweater which is bad for both! The pastry has stuck to the sketching block, and your mackintosh is horribly creased. . . . It is not sufficient to fold them tidily, they tie themselves into knots, just as a piece of rope does, the moment your back is turned, so make some thin cotton coloured bags and put each thing into its own bag; that is the way the Swiss mountain Guides do it, everything to hand and nothing creased. Fold and then roll clothes, if you want them to look nice when unpacked.

### WHAT TO WEAR AND WHAT TO PACK.

*Hat.* This must serve as an umbrella, a sunshade, and be able to be carried without harm, so on the whole our cotton camp hat is the best.

*Underclothes* should be of wool or loosely woven material, as it allows the air to pass in and keep you fresh and dry, and thus prevent chill. In the case of *stockings*, wool is essential, they do not crease, and as Claude Fisher puts it, every step you take pumps the damp air out of your socks, while when the pressure is released pure cool air is drawn in. An extra pair of socks is good if there is room in the shoe, but they *must* both be wool.





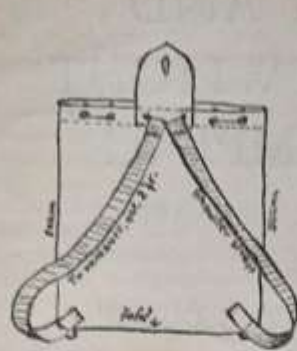


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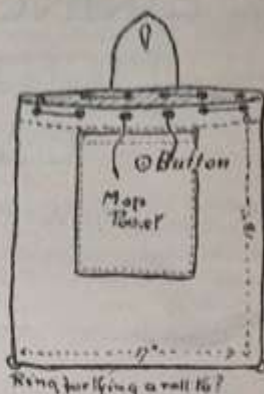


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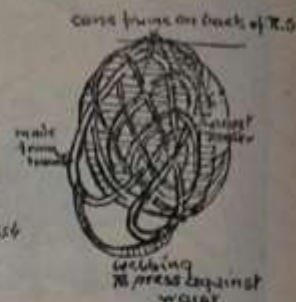


Fig. 4.

**Shoes.** As you hike on your feet, they are the most important part of your outfit. It is worth getting a really good pair of sports shoes; they keep their shape, keep you dry, make walking easy and last three times the length of a cheap pair. Crêpe is light and waterproof, but tends to come away at the toe. Dried or Uskide are good, but heavier. A broad heel is essential, and nails useful for climbing. See that the inner side of the shoe is nearly straight, as that is the shape of your foot. Don't hike in new shoes, make them damp and go for a short walk till they take the shape of your feet, and then air-dry them. Dubbin or lard can be rubbed into shoes after warming them to help keep the wet out, but it is useless for marsh land. If you are going to cross marshes, and don't care to go barefoot, carry a pair of rubber bathing shoes with thickish soles; they weigh next to nothing and can be wiped dry. Never hike in wellingtons, they ruin your feet. A pair of felt or leather slippers to change into on your arrival is worth it, even for a day hike and really cold weather. Finally remember that one's feet swell considerably after a long hike, so get shoes big enough, extra socks will make them fit snugly at the start.

**Mackintosh.** An oilskin cycle cape has these advantages: it remains waterproof for years of hard wear; it covers your rucksack; it allows much more ventilation than a coat; it is easy to fold and makes a good ground sheet for a rest hour; it can be wiped dry, and when showery can be thrown back while walking. Your legs will get wet anyway, but nothing is more tiring than walking against a wet, flopping garment, or more tiresome to dry. Keep the skirt well under the cape and you will only have your stockings and shoes to dry. The stocking feet should be well pulled out as wool shrinks. Shoes can be stuffed with newspaper and should be dried very slowly.

**Coats.** None of any kind. They impede free air, free circulation, and free movement and—have you ever tried to dry them in camp? Carry one or two pullovers, they are much warmer for their weight and can be put over the pyjamas at night if necessary.

On the march, if a cold wind blows through them, fold your cape and wear it like a Scottish tartan across your chest and back, tucking the ends into the waist belt.

**Kit.** Don't try and carry blankets till you find you are

a strong hiker. Pack your rucksack with essentials nicely arranged, and things like bread, fruit, and eggs, if to be cooked out-of-doors, should be bought when passing the last shop, but beware of early closing day. The following is a suggested list for an all-day hike, from which one can eliminate.

1 rucksack	1 lb. or less.
1 oilskin cape	1 lb.
1 comb, piece of soap and cloth	2 ozs. (in bag).
1 pair of slippers	6 ozs. (in bag).
1 pair of spare socks	2 ozs. (in bag).
Map	4 ozs.
1 woollen sweater	10 ozs.
1 tabloid bottle filled with salt and pepper mixed	2 ozs.
First Aid case (Woolworth's oil-skin tobacco pouch) containing iodine pencil, clean rags, wool, corn plaster for other people's blisters, large triangular handkerchief, some string and safety-pins	3 ozs.
Fork and spoon in bag	2 ozs.
1 aluminium billy (containing 2 eggs)	7 ozs.
Bread rolls, chocolate, oranges	8 ozs.
Butter in a cream carton, and piece of cheese	5 ozs.
<b>Total</b>	<b>5 lbs. 1 oz.</b>

**On the Belt.** Carry a sheath knife, compass and small cup. A flask for carrying water if necessary, across the shoulder.

**In the Pocket.** Note book and pencil, box of matches. Cameras, sketch blocks, binoculars, add to the weight, but the food will get less and even the youngest Guide can carry 7 lbs. on her back, also many of the things can be shared. Whatever is carried should be folded and carried as neatly as possible, especially when hiking in uniform.

We are then a walking advertisement for good or ill, whether we like it or not.





## MAY REVELS IN LONDON

*Now is the time to make your plans*

**M**AY REVELS! What pictures rise before us of a beautiful village green with a stately maypole in the centre, and the village lads and maidens tripping to the fiddler's tune. Perhaps Jack-in-the-Green is there to add to the fun, and certainly the May Queen and her attendants are close by.

But such a thing in the slums! Preposterous, you think. Maybe, but it has happened for a good many years now, and as it has proved its value in "happifying" (to use the Chief's word) it may interest other Guiders, and perhaps spur them to go and do likewise.

Southwark is one of the most densely populated boroughs in London, and it was there the experiment started ten years ago. The choice and crowning of a May Queen has been an annual event for some thirty odd years, but in 1920, with the increasing popularity of folk dancing, came the suggestion: why not have May Revels with maypole and other dances as well?

The first attempt was in a large hall, but space would not permit more than a few spectators, and though the participants enjoyed the Revels, the old idea of a general festival was not carried out.

The next year, greatly daring, a permit was secured for one of the open spaces in Kennington Park on the Saturday nearest May Day, and preliminary classes were run for boys and girls who wished to learn the dances beforehand. The idea was taken up with eagerness by the youngsters, some of whom were Scouts or Guides, though not all.

The general scheme of work has been as follows: early in the year, invitations were sent to the various clubs, troops or companies nominated, with a list of suggested dances and singing games. Each club, etc., was asked to make its own set for each item in which they participated, and if they wished, they could send in one or two members of the Royal Party. The Royal Party itself was generally made up of Maids of Honour and their attendants with the last year's Queen and her attendants, and about the middle of the Revels all the Maids of Honour drew lots to decide who should be the new May Queen.

As the park is some distance from the centre of the borough, it was found necessary to arrange a procession, and this was found to be a source of much pleasure to the inhabitants of the district. Of course, wreaths and garlands of spring flowers are part of the festival, and by collecting and supplying these, many friends in the country, including a large number of Guides and Brownies, have assisted very materially. Artificial flowers are rigorously excluded, but as a rule, enough flowers and spring foliage have been collected for every member of the Royal Party to have a wreath and garland, as well as a bunch of flowers or a branch of foliage to carry, and every other participant to have either flowers or foliage.

The Maids of Honour wear simple white muslin frocks, and their attendants daffodil-yellow ones (these are stored, and used again and again, so the cost is small), and they generally ride to and from the park in carts lent for the occasion.



Sometimes a Scout band has headed the procession, but always our good friends the police escort us through the streets to the park and back. Wherever the Revellers go, the good folk come out with smiling faces in the true May Day spirit.

In the park itself, a big enclosure is arranged beforehand, either roped or marked out with chairs, and kept clear by stewards; and all the participants sit (on ground sheets) inside the enclosure. The Royal Party alone have chairs, with a vacant one for the new Queen. The retiring Queen who wears forget-me-nots, carries the wreath and garland of white flowers for the new Queen, and places them on the vacant chair.

Dances and singing games occupy the major part of the programme, and any who wish may take part, but only the Royal Party in their white and yellow join in the may-pole dances. When lots have been drawn and the new Queen chosen, her attendants remove the wreath and garland with which she set out, and deck her with the Queen's white flowers, the crown being placed on her head by her predecessor. She then takes her place on the vacant throne and the Revels continue.

These Revels have become an event to which many look forward, and very bitter was the disappointment when for the last two years none could be held.

It may interest readers to know that only once have we had to take cover for our Revels, and then only because the ground was a swamp. The sun shone on the day itself.

One point that has always been stressed is that this is not an exhibition of dancing. We dance because we want to dance, and if we go wrong nobody worries.

Our chief difficulties have been to restrain the enthusiastic onlookers who tend to press inwards and so diminish the dancing space—and the music. This latter difficulty has been valiantly met by friends who lend a piano and others who play both it and violins, but it is hard work for them.

Our experiment has been supported by the Southwark Borough Council, who have lent a room for the necessary preparations, as well as by many others who have helped in the teaching of the dances, making of wreaths, etc., not to mention the many who ask, year after year, when we are holding the festival that brings the beauty of the spring to our dingy streets.

Thus has the joyous spirit of spring come to our London slums. Why not in every city and park, for what better service can we offer than bringing the joy and gladness of spring?

From the first, the Guides of the borough have taken part in the Revels, at first chiefly as escort, but latterly nearly every Guide company and Brownie pack came to join in the dances or singing games. Sometimes as many as five versions of a game have been played simultaneously by the packs—with harmonious effect. The whole of the organisation has been carried out by Guiders and Rangers, who have also made the wreaths and garlands and apportioned the flowers. As a rule the stewards have also come from their ranks, and the collection of flowers by country Guides and Brownies has been the chief source of supply. The musicians have generally been Guiders, or Rangers and their friends, and on one occasion the "Grasshoppers" joined the Revels.

I. C. S.

## Dental Hygiene for Children

By ELIZABETH DE BEAUMONT.

(Red Cord Diploma).

THE subject of health and hygiene is one which must always claim the attention of Guiders.

Regarding health, the Chief Scout has said that a Guide should be responsible for her own health and do everything possible to "get fit and keep fit," thereby increasing her powers of usefulness in the world.

This applies equally whether a Guide is naturally strong and healthy or whether accident or illness has made her a cripple or an invalid.

The ideal is that she should make the most of whatever health and physique she has.

Good health is largely built up and maintained by the practise of good habits during childhood and adolescence.

The Guide training inculcates these habits by encouraging camping, hiking, and all outdoor activities and by teaching health rules in the Second Class test.

The responsibility of the Guider regarding health is a large one. It lies chiefly in teaching the subject in an interesting, simple, practical and convincing way.

This article deals especially with dental hygiene. The care of the teeth is a subject which every Guider should understand thoroughly. I give below a few headings which it would be well for anyone who has charge of children to realise:—

(a) One of the principal causes of ill-health among boys and girls in England to-day is defective and diseased teeth.

(b) Many of the illnesses and diseases from which grown-up people suffer are caused primarily by poison entering the body from neglected and decayed teeth, viz. rheumatism, indigestion, heart trouble, or even cancer.

(c) Many working hours and consequently many thousands of pounds are lost annually through sickness caused by dental disease in both men and women.

(d) Dental trouble begins at a very early age. The result of a census taken among the school children of England shows that almost 70 per cent. are suffering from dental decay when still under 14 years of age.

In short, dental disease is rampant in our midst and is undermining the physique of the nation.

Despite the facts quoted above, dental disease must not be accepted as a "necessary evil." It is caused chiefly through ignorance, neglect, unwholesome diet and the failure to practise proper health habits.

By proper education, therefore, it could be entirely prevented.

Evils such as pain, expense, disfigurement, illness and the poisoning of the wonderful machinery of the body would cease to exist.

The Dental Board of the United Kingdom, set up by Act of Parliament, is the governing body of the dental profession. Officials from the Guide Headquarters Committee and the Committee of the Dental Board have met in consultation. As a result, the Dental Board has made an offer to the Girl Guide Movement, thereby enlisting its help in the campaign against dental disease. This offer will enable all Guiders and Guides to receive free instruction in dental hygiene should they wish to do so.

A tremendous opening for public service of the utmost



## THE GUIDER

value is open to Guides in connection with the prevention of dental disease among the children of our country. They can not only take care of their own teeth, but can spread the good news abroad among all with whom they come in contact. (Full particulars of the facilities which the Dental Board offers are given at the end of this article.)

It may interest readers of these notes to know with what the lecture and exhibits deal. They explain:—

1. The importance of the mouth and teeth in the lives of men and animals.
2. How teeth are formed and how they develop.
3. How teeth decay and get diseased.
4. How an unwholesome diet affects the health and decays the teeth.
5. The necessity of cleanliness.
6. How the practice of a few simple habits may help to prevent dental disease.

The Exhibits consist of models, posters and leaflets.

I would like to quote the words of the Chief Guide after she had been present at a lecture and demonstration given by the Dental Board for Guides. She says:—

"Really, I have never before thought the study and history of teeth could be such an attractive one. But after the demonstration given by the Dental Board at the County Commissioners' Conference, I find myself quite worked up about this matter as one to be fully brought to the notice of our Guides and Brownies.

"The Dental Board is a most generous body. They offer to send, at their own expense, a speaker to visit districts and divisions, taking with her models and pictures in order to bring before our children the importance of taking proper care of their teeth from the health point of view.

"The lecturer was also able to bring with her and give to us a fund of humour and interesting data which would be of real assistance to our Guides in tackling the matter

of bodily health; and I hope that many Commissioners will avail themselves more and more of this generous and most valuable offer."

Many Guides have already heard the lectures and voted them both useful and entertaining. Guiders have also found them a welcome help in their work of teaching the health rules.

As a trainer I can strongly recommend this lecture and demonstration to Commissioners and all who organise training weeks, training days, conferences or training schools for Guiders.

I have endeavoured to bring to your notice the urgent need for the education of all young people in habits of dental hygiene. I have also put before you the facilities offered by the Dental Board to this end.

I appeal to all Commissioners and trainers who may be readers of this article to give the subject their earnest consideration and, where possible, to organise lectures and tours and bring a knowledge of dental hygiene into their own particular corner of the Guide world.

### THE DENTAL BOARD OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

The Dental Board are prepared to send to training weeks, and meetings of Guiders, and where tours can be arranged in a district, to Guide companies, a Dental Exhibit, accompanied by a demonstrator, who will give instruction on the importance of dental health. The Exhibit is provided free of charge, and the fees, and travelling and living expenses of the demonstrator are paid by the Board, though hospitality would be gladly accepted if it could be provided. Applications to book the Exhibit or for further information should be made to:—

The Secretary for Education,

Dental Board of the United Kingdom,

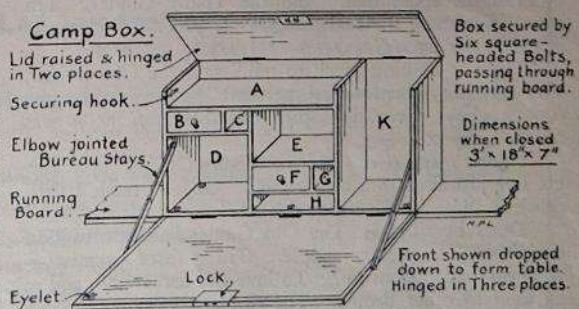
44, Hallam Street,

Portland Place, W.1.

## A Camp Box for Motor Campers

THE problem of carrying the kitchen utensils has been solved by means of the camp box, bolted to the off-side running board of a Morris Cowley Chummy model. This box, as shown in the line sketch, has compartments for everything required by two campers. The lid is hinged at the back, and the front falls down to form a table at meal times.

- A. Shelf for electric lighting material—flex, bulbs, etc.; clothes-pegs; tea-cloths; soap tin; tooth-brushes.
- B. Drawer for cutlery, tin-opener, corkscrew, "Primus" needles.
- C. Butter dish, egg cups.
- D. Space for two half-gallon stone jars; one for water, the other for various liquid refreshment; mirror.
- E. Nest of three saucepans, teapot-kettle, milk can, salt pot, honey pot, sugar pot.
- F. Drawer for tent pegs (metal), guy-ropes, camping flag.



- G. Space for two drinking mugs with collapsible handles.
- H. Space for ground sheet, canvas buckets, canvas basin, mop.
- K. Space for tent, mallet, plates, spare teapot. The tent poles, in sections, are carried in the back locker of the car.

F. C. RUBMAN.—From "CamNig."



## Essentials

THE Young Guider sighed audibly. She was sitting on the fender-stool in front of the fire, her nose buried in one of the many Guide periodicals.

"What's the matter?" said the Old Guider.

"It's all this we've got to do—all we are supposed to give our Guides! The words get longer and longer. It's the limit! I'd never have taken on a company if I'd known it meant all this—psychology, and what not. I had only read *Girl Guiding*. Liked that—but this!"

"May I see it?"

The Young Guider gave the paper to her friend. There was silence for a few minutes, then the Old Guider remarked, "The poor man!"

"What poor man?" The Young Guider was surprised. "Have you got the wrong bit?"

"I mean the Chief Scout," said the Old Guider. "He invented a game for boys and girls—a game with something very much bigger than a game behind it, big, but simple, as all true, big things are simple."

"What are you talking about?" The Young Guider wasn't in the mood to listen to rhapsodies about Guiding—she had only lately attended a conference.

"Why, just this," replied the Old Guider, tapping the paper. "There is nothing simple, or child-like here—of all you have to 'instil' into your Guides (that is the correct expression, I believe) there is nothing of under four syllables as far as I can see, and it's all put down to the Chief Scout, as though he had said it."

"Do you think he has?"

"Have you forgotten your *Girl Guiding* already? I suppose you've got a copy?"

"Yes, here it is," the Young Guider fetched it from a bookshelf, "one hasn't time to read it now-a-days, there's such a lot of other stuff to read, what with the psychology of Guiding, and the aims and methods of training, and the something-or-other of hiking, and articles like this."

"I know, till your mind is so filled up with different people's ideas of citizenship, and of character development, and the rest of it, all on the purely human plane, that you forget that the Guide is just a child with a child's soul."

"Tell me about that," said the Young Guider, "I'm sure it was more the real thing when you ran a company in the 'early days.'"

"There is nothing much to tell," said the Old Guider, who was not a sentimental person, "you've heard quite enough about the early 'spirit of adventure' as it was called, I expect."

"I don't mean *that*," said the Young Guider, "you forget I've just been to a conference! Oh! I think I shall chuck it all! I can't cope with it!"

"Don't be silly!" The Old Guider had opened *Girl Guiding*. "It is very simple. These three promises—what do they amount to? To love and serve God, and to be kind to other people. The third promise comes into the first. Those who love God, and try to serve Him, do their best to be truthful, helpful, courteous and the rest of it; they are loyal to any human authority God has placed over them, from the King downwards. All that comes quite simply from the Love of God."

"Then what about all those long-worded things we are told to aim at in the training of our Guides?"

"Leave them to the grown-ups, with grown-up minds. Keep a child's heart yourself, then you'll understand the

children. Don't expect them to be too serious over Guiding, and don't be too serious yourself. It's a game for their play time—a better game than hanging about street corners. Give your little girls the game of Guiding. And take them into the open when you can, to camp, and into quiet places. But build it all up on the First Promise. You can be serious about that, but happily serious, if you know what I mean. People who write learned articles often seem to forget the First Promise. And yet Guiding is no good without it. No merely human qualities are to be compared with the love of God, so don't waste time over them. The idea of God, especially of God-made man in the Person of Our Lord, comes quite easily to a child. Prayer is natural to children. A child would understand at once the idea of praying for her Chiefs and her fellow Guides on the 22nd February, for instance. I wonder why they did not make it a Day of Prayer for the Guides of all the world? Perhaps they meant that really, but were not child-like enough to say so."

"It doesn't sound so difficult, after all," said the Young Guider thoughtfully, "I took up Guiding because—oh, well, you know I'm not much good at anything, and yet I wanted—well, to do something for children that wouldn't just begin and end with amusing them."

"Quite right, we are getting terribly soft with all our amusements in these days—it starts with the children, and goes on, till the craving for pleasure overrules everything else. Only religion can counteract that, and it does. Have you ever been to Westminster Cathedral on Good Friday? While so many are spending the day as a Bank Holiday, that great church is filled four times over, young men and young women too, hundreds of them. They are under no obligation to go, yet there they are. It is the triumph of religion (which is, after all, just the love of God) over mere pleasure seeking."

"Never imagine you can do for your Guides what religion can do. You can't! But you can give them an idea of holiness—young children get this so quickly. There's no self-consciousness to stand in the way. Tell them of the holy men and women who have done great things for God: St. George, who lay down his life for his Faith; St. Francis of Assisi who gave up everything in order to follow Our Lord more closely; St. Zita, the little servant girl, whose heart was always with God while she worked. There are so many, aren't there? Children tend to imitate the people they admire. And so you can draw them nearer to God, by, as it were, making them at home with holiness. Their religion will keep them there, and give them the help that you cannot give. It will hold them when their Guide days are past."

"Sum it up again," said the Young Guider, "I feel as if the shackles were dropping off me."

"It is easy to sum up," said the Old Guider, "there is nothing new in it—it was said long ago:

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, and with thy whole soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind, and thy neighbour as thyself." She paused, then smiled at the Young Guider who was looking into the red glow of the fire.

"And don't forget to become as a little child."

The Young Guider laughed suddenly, a happy, contented laugh. "Oh! what a relief!" was all she said.

F. R.





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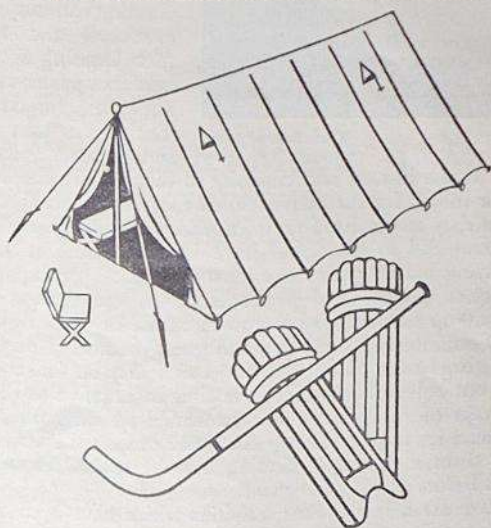
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## Knowing the Trees

**T**REES are such convenient things, they are always there when wanted; what is overlooked at a first glance waits for the next visit, and in a few visits a fairly complete story of a tree can be discovered; but until one really wants to find out the life story of a tree, well, it is no more nor less than just a tree, as to some people all small birds are just sparrows. How are we Guides to help our Guides to get fun out of knowing trees? Some of us are lucky enough to be able to take Guides out a few at a time, or in a herd; let us try to get them to see some advantage in being able to recognise trees. Here are a few hints on ways which have been found useful in getting them to notice trees.

Treasure hunts or tracks which have trees as clues are quite popular. An easy way to arrange one is to station Guides under certain trees, the clues which they hold take the Guides from tree to tree in this fashion: Clue 1, a Guide is looking for Christmas decorations, this takes the trackers to a holly tree where there is a Guide holding a leaf, which means that they will find the next clue under a tree bearing that kind of leaf. As soon as all the trackers have passed the first clue the Guide at that tree can join in the trail, and so on.

Guides nearly always enjoy fire-lighting, and very soon find out for themselves that some woods burn much more pleasantly than others. An eye for gadget wood is a useful thing to cultivate and suggests the basis for a competition. If wood may not be cut, the Guides can at least tie pieces of wool on to the pieces of wood they would use for gadgets and explain for what they would use them if they had the chance, but that is only a makeshift until the time comes when they can use their knives. Another outdoor competition can be made by putting numbered wooden labels at the base of trees. A card with numbered questions is given to each patrol and they find the trees and answer each question with reference to the tree of corresponding number, for example: (1) Find the flower and draw it; (2) Is this a useful firewood? (3) Collect one seed, etc.

Most Guides like "detective games," and if each patrol goes out to find out as much as possible about one particular tree, they may discover a good many things from their observations. The places where trees grow show that trees have their likes and dislikes, and their development may show whether they have been able to grow in suitable

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surroundings. The stump of a tree will show how old the tree was by the number of rings, an up-rooted tree shows that the roots were shallow, fallen branches may show that the wood was rotting, the outline of the tree may show the direction of the prevailing strong wind. The fissures in the bark show how it expands as the tree grows, and by studying the arrangement of the buds and twigs, one can see why the branches have grown in the same plan. The never-ending growth of the tree can be understood when one finds the buds of next year's leaves on the same twig as this year's leaves and the scars from which last year's leaves fell. The straight trunks of some trees and the gnarled growth of others show why some trees are more useful as timber than others. One can hunt for the flowers and seed on or under the trees, and the fact that some trees have no seeds when they have been known to have flowers, leads on to the fact that there may be male flowers on one tree and female flowers on another tree of the same species. Hunting under the tree, seedlings may be found, or traces of where birds and animals have fed, or have made a store of seeds at the base of the tree. The Guide's part in this game is to appreciate what



*Oak Smokeprint.*

the Guides have discovered and not spoil it by pointing out too much beforehand.

At this time of the year most companies have to do a good deal of their Guiding indoors, but even so, the fact that Guiding is an outdoor game need not be forgotten.

The main uses of indoor nature games

are to arouse interest and curiosity so that Guides can look out for things for themselves when they are outdoors, and so that they may rub up their knowledge of things already seen, and add to what they have learnt at other seasons. In playing indoor games one must beware of playing with "hedge-clippings" and postcards which the Guides can recognise in the hand but fail to recognise in the full-sized reality outdoors. The snatch and guess method of playing relay games with odd leaves and twigs may be fun at the time, but unless the Guides have time to examine and find out ways of recognising and remembering characteristics, they have no lasting value. An index of named specimens gives them a chance of finding out the names for themselves before playing the game.

These are a few indoor activities which have been used for interesting Guides and Rangers in trees.



# DISCOVERY

PHYLLIS BOND

Toymaking with cones, acorns, chestnuts, seeds and berries, and twigs. Smokeprints can be made from leaves. This is done by rubbing oil or lard thinly and evenly over a sheet of paper and then smoking it over a candle flame on the oily side of the paper, keeping the paper moving to prevent it burning. The leaf is placed on the blackened paper, covered with a piece of newspaper and rubbed. The leaf is then lifted on to a clean sheet of paper and covered again and rubbed well all over, taking care that the leaf does not move. The resulting print will show the leaf with all its veins.

Sunprints of leaves can be made by using the leaf as a negative. Put the leaf next to the glass of a printing frame, then a sheet of self-toning printing paper and place in strong daylight. The printing should be done slowly and very thoroughly, so that all the veins show. It must be left until very much darker than the finished print is to be. Then fix as for an ordinary photo print. An ordinary photo frame can be used instead of a proper printing frame, if a hinged thick cardboard back is fitted so that half the print can be examined at intervals. Leaf-cutting: Guides may either look at leaves and notice their shape or do this entirely from memory. The leaf shape is cut out with scissors in green paper, then mounted on brown paper. Seed modelling in wax or plasticine and chalk drawings of the flower make a fairly complete record, and a way of testing knowledge of trees for the Ranger test.

I. FAZAN.

## Wild Flowers Month by Month

### MARCH.

By the time March comes, Spring is making definite headway, and woods and hedgebanks are becoming green again, and more freely sprinkled with flowers.

In the woods growing among the now plentiful primroses, will be found the green flowers of the Dog's Mercury, *Mercurialis perennis*. These grow in little clusters of two or three together up a central spike, which is about a couple of inches long. They are very small, with scarcely anything to recommend them in the way of beauty, but they have an unusual appearance which attracts one's attention. The leaves are of an oblong shape, and slightly pointed, and are rather crowded together near the top of the main stalk. The flower spikes grow out from the axil of the leaf, that is, from where the leaf stalk, which is

very short, leaves the main stem.

This plant belongs to the same family (though in appearance totally different from it) as another of the common English woodland plants, the Wood Spurge. This is especially to be met with in the woods of the south of England, though frequently further north; but in Scotland it has never been found growing wild.

*Euphorbia amygdaloides*, to give it its botanical name, is one of the tallest of the British Spurges, of which there are more than a dozen, and a big patch of it in a wood can give a most striking effect.

Its stems, which are often bare of leaves for the first foot, are of a fine reddish-brown colour, and the leaves are a beautiful soft grey-green when young, and clustered together towards the top of the stem. The stem sometimes attains the height of two or more feet. Above the last of the leaves is a large spreading "umbel" of very light green, almost yellowish, flowers. An umbel means that a number of stems, each bearing one or more flowers, branch out from the main stem at the same place, and are more or less the same length, so that the result is a spreading head of several flowers, as in the common "Cow Parsley," for instance. The number of flowers varies considerably: in some cases amounting to hundreds, while in others not, perhaps, being more than half a dozen or so.

There is yet another green-flowered plant which is coming into flower in March, both in woods, and on shady banks on the edges of woods, and that is the Moschatel. It is particularly fond of a moist, though well-drained situation, and being very small and inconspicuous, is nearly always overlooked. But it is a very delicate, lovely little thing, and well worth having a look at. It has a few tiny leaves rather like Parsley, and a slender stalk which grows to a height of about six inches. At the top is a cluster of, usually, five flowers, with their petals backing up one against the other, in a manner which gives the head almost a square appearance.

SYLVIA HAINES.



Hazel Sunprint.



Sycamore Smokeprint.





Fig. 1.



Fig. 2.



Fig. 3.

## CAN YOU SQUARE LASH?

SOME years have elapsed since square-lashing was included in the knotting section of the Second Class test, yet, if we are to be honest with ourselves, what percentage of our Second Class Guides can square-lash when put to it in actual practice? Admittedly, everyone who has camped can square-lash; who can return from camp without having learnt square-lashing through sheer necessity? But there are companies who don't camp. Do they realise the joy of "making do" with odd sticks and cord or string, which brings us to the weakness of our teaching methods? Do we teach square-lashing with the aid of those odd bits of stick or with flat strips of wood *ex a packing case*, or perhaps in some cases merely with the aid of *morse sticks*, and very thin string. Yet who can follow the Chief Scout through *Scouting for Boys* (the reading of which is so wisely to be included in the warrant tests) without realising that he would have included square-lashing in Second Class for a definite reason. Square-lashing should be the first stepping stone to camping, and as camping teaches us "to make do" with very little, so will square-lashing become a plank in the platform supporting a good citizen. Which brings us to gadgets. Gadgets are made of sticks and strong string or rope; there are very few that can be made without the aid of square-lashing, and here is how it is done.

The start is from a clove-hitch as shown in illustration 1, the long end being on the left of the picture, and all through the following it is assumed that you are looking at the work from the same point of view. Where a piece of wood is lashed to an upright stuck in the ground, as in these illustrations, the clove-hitch should be round the upright below the crossing stick. Having secured the clove-hitch, bring the cord up and over the cross stick behind the upright as in illustration 2, the free end having been wound round the standing part (the clove-hitch is

still shown expanded here, but in practice should be nearly out of sight from this angle, i.e. closed and pushed up as far as possible under the cross stick, but not above its intersection with the upright)

and then bring it down again on the other side, and over and under the cross stick as in No. 3. The cord should now pass behind the upright below the cross stick, and meeting where it started from the clove-hitch, it should follow its own course up and over the cross stick, behind and down again, and repeated again once more. The importance of pulling tight at every round cannot be too strongly emphasised. This process when completed should therefore show three thicknesses of string behind the upright, and round the cross stick. The third time, as in illustration 4, instead of going behind the upright, turn instead round the string itself between the two sticks, continuing down as in No. 5. This process is similar to the proper method of sewing on a button where, several strands of cotton having been sewn up and down through the button, the cotton is then wound round these threads under the button. Both in square-lashing, and in button sewing, the effect is to tighten; in square-lashing the cord here should be pulled as tight as possible. If your cord breaks at this point, use another piece or it will break in use. The "frapping," as this process is called, should also be done three times round.

To complete the lashing make two half-hitches as in No. 6, these being alongside the clove-hitch on the cross stick. It should be remembered that the two hitches must be identical, and it is usually a help to ensure this by repeating to yourself each time some formula such as, in this case, "in front and over itself," i.e. the string passes in front of the stick from right to left, and the end up over itself. To prove the value of this method tie the second hitch "behind and over," and observe the different result. The two hitches should be drawn up tightly as in No. 7. The

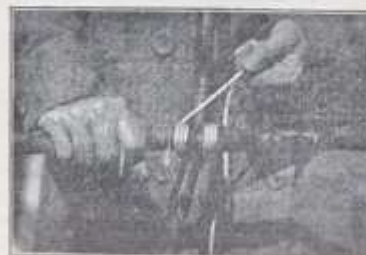


Fig. 4.



Fig. 5.



Fig. 6.





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ends can then be pulled through out of sight as ingenuity and time allow. No. 8 shows the lashing complete from the other side. To prove if your lashing is well done, try to move the two sticks apart, and if they move more than one eighth of an inch your lashing is not yet up to standard.

Above all avoid any wood other than as nature grew it,



Fig. 7.



Fig. 8.

a park keeper or gardener. Particularly at this time of the year gleanings from tree prunings will be given to you very willingly.

and having mastered the lashing, lead your Guides immediately to simple gadgets.

*N.B.*—If your company is far from natural wood which can be picked up, let me advise you to make friends with Mac.

## Beds in Camp

SOME of us may have reached the age when a few creature comforts are a necessity; our old bones or rheumatically joints may no longer find the ground as reposeful as of yore, but before discarding Mother Earth for the supposedly superior bed, let us (after if necessary belabouring her in no uncertain manner with a tent mallet) at least give her a fair trial such as she was accorded in the old days, lest we drift away, not only from the attitude of share and share alike with our Guides, but from keeping ourselves in trim for the more adventurous type of camp, from which any but the really lightweight camper is debarred; and also lest we lose pride of place in the camping world to others who have not lost the glamour that makes one welcome a little hardship and self-discipline. Even the straw palliasse acts as a brake to the more adventurous type of camp, and is a nuisance, though very often a necessity, in any camp. Those companies who for many years have done without palliasses would not for a great deal forgo the extra freedom thus enjoyed—freedom from finding and carting straw, from filling and emptying palliasse cases, from untidy beds, and from messy tents. It is probably only the lucky few, however, who have the facilities for building up their own equipment, who can really enjoy this freedom, as really sound ground sheets, and at least one extra blanket all round, are essential to the followers of the no-palliasse cult.

Those who do sleep on the ground, however, must be careful in their attitude towards those who do not, as many who realise how comfortable the ground can be are sometimes debarred from doing so for reasons beyond their control. Advancing years makes one realise that time may eventually tell even with the most Spartan!

ROSA C. WARD.  
*Commissioner for Camping.*

## ASKING A POLICEMAN.

While a police constable was once standing on point duty at the Marble Arch an aeroplane passed overhead. Three people came to him and asked him what it was. Four people wanted to know where it came from. Four people asked where it was going and seven more asked why it was there at all. And every one of these eighteen inquirers was sent away satisfied. What the policeman said I do not know, but he did what I could never have done: he answered the questions of eighteen people concerning something he did not know himself.—LORD BYNG.

## "New Clothes for Old"

THE company sat around looking glum. It was one thing to promise to provide clothes for the local Babies' Club and quite another to find ways of doing so with no patrol funds and only very delicate company funds. No good having an entertainment; it wasn't really fair to ask people to come more than once a year even to see such a company as the 1st Blankshires. No good having a jumble sale; the village had been raked with a toothcomb for every species of jumble only three weeks before. No good this, no good that. The company looked as uninspired as it felt.

Enter on right (as they say at Drury Lane) the Fairy Godmother, not conventionally attired in spangles and golden tresses, but in the familiar khaki garb of Akela, and, in the good old tradition, ready with the great idea:

"New clothes for old, nothing easier," she insisted, "even my Cubs have been doing it for months. No expense, no difficulties; all you need is a supply of old stockings, ladderless for choice, but it does not matter what kind of a past the feet have had."

Cut about thirteen inches from the leg of a pair of stockings, and cut carefully down the centre back seams. Open out the two pieces and place them on each other with the right sides facing. The selvage edges from the top of the stockings make the hem of the dress, and the cut edges the neck opening. Slightly shape the neck outline. Seam up one shoulder seam, hem the other and fasten with clips. Seam up the sides, leaving 4 inches back and front for the armholes. Cut another 7 inches off the leg of the stocking from which to make sleeves, measuring about 7 inches in length, 8 inches round the armhole and 6 inches round the cuff.

The neck and cuffs may be ornamented with wool embroidery to match the border round the hem of the stocking and a coat and knickers made to complete the outfit. Little boys' jerseys and caps can be made from golf stockings in the same way.

Akela paused. The company glowed in appreciation. "What an idea!" said a P.L. "We'll start at once."

And "What a way of using up old stockings!" added lieutenant.

M. A. S.

Never judge a person hastily. Even the dog in the manger may have been a nervous animal that needed rest and quiet.

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### Woodlarks

**W**OODLARKS camp site is now one year old: this is its second camping season and the whole site is further developed and better equipped than it was last year. It is hoping to welcome lots of Extension companies to camp during the coming summer.

By Whitsun the new shelter will be built; this is to be a wooden one and will eventually accommodate sanitary arrangements, wash-places and baths. It will be at the back of the existing brick shelter.

A second cook-place out in the open is going to be made for use in quite fine weather.

The camp road stood all that was put upon it well last year. Some day the gradient is going to be improved and a good smooth surface laid, but this all requires money and that is needed just now for more important things. If there are cases for whom the camp road is found too steep for convenient use, permission can be obtained from the inhabitants of Redhill cottages to use the gate on the Lodge Hill Road and the path behind the cottages.

Quite unexpectedly the land adjoining Woodlarks has been put up for sale and if it cannot be bought, the camp-site will be worthless and the Woodlarks venture will come to a sad and sudden end.

If anyone who reads this would care to help establish this camping place for handicapped children, will they contribute the price of a few feet of land or help to buy some building material?

But the great thing, Extension people, is that you should come to camp! These few details about Woodlarks may be helpful.

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## The Leicestershire and Rutland County Rally, 1931

**W**HEN a Saturday in July was fixed for the Leicestershire and Rutland joint County Rally, everyone decided that from a weather point of view it was about as safe as any date could be, but "Of course we shall have indoor accommodation ready just in case it turned out wet." With this optimistic assurance the Leicester County Cricket Ground, which had so kindly been lent for the great occasion, was planned out in every detail, and the last finishing touches were put to the arrangements on the morning of July 4th, in sunshine and heat that was almost undesirable when one was in uniform and feeling, well, just a little inclined to hurry.

The thrill of satisfaction when the companies began to arrive and the plans, which had meant so much time and thought, started to work smoothly and well could be enjoyed to the full because it was still fine; spectators arrived and were shown to their seats, and then—just as most people had forgotten that such a thing as rain even existed, the weather decided to put a stiffer test on the spirit of cheerfulness of the Guides in the shape of a real deluge of rain! At first a sharp shower and then a steady down-pour which lasted the whole afternoon and evening.

H.R.H. the Princess Royal, who came down on her first visit to Leicester especially to attend the Rally, was met at the station and accompanied to the ground by the two County Commissioners. She inspected the Guard of Honour, before proceeding to the platform for the March Past. Following Hampshire's example the Divisions were drawn up in two blocks, and Guiders, Rangers, and Guides marched past the Princess in eights, divided into fours, and marched straight off to their "Homes," drenched, but still perfectly happy.

While the arena was prepared the Princess walked across the ground to be for just a few minutes with the Brownies, and then the displays began. Each Division had prepared a ten-minute display of either Guide work or Guide history, which included stretcher drill and ambulance well staged and correctly carried out; sword dancing, intricate at any time and decidedly more so when half the dancers' attention had to be given to standing up! And then a delightful display of "Building the Union Jack"; each individual flag of St. George, St. Andrew, and St. Patrick, was shown by Guides, each carrying red, white or blue crêpe paper, running in files to form the shape of the different crosses and the backgrounds, and then on a given signal, taking a curtsey sitting position and holding the paper up in front of them; the complete Union Jack was built in the same way, and not a fleck of white was on the red or blue. Then to demonstrate quite the other side of Guide work a physical drill display, followed by a very dramatic rendering of the legend of St. George; and then massed team games. Rutland came last with a really splendid Empire display; Guides representing countries within the Empire showed in miniature how the Imperial Headquarters in London has been built, and a model of Headquarters was erected.

By this time the rain was torrential, so with many regrets the *finale* had to be cut out, and all companies proceeded to get their tea, find their buses and get home soaked, but apparently quite oblivious of the wretched conditions, for not a grumble was heard.

E. H.



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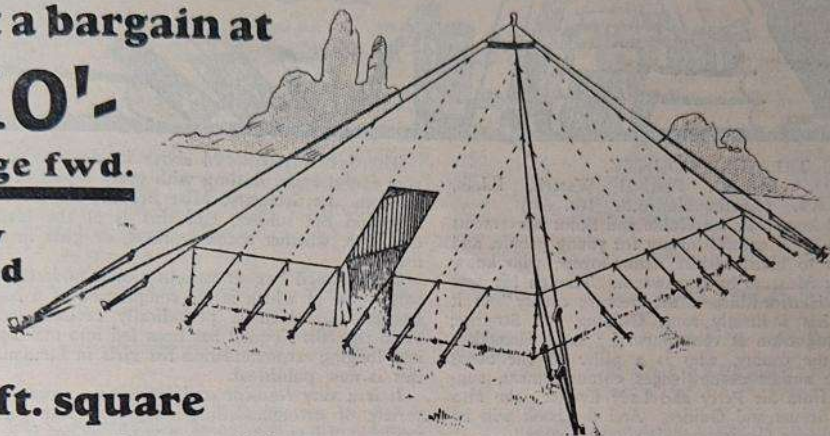
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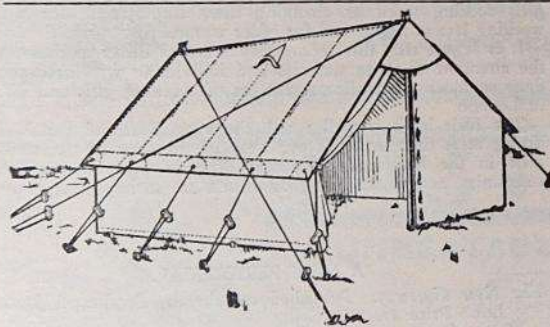
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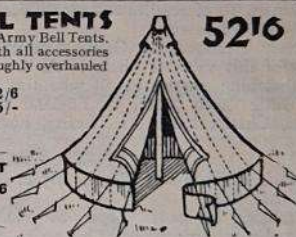
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## THE TREASURE COUNTY.

*Historic Hertfordshire.* By W. Percival Westell, F.L.S., F.S.A.Scot., M.R.A.I. (Austin, Hertford. 10s. 6d.)

Mr. Westell is well known in the Guide and Scout Movements as author of many books on natural history for young people, and needs no introduction to Hertfordshire nature-lovers, who know him as curator of the Museum at Letchworth. Though his new book is a history of Hertfordshire—"the treasure county" as it has been called—it has indirectly some Guiding and Scouting associations. An introduction is contributed by Lord Hampden, Lord Lieutenant of the county, who is a pillar of the Scout Movement, while the author acknowledges encouragement, suggestion, and support from Sir Percy and Lady Everett, who also do so much for the Scouts and Guides. And the book will be invaluable to Hertfordshire Guides studying local history.

The history opens in the stone, bronze and iron ages, and passes to the days of the Romans, the Anglo-Saxons and the Normans. Other chapters are devoted to historical episodes in the county after the Conquest, the famous churches, local notabilities, and local industries. The whole is handsomely illustrated with maps, plans, photographs and sketches.

Naturalists will be interested to learn that 231 species of birds have been recorded for the county, 24 species of fishes, 28 of mammals, 10 of reptiles and amphibians, more than 200 of spiders, and 4,490 of insects.

Every Hertfordshire Guide company should strive to obtain a copy of this valuable history. As Lord Hampden says, it will be of absorbing interest to all who live in and love their county—the little green parcel of England so happily described by its lover, Charles Lamb, as "hearty, homely, loving Hertfordshire."

M. W.

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P. M. B.

## CAMPING.

*The Complete Hiker and Camper.* By C. F. Carr. (Pitman. 2s. 6d.)

This is an interesting little book for the adult hiker and those who are keen on the open air life, and it contains some useful hints which might well be passed on by the Guider to her Rangers and Guides, although it does not fully deal with the Guide aspect of hiking. Chapter X, on the care of the feet, is particularly good.

There is a good deal of inspiration (see Chapter VII) in the book, but the few grotesque illustrations might be omitted with advantage.

It rather belies its title—it may be more or less "The Complete Hiker," but it is certainly not "The Complete Camper." For instance, the question of camp sanitation is entirely left out.

E. J. L. B.

## LODGING IN LONDON.

*Enquiry into Lodging Accommodation for Girls and Women in London.* (The Central Council for the Social Welfare of Girls and Women in London, 53, Victoria Street, S.W.1. 1s.)

The Society mentioned above is, despite its cumbrous name, a very useful body, dealing with every aspect of the life of girls in London. Its Secretary, Miss Brooke, has an encyclopædic knowledge on the subject, and this is at the ready disposal of all enquirers, whether social workers, or girls in need of any information.

The Council has, at various times, undertaken useful pieces of work—one of which is the compilation of a handbook of Hostels in London, which is periodically revised and kept up-to-date. From this, the Council has been led into making a general inquiry into lodging accommodation for girls in London, and the result of this is now published.

It is a very readable and interesting report, dealing with every variety of accommodation, temporary and permanent, which is available at less than £2 2s. a week. Thus it begins by describing the conditions, happily so much improved of late years, in common lodging houses, and works up to the very comfortable accommodation provided by various societies, in residential clubs.

The accommodation for working girls and business women in London has been vastly increased and improved during the last few years, but the knowledge of the facilities which exist is not yet widely diffused, and also, there are still *lacunæ* in certain directions; there is not yet enough accommodation suitable for girls seeking work or changing their employment, for women working late at night, and for older women past work.

It is hoped that this report may serve to direct to these needs the attention of those societies and individuals who have already done so much to ameliorate the lot of working girls and women in London.

The little book is well worth the expenditure of one shilling, giving as it does, a bird's eye view of the lives of thousands of girls in the Metropolis, the sort of girls who fill our Ranger companies, and whose living conditions are so important to us all.

R. K.

## A NEW PERIODICAL.

*The New Gateway.* Published monthly by Syndicated Journals, Ltd. Price 1s.

Many of our readers will already have made the acquaintance of *The Gateway*, a woman's monthly magazine which deals with careers, travel, sport, dress, food and other interests in a vital and helpful way.

This journal changed its name in January to *The New Gateway*, and has added considerably to the interest of its pages by becoming the official organ of the British Women's Hospitality Committee and its co-operating bodies.

Since some of our readers may not know the aim of this committee we will quote here in the Director's (Miss Helen Fraser) own words exactly what it stands for: "The work of the British Women's Hospitality Committee is to render service to the visitor to our country from our own Dominions and Empire and from all other countries, and more especially service to the visiting women in business, in the professions, or interested in any phase of our public and social service and organisations."

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The members of Council and the co-operating groups and organisations, in addition to assisting in giving every information and service facilities, extend hospitality to our visitors, either privately, or in their clubs, or at our receptions and functions.

*The New Gateway*, in forming the link of information between the various international women's societies, is performing a most helpful service. It should have a very prosperous future, and we wish it all success.

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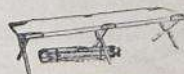
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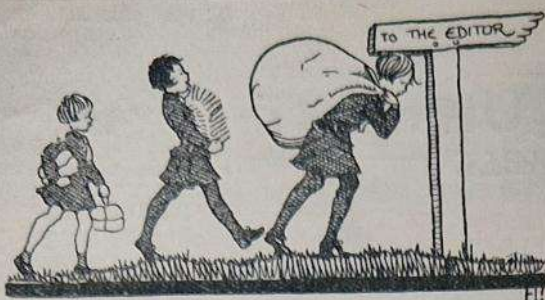
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#### THE "BUY BRITISH" CAMPAIGN.

*To the General Secretary.*

DEAR MADAM,—The Empire Marketing Board, at their last meeting, resolved that an expression of their very warm thanks should be sent to the Girl Guides Association for their invaluable help in the "Buy British" campaign, and this particularly welcome task has been entrusted to me.

The reports on the campaign, which we have collected from every part of the kingdom, show how widespread and how effective was the response of the Girl Guides to the Chief Scout's generous appeal on our behalf, and we have in the office a long list of names of Commissioners, officers, and others of your members who have actively helped us. I imagine, however, that it would be more in accordance with the spirit of your Movement if we did not attempt to single out individuals for special letters of thanks. I write, therefore, to you as General Secretary of the Association (and I am writing in similar terms to the Chief Scout) to tell you how fully we of the Empire Marketing Board recognise and appreciate the extent and the value of the help which we have had from your members.—Yours very truly,

MALCOLM MACDONALD,  
Vice Chairman of the Board.

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#### A "USEFUL ARTICLE" FOR SECOND CLASS.

*To the Editor.*

DEAR EDITOR,—In answer to your correspondent, here are some suggestions: A Guide may smooth down with sandpaper a small wooden (margarine or other) box, paint or stain the sides and pad the top with tiny bits of paper or rag, and tack a bright piece of chintz over, to make a seat for her patrol corner.

Or, one Guide may do the necessary preparation of box and another for her second class make a bright coloured patchwork cover for top.—Yours, etc.,

R. TYACKE,  
Division Commissioner, Beckenham.

*(To the Editor.)*

DEAR EDITOR,—In answer to Miss Denison's letter in THE GUIDER, may I offer these suggestions for Second Class "useful articles."

1. My Guides learn and practise bed-making with a doll's bed, though they pass the test on a full-size one. They made the sheets, blankets, pillows and counterpane as useful articles.

2. Four Guides made "tidy bags" for camp, from blue cotton material. Each tent has one and it receives sweet papers, hair, straw, peelings, etc., and is emptied every morning into the incinerator box.

3. Bean-bags. It is useful to have plenty of these for games and they are attractive if made of brightly coloured sateens. If made double, the outer cover can easily be taken off for washing. I count three bean-bags, that is, six bags to make, as the equivalent of a Morse flag.—Yours, etc.,

J. F. THEOBALD,  
Captain, 2nd Huxton Company.

## THE EDITOR'S POST BAG

### RELIGION AND THE COMPANY.

*To the Editor.*

DEAR EDITOR,—I agree with E. Moorse that religion should have a definite place in company meetings. The right finish, short, simple prayers and then "Taps," give a definite religious ending and should always be adhered to.

I fail to see how a company can be properly run without religion. Not that it is necessary or wise to be constantly referring to it, but the teaching of the Promise is a golden opportunity which should be made use of and always is made use of when taught as it should be. And there are many other opportunities for teaching it and not only for teaching it but for living it, as the best Guiders well know. Guides will soon find out what their Guider's attitude to religion is and if she is a "growing, faithful, rejoicing, happy Christian," she won't be able to help imparting some of that joyfulness to her Guides.

We are told that Guiding is a means to an end. What end? Making good citizens. That is well, but surely that in itself is a means to an end too—that we may become citizens of Heaven.

How great is the opportunity of Guiding!—Yours, etc.,

DOROTHY SHIRLEY,  
District Commissioner, Workop.

*(To the Editor.)*

DEAR EDITOR,—I was interested in Miss Moorse's letter in the February GUIDER.

More than once I have heard the criticism that the extent to which religion is brought into a Guide meeting depends entirely upon the captain, comparing the Movement in this point unfavourably with other organisations. Although this could be a criticism, surely it need not be, if we keep ever before us, and just as important, before the Guides, the first part of our Promise?

God is the foundation and goal of all great aims, but it is so easy to lose sight of our goal in the pursuance of the steps to it. We may be quite clear in our own minds whither we are trying to lead our Guides, and yet sometimes omit to point them to the great Leader.

It seems to me that Guiding fails which does not give to the Guides something which will help when all else may fail, something which will last always.—Yours, etc.,

CONSTANCE POULDEN,  
Captain, 87th Bristol.

*(To the Editor.)*

DEAR EDITOR,—I heartily agree with the writer of the letter on "Religion and the Company," when she says that in most Guide companies there is little mention of religion at company meetings.

I do feel that "our duty towards God," the most important part of our Promise, is not emphasised nearly enough. In an open company, such as mine is, where the Guides belong to different denominations, it is difficult to know how to bring this part of our Promise home to them, beyond telling them that it is their duty to attend their own church, and I, for one, would be very glad of help on this subject, and to read the opinions and experiences of other Guiders.—Yours, etc.,

A LIEUTENANT.

[So many letters have been received on this subject that it is impossible to publish more than a few of those representing the general trend of opinion.—ED.]

### THE WEARING OF BROWNIE BADGES.

*(To the Editor.)*

DEAR EDITOR,—I would like to give my strong appreciation of the letter of E. M. H. Dickson, in the February GUIDER. Brownie badges are hard to win, and I have always felt should be worn until a higher grade badge takes their place.

In my district, our packs are too poor to pay for badges only to be worn for a month, and therefore they are not attempted often, after paying 6d. for the Wings.—Yours, etc.,

EDITH WOODWARD,  
Crown Owl, 135th Birmingham.



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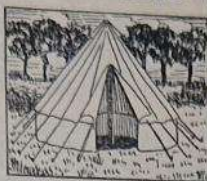
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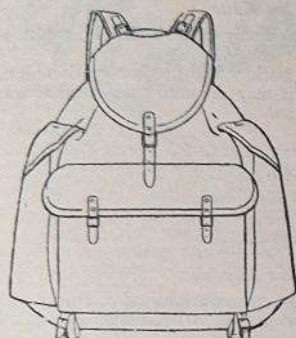
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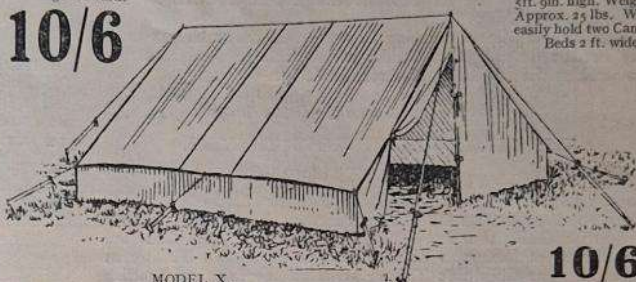
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(To the Editor.)

DEAR EDITOR,—I have read with great interest the remarks in THE GUIDER for February with regard to Brownie Proficiency badges.

Being a comparatively new pack, we were faced with this question a few months ago, when the first Magic Hand Brownies flew up. At first they were disappointed at the idea of giving up their Proficiency badges so soon after they were won, but we invented a plan of having a Secret Place on our home-made Toadstool where Magic Hand records are kept. Each ex-Brownie is now allowed to come to one Pack Meeting in order to bring her record back and fix it to the Toadstool.

A record consists of a small piece of brown material on which is worked the Brownie's name and Six, and on which her hard-earned badges are sewn. This is fixed to the Toadstool by two drawing pins in a place which only the pack knows.

It seems to me a very important point, as the Great Brown Owl says, "that they leave all Brownie things behind them. . . and go on to bigger things."

Certainly the idea of wearing Brownie Proficiency badges until they become Second Class Guides seems little encouragement to test work at the beginning of their Guide life.—Yours, etc.,

E. M. KHAREGAT,  
Brown Owl, 3rd Worthing Pack.

## THE GLASGOW CHILDREN'S THEATRE.

(To the Editor.)

DEAR EDITOR,—With reference to the review of *Dramatised Nursery Rhymes* (as performed by the Glasgow Children's Theatre) which appeared in THE GUIDER for February, it may be of interest to Scottish Guiders to know that Brownies and Wolf Cubs are admitted to performances of the Glasgow Children's Theatre at 6d. each. The Children's Theatre visits all the principal Scottish towns, and information regarding the time and place of performances can be obtained from Miss Bertha Waddell, Caldergrove House, Hallside, Lanarkshire.

Perhaps I should add that I have no interest in the Children's Theatre except in so far as it provides a perfectly delightful entertainment for Brownies.—Yours, etc.,

CATHERINE B. BROWN,  
B.O., 7th Rutherglen.

## GUIDING IN GERMANY.

(To the Editor.)

DEAR EDITOR,—I was very interested in a letter on the subject of Guiding in Germany in the December GUIDER. I wonder if it would be possible to start a correspondence scheme between English Guiders and those interested in Guiding in Germany. Having spent two months in Austria, I realise that training of Guiders is bound to be difficult in a country where no one can afford the time to give much voluntary work, but would not any German wishing to learn about Guiding derive a good deal of benefit as far as training is concerned from a regular correspondence with an English Guider? There is much in the way of games, competitions, and ideas on camps and hikes which can be explained in writing, whilst nature notes and reminiscences can be compared. I think that Germans who know English would be glad of the opportunity of improving their knowledge of it by corresponding in it, and those Guiders who know German might be glad of the opportunity of keeping it up through this method.—Yours, etc.,

Conington Rectory,  
Peterborough.

E. T. WAYNE.

[I think that this is a very good idea. For a long time I have been feeling that the World Bureau ought to have a scheme of this sort for corresponding with individuals who are interested in countries where there is as yet no Association which they can join.

If any experienced Guider who knows one of the languages necessary will let me know that she is willing to act in the capacity of Correspondent for this purpose, we will gladly take up the scheme in as many directions as possible.—KATHARINE FURSE, Director World Bureau.]

## RANGER GAMES.

(To the Editor.)

DEAR EDITOR,—I should be grateful if you would let your readers know that *Ranger Games*, recently published by Brown & Ferguson, contains the entire reprint of the *First Book of Games for Rangers and Cadets*, together with the most useful games from *The Second Book*.—Yours, etc.,

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## GUIDERS WANTED.

(To the Editor.)

DEAR EDITOR,—I expect many who read your "Post Bag" do not necessarily glance at the advertisements. May I ask, with your permission, any Guider who would do a good turn to a fellow Guider, and at the same time help to start a company and pack in a new village, to read my advertisement this month. If I could "import" two Guiders or Rangers to a place where no one in the parish knows anything of Guiding, it would be a very great help.—Yours, etc.,

DOROTHY HANN.

The Rectory,  
Newnton Longueville,  
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## A BROWNIE TOADSTOOL.

(To the Editor.)

DEAR EDITOR,—Would you kindly publish that I have an old Toadstool for disposal.

If a Brown Owl of a poor pack would get into touch with me, she could gladly have it, as it may do until they could afford a new one.—Yours, etc.,

OLIVE ROBERTSON,  
Brown Owl, 5th Forest Gate Pack.

47, Woodford Avenue, Ilford.

## WANTED.

(To the Editor.)

DEAR EDITOR,—I should be very much obliged if anyone could let me have some back numbers of THE GUIDER. I will pay postage, and something for each number if desired.

The numbers needed are *The Girl Guide Gazette*, May, 1927, and January to September inclusive, 1925.—Yours, etc.,

BARBARA M. PINCHIN.

Hedge End,  
Rustington, Sussex.

## THANKS.

(To the Editor.)

DEAR EDITOR,—May I, through THE GUIDER, tell those who wrote to me for old copies of THE GUIDER and THE GUIDE, how sorry I was to be unable to answer all their letters. The magazines were disposed of almost at once, so I was only able to reply to a few.—Yours, etc.,

JOAN A. TREVELYAN.

Nettlecombe Court,  
Williton, Somerset.

(To the Editor.)

DEAR EDITOR,—The response to my appeal in the January GUIDER for books for a company library has more than exceeded my hopes, and we have now a sufficient number of books to start.

To everyone who enclosed a letter or card I think I have written, but to those people who sent parcels anonymously I would like here to express my most grateful thanks and to assure them that their gifts were most gladly received.—Yours, etc.,

NORAH BEACH,  
5th Notting Hill Company.

## FOR DISPOSAL.

(To the Editor.)

DEAR EDITOR,—Will you kindly publish that I have copies of THE GUIDER for the years 1923-1930 inclusive to dispose of, and should be glad to send them to anyone who will pay postage, and say which years they want. There are three copies missing, two of 1927, and one of 1929.—Yours, etc.,

Hartford House,  
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F. M. LIGHTFOOT.



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Waddow.

# Headquarters' Training Schools



Foxlease.

## FOXLEASE

Guiders who have booked places for training weeks are asked to notify the Guider-in-Charge as soon as they find they are unable to come.

### DATES.

- March 1-14. Closed for Spring cleaning.
- March 15-22. General Training.
- March 24-31. General Training (Easter).
- April 8-16. Conference for Diploma'd Guiders and County Camp Advisers. (See separate paragraph for details.)
- April 19-26. General Trainings. (Entries closed.)
- May 2-6. Woodcraft.
- May 13-20. General Training (Whitsun). (Please note alteration of date.)

No application will be taken for the following weeks until March 10th. County Secretaries may apply for special vacancies between March 1st and 10th. Such vacancies will only be kept provided the names and addresses of entrants and the usual 5s. deposit are sent with the applications.

- May 24-31. General Training (for Guiders age 35 and over).
- June 6-11. General Training (Commissioners only).
- June 14-21. Brownie Training.

Weekly.	FEES.					
Single rooms	...	...	...	...	£2 10 0	
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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.

During the winter and early spring, when training weeks are never so full, Guiders who have already been to Foxlease for training have a good chance of coming again without having their names put on a waiting list.

## DIPLOMA'D GUIDERS' AND COUNTY CAMP ADVISERS' CONFERENCE.

- Diploma'd Guiders. Arrive Foxlease April 8th.
- Leave April 15th.
- County Camp Advisers. Arrive Foxlease April 9th.
- Leave April 16th.

All applications for this week must be sent to the Guider-in-Charge, Foxlease, before March 31st after which no application can be considered. REVISED charges for this week will be on the printed programme, which will be sent out in due course.

### CAMPING.

All applications for Camp Sites at Foxlease must be sent in through the Guider's District Camp Adviser. No camps of over 50 may be held.

### 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, 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 to 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.

### PRESENTS.

Visitors' Book, H.R.H. The Princess Royal; Boot Scraper, Greenfinch Patrol, February 9th to 16th; Glass Bowl, Chaffinch Patrol, February 9th to 16th; Flower Vases, Chiffchaff Patrol, February 9th to 16th; Book, Miss Staley.

## WADDOW

### DATES.

- March 11-14. General Training week-end.
- March 14-23. Closed for Spring cleaning.
- March 24-31. General Training (Easter).
- April 5-12. Ranger Guiders' Training.
- April 15-19. General Training week-end.
- April 22-29. General Training.
- May 3-10. Extension Week.
- May 13-17. General Training week-end (Whitsun).
- May 20-27. Woodcraft Week.
- May 31-June 7. General 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.

No application 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.

### WADDOW FARM.

The cottage at Waddow will be let by the week to Guiders requiring a holiday. It contains two double bedrooms and two single, a sitting-room, two bathrooms and kitchen. The charge for two people is £2 2s. a week, and for three or more £4 4s. a week; these charges include light and coal. Guiders cater and cook for themselves, but the gardener's wife is willing to board them for about 30s. per head, if required. Applications, with 5s. deposit, should be made to the Secretary. Guiders wishing to bring their cars can garage them at Waddow by arrangement, at a charge of 5s. per week, or 1s. per night.

### CAMP SITE.

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 four camp sites with drinking water laid on. The North and permanent sanitation.

The usual permission forms are necessary.

Applications for the Cragg Wood site, which was made from the Pilgrim Trust Fund last year, should be made through the County Commissioners. There are specially low terms for this site.

### PRESENTS.

Water Lilies, Country Dance Week, January 19th to 26th.



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## MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL

*Held on February 9th, 1932.*

### PRESENT:—

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

The Chief Commissioner, Mrs. Percy Birley, and the Commissioner for Training, Miss M. Bray, were elected British delegates to the World Conference which will be held in Poland in August.

The resignation of Mrs. Thomson, Great Brown Owl, was received with regret. Miss V. Rhys Davids, Eagle Owl, was appointed in her place.

Lady Campbell was appointed to fill the vacancy on the School and Cadet Companies Sub-Committee.

The following were appointed members of the Council: Miss Joan Strong, representative of the Girls' Diocesan Association, Mrs. Bowlby, Commissioner for Extensions, and Miss Dillon, County Commissioner for Durham. Mrs. Oliver was appointed District Commissioner for British Guides in Belgium.

It was decided to print a special souvenir stamp to commemorate Guide week. A notice will appear in the April GUIDER as to how to obtain supplies of this stamp.

It was reported that as St. Paul's Cathedral was fully occupied on Guide Sunday, May 29th, arrangements had been made with the Dean to hold a Service there on Saturday, May 28th, at 5.30 p.m. This service will be held for representatives of Church of England Guides in the Diocese of London.

Mrs. Seggar and Mrs. Gwyer were appointed G.F.S. Diocesan Heads for the Diocese of Peterborough and Wakefield respectively—the appointments to date from 1931.

It was agreed that patrols of girls over 14 could be registered as Sea Guides and that they be allowed to wear the tally band with the words "Sea Guides" on it; these patrols preferably to be attached to Ranger or Sea Ranger companies.

It was agreed that the Enrolment Ceremony for a Sea Guide should be the same as that for an ordinary Guide, with the following addition:—

After the Sea Guide has repeated her Promise, the Guider will say:—

"I welcome you as a member of the Ship's Company, and trust you to do your best to keep your Guide Law and Promise."

(If the Sea Guide is not attached to a Sea Ranger company, she will be welcomed "as a Sea Guide.")

It was agreed that the Sea Ranger Enrolment Ceremony be shortened as follows:—

After the Ranger has repeated her Promise, delete the following sentences:—

"What ship do you wish to join as a Sea Ranger?"

"The ..... (giving the name of ship)."

The final clause to be amended to read as follows:—

"I welcome you as a Sea Ranger, and trust that you will maintain the honour of your ship, and that you will find many opportunities for true and loyal service."

Reports from the Training and Camping, and from the General Purposes Committees were considered.

Routine and financial business was transacted.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Tuesday, March 8th, at 2.30 p.m.

## AWARDS

### Medal of Merit.

Miss M. C. Jones, Division Commissioner, Bournemouth.  
Miss A. Calotychou, District Captain, Greek District, Alexandria, Egypt.  
"Good Service to the Movement."  
Guide Eva Mitchell, 5th Leigh-on-Sea.  
"Rescue from drowning."

### Certificate of Merit.

Miss G. Tomlinson, Lieutenant, 5th Bedford.  
"Rescue from drowning."  
Patrol Second Vera Wilcox, 3rd Wealdstone.  
"For Fortitude."

### Red Cord Diploma.

Miss M. de Beaumont, of Cambridge.

### Gold Lanyards.

Mrs. Shepherd, District Captain, and Captain 9th Rochester Rangers and Guides.  
Miss Rose, Captain, 1st Brockley.

### Gold Cords.

Ranger Patrol Second Barbara Heberden, 1st Exmouth.  
Company Leader Ethel Hards, 2a Mortlake with East Sheen.  
Patrol Leader Stella Hennell, 2a Mortlake with East Sheen.  
Patrol Leader Maurveen Watler, 3rd Bahamas.

## RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE GUIDERS' CONFERENCE.

The following recommendations from the recent Guiders' Conference have been considered by the Executive Committee, with decisions as under:—

### 1. FIRST CLASS TEST.

#### I. Intelligence, para. 2.

Revise to read:—

"Read and set a compass. Be able to find the 16 points of the compass by the sun and stars."

This was approved.

### 2. SECOND CLASS TEST.

#### I. Intelligence, para. 5.

Revise to read:—

"Be able to recognise 12 living things in their natural surroundings to include any of the following: animals, birds, fish, insects, reptiles, trees or plants. Discover by unaided observation something of interest about each."

This was approved.

### 3. II. HANDICRAFT, para. 3.

That cooking be included as an alternative to bed-making.

This was not approved. It was felt unwise to increase alternatives in this test.

### 4. III. Health, para. 1, be amended.

That the clause referring to "good carriage" under



## THE GUIDER

This was approved, and after very careful consideration the following amendment was adopted:—

Paras. 1 and 2 to be revised to read as follows:—

"Must know why it is necessary to have a good carriage, and the main things to aim at in order to have good posture, and show she has achieved this as far as possible. She should be passed by the Court of Honour for her good idea of carriage and her neat personal appearance."

"Cover a mile (Scout's pace) in not less than 12 minutes,"

or  
"Have done four walks of at least three miles."

### 5. IV. SERVICE, para. 1.

That "remove grit in the eye," be omitted, and that "treatment of fainting and large arm sling," be substituted. This was approved.

6. That it should not be compulsory to include the reading of *Girl Guiding* or *Scouting for Boys* by Second Class Guides, but that it should be encouraged. This was approved.

7. That "Must have knowledge of the legends of the Crosses of the Union Jack" be deleted, but that Guides should be told the legends.

This was approved, and it was finally agreed to add the following footnote to the Second Class test:—

"Before completing this test the Guide should have been told the legends of the Union Jack Saints."

8. That parts of the Second Class test be specially marked, and the Guide who has passed these be awarded a special badge to be called Third Class.

This was not approved. It was felt that it was inadvisable to start a new badge of efficiency and that it was better to simplify the Second Class test.

### 9. CORDS AND LANYARDS FOR GUIDES.

That Green All Round Cords be given to Green First Class Guides.

This was not approved. It was considered inadvisable to add to the number of Cord awards.

10. That Swimmer and Life Saver be alternative badges in All Round Cords. This was approved.

11. That the words "of which all Guides of one year's standing must be Second Class" be omitted from the Gold Cord test. This was approved.

### 12. CORDS AND LANYARDS FOR GUIDERS.

That Gold and All Round Lanyards be abolished.

This was approved with certain qualifications as follows:—

(a) The wearing of Gold Lanyards by Guiders to be abolished, but they may continue to wear Gold Cords if they have won them as Guides.

(b) All Round Lanyards may be awarded as at present on a teaching basis. Only Cords won as Guides may be worn by Guiders.

(c) Warranted Guiders may not enter for Gold Cords or All Round Cords.

### 13. THE GOOD TURN.

That the Good Turn should be mentioned in the enrolment ceremony, and that the clause, "Do you know the Guide Law?" be omitted.

This was approved, the revised paragraph to read:—

"I trust you on your honour to keep this Promise and to try to do a Good Turn every day."

## HEADQUARTERS' NOTICES

The attention of Guiders who send orders for equipment by post to Headquarters, is drawn to the following points. They may seem obvious, but a large proportion of the orders we receive are inadequately made out, which means extra work and needless delay before they can be despatched.

(1) See that your order has *both your name and address on it*. We frequently receive letters in which both are missing.

(2) If money is enclosed, *state the exact amount in your letter*. This can then be checked and any irregularity immediately taken up.

(3) Cheques and Postal Orders should be crossed "Westminster Bank," and made payable to the Girl Guides Association. Remittances in cash must be registered.

(4) Do not send any money in parcels. The parcel may be torn or come undone, and so the risk of losing the money is greater. All parcels should contain the name and address of the sender.

(5) If you are writing on different subjects, use separate sheets of paper, so that each part can be detached and sent to the department concerned. This will facilitate a quick reply.

(6) Please state *size and quality* of each article required, and when ordering flags and shoulder tapes, give the correct title of the company as it appears on the registration certificate.

## THE BUILDING FUND.

As THE GUIDER goes to press before the total of the Fund can be ascertained, all final information will be published next month.

## CAMP FORMS AND PERMITS.

CAMP ADVISERS are reminded that all camp leaflets, forms and permits must now be obtained from *County Camp Advisers*, and not direct from Headquarters.

## YOUTH HOSTELS.

It should be borne in mind that parties touring and using Youth Hostels should be in charge of thoroughly experienced Guiders. The forms for Permission to Camp in Certain Cases can be adapted for use in this connection.

## VACANCY AT HEADQUARTERS.

Headquarters has a vacancy in the Tailoring Department for an experienced Coat Hand. Must be able to make a coat throughout. Apply by letter to the General Secretary, 17, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1.

## VETERANS' CAMP.

As a result of the votes taken as to whether Foxlease or a site in the Midlands would be the most convenient to the majority on account of distance and expense, it is found that although many people would like Foxlease for sentimental reasons, the fact of its being situated so far south would debar many people from attending the camp if held there. It has therefore been decided to accept the offer of a fine site in Staffordshire. The cost of the camp is to be 22s. 6d. for the week, or 21s. for those who see to their own transport, or 3s. 6d. per day. The date is June 22nd to 29th. In order to save cost and labour, each Veteran is to be asked to bring with her certain articles necessary for the equipment of the camp, besides bringing her own tent and ground sheet. Counties having more than three Guiders who camped as such during or before 1920 who would like to attend the camp are asked to send in their names for the waiting list to the Camp Secretary, Miss G. O. Manning, 81, Heathcroft, Hampstead Way, N.W.11. All applications should be sent in by April 30th, after which date vacancies will be filled from the waiting list, and will not be kept for those counties which have not applied for their full quota.

## THE CHIEF GUIDE'S VIOLIN.

The violin, which at present is held by Violet Dawson, will shortly be competed for again, and attention is drawn to the following rules:—

(1) The violin will be awarded on loan for two years to the Guide gaining the highest marks of the year in the Higher Division of the School Examination of the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal College of Music.

(2) The competition is confined to Guides of British birth.

(3) Guides under 13 years of age who have already passed this examination with honours are eligible without re-examination.

(4) Candidates when making formal application for the reward of the violin must send a copy of the examiner's statement of marks gained, signed by their teacher and by their Guide Commissioner. Entries to be sent to the Secretary of the Violin Committee, Mrs. Eric Streetfield, Windmill Corner, Eastbourne.



## NEW PUBLICATIONS.

A MANUAL OF PRAYERS FOR GIRL GUIDES. (Mowbray. 11s. stiff covers 3s. 6d.)

This little book was first published in 1925, under the title—*A Book of Prayers for Girl Guides of the Church*. It has been considered advisable to alter the title to that under which it now appears. In other respects it remains unaltered. The preface is written by the late Right Rev. H. M. Burge, Bishop of Oxford.

RULES, POLICY AND ORGANISATION, 1932, will, it is hoped, be published during the month of March. As usual it will be sent direct to all Commissioners and Secretaries, and Guiders in charge of companies and packs. The published price remains the same, 10d., post free.

## THE HEADQUARTERS' RESTAURANT.

The Restaurant at Imperial Headquarters is open to all Guiders and Guides and their friends.

Luncheon is served from 12 to 2 p.m. Tea from 3.45, and parties are catered for by arrangement. Tables can be booked in advance. (Telephone: Victoria 6860.)

The Restaurant is not at present open on Saturdays.

## 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.

## FOR WADDOW.

Waddow is in need of a light, flat luggage cart and harness for camp and garden use, and would be grateful for such a gift if anybody has an old one they do not want.

## HOW TO WIN A PORTRAIT OF THE CHIEFS.

Read the January *Council Fire* and carry out the instructions given on page 15, before March 31st.

Then you may have a framed, signed portrait of the Chiefs to give as a prize for your next District or Company Competition.

Send to Headquarters for the *Council Fire*, price 4½d. Post free.

## CALLED TO HIGHER SERVICE

KATHLEEN DU THOIT, Brown Owl of the 2nd Hythe Pack, on December 23rd, 1931.

## THIS MONTH'S COVER.

OUR Cover Photograph—*Firelight*—was taken by Bertram Wickson, F.R.P.S.

## GENERAL NOTICES

## FOUNDLING SITE FUND SCOUT AND GUIDE SHOW.

The Appeal Council for the Foundling Site has been working since last February to save this open space for the children of London, and, as everybody knows, through the generosity of Lord Rothermere and the public together, it will be possible to purchase the larger part of the site.

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The Chief Scout and the Chief Guide have given their names as Patrons, and besides these the Committee have been so fortunate as to secure the support of Lord Hampton, Dame Helen Gwynne-Vaughan, G.B.E., Mrs. Mark Kerr, The Duchess of Atholl, and many others.

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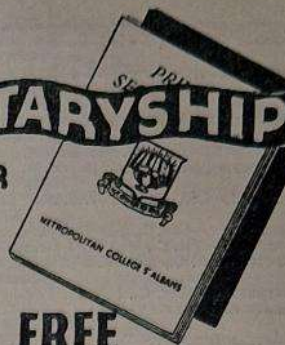
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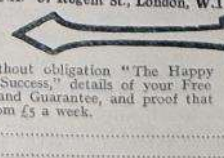
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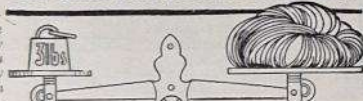
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