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# THE CHIEF GUIDE'S TALK

## OUR COMING-OF-AGE.

**L**IKE ripples expanding on the still surface of a pond, so the far-reaching effects of our Coming-of-Age celebrations are making their impression on the life of our Movement.

From far and near come echoes of real enjoyment, of re-invigoration to Guides and Guiders alike, of re-kindled enthusiasms and the unconscious re-dedication of many people to the cause of Guiding.

I hope I may be forgiven if I am apt to quote from letters that come my way, but the fact is that so many are so lovely that I like them to be shared and appreciated by the many rather than that I alone should enjoy them and keep them secreted in the drawers of my table.

"OURS was quite the best celebration of all"—is the general trend of most of the letters that came to me last month, each writer feeling the glow of personal enjoyment, and I must say that nobody can have failed to be impressed by the splendid way in which all the festivities were arranged for making the most of the occasion and in such a way that the GUIDES themselves should remember them.

At the Guide Headquarters Committee meeting we wondered what we could do to make it known how fully we appreciated the exceptional work that had been done by Guiders throughout the Movement in this way. Though not a "mutual admiration society" the Committee did ask me to say, in all earnestness, "WELL DONE—EVERYBODY," and we shall all look back on May, 1932, as the outstandingly successful moment in our history.

The big religious services were perhaps the most prominent form of celebration brought before the public eye, and we have much for which to thank the clergy.

In most parts of the country the leaders of all denominations gave us very real assistance and sympathy, and we are indeed grateful for their generous support in town and country.

Many people, until now quite untouched by our Movement have also come to look upon us with opened eyes, and from an entirely new viewpoint.

A Guider, motoring through England in uniform after Guide Sunday, happened to visit several cathedrals, and at each one came the same enthusiastic recital from the vergers about the big service that had been held the previous Sunday, and how nice it had been to see their cathedral filled with Guides and Brownies.

And our former Chief Commissioner told me how, in motoring up to London from the country on Guide Sunday itself, she had been so forcefully struck by seeing knots of little people in blue and brown gathered in every village as she passed, and her mind flew back to the time when, as one travelled through the country, groups of people in khaki were everywhere to be seen—mobilised for war.

But here was a new mobilisation indeed—a nation-wide one—for peace, goodwill and happiness in our land.



## GUIDE WEEK OVERSEAS.

Mails are now arriving from farther afield, giving news of the doings of Guide Week, and before me as I write are long newspaper cuttings giving glowing accounts of the celebrations in such widely different places as Malta and Mafeking, Sydney and Ceylon.

My Sydney letter is not from the Guide people, but from the Chairman of the Boy Scouts—a real testimony to the friendly feeling that is growing up in our Brother Movement.

Sir Kelso King writes:—

"I wish, on behalf of our Association, to convey to you the hearty congratulations on the occasion of the 21st Anniversary. It must be gratifying to you all to find that the Movement continues to develop and spread and that its influence is so widely felt in almost every nation. . . . The Girl Guides celebrated the 21st Birthday by the dedication of their camp site, a beautiful forty-acre freehold, which is the gift of a public-spirited citizen, who declines to allow his name to be disclosed. . . . The Birthday was further commemorated by a "Guides' Own," held in the Town Hall, and I attended each ceremony as representative of the Boy Scouts and took with me messages of hearty good wishes to the Sister Association. . . .

"There is so much in common between the Guides and the Scouts, both having the same objective in view, consequently it is a gratification that the two Associations are ready to work in co-operation and afford assistance to each other when the services of either can be helpful. . . ."

And in British Columbia, besides having their big Rally for some 1,600 Guides and Rangers, the Provincial Commissioner writes about the opening of a Guide Hut at a hospital:—

"Eight crippled Guides raised the money for the hut in a year practically unaided. It is quite charming, set in the woods like Peter Pan's house, and the company and pack in wheeled chairs and on crutches were grouped around it. . . . It was a great day for those brave little souls, every member of the staff was beaming, all rules were relaxed, so that even my dog was allowed to be petted by the patients in their beds. . . ."

## RALLIES.

The Rally season is drawing to a close, and many of us have some wonderful mind pictures to look at—visions of



rows and rows and Rows of Guides, and vivid memories of big gatherings of radiant girls being happy and doing things well.

I have been immensely impressed with the Rallies that I have seen this year. Owing to being away, going round the world last year and thus missing any of the home doings, I seem to find quite a new element present now.

No more anxious looks, no more frenzied rushing hither and thither, but instead a quiet calmness (on the outside, anyhow!) and a new spirit of enjoyment.

I must quote one letter from a Commissioner concerned in a recent Rally in the East Riding:—

"I have not quite come down to earth yet from the pleasure and joy of the Rally, and should like to tell you just a little about 'behind the scenes.' It has been such a *happy* Rally, from the very beginning, for it has promoted a very friendly atmosphere in this rather scattered division. Different companies have met together to practice their displays, when otherwise they would never have taken the trouble to meet, and it has joined them all together in a new and very happy way. . . .

The police gave their services free, and the band also, and we took enough money at the gate to pay for all the Guides coming to the Rally."

This is surely most encouraging to those who, in the past, have perhaps felt that the getting up of a Rally meant such wearing hard work that there might be doubts as to the use or the value of such gatherings.

I had the privilege of attending in June the largest Guide Rally that has, as far as I know, ever been held. This happened in South-East Lancashire where Miss Alice Behrens—I beg her pardon—I mean Mrs. Arthur Gaddum—holds the reins as effectively as ever, in spite of the demands of husband, home and daughter.

Twenty-two thousand Guides and Rangers swarmed upon that ground like bees, they knew what to do and how to do it, and never have I seen and felt greater enthusiasm than that shown by that vast concourse of splendid Guides.

The Guide training in self-discipline is telling through our ranks, the desire to *do* things and to do them well has grown and made for far greater efficiency all round, and our Royal President, who has attended several Rallies this summer, has herself been very pleased at the splendid way in which these have been "stage-managed" and carried out.

So our ceremonious gatherings for 1932 are over, and now the call of the open country is sounding in many ears, and we must all hope for fine weather and sunshine and "Good Camping" in this coming month.

*Mavis Baden Powell*  
Chief Guide.

## Woodland Fires

**W**E are apt at times to think that our Camp Advisers are unnecessarily fussy about our training regarding the building and care of camp-kitchens and the restrictions governing those merry little fires that we

make while on hike, but in reality, our C.A.'s are doing a very great service to the community and we should make a point of carrying out their instructions with scrupulous attention to every detail, because a woodland fire is indeed a most tragic occurrence.

At this point we can hear some of you Guiders murmuring, "At it again! Will they never stop their lugubrious warnings?" Nevertheless, we make bold once again to remind you of the necessity for care and consideration, and to draw your attention to the fact that only a few weeks ago a disastrous fire swept over seventy acres of land on a Scottish estate, destroying thousands of fir trees and killing many of the wild folk. Moreover, it is believed that all this damage was caused by a cigarette-end thrown from a passing car.

The *Glasgow Citizen* published the following report as supplied by an onlooker: "The cries of pheasants and other birds were heard above the crackling vegetation, and



*The Chief Guide and her god-daughter, Mary Gaddum.*

many of them perished in their efforts to save their young. Hares and rabbits could be seen scuttling to places of safety, but on entering their warrens many of the rabbits were suffocated by the smoke emanating from the smouldering peat." That report, alone, should be enough to show us the tragic consequences of carelessness, and what would any of us have felt if this same fire had been caused by our Guides or by our Rangers?

At the time of writing, spells of drought are following one another with unusual regularity, and we must always remember that under these circumstances our efforts to prevent fires must be redoubled. For instance, we may have been accustomed to stamp out our camp or hike fire and replace the sod very neatly, but now we must also remember to soak the ashes with water until no smoke rises. In fact, it is not even safe to build a fire out of doors unless we have a foundation of rocks, or rubble, because fire can spread underground.

So make doubly sure, to drench the fire with water before you leave it, and then feel all over the ground for about three feet out from the fire to make sure that stray roots, or even the soil itself, are not already hot and smouldering. Incidentally, never allow your fire to be so big that it gets out of your control.

Finally, paper can be set alight by a hot sun, so let us burn or bury every scrap of it, and also every empty bottle that we see, and every bit of broken glass, because sun shining through glass can set fire to dry moss, bracken, grass, and even peat-soil.

M. M.





## PACK HOLIDAYS.

I WRITE this from camp, when the sun is shining gloriously, and a gentle breeze is making waves in the grasses, and the lovely cloud shadows are sailing across the Downs. This is the month for Pack Holidays. Good luck to all Brown Owls taking their packs! May you have all the sunshine the children need so badly. But remember to go easy with the sun-bathing for the first few days, until your Brownies get a little acclimatised. Too much sun is as bad as none at all!

Make your holiday as much like home as possible. It isn't camp, and you shouldn't try to imitate it. Leave that and all its joys for the Brownies to discover when they go up to Guides.

Below is an article sent in by a Brown Owl. I know a great many Owls do feel the same difficulties:—

## BROWNIE MAGIC.

"A Brown Owl can turn the most matter-of-fact little people into a very Brown pack, provided she goes about it in the right way." These words, which I came across in a book of Brownie games, have made me feel the necessity of examining a problem which has been just below the surface of my mind for some time.

I have had experience, as Brown Owl and Tawny respectively, with two Brownie packs, consisting of two different types of children. The first pack are the children of cultured people living in a University town. These Brownies have already had their imaginations developed at home. They will "magic" for themselves at the slightest opportunity. On our walks to and from the clubroom they cast spells over each other and me. "Now you're all asleep in a wood. You can't go on till I've undone the spell by rubbing this leaf." Temporary dislocation of the traffic, whilst the other Brownies wait breathlessly for the spell to be removed.

With these children it is easy to play games of Brownie Magic, and to direct their already stimulated imaginations into Brownie channels. Fairyland is real to them, and they imagine its inhabitants at least as vividly as they do royalties and other famous living people.

The second pack are children attending elementary schools. The practical side of their nature is far more developed than that of the other pack, who have, for instance, very little idea of the value of money. These practical Brownies do not, however, respond readily to the

demands of Brownie Magic. Frankly, Brown Owl and I do not seem able to create the atmosphere. If you "magic" Joan into a fairy, one of the others is sure to say, "Oh, Brown Owl, whoever heard of a fairy who fell over watering-cans?" (or whatever Joan's latest exploit has been). We all laugh and I know that the Brownies feel a sense of incongruity which neutralises the "magic" atmosphere.

The common sense of the pack and their contact with realities refuses to allow them to accept what the other pack has not the slightest difficulty in imagining. The games the second pack like best are not coloured with magic. They respond better if I say, "You all sit in a straight line and the first one runs up to me," than if I tell them that I am a sunflower and they are bees flying up in turn. These children eschew the magic element in the games, and play the actual game with vigour, appreciating its core, but its core only. They like doing practical things, like cleaning silver and gardening. They like ball games and relay races, and when they act on their own they choose to represent scenes of everyday life, not fairy stories.

It is probably my own fault that I cannot make the ordinary Brownie magic appeal to these children, but there seems to me to be a problem here.

These Brownies, without being unduly sophisticated, have grown beyond the age for fairy stories. They are interested far more in the practical side of life. "Magic" rouses their sense of the ridiculous, so that they fail to surrender to it easily. An American Brown Owl suggests that children nowadays are not exempt from the slow atrophy of the imagination from which she thinks the whole world is suffering. She adds that they need magic which "can beautify every bit of life by opening our eyes and ears and spirits" to the lovely things of nature. It will be said that my Brownies are suffering from this atrophy of the imagination, and I agree that they have had the practical side of their natures developed at the expense of the imaginative. I am still faced, however, with the problem of developing their imagination, and I cannot believe that this is best done by trying to make real to them boggarts and fairies in whom they have ceased to believe. Their premature "grown-up-ness" may be regretted, but it is usually an accomplished fact when the children come to Brownies. Most of them are frankly not interested in fairies. The first pack are; fairies have always been part of their world, and to the younger ones, at least, seem nearly as real as animals and birds.

To the other children fairies are an exploded myth, and to dwell on this myth is to create a kind of unreality which, to my mind, does not help to develop their imagination in the right way. Without encroaching on the Guide training which should come later it is difficult to suggest a new kind of Brownie Magic for them. Nature is, I think, of the greatest use in developing their sense of wonder and beauty. Birds and animals do curious things in unexpected ways which thrill these children far more than any fairy tale.

In telling them stories, I would try to find tales about real children, particularly those of the type of Mrs. Osborn Hann's, *What the Brownies Did*. In playing games they must "magic" themselves into real people, like policemen and post-men, doctors and nurses.

Adventure stories will also stimulate their imagination. *Where the Rainbow Ends* was the only fairy story really



appreciated by my second pack, chiefly because it concerned "real children." I was amused to notice that the Brownies thought Aunt Matilda and Uncle Joseph far more terrible than the Dragon King, but I saw that they were thrilled by the adventure of boys and girls setting out to find a new land, even fairyland, in the face of dreadful odds.

It is not with any wish to disparage the usual varieties of Brownie Magic that I have written this. With countless packs, as with the first one I mentioned, it works admirably, and is of the greatest use in the work of the pack. I feel, nevertheless, that the conception of it must be developed and broadened if it is to appeal to packs where the Brownies have early come into contact with the realities of life, and have ceased to be interested in fairies.

J. A. C. G.

## IMAGINATION.

All who have run packs in the poorer parts of any great cities, and many who have country packs, too, know that their Brownies have, in most cases, grown past the fairy stage even before they come to the pack as recruits. But growing past the fairy stage does not necessarily mean the imaginative stage. A great many Brown Owls seem to think that bringing imagination or Brown Magic into their packs, means bringing fairies. Surely imagination is a greater gift than that? Surely the imaginative mind is one which can not only create beautiful and lovely dreams and ideas, but one which can actually share and enter into the joy and the sorrow, the beauty and ugliness, the ecstasy and the pain that are in the world?

If we find our Brownies have grown past the fairy stage so much that practical matters enter in and spoil their imaginings, can we not be pirates, smugglers, animals, policemen, engine-drivers, mothers at home, nurses, postmen and a hundred other people and creatures, who all need some practical details to be imagined properly!

The Brownie story itself always appeals to small folk, because of its sure magic which makes them not so much fairies, but secret "little folk," helping others without others knowing much about it. Long after most very grown-up folk had ceased believing in fairies—and let us never forget there are many people who yet believe in them—they still believed in the "little folk." The great danger is to think we know about everything! Let us try in every way possible to develop our Brownies' imaginings, it is one of the biggest gifts we can give them, and we can start in the very simplest way by making them really *think* of things to do to help others.

Even if our Brownies are still in the fairy stage, we should be careful how we encourage it too much. A Brownie is at the age when she should be beginning to weave her dreams round some of the more real and practical things of life, and slowly changing her fairies and imaginary folk into princesses, knights and more human heroes.

We must always be careful that we don't force our own more developed, more sophisticated imaginings on to the children, but only try to develop and widen their own, and watch them find slowly but surely the strength and power of their mighty wings of thought.

## BROWN OWLS—TU WHIT!

The Editor of THE GUIDE has asked me to include this notice.

Do your Brownies ever peep into Brownieland in THE

GUIDE? Two whole pages are given to Brownies every week now. Sometimes there is a Brownie tale; sometimes a painting competition; sometimes Brownie games and ideas on things to make. Always there is an exciting animal picture story running as a serial, and the strange adventures of the "Fun Finders" now appearing, are very popular with all our small readers.

We have one 100 per cent. pack; this means that every Brownie in the pack now takes THE GUIDE every week. The pack is not at all a wealthy one, and they became 100 per cent. because the Brown Owl went to all the mothers and suggested that the Brownies should take THE GUIDE in-

stead of the other little papers they had been buying at odd times. The mothers all agreed eventually, and so the pack won ten shillings' worth of books—the prize we offer to all 100 per cent. companies. The Brown Owl says her Brownies love the paper now, and would not give it up for anything. If this can be done in one pack, it can surely be done in others.

Brown Owls, will you show "Brownieland" to your Brownies at the next pack meeting?

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## BROWNIE SWIMMER BADGE.

Will Brown Owls please read the note on page 342 of this issue, concerning the misprint in the syllabus for this badge in the current *Book of Rules*.

V. RHYS DAVIDS,  
Great Brown Owl.

## SOME DAY.

Some day we meant to travel far,  
Before the glow of noontide failed;  
But yonder shines the evening star,  
And yet—we have not sailed.

We loitered idly on the quay,  
Watching the tides that ebb and flow;  
We saw the boats set forth to sea;  
And yet we did not go.

Magic of many tales was brought  
By travellers and the travelling wind—  
New worlds of deed, new worlds of thought;  
And yet—we stayed behind.

And still the dream and still the call;  
The boats recede with parting hail;  
Shadows of coming night-time fall;  
And yet—we do not sail.

From *New Verses*, by ARTHUR L. SALMON.



Photo]

[K. N. Chaplin.

The Brownie Smile!





## This Ranger Job of Ours

HOW RANGERS CAN HELP THE EXTENSION  
BRANCH.

THE Commissioner for Rangers has asked me to tell you how Rangers can help Extension companies and Post Guides, and I think there are several different ways in which they can do this.

First of all, they can be of great assistance to M.D. Companies in institutions, and I will tell you of one company like this, that has been helped by Rangers for a period of eight years. The Ranger captain has for eight years had a company of M.D. Guides in an institution, and they have done a very big bit of work between them. It takes great patience and it is no use starting this kind of work unless you have patience and go on patiently with it. When I first saw this company, the Guides were very diffident about what they were able to do. The Rangers were going every week, and every week teaching the same knots—the children had always forgotten them by the following Saturday. It took two years, but they did it—the Guides did learn the knots, and when I next saw them, they were able to do simple first aid. I think even if Rangers could only go once a month to a M.D. company in an institution, it would be of great assistance, especially where the Guiders are nurses in an institution and find it difficult, week after week, to bring fresh life into their company.

There is another way in which Rangers might help people in Asylums; but this we are only beginning to try, and I do not know if it will work. Because it means the highest kind of service of all. It means giving without receiving in most cases anything at all in return.

In asylums there are people, who may have a mental aberration on a certain subject, but are quite clear on other matters. Sometimes their friends forget them, or cannot be bothered to go and see them, sometimes they have no friends at all. They are, in fact, human derelicts. The wife of a doctor in one such institution has suggested the joy that would be given to these poor souls if a newspaper or a letter could be sent once a week to them personally. Think of what it would mean in these barren lives if once a week someone in the great world outside the institution walls remembered them, someone cared enough to send them a little sign that they were not quite forgotten.

In the same way, Rangers could help Blind companies. In Scotland we have only one large Blind company and another tiny one. If Rangers could go, as I suggest they might, to M.D. companies, they would be a tremendous help to the Guider of a Blind company.

Want of exercise is one of the difficulties all blind people encounter in their lives. What a help it would be if each

blind Guide had a seeing Ranger to help her, in running about in active games, in taking her out for walks and being eyes through which she could learn nature. Remember I would not suggest that in the case of the blind, the Rangers should go to every meeting. They require to learn independence and it would not be good for them to be helped at every meeting, but I do definitely feel that a great deal could be done to help them learn about nature and to get the exercise they so much require, if Rangers could help them in this way.

Then in the work of helping Hospital Guides, it would be most useful to have the help of Rangers. This, perhaps, is more difficult, as Hospital companies usually meet in the afternoon, and Rangers are generally busy people, with little leisure time during the day.

If, however, it were possible, it would be a great help to the Hospital Guides, who have the kind of company where there are three children in one ward, five in another, seven in another, and who spend the short time of the Company Meeting in going from one ward to another, trying to cope with these different Guides.

The Ranger captain and the Rangers would, however, have to remember that in a Hospital company like this, and wherever they are dealing with sick children, Red Tape Guiding is of no use whatever. They have to adapt Guiding to the needs of the sick child, never to weary it, never to dwell too long on one subject, and to bring always something fresh and new into the little lives; something that is quite different from the daily life of the Hospital.

The Commissioner in Glasgow, who has been doing for some years, the kind of work the County Extension Secretary will have to do, tells me she goes herself to Ranger meetings, gets in touch with the Ranger captains and then tells the Rangers how they can help.

She finds Rangers invaluable in visiting Post Guides, but she always takes them herself on their first visit, and especially gets them in touch with the Post Guide mothers. She, herself, always knows the conditions of the houses she takes these Rangers to visit. They always go in twos—never one alone, and always in uniform, and they have never had any trouble. Where there are two Rangers, one can talk to the Post Guide's mother and the other to the Post Guide, and both these forms of service are equally useful.

This Commissioner always explains to the Rangers that their visits must be at a time that suits the convenience of the Post Guide's mother—that the Guide work must not be rushed through. They have to remember all the time that it is a sick child they are dealing with and that a little at a time is far more likely to remain in the child's mind, than an attempt to train as if the child were a normal, healthy Guide.

The point that the Ranger must remember all the time is that it is her friendship that is going to help the child more than anything else.

About forty Rangers are doing this kind of work in Glasgow.

Rangers can also help at Post Guide Parties. Some Rangers who have adopted Post Guides are taking cripples to camp in the summer. They had a concert to get funds for this purpose.

Another Ranger company has adopted an Extension company, and sends flowers and nature specimens to help in their Guide work.



Others have sent Post Guides, unable to camp, to rooms for a summer holiday. Others have taken Hospital Guides out in chairs to a park.

Two Post Guides have been taught to read and write by Rangers. They were children who could not be sent to school in the van that takes cripples for education, so they remained uneducated. Through these Rangers their lives became full of new ideas, and with a much wider horizon, because of the help these Rangers gave them.

As the years go on, I feel certain that Rangers themselves will find out many other ways of helping our branch of Guide work, it is the mother instinct, which at one time was confined only to the house and to life in the family, which is broadening with the different conditions in which modern life is developing, and which is making the Ranger of to-day, and the womanhood of to-day, into what the old Chinese writer, Lao-Tzu, called a "World Mother."

V. M. HOOD,

*Commissioner for Extensions in Scotland.*

## Guiders' Indemnity Policy

THERE is still a certain amount of confusion in the minds of some people as to the value of the Guiders' Indemnity Policy held by Headquarters. It should be borne in mind that it is not a general insurance against accidents, or illness, as is the very excellent scheme inaugurated by the National Council of Girls' Clubs (see July GUIDER, 1932) which is thrown open to members of the Girl Guides Association.

The Indemnity Policy is a means of insuring a Guider against any claims for compensation made against her arising in respect of:—

- (1) Accidents to Guides or Brownies in her charge.
- (2) Personal injury to any person caused by such Guides or Brownies; or
- (3) Damage to property caused by such Guide or Brownie.

The above must be proved to be due to the negligence of the Guider.

The point that is so often overlooked is that the Guider is relieved by the insurance company of all the trouble and expense of proving that she is not liable for compensation should a claim for compensation be made and, in the event of liability being proved, the compensation is paid by the insurance company.

The word "Negligence" in Law has been defined as an "Omission to do something that a reasonable person would do." Where there is no duty to exercise care at all, negligence in the popular sense has no legal consequences. Where there is a duty to take care, the degree of care required in the particular case depends on the accompanying circumstances. In ordinary circumstances people are not as a rule required to guard against every conceivable result of their actions. They are generally entitled to assume that others will to a reasonable extent take care to look out for themselves and take proper steps to avoid known risks. A fair test of what is reasonable is often the consideration of what is habitually done in the same circumstances; for the omission to take precautions which are usually taken is some evidence of negligence.

In special circumstances, however, the ordinary standard of duty to take care increases and an example of this is where a person is in charge of children.

The position of a Guider appears to be that she, being a member of the Girl Guides Association, has voluntarily accepted the three-fold promise, the Guide Law, the system of instruction contained in *Girl Guiding* and the *Rules*.

Although she is only a voluntary member of the Association she has undertaken to perform certain duties and one of those duties is to be in charge of Guides and Brownies who are often young children.

Now, a person who has voluntarily undertaken to do a thing must, legally, exercise that care which he, as an ordinary prudent person, would exercise if acting for himself. He is not liable for a mistake or for an error of judgment which a reasonably prudent man might commit.

Now, a schoolmaster in charge of pupils is in the position of a parent, and the parent gives the schoolmaster all his own authority over the child so far as it is necessary for the child's welfare. The schoolmaster is bound to take such care of his pupils as a careful father would take of his children. A Guider can be said to be in the position of a voluntary schoolmistress in charge of children and must take such care of Guides and Brownies in her charge as an ordinary prudent mother would take of her children, but will not be liable for a mistake or for an error of judgment which a reasonably prudent person might commit.

Take the following examples:—

(1) A Guider allows a small Brownie to play in a team for far older Guides playing hockey and the Brownie is injured in the course of play through an accident. The Guider would probably be liable in damages for negligence, but this principle would not, of course, apply in cases of games in the ordinary way, as people who play games must take the usual risks attached to games.

(2) A Guider arranges for a charabanc to bring small Brownies to a rally, but does not arrange for an attendant on the charabanc or for anyone else to be in charge. A young Brownie falls when leaving the charabanc and is injured. If it was the Guider's duty to arrange and supervise the bringing of these girls to the rally then she would probably be held liable in damages for negligence.

(3) A Guider allows a fire to be built near a haystack, which, owing to the direction of the wind, is set alight and destroyed. If insured under the Indemnity Policy, the Guider is relieved of the responsibility of fighting any claim against compensation, as this is undertaken by the insurance company.

The Guiders' Indemnity Policy is held by Imperial Headquarters and runs from May 15th of each year. The premium is 1/- per 100 Guides, with a minimum of 2/- for any one insurance. Insurance should be arranged through the county and not direct with Imperial Headquarters.

What tho' like commoners of air,  
We wander out, we know not where,  
But either house or hall?  
Yet Nature's charms, the hills and woods,  
The sweeping vales, and foaming floods,  
Are free enough to all.

BURNS.





### Guiding Out-of-Doors.

THE following letter has come in answer to our request for accounts of out-door activities at school Guide meetings. It shows how thrilling such meetings can be, and it is particularly noteworthy that the programme did not need much preparation as the track was laid at the time of the meeting. School Guiders seldom have enough free time to arrange programmes which need a lot of preparation beforehand.

"I read the article in the April GUIDER on "Guiding as an Out-door Game at School" with great interest. In addition to active Guiding outside school, I am lieutenant of the local Grammar School company, and along with the other Guiders, have often wondered what we could do to make school Guiding different from school. After reading your article, however, I began to consider the possibilities of our own school grounds, and evolved the following programme. It was carried out this afternoon amid great excitement and with the greatest success. If it had not I should not have submitted it for your approval.

Let me first say a little about the school, the grounds and our own particular difficulties. Our school is a large one with many doors (invaluable for stalking games), and in addition to the usual type of playing fields, we are fortunate in possessing two large rough patches, abounding in tall grasses and lots of wood, in the corner of one of which, the Guides are allowed to light fires. The school supplies the needs of a very scattered district with the result that children travel long distances and like to get home early. Afternoon school finishes at 4.15, and Guides meet immediately afterwards on a Thursday afternoon. Owing to the nearness of public examinations we have more very small juniors than seniors, and so the programme had of necessity to be fairly easy to follow yet allowing the maximum of responsibility to the individual Guide.

At the beginning of the week I cornered a very keen recruit who has a good deal of common sense, explained to her that we were having a special Guide meeting to-day and captain and I needed her help! She was to say to her friends that she couldn't come to Guides to-day—what she really had to do was to come to the staff-room immediately the last bell rang, in her coat and out-door shoes. (We thought the rest of the Guides would not miss her in this way.)

During the day I prepared two notes—one long one containing instructions to the body of Guides, one shorter one to be used later. The Guides usually meet in the gym, so the first note labelled, "Instructions—open and read," was posted on the gym door. It was written in morse, and was to the effect that each Guide was to don coat and out-door shoes—each recruit was to be in the charge of an older Guide and when all were ready they were to go out by a certain door and follow a track. Meanwhile, during the excitement, captain, the small recruit and I slipped out of the said door and laid the track, in rather roundabout fashion, up to the firelighting site. Here a box of matches and the following note in morse were hidden: "Collect wood, light a fire and follow me; danger about—I fear concealed bandits (the Guiders!)—keep a sharp lookout!" We then laid another trail into the "rough" where we hid the recruit, in a fainting condition! She had a sprained ankle (hankie pushed down stocking)—and concealed on her person was a sling—obviously the victim of bandits! Then the Guiders hid and waited!

After losing the trail they finally appeared, deciphered the morse with unexpected speed, and showed the good sense of leaving two people to light the

fire while the others followed the trail. The victim was found, doctored and carefully carried back to the fire on a four-handed seat. After an exciting discussion with the bandits, who now appeared, it was time to put out the fire and go home, after promises to "do it again" and cook tea "next time!"

Incredible as it may seem, that programme took less than forty-five minutes, from starting out to arriving back in the building, and so the time question hardly arises. Alternatives are already beginning to suggest themselves, and one thing which I want to try is for one patrol to defend the school and the other patrol to try and enter unobserved—which requires a good deal of skill! Apart from the preparation, our programme was carried out entirely by the Guides themselves and the element of secrecy about the whole affair, added spice to the proceedings. As you have probably observed, the whole thing was coloured by the accounts I have read of Guiding in its very early days.

I hope I have not taken up too much of your time explaining something which is simple enough to suggest itself—but I have tried it and it did work!

EDNA ROTHWELL,  
Lieutenant, 2nd Hales Owen Company.

### Answers to Questions.

Two points which have recently been raised in regard to school Guides are worth considering.

1. A company asked whether it was necessary to have an examination for the Interpreter's badge. Would it not be sufficient if the French teacher could certify that the Guide had a really good knowledge of the language?

2. A company with special difficulties wanted permission to alter the hiking in the First Class test and instead allow the Guides to invite a town company or pack for the afternoon, taking all responsibility for their tea and entertainment indoors.

In both cases we need to keep clearly before us the purpose of all badges, i.e. to help towards the development of character in order that the Guides may be of more service to the community.

In the case of the Interpreter's badge, a girl may be a fluent French scholar and yet quite incapable of dealing with an excitable foreigner who has lost her luggage. She may be able to translate a most difficult passage and yet unable to give clear, simple directions of the way to go to the local museum and the best tea shop. As was said by a headmistress of great wisdom: "Many of our girls know French, but there are not many whom we would send to meet the new mademoiselle at the station."



Guides of the Upper Chine School, Isle of Wight.



A school exam. and a badge test are entirely different things. The one tests scholastic knowledge. The other whether the Guide can use her knowledge to help other people.

As to the suggested alteration in First Class it ignores the main reasons for the inclusion of the hike in the test. Woodcraft is an important part of Scouting and Guiding as planned by the Chief Scout, and it was felt that a First Class Guide should not only have a real knowledge of woodcraft as shown by her ability to hike, but also be able to arouse interest in others, hence the test of her companion's enjoyment. No indoor test could therefore be a real alternative, and if a Guide is to be considered First Class she must be the sort of person who can overcome difficulties. Woodcraft and hiking may be practised in the holidays with brothers and sisters, and a local First Class examiner can be asked to pass this part of the badge. To all town companies, hiking is difficult, but nevertheless there are many First Class Guides in large cities. To many country companies, swimming is equally difficult as there are no facilities for bathing. This, therefore, is their special test of grit and determination. We should realise that the test is really one of first class character, and so we hinder rather than help when we try to remove difficulties, and make the badge something which may be easily won.

NANETTE BEWLEY,  
Commissioner for Schools  
and Colleges.

## A College Ranger Company.

STUDENT Rangers proved difficult. There was such enthusiasm when they started that numbers could hardly be tackled, but they dwindled and dwindled until only a handful remained. This failure had to be accounted for before new plans could be made and, after much consideration, it was attributed to two things—first to the unsuitability of the meeting day, which was Friday, and therefore very tempting to those who felt the week long enough without Rangers; and second, to the lack of obligation on the part of the Rangers to put any real effort into their Rangering.

The next question was that of applying the remedy for the failure. The meeting, one hour long, was changed to Monday, in the first place, as the beginning of the week was felt to be more inspiring than the end. That was a comparatively simple matter since the college authorities eagerly helped to tackle the difficulties. Then, a definite programme of work for the term was drawn up. There were two programmes, since the company was divided into two sections, each under a lieutenant and working in separate rooms. One programme was arranged for the benefit of "Newcomers" (Rangers who had not been

members of the Movement before joining the college company), and the other for the benefit of "Old Hands" (former Brownies, Guides, Rangers or Guiders). These programmes were posted on the college notice board that any student might know what to expect should she decide to attend the company meeting on any particular Monday. The question of membership was solved in the following way: any student who attended regularly and paid 1/- per term subscription was considered a "member," whereas occasional visitors, who were made very welcome at any time, were termed "associates." An associate might well develop into a member, or a member have to change to

the associate list, but regular attendance was the qualification chosen to discriminate between the two. No member, not already enrolled, was to be enrolled until the end of the spring term. This last decision was made regretfully because it was felt to be a necessary precaution.

This scheme has been in working order for almost two terms and so far the results have justified its adoption. The programmes have been Guiders' Training programmes interspersed with Ranger games, for the college is for Teachers in Training and it is with a view to becoming Guiders that the students join the company. At first it was thought that many might wish to come to Rangers only for the sake of keeping in touch with Guiding, but experience has shown over several years that this is not the case in this particular college. Many of the students

study Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class thoroughly, and re-take these tests on a teaching basis before leaving. Discussion upon problems connected with the running of companies and packs has proved to be very popular, and a harvest of games is reaped from the students themselves who learn games in college and are always ready to teach them to the company. Out-of-door work will be done in the summer term, and already a week-end camp (indoors) has been held at which fire-lighting, woodcraft and other out-of-door work were taught since the weather proved kind.

The success of the plan so far as it has been tried has been attributed to the fact that, right from the beginning of this session, emphasis has been laid upon the importance of Rangering. The students have felt it to be worth while all the time and have persevered with it. The associates were planned for, because the college authorities wished Guiding to be available to every student, even those who could not spare the time for regular attendance. This seemed a very wise thing, and at first there were many associates, but most of them are now members. Owing to the success of the plan there will be few alterations in it for next session. Colleges and students vary very much in circumstances, but perhaps there may be in this plan some point which may help another college company.

## THE PIONEER.

By ARTHUR GUITERMAN.

*Long ago I blazed a trail  
Through lovely woods unknown till then,  
And marked with cairns of splintered shale  
A mountain way for other men;*

*For other men who came and came:  
They trod the path more plain to see;  
They gave my trail another's name,  
And no one speaks or knows of me.*

*The trail runs high, the trail runs low,  
Where windflowers dance, or columbine;  
The scars are healed that long ago  
My axe cut deep on birch and pine.*

*Another's name my trail may bear,  
But still I keep, in waste and wood,  
My job because the trail is there,  
My peace because the trail is good.*

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# The Surrey and Overseas Camp

By TWO  
OVERSEAS GUIDERS

*Photographs by Marian Cronly.*

“THERE runs a road by  
Merrow Down—  
A grassy track to-day it is,  
An hour out of Guildford town,  
Above the river Wey it is.

“Here when they heard the horse  
bells ring,  
The ancient Britons dressed  
and rode  
To watch the dark Phœnicians  
bring  
Their goods along the West-  
ern Road.”

The road still winds along Merrow Down, and many are the scenes that it has witnessed. Merrow Down was to look down on yet another scene. For four days tents had been springing up everywhere, busy Guiders were to be seen hurrying to and fro, for Surrey was holding a camp at Albury Park, and these Guiders had come to work.

But on June 7th, with much excitement, arrived nearly fifty Guiders who had come for rather a different reason. They were from Overseas, invited by Surrey to camp with them at Albury Park, on a site kindly lent them by the Duchess of Northumberland. From many parts of the world they came: India, Bermuda, Canada, Ceylon, South Africa, Rhodesia, Malay States, Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand. Some were in the familiar navy blue uniform, others in khaki, while one wore her sari, and yet another was dressed in white.

To some of those Overseas folk camping was something rather new. Others had camped out the greater part of their lives; but amidst scenes very different.

“I expect it will rain all the time, I’ve always heard it does in England.”

“How green the grass looks, it’s like a lovely garden.” But there was little time for thoughts like these, as a warm welcome was awaiting them.

Quickly people were sorted into groups: Adventurers, Explorers, Pioneers or Woodsmen.



*The Entrance to the Camp.*

How can one write of all the doings of the camp; of the happiness, the fun, and of the exchange of ideas and consequent broadening of outlook.

We were particularly lucky in having several distinguished visitors. We had the tremendous privilege of meeting our President, Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal; Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone, President of the Overseas Department; and Dame Katharine Furse, Director of the World Bureau. An added pleasure to the week in camp was seeing so much of the Chief Guide, who spent several days with us, and one day to our great joy brought the Chief Scout to see us.

We hoped our visitors enjoyed their visits as much as we enjoyed having them.

Each day it was gloriously sunny; but the most glorious of all was the day the Princess Royal came. On her arrival, accompanied by Princess Alice, she visited each group in turn.

The Pioneers acted their all-night hike, and were joined by Her Royal Highness in making dampers. Woodsmen and Explorers competed in tent-pitching and games; and if they were rather hot at the end, at least looked as if they had enjoyed themselves.

The Adventurers entertained the Princess Royal by showing “History as it might have been, had there been Guides in Mediæval days.” Not only did Guides come to the rescue with their twists, when King Alfred had



burnt his cakes; but with great presence of mind restored the Duke of Clarence from out of the butt of Malmsey wine by artificial respiration; and by speedily bandaging Charles I's head to his body, brought him to life after his execution. . . .



H.R.H. Princess Alice at the Camp.

After tea, round the camp fire, the New Zealand Guiders, in native dress, gave a Maori welcome and danced the poi, and the Princess Royal joined us in singing the camp's favourite songs.

It was a wonderful day and the story of our President's gracious interest will be retold in many parts of our Empire.

We shall always remember the kindness of the Duchess of Northumberland, and others who so generously entertained us, and showed us their homes and gardens. Expeditions were also arranged for us by the Camp Staff. Who could forget the visit to the Tattoo, the beauty of Wisley gardens, and the historic interest of Windsor?

Mornings in camp were occupied with usual camp routine, and courses for training in campcraft, woodcraft, Brownies and company management. Here the Overseas Guiders had the advantage of practical help from long experienced trainers.

It is hard to estimate the tremendous benefits derived from these gatherings when Guiders from many far countries meet together as members of one family. Not only is our outlook broadened, but the exchange of practical ideas is of great assistance. We carried away with us happy memories of a jolly week spent with Surrey Guiders, and the kindness of the Commandant, Miss Talbot, the Assistant Commandant, Miss Hillbrook, and her Staff. Added to this we had the messages from those who spoke to us. The international view-point of Guiding given us by Dame Katharine Furze; the Chief Scout's reminder to look about and help to build a world at peace; and Miss Bray's talk to us on how, by self-discipline, our lives can fulfil God's purpose.

"On Merrow Down the cuckoo's cry  
The silence and the sun remains."

## Trailer-Caravanning

If only June-August camping is intended, an ordinary single-walled lantern-top van will answer very well, but if, as with us, February-November is the rule, buy a double-walled van.

Again, for the summer months for two people, an 8 ft. 6 in. length gives ample room, but, for all seasons with the necessity for extra stores and clothes, 9 ft. 6 in. is better.

It is easier to arrange ventilation in bad weather, to have a settee which forms into a double bed rather than two bunks, and saves bedding. Sleeping-bags save trouble, but can be stuffy. Two single-size eiderdowns are more useful than one full-size one. Two ordinary pillows, with suitable loose covers to match the van, make useful daytime cushions.

A washbowl with fall pipe and lift-up top, making an extra table, with drawers and cupboard underneath, is a usual fitting in all the better makes. The drawers should have spring ball-catches to prevent them sliding out when touring. A two-burner Valor Perfection stove, with oven over one burner, makes a four-course dinner quite simple.

Be sure that the door opens in two halves, and that the top half fastens back easily but securely, or it can be annoying in windy weather. All the six lantern lights should open; also four windows on each side and the window (bay, if possible) opposite the door. The leaded light windows now on some vans are an improvement.

Two wheels are quite enough, but insist on adjustable screw legs for parking. Electric light is a standard fitting in the better vans, but have two independent lights, one over the settee and one over the middle of the van. Such items as locks, hinges, water gutters, etc., should be good, and window fastenings, locker clips and door handles, stainless. Tables should hinge upward rather than downward. Put an inlaid linoleum on the floor, and use a rug which can be easily shaken. The curtains should be fast colour to sun and water. We find a new petrol tin the most satisfactory way to carry drinking water. This, with one of a different colour for paraffin, ride on the car running-board.

A 12-14 h.p. car is quite powerful enough to take a van of this type over any practical roads in Great Britain, but always carry chains for wet fields. There is no difficulty about camping sites.—From *Camping*.



H.R.H. The Princess Royal, the Chief Guide and Miss Hillbrook at the Surrey Camp.



LINKING  
UP

One of the perennial problems of Guiding is how to make a real unit out of the Brownies, Guides, and Rangers belonging to the same organisation; we are always trying to establish closer co-operation between the Brownies and the Guides, and between the Guides and the Rangers, but it is very seldom that the Brownies and the Rangers have anything to do with each other.

Sometimes, too, the Guide company has grown so large that it is divided, and becomes two separate companies, meeting on different days, yet wishing to preserve a link between them.

I was, therefore, very interested when I heard from a French *Eclaireuse Aînée*, now in England, of the way in which co-operation is achieved by the *Eclaireuses* of the *Batignolles* group. *Batignolles* is the name of a district in Paris; the original company there was founded by *Chef Léo*, whom many English Guiders know, as she came to our diploma'd Guiders' Conference last year; the original company has thrown off shoots, and the group now comprises two Guide companies, two Brownie packs and one Ranger company, which together form a very compact group, and are kept together by periodical joint meetings, and by their newspaper: *BAT!* *Liliane Chazel*, the *Eclaireuse Aînée*, kindly gave me some notes on the subject, and Mrs. Lewis White has expanded them into the following article, which I hope may give some suggestions to other Guiders:—

ROSE KERR,  
International Commissioner.

## THE BAT.

IMAGINE a calm sea, and riding at anchor on it (for I see no sign of funnel or sail) a boat, similar to Noah's Ark! This boat has a motto written over it: "Have good courage and a happy face!" This boat is the symbol of a group of Girl Guides in Paris, belonging to the *Batignolles* district; they call themselves "Bat," and took a *bateau*, or boat, for their emblem.

This picture is at the head of their journal, which is called a *journal de bord*, or log-book, which, as everyone knows, is a nautical term for a sort of diary kept by the officers of a ship, recording the daily events.

This journal is one of the two links between the Rangers, the Guide companies, and the Brownie packs of the "Paris-Batignolles" Guides. The other link is the *sorties*, or outings, which take place twice a year. In June and in November all the Rangers, Guides, and Brownies (both the present ones, and any ex-Guides or Rangers who can come)—about sixty in number—spend a Sunday together

in the open air at some lovely spot near Paris, accessible by train or bus. In the big circle formed for their mid-day meal, they sit all mixed up, as it were, the elder girls looking after the younger ones; after a short rest, they play games, the Guides generally playing together, and the Rangers playing with the Brownies. After the games, they all sit together to listen to the *Méditation*, which is a talk on the spiritual side of Guiding, and which is an invariable feature in the programme of every hike, and of every day in camp. On this occasion, it is a little shorter than usual and adapted to the Brownies.

On one occasion the subject of the *Méditation* was, "Why do we have Noah's Ark as a symbol?" and it was shown that we wanted it to float secure on the waters of life, without fear of storms, under the guidance and blessing of God. It was, however, pointed out that there was this difference between Noah's Ark and ours, that *his* contained specimens of all kinds of animals, both useful and harmful, whereas *ours* contains only charming and helpful animals, such as deer, blue-tits, jays, little seals (these are the names of patrols).

After the talk the different companies or patrols act, sing, or invent something to entertain the whole gathering, and then comes the great *BAT* ceremony.

The Rangers and Guides form themselves into a big oval, in the shape of a boat, the Rangers forming the bows or front of the boat, and the Guides the stern; the Brownie Sixes run up the centre, each forming a mast. When they are all in place, recruits are enrolled, Brownies fly into the Guides, in fact all the company ceremonies take place; they finish by holding hands and thinking of their absent comrades. Then they repeat the company motto, give the company cheer, and sing the company song, which is:—

"Sail, sail, Batignolles,  
Over the waves,  
Bravely and gaily  
Facing whatever may come"

As not all the old Rangers or Guides can be present on this happy day, they can all come together once a term at their own headquarters.

The *BAT* contains all company news; this number tells of a camp by the sea, of an exciting voyage in a fishing smack, of a wonderful fancy-dress ball; there is mention of a future camp near Dieppe, where they are to be joined by an English company of sister Guides. Two pages are given up to news of the old Rangers who have left the company and are working in different parts of the world, and there is a delightful talk in bird language to the *Petites Ailes*, or Brownies.

The *BAT* is published every two months, edited, illustrated, and printed by voluntary effort; it costs 5 francs a year, and contains notices of company events, the names of the members of the different patrols and sixes, a welcome to the recruits, and a God-speed to those leaving the group.

At the end of the present number comes a little prose poem, which I am going to translate, though it loses its rhythm by translation:—

"It is easy to find happiness in the world if we know  
where to look for it.  
For happiness dwells in ourselves:  
It does not depend on things nor on people,  
It depends on yourself alone, and on God."





## What Our Guides Expect

"A FORTNIGHT to-day," I announced, "there will be an election of Patrol Leaders. Lieutenant and I thought it might help you to choose the right people if we all talked over beforehand 'What a Patrol expects of its Leader.' So come with lots of ideas next week, and we'll discuss!"

The company was enthusiastic. On the appointed day all turned up, eager to express their opinions. The existing Leaders and Seconds were sent away to write answers to the questions: "What does a Leader expect of her patrol?" and "What does a Leader expect of her Second?"

Meanwhile the Guides formed a ring, and numbered round in threes; ones, twos and threes making separate patrols. To each was given a paper with the question, "What does a patrol expect of its Leader?" (It was instructive to note who were the natural Leaders, taking the initiative in each group as soon as their own P.L.'s were removed.)

After twenty minutes the rally whistle was sounded, and a most interesting discussion followed the reading of each patrol's paper. On the whole, most of the same points came up in each group, so the combined total, as representative of the opinion of the whole company, is here given.

### What a Leader expects of her Patrol.

1. To be obedient.
2. To be loyal and back her up.
3. To be regular and punctual.
4. To be ready for inspection, whether in uniform or not (recruits).
5. To sink individual likes and dislikes for the good of the patrol.
6. To be thoroughly prepared for any badge or test they wish to take.
7. To help with the work of the patrol.
8. To work steadily on towards First Class.
9. To be keen to make their patrol the best.
10. To be reliable, cheerful and true sports!

### What a Leader expects of her Second.

1. To back her up.
2. To be capable of helping members of patrol with their tests.
3. To be capable of taking the patrol when the Leader is absent.
4. To set a good example of prompt obedience, neatness of uniform, silence, etc.
5. To have ideas, and think out schemes for the patrol.
6. To help the Leader in her job of making her patrol the best.

### What a Patrol expects of its Leader.

1. To set a good example at all times.
2. To have plenty of patience.
3. To keep all the Guide Laws.
4. To be able to keep order.
5. To be enthusiastic, and have plenty of ideas.
6. To be regular and punctual in her attendance.
7. To help all her Guides.
8. To do all she can for the good of the patrol.
9. To make her patrol the best.
10. To be cheerful, reliable, and a Sport.

We ended by reading what "Pages for P.L.'s" says on the subject.

Then a little voice asked, "Captain, couldn't we have 'What the company expects of its Guiders?'"

Shouts of approval greeted this, so we hastily agreed (not without inward qualms), delighted to welcome an idea from the Guides themselves. The week after the election therefore, we settled down once again to hard mental exercise.

"And please, Guides," I begged, "will you put a cross against anything you consider I fail in? It will be a great help to me."

Half way through the proceedings I overheard a violent altercation in the Poppies. "A cross, a cross!" "No, a tick, a tick!" In the end both a tick and a cross were put down, as no agreement had been reached as to whether or no I was strict enough! The ticks, to show approval, were their own idea, by the way.

Here is the combined result of the four patrol's work:—

### What a Company expects of its Captain.

1. To be smart at all times.
2. To be always jolly.
3. To be always ready to attend to a person wanting to pass a test.
4. To treat everyone the same, i.e. be fair, and not have favourites.
5. To be ready to suggest meetings (programmes).
6. To be neat, tidy and clean, and in uniform.
7. To set an excellent example in keeping the Guide Laws.
8. To be ready to hear anyone's grumbles.
9. To be punctual.
10. To be patient.
11. To be thorough.
12. To be considerate to others.
13. To make recruits thrilled.
14. To carry out things passed by Court of Honour.
15. To carry in their pockets useful things.
16. Not to grumble and grouse at the company.
17. To be able to tell Guides of things they do wrong, kindly.
18. To discuss things carefully and fully.
19. To work hard for the company, and be sports.
20. To give the company a good time.
21. To be able to teach us things and tell us stories.
22. To be strict.
23. To do as Guides want as far as games are concerned.
24. To have plenty of good ideas.
25. To be the kind of person to whom Guides could confide their muddles.

A formidable list of qualities! We had plenty of laughter over it, and it produced a real spirit of friendship and pulling-together. But it gave me much food for thought, for it shed an invaluable light on the attitude of our Guides. They had put few crosses; but I could not avoid knowing how many should be there. . . .

Do we Guiders all realise how much our Guides expect of us? Do we accept our responsibilities with a full sense of their seriousness?

Though my company approved of me on the whole, I believe I have never felt so humble as when they put before me in writing what they expected of their captain. And if I can help it, I'm not going to let them down!

M. B. FOOTE.





# HIKING AND LIGHTWEIGHT CAMPING

By A. M. MAYNARD

## VII. CAMP SENSE.

THEY were out when the Camp Adviser arrived; the captain and her four Rangers, but they were secretly rather pleased when they saw her prowling round, tape measure in hand, for they were proud of their little week-end home. Their whole equipment had been carried from the station on their backs and erected in less than an hour, leaving time for a good meal and a walk before turning in. This was Sunday afternoon, and it seemed that much had happened since they had left work twenty-four hours ago.

They greeted the C.A. with pleasure.

"Surely," she said, as they came up, "you could not have boiled your billies on this tiny fire-place?" She pointed to a few half-burnt sticks lying between two small logs. She had noticed two billies under the eaves of one of the two small lightweight tents, with some plates and mugs, and added, "Where is your store tent?"

They took her to what looked like an elongated balloon made of butter muslin, hanging from the branch of a tree, and from another branch hung an oil-silk bag containing the bread. The C.A. looked puzzled; she thought of those rows of boxes generally seen in store tents and asked again, "Have you no fruit or vegetables?"

Yes, they were also close by, hanging in a net bag.

"I would like to see your grease pit and 'soak-away'," she said, still wondering what to write under the many headings of her note book, none of which corresponded with what she had yet seen. For the grease pit they took her to a spot where a square foot of turf had been rolled back; no rusty biscuit tin marked the site; there were no twigs to move aside and reveal the greasy water that should, but so rarely does, disappear, but there were just a little heap of tea-leaves proving that the tiny fire *had* boiled the billies. The C.A. solemnly stooped down and measured the size of the pit and asked to see the soak-away. It appeared that they either had not washed or that their soapy water had soaked away; she was beginning to fear the worst of these wild campers, but could only think of saying that she had heard that soap was bad for the digestion of cows (though, may be, so are nettles, amongst which the soapy water had doubtless trickled).

When they took her to inspect their latrine, a thing she had, prior to their arrival, taken to be a hanging shower bath, consisting as it did of a few yards of material hung from a tree and pegged down at the four corners (Fig. 1), she had made up her mind that this really could not be allowed to pass. Inside there was nothing but a trowel, some paper in a Woolworth oil-silk tobacco pouch, and

a hole a foot deep, to show what it was. To make matters worse, it was only nine yards from the tents.

She was sorry, very sorry (as the camp was so tidy), to turn it down; but there are limits. Now had they been children playing at camp, it would be different, she said. And she passed on to visit another camp.

"Why would it have been different," said the latest recruit who had until then thought that that was what they had been doing. "And why if she did not know it was a latrine does it have to be 50 yards away?"

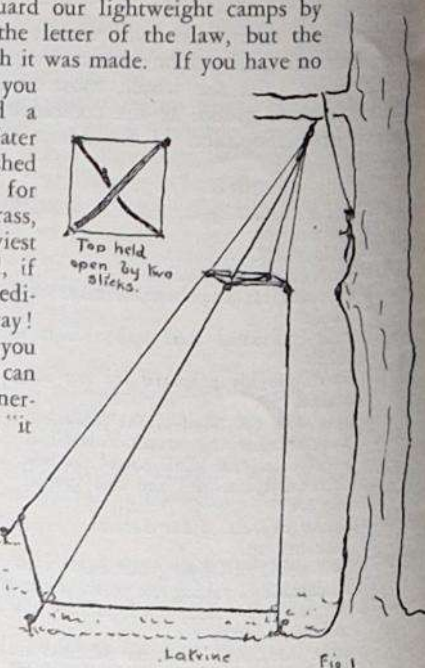
"It's the Rule," said the captain loyally, if a little sadly, as she thought of the effort it had been to raise that half-crown for this inspection.

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The captain was right to be loyal, for rules have had to be made. The test exams, the tiresome forms, the C.A.'s visits, have all contributed to produce a very high standard of camping throughout the country, and so opened many a site to us that would have been closed, especially now when hikers and caravaners go camping with no knowledge or experience.

Now, as we cannot have a fresh rule for every camp, we must safeguard our lightweight camps by satisfying not the letter of the law, but the reason for which it was made. If you have no

greasy water you do not need a grease pit. Water you have washed in is useful for watering the grass, and on the heaviest clay soil it will, if scattered, immediately soak away! The same fire you cook on, you can use for an incinerator afterwards; "it all depends," as the C.A. said. You may not care to sit round the smell of burning eggshells, that is for you to





decide, or you may be away out walking, then how about your neighbours? You may have many erections and pits and yet successfully hide from the C.A. your sardine tins under a bush, but the winter comes and the bush is bare, exposing the tins and marking the site for all who pass, and for the owner who lent his land, as the place where the 17th ——— Guides held their last summer camp. There are some latrines to which one never wants to be nearer than fifty yards, but others which are kept so well covered with surface earth that they would do no harm in a house, and so it seems that only intelligent people should be allowed to camp, so difficult is it to legislate for everyone. Just as we talk of road sense, so we need to cultivate "camp sense."



Fig. 3

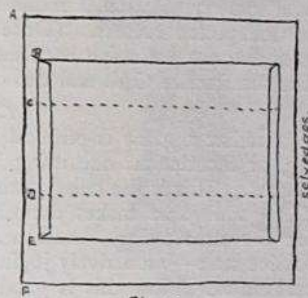


Fig. 2

Now, this lightweight camping party before mentioned had this camp sense, and this is what they took:—

**Tents.** Two lightweight tents and ground sheets slung on their tent poles and carried in turn on the well-padded shoulders of two campers.

**Latrine screening, cooking, general equipment and food** was divided evenly among the party.

**Bedding,** made into a roll, was strapped to their ruc-sacs, above, and at the waist line.

On arrival at the site, the tents were erected to the north-east of a small wood and as near to the water as the shelter allowed; equipment and a little wood they placed under cover as the weather looked unsettled, and they then stretched themselves on the ground for a quarter of an hour's rest before drawing lots for their jobs.

The following are some of the utensils they used and how to make them:—

#### THE HANGING LARDER.

Take two pieces of butter muslin 36 in. wide, one of 3 ft. long and one of 2 ft. Place the small one in the centre of the large one after turning the edge of the inside one back about three inches, and sew across at C and D (Fig. 2). Then tie the edges together with a string by a clove hitch at A, B, E and F, and place aluminium plates, or penny toffee tins, in the sections (Fig. 3) and see that the selvedge edge overlaps.

The distance B, C, and D, E, depends on the radius of the plate or tin used; any shaped tin can be used as trays. In this larder, cheese, bacon and marmalade, etc., were kept, and butter in a cream carton. Any one who has tried using butter from its own paper in hot weather will appreciate the advantage.

#### STORES.

Dry ingredients were stored in an old canvas bucket, each in its own bag, the whole covered with a piece of rubber

cloth, and whether for a camp of three or thirty, this is a good way to keep them. When camping in the Alps with thirty-six Rangers in a herdsman's chalet we had all our dry food stored in calico bags and kept them in a tin box measuring 2 ft. x 1 ft. x 1 ft. Each bag was tied round its neck with a tape and had an aluminium label sewn to its edge (Fig. 4). The labels were cut from a strip of aluminium from an automatic machine which stamped thirty-two letters for a 1d. We could not have used any shelves for food in that chalet as it was so old



that it was full of wood dust. In this our food kept clean, dry and vermin-proof, except on the day when a Ranger shut a mouse in the box! It is surprising the amount of stores that can be packed in a small space owing to there being no waste space between the bags, and much time is saved by having everything labelled and in the same place; on striking camp the quartermaster had nothing to do but roll up her empty bags and offer her tin for kit. The sizes of the bags were determined by making out a rough menu, and then fixing quantities needed in reference to shopping days, as only eggs and milk and cheese were near by!  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. of coffee and some vermicelli was all that was over. The bags were mostly the same depth but varied in width so as to make all the labels visible at once. The extra weight of one tin box did not prevent our carrying ourselves all our equipment (except two boilers lent us), whenever necessary, as we did from the boat to the train, etc.

If you do not want to take sugar bowls to camp, empty your quick-cooking oats into the calico bag, and cut the box down to size required, leaving sufficient lining to protect the sugar when not in use. Cerebos salt is sold in tins with a lip. Pepper is sold in small containers ready for use. Tie a piece of wet cardboard over your jam pot and you will have a firm lid when dry.

Bread is bulky and must be kept moist. In this small camp it hung wrapped in tissue paper suspended in an oil-silk bag sold at Woolworth's for 6d. as a tennis-racket cover. This holds two and a half small loaves. In the large camp, an old pillow slip put inside a tent bag and hung from a beam, served the purpose well.

#### THE GREASE PIT.

First we have to remember that the surface soil is absorbent and full of worms and bacteria which destroy refuse. When we dig deep, even if we are not on clay, the grease lines the pit and holds the water there. A rabbit hole is ideal, and as the nurseries are never down these holes no harm is done. Failing a rabbit hole an excellent grease

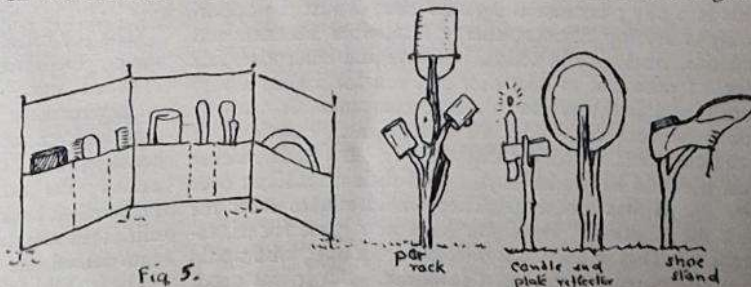


Fig. 5.



pit was described in last month's GUIDER by "Bash." The greasy water is spread under the turf in the surface soil and the bucket may be dispensed with. But whatever kind of grease drain you have, don't overtax its powers by pouring water down it which is not greasy, or make water greasy unnecessarily by plunging plates with lumps of butter on them into the wash bowl. A wooden scraper is easily made, or you can use grease-proof lining to plates—1/6 will purchase sufficient grease-proof paper for a week for thirty Guides. It is very quickly cut up, as a whole ream can be cut up into six-inch squares in five minutes with a dinner knife. One plate is then all you need, each course being on a new piece of paper, the old one with its scraps and grease just burnt!

#### TOILET.

A handy receptacle for brush, comb, and other things required, is often made by making pockets of balloon cloth and sewing into the seams some old umbrella ribs (Fig. 5). This also makes a screen for a Primus stove if one is used.

#### BOOTS.

The simplest and a most effectual boot rack is an upright stick, forked for preference, on which each boot is hung (Fig. 5).

Por racks, tables and other useful camp furniture for large camps are described in THE GUIDER for May and July. The point to remember in making them is that "a triangle encloses a fixed space," a square collapses. So make your triangle in everything, either by lashing wood or by rope guys.

The idea of these lightweight camp contrivances is that they should be easy and quick to erect, that they should be simple, cheap and home-made, and that they should be light to carry. With those who prefer to take a city of wood with them, or to spend their time building one on the spot, I have no quarrel; the children are living in the good fresh air, learning much by making things, and having the fun and friendship of camp.

What does it really matter, as long as we camp?

## Games and Guides

By VERA BARCLAY.

### SCOUTING GAMES FOR GUIDES.

**T**HOUGH there are certain games that girls will play and boys won't, I have never found boys' games unpopular with girls. Girls often play them in a slightly different spirit—with more noise and laughter, and less earnestness or ferocity of combat. But in a general way the games are equally suitable for them, and do them a lot of good.

Just because girls respond more easily to outward, formal discipline, people may be inclined to impose dull games on them, with much waiting of turns, drill-like movements, not much excitement—games that boys would not stand. This is a pity; because the games' time is just the opportunity to develop alertness, energy, team-work, keenness and ambition, discipline in action, initiative and enterprise, fair play. I once had to take over and run for a time a very unruly and in every way difficult company. It was my first experience of Guides. I treated them exactly as if they were Scouts. It worked marvellously—and much quicker than it would have with boys. And their enthusiasm over new games was amusing. They would run to meet me with the question, "Have you got a new game for us, to-night?" That in itself was different from boys, who would have clamoured for the latest favourite. But it was good.

### BUT NOT FOR BROWNIES.

All this does not apply to Brownies. Running a pack of Brownies for a year showed me that you can't treat Brownies and Cubs alike; and especially not in their games. It may surprise people that I find children of the two sexes different, and adolescents more alike. It is not a theory, or a desire to be original. It is simply that coming to the Brownies straight from years of Cubbing, I was always doing the wrong thing; or getting surprises where I least expected them. Whereas, facing Guides with some trepidation, I found myself and my boy-methods an unexpected success. (Once beyond adolescence, I surmise that the sexes fall back into the very same differences that characterise Cubs and Brownies.)

### JOY.

Whether a game is physical training, or character training, or instruction, one thing it must be—enjoyed by the players. This is the chief justification of games.

A good game makes the players of it perfectly happy for the time being. And not only happy—which is a passive state—but actively joyful, keen, full of laughter and excitement. Now this is good in many ways.

To begin with it is a tonic, physically. It braces up the nerves and muscles, and increases circulation. It is not only the exercise that does this, but the joy. Imagine, for instance, that you are standing opposite a row of young Guides, their eyes fixed on you, wondering what you are going to say. You tell them of a jolly game which is going to fill the rest of the evening, describing its romantic details, its exciting moments, its funny episodes, its chances of testing skill and courage. The eyes grow bright, the faces round and smiling and pink, the bodies at ease, but toned up ready for action. So far there has been no exercise; just the joy caused by hearing about a game has had a physical effect.

### THE OPPOSITE.

But supposing, instead of speaking of a game, you had given that waiting row a telling off. Announced that there had been laziness in work; that failure in the district competition was likely, and the rest of the evening must be spent learning up poisons and their antidotes. To crown all you administer an admonition on good conduct, and a solemn warning to miscreants. Now look at those faces. They are not pink and smiling; the eyes are dull; there is an awkward tension of the body—people given to fidgets are fidgeting; shoulders droop with inertia. So far no physical effort has exhausted these Guides: it is just that they are suffering from the opposite of joy. If, then, mere talk can have this marked physical effect, what must the actual playing of a happy game do for these young bodies, which long hours of indoor work, or sitting still in school, have tired out?

### SPIRITUAL VALUE OF GAMES.

The joy caused by the playing of games is also a mental tonic. Depressed, anxious or disappointing thoughts are crowded out. Even girls suffering from apathy, discouragement or a sense of inferiority, can find in games a way back to health of mind. The consciousness of personal success, of energetic action, of co-operation with others; the excitement and happy laughter, all put the personality back in the condition in which young personalities should be. This will tend to prepare the ground into which the seeds of Guide ideals may be sown, later to bear good fruit.



# Scenes from Guide History

ON May 21st, the Camberwell and Lambeth Divisions held a Rally on the Crystal Palace Sports Ground.

After the march past of nearly 3,000 Guides, at which Mrs. Mark Kerr took the salute, the nine Districts portrayed some of the events in 21 years of Guide History.

Each District performed an episode lasting six minutes.

The first District (North Lambeth) showed the birth of Organised Guiding, when a few girls dressed in khaki skirts and wideawake hats insisted upon taking part in the 1909 Boy Scouts' Rally at the Crystal Palace. The girls were shown in the ordinary dress of that day, playing games. Then a troop of Scouts with their band marched through the grounds to enter the Crystal Palace and the girls tried to follow, but they were refused admittance until they could smarten themselves. A quick change was made, girls in the audience being ready to change places with the first lot, and they now appeared in the original dress described and were allowed to follow the Scouts amid great cheers.

Then followed four episodes showing pioneer companies in their original uniforms.

East Dulwich in blue uniforms and red tam-o'-shanters performed a clever bicycle drill, with a signaller up a tree issuing commands.

Brixton showed how an ambulance squad had its chance, when a man fell off some scaffolding in a street scene.

Pioneer hikers were shown by Camberwell, and their dispute was settled by a boxing match.

These were followed by four historic events in the life of the Movement: War work, by East Brixton, was shown by the Guides assisting as Hospital Orderlies, Helpers at Crèches, Canteen Workers, etc., and the presentation of a Hut and Ambulance.

The granting of the Royal Charter was shown in imagination by Kennington and Vauxhall, when a King with heralds and courtiers presented the Charter to a Commissioner and a company of Guides.

The 1919 Rally in Hyde Park was portrayed by Peckham Rye. Two displays given there were repeated. Fire drill included Guides jumping from a ladder on to a tarpaulin, bucket drill and fireman's lift. Trek carts were speedily dismantled and reassembled by two com-



The 1919  
Rally.

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peting teams. Queen Alexandra herself was represented, driven on to the ground in a beautiful carriage drawn by eight Guides and was most impressive.

Then followed an episode by Peckham, showing the growth of the Movement, illustrating how Brownies, Rangers, Cadets, came into being.

The History was brought to a close by West Dulwich, who, as Guides of to-day, formed the figures 1911-1932.

Each episode was described on the programme and by a running commentary, made possible by a loud speaker supplied by the Standard Telephone Company.

The whole of the History was taken from Mrs. Mark Kerr's book, "The Story of the Girl Guides," kindly lent to the producer before it appeared in print.

P. M. F.

## Commissioners' Training Week at Foxlease

- A for ALERT we Commissioners must be,
- B for the BARN where we meet prompt at three,
- C for CAMP FIRE we have e're we sleep,
- D for the DIARY that most of us keep,
- E for our EMPIRE spread far and wide,
- F is for FOXLEASE our home and our pride,
- G for the GAMES in which a Guide delights,
- H is for HIKE, when we all get midge bites,
- I is for INDIA, so well represented,
- J for the JOLLY good tests they've invented,
- K is for KNOTS which turn our hair grey,
- L for our LEADERS who have lots to say,
- M is for MORSE not so easy to learn,
- N NATURALIST BADGE which all Guides should earn,
- O for the ORDERLY tasks we all share,
- P our PATROLS which to leave we don't dare,
- Q is a DIFFICULT letter to choose,  
I've not found a word so hope you'll excuse,
- R for the ROUNDS which we sing every night,
- S for the SESSIONS so helpful and bright,
- T for the TALKS by Miss Wolton so splendid,
- U UNION JACK from the flagstaff suspended,
- V for our VESPER, a tune Guides can tell,
- W WASHING-UP by "Greenfinches" done well,
- Y for the YOUTH of our country in Guiding,
- Z for the ZEAL in our Guiders we're finding,





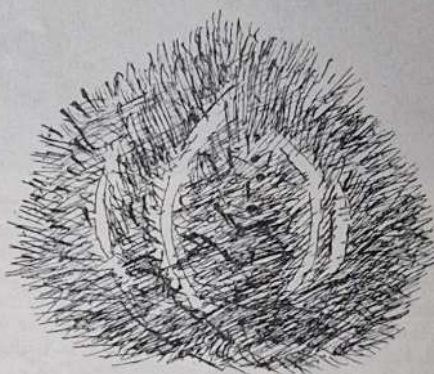
# THE PATH

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## Tracking by the Seashore

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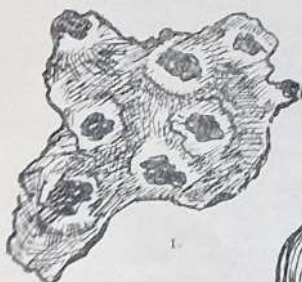
ON the sea-shore the empty shells of *Sea Urchins* are often to be found. Sometimes they have been denuded of their spines by the waves, but frequently they are veritable little "Sea hedgehogs," showing their prickly mode of protection. It will be well worth while seeking the living animal as it crawls, mouth downwards, over the sandy bottom of a rock pool. Then we shall see that it uses its spines in locomotion, besides having five rows of tube feet which protrude through tiny holes in the shell. Possibly it will cling to a rock and bite off food with its five long teeth. These teeth are fastened into an elaborate bony structure, and form a cone-shaped white object which can sometimes be found on the beach. As it was first mentioned by Aristotle (the Father of Natural History) who remarked on its shape, it is known as "Aristotle's Lantern."



Sea Urchin.



Serpula on Pecten.



Acorn Barnacles.

1. Group on rock.
2. One on mussel shell.



2.

Everyone knows by sight the white limey tubes so common on fragments of rock that have been washed to shore. Each tube has been the home of a sea-worm called *Serpula*. It makes its home unconsciously from a lime secretion given out by the body, and from the mouth of the tube it waves bright coloured tentacles, which drive food into its mouth. But on the approach of an enemy the plumes are drawn in and the entrance closed with a club-like plug. This is only one of many interesting sea-worms which live in tubes. Another very common one, called *Spirorbis*, lives in minute white, spirally-coiled tubes found on sea-weeds and shells.

We all know, too, the carpet of little sharply-pointed pyramids which prick our feet as we paddle in the pools.

These are *Acorn Barnacles*, which are probably the most abundant animal of the shore. The shell is a part of the animal itself, and the floor of it is cemented to a rock. If a bit of the rock is chipped off and placed in a jar of seawater, the animal will lift the top of the case, and through the opening thus formed a number of beautiful feather-like appendages will appear, lashing the water in

order to obtain particles of food. The acorn barnacle is related to shrimps and crabs.

The last four shore-tracks to be described are egg-cases, which are very often thrown up on the beach. The eggs of the *Whelk* are laid in little horny capsules, forming a sponge-like mass. Occasionally, after a storm, one is fortunate in finding a cluster in which the capsules are occupied by baby whelks, but usually those found on the beach are empty. The egg-cases of the *Skate* and *Dogfish* are known as "Mermaids' Purses," and are



Egg Case of Whelk.

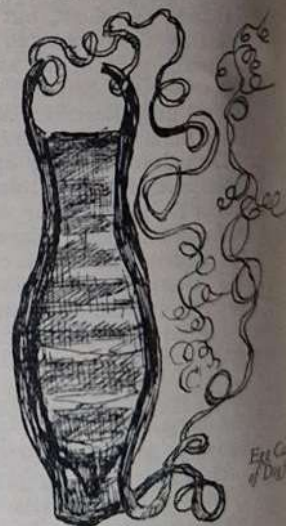


Aristotle's Lantern.

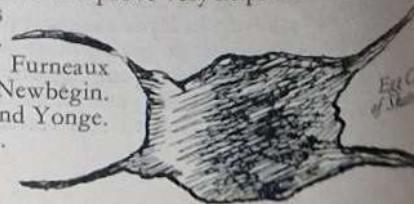
Teeth.

The skate deposits the capsule containing her eggs in the sand in rather deep water. Two spines project above the sand and conduct water containing air to the developing fish. The dogfish capsules are attached by their tendrils to the stems of seaweeds. The eggs of both these fish, being so well protected, take many months to hatch, unlike those of most fishes which lack this protection.

The following books will prove very helpful to all who are interested in this branch of Tracking. *Life of the Seashore*. Furneaux. *Life by the Seashore*. Newbegin. *The Seas*. Russell and Yonge. A. HIBBERT WARE.



Egg Case of Dogfish.



Egg Case of Skate.



# DISCOVERY

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## Wild Flowers Month by Month

AUGUST.

A hunt along the sea coasts will reward the searcher with flowers that cannot be found anywhere else; for there are a great number of plants that will only grow by the sea—and also a great many more that will grow inland, but are more plentiful within reach of sea air.

A rocky coast will provide some kinds of flowers, and a long stretch of sand will give a different sort of plant. Again, other plants like the saltings, and mud-flats that are occasionally to be met with round our shores.

One of the commonest, and perhaps the best known, of the seaside flowers is the Thrift, *Armeria maritima*, which has a head of very pretty pink flowers at the end of a flower stalk of about six or eight inches in height. The leaves grow in a close clump and are very narrow, almost grasslike, and only about half the length of the flower-stalk. A curious thing about Thrift is that a form of it is also found on the tops of some of the highest Scotch mountains!

A near relation of the Thrift is Sea Lavender, of which there are three species in England. One, however, is very rare, and only occurs in two or three of the eastern counties; the second is not at all common. The one most often seen is *Statice Limonium*, which likes to grow in marshy places, and when it is fully out makes a beautiful sheet of delicate lilac colour often stretching for many square yards. It grows to about the same height as the

Thrift, but has broader leaves, and its head of flowers is much branched and spreading, sometimes forming a flat top two or three inches across—not at all like the spikes of Lavender that we know in our gardens!

The Sea Arrowgrass, *Triglochin maritimum*, is quite an interesting little plant that may be found in marshes near the sea. It is not a grass, in spite of its name and appearance, but is related to the Pondweeds that grow in floating masses in rivers.

A lovely flower that grows on shingle or cliffs, but does not like mud-flats, is the Yellow Horned Poppy, *Glaucium luteum*. This you will recognise at once as being a Poppy, in spite of its yellow colour. Its leaves are rather large and broad. It is

useless to pick it, for its petals will drop almost at once. After flowering, the seed-pods elongate to a considerable length—often to nearly a foot—and it is then easy to see how it got the name of "Horned" Poppy!

Samphire, *Crithmum maritimum*, is another interesting seaside plant, which always grows out of reach of even the highest tides! It is a thick, fleshy plant, with leaves much divided into linear segments (which means that the segments are more than four times as long as broad), and greenish, small flowers that grow in an umbel.

Golden Samphire, although it has the same name in English, belongs to quite a different family, the Composites, and it is known botanically as *Inula Crithmoides*. This also is a fleshy plant—this being rather a peculiarity of seaside flowers—but it grows to a foot or more in height, and has small, long-shaped leaves all up its stem. The main stem branches slightly at the top, and each branch bears a head of bright golden flowers. It may be found both on the sides of rocks and on mud-flats, in which place it is often accompanied by the Sea Aster, *Aster tripolium*; this is more like a small Michaelmas Daisy than a garden Aster.

Sometimes upon a bank of shingle you will come upon a very curious prickly little plant, with little short green leaves that end in a sharp spine. It will appear at first sight to have no flowers, but careful examination will show what is a minute flower close down in the axils of the leaves. This is *Salsola Kali*, Saltwort.

Another almost equally curious little plant is Glasswort, *Salicornia herbacea*, which prefers rather moister ground

to grow in. A small specimen of this plant may consist of no more than a single upright thick stem, only a few inches high! It has a jointed appearance, and at the joints can be seen all that there is of a flower—on a bright sunny day the minute stamens are quite conspicuous! A good specimen may attain eight or ten inches in height, and be much branched.

SYLVIA HAINES.

[Illustrations of the Sea-shore by Marguerite de Beaumont.]



Sea Arrowgrass.



Sea Lavender.





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*St. Alban's Abbey.*

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# Guide Sunday



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*Ely Cathedral.*

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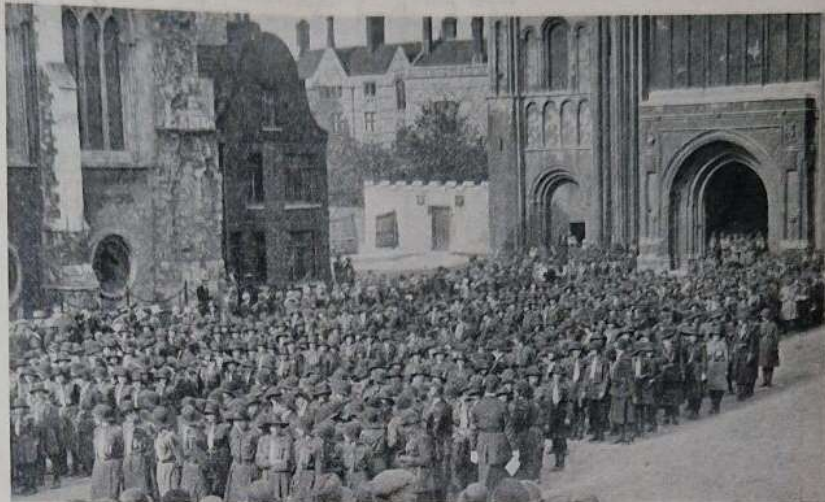
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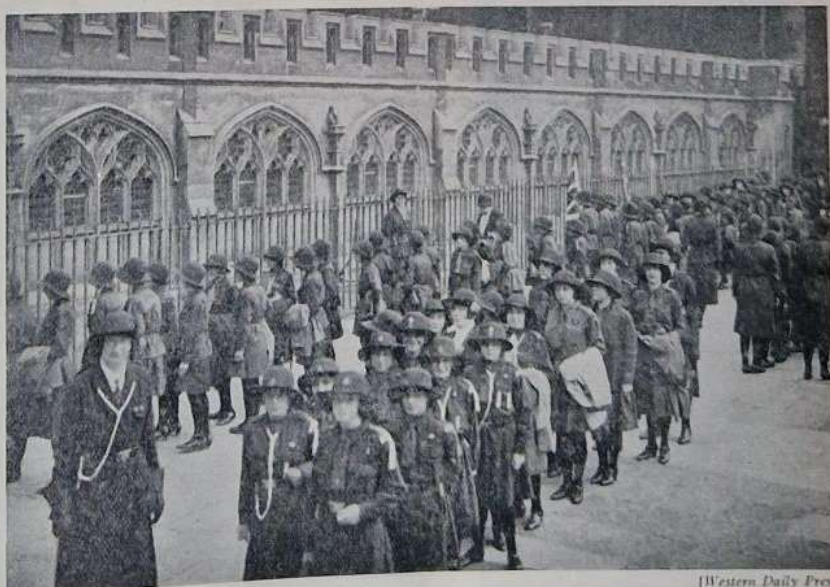
Norwich Cathedral.

[Norfolk News.]

# May 29th, 1932



High Guards at Downpatrick  
[Photo.]



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Outside Bath Abbey.

[Western Daily Press.]



# TENT PEGS



No. 1. Don't drive your pegs in this way. Note the cramped position of the arm, and mallet, and the grip of the handle which is too near the head. Compare the fixture of the mallet head on the shaft with that in No. 2.



No. 2. This is the way to start your peg, standing behind it, and grasping your mallet well at the end of the handle. Note that the head of the mallet is driven well on to the handle.

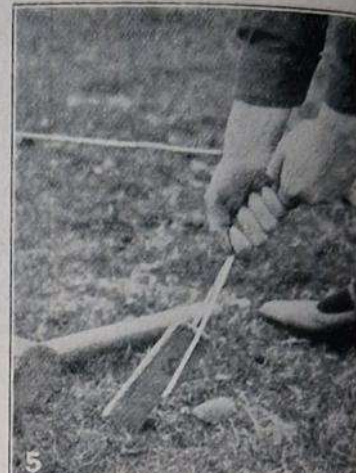
No. 3. Continue to drive in your peg in this manner, using the foot as shown if necessary, as in light soils, to correct the slant of the peg.

No. 4. Start to slacken your pegs this way, tapping as shown, and also on the direct opposite edge, to loosen before taking off the guy-line. Compare with No. 7.

No. 5. The peg will come out this way with the aid of the guy-line on most occasions, particularly after loosening as in No. 4.

No. 6. A good strong pull in this manner with occasional "wiggles" will often remove a tight peg.

No. 7. Do not tap a peg on the sides in this manner. MAC.







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[Southern Newspapers.

The "Living" Birthday Cake at Southampton.

Further photographs and news are published this month about the celebrations in Guide Week. As explained in last month's GUIDER, it is unfortunately impossible to publish more than a fraction of the news received in cuttings or sent in from companies and districts.

## GUIDE WEEK

MAY 23rd—29th.

### SOUTHAMPTON.

WHEN our Division Commissioner asked us to produce the Birthday Cake for the Rally which was to celebrate in our area the Coming-of-Age of the Movement, we felt very proud and honoured, but an extremely uncomfortable feeling soon made itself apparent in the region of our knees, when we realised the responsibility and trust given to us.

We have attached to our company a "Mothers' Association," of which ten members have formed themselves into an Executive Committee, this committee "Mothers" us in all our enterprises. So we at once called a meeting and began to assemble the ingredients for our "Cake."

#### Ingredients:—

- 21 Girl Guides of the same height, in uniform with the exception of their hats.
- 21 white paper placards weighted with wooden batons top and bottom, and each bearing a given letter.
- 21 triangular strips of calico with a round hole for Guide's head, and another for a candle each fastened with press studs, and a brass ring on apex of each section.

- 21 ordinary long wax candles with flame made of crêpe paper.
- 21 crêpe paper caps fashioned in the form of pink roses and kept in place with rubber bands.
- 1 circle of cane 26 ft. in circumference.
- 1 green crêpe cake frill 26 ft. in circumference.
- 1 strip of pink crêpe paper ribbon 26 ft. in circumference, and enough over for a bow.
- 1 small Guide, 1 Brownie, 2 Guides, 1 sword or dagger.
- 1 very fine, windless day, and plenty of courage.

Cost about 25/- and one sleepless night.

#### Method.

Lay placards in circle forming the words, "Many Happy Returns of the Day." Stand each Guide in front of a letter, hang a placard on her back, placing her head through the prepared hole in the calico, likewise also the candle, fasten press studs and adjust rose petal cap. Triangular calico will now be hanging in front of the Guide, and attached to baton at back. When all slices are thoroughly dressed, assemble them in a circle, no mixing of the letters is required, and be sure to keep them in correct order. Tie the cane firmly and place it round the inside of the circle, and place the left hand of each slice upon it (the





[Photo]

Hartlepool—1911.

[Northern Daily Mail.

right hand being occupied with a candle), this will keep your cake a nice shape and help it to rise to the occasion.

Having placed your small Guide and Brownie in the extreme centre, gather the rings attached to the apex of each slice upon the tape provided and draw taut, placing the ends in the hand of the slice which bears the letter "M." Now is the time to arrange your green paper frill, which should be rather wide and drawn as tightly as possible around your cake; fasten with pins, place over this your pink paper ribbon and tie the bow.

It is most important that this bow should be tied upon the letters "M" of Many and "Y" of Day, as here the cake will be cut. Great care should be taken when moving this cake, to keep it extremely steady and in slow motion, any undue falling over uneven ground will cause the top to sink in the middle and the sides to tear. With much side-stepping and singing of "Oh, Jemima" below the breath, it is possible to bring it in intact!

Now is the time for the Division Commissioner to arrive with the Mayor, who, upon receiving a sword, "cuts" the bow and frill. (Two Guides run away with this, also the cane which is now dropped.) Slice "M" draws out the tape and your cake is cut in slices. Still inaudibly humming "Jemima," the slices will part between the letters "M" of "Many" and "Y" of "Day," gradually wheeling into a long straight (you hope) line. At this stage a whistle is necessary, when the words will divide by the slices concerned unlinking arms and extending them sideways at full length, and the cake will be seen wishing the on-lookers "Many Happy Returns of the Day," a second whistle will close your slices, when it will wheel to another front and proceed as before. This should be done on all sides.

Meanwhile the small Guide and Brownie have come out of your cake, and have walked to the Camp Fire where lieutenant and a Ranger give to them a lighted taper, which they hand to the Mayor who lights the huge Camp Fire.

The Cake, fearing the flames might dissolve its icing, takes a right turn and marches off to be undressed by those wonderful "Mothers," to whom it owes in great measure its success, but the slices themselves must not be overlooked, and last, but by no means least, our good friends the printers (Messrs. Cox & Sharland) for the printing and their many helpful suggestions.

MARIAN ALLEN,  
Captain, 4th Southampton West Company.

## SOUTH AFRICA.

## MAFEKING.

Mafeking Guides held a Thanksgiving Service in the Town Hall on Guide Sunday, and also held a delightful Birthday Party. There was a three-tier Birthday Cake, with twenty-one candles on it, and the cake was cut by the youngest Brownie.

## PORT ELIZABETH.

A big camp fire was held for Scouts and Guides to celebrate the Guide Birthday Year, and a penny collection from the public who were listening yielded thirty shillings for the District Nurses' Fund. Over two hundred gifts were received to give to various charities, brought by the Guides and Brownies to the Sunday Service, and about £5 was handed to the hospital to decorate the new Children's Ward. The Rangers acted a scene from "Midsummer Night's Dream," and made £5 15s. 6d., also given to the hospital.

## ORKNEY.

Even in these far-away islands of the north, and in spite of an epidemic of scarlet fever in Kirkwall, Brownies and Guides made a splendid egg collection for the Balfour Hospital. The eggs were carefully packed and despatched by steamer. The Guides attended a special service on Guide Sunday.



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Hartlepool—1932.

[Northern Daily Mail.



### MORTLAKE.

Mortlake Guides decided that in Guide Week they would offer their services to the public, and do any odd jobs they might be asked to undertake.

Both Guides and Rangers found many opportunities to prove their worth by cleaning brass and silver, cars and bicycles; darning and sewing, washing-up and cleaning; and perhaps gardening—weeding and grass-cutting was the job for which they found the greatest demand.

A big bonfire ended the celebrations, when about three hundred Guides gathered round and held a short ceremony. In answer to the Division Commissioner's question as regards their special duty, the Brownies cried, "Lend a Hand," the Guides, "Be Prepared," and the Rangers, "Render Service," and at the same time one from each company threw a piece of wood on the fire.



*Mortlake Good Turns.*

### NORTH STEPNEY.

North Stepney district decided that their good turn should be on behalf of the Providence (Row) Night Refuge and Home.

Nearly 300 Brownies, Guides and Rangers gathered in the refectory, and presented unit by unit, gifts of lb. tins of cocoa, amounting in all to nearly 100 lbs., for the benefit of the poor people assisted by the institution. During the season just concluded the Night Refuge has provided 44,023 nights' lodgings, suppers and breakfasts to the destitute poor.



*Photo*

*[Graphic Photo Union.]*

*North Stepney and the Tins of Cocoa.*

### PERTH.

The Commissioner for Perth let it be known that she would be delighted to receive requests for the services of Guides in Guide Week. The response was very gratifying, and Guides became gardeners, charladies, and messengers all through the week.

They also collected toys and clothing for the poor children in the city, and a very large amount of this was available for disposal through many welfare agencies.

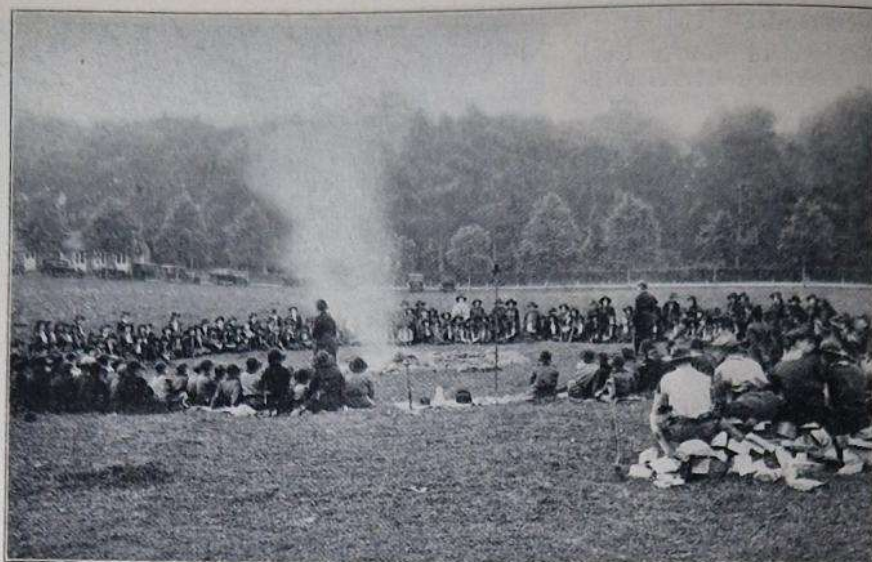
### ALTON.

Alton held a rally on May 28th, and on Guide Sunday there was a special service in the Parish Church. Mrs. Eggar, the District Commissioner, planted a cherry tree in memory of the year, and soil from Pax Hill, the Chief's home was used in the planting. Mrs. Eggar explained why it was that a cherry tree had been chosen, and said that the birthdays of both the Chiefs were on February 22nd, the same as George Washington's birthday, and it was called Cherry Day because when Washington was a little boy he cut down his father's cherry tree, and when questioned said he could not tell a lie, he had cut it down! She hoped that the Alton tree would proudly grow outside the hospital and remind passers by of the Guides.



*Tree-planting at Alton.*





*At Oswestry.*

## WHAT IS THE RING OF ADVENTURERS?

**M**ANY Guiders have been to a Ring, but there are a tremendous number who, on hearing that a Ring of Adventurers is to be held in their part of the world, look quite blank and have not the slightest notion what it is all about. It is to these Guiders that I would like to explain what the Ring is, why we go adventuring, and for what purpose.

Just a year ago the idea dawned. First, I thought what fun it would be to go round the countryside meeting our readers—readers of *THE GUIDE*. We formed them into one giant company, because it seemed so much more friendly and Guidey to be members of *THE GUIDE*, company than just to be readers. I called myself “Captain” of *THE GUIDE* instead of “Editor,” as this again seemed more Guidey. How to meet this giant company was the next question. We found a good old car, a Morris, and this car became *THE GUIDE* car—by the name of Algernon. Our very first Ring was held at Brighton in the rain! We had announced in *THE GUIDE*, that we should be there, and that a camp fire would be lighted at 8 o’clock. Despite the rain, seventy-five adventurous spirits turned up; one or two had cycled miles. This Ring was a very experimental one, but it proved quite definitely that the spirit of adventure *is* alive in the hearts of Guides to-day, and that given opportunities they are ready for anything. We only had two other Rings last year, and then our first big one in Hyde Park in October after our Treasure Hunt. To this 1,200 adventurers turned up, and the spirit that prevailed during that Ring proved once and for all that our Ring of Adventurers was an idea that had come to stay, and that was definitely well worth while.

By this time, the first *GUIDE* car had come to a sad end, and “Gulliver,” the now famous and well-travelled Clyno, had become the symbol of adventure. The Urchin had also come into being, and was acclaimed as the mascot of *THE GUIDE*, and of all adventurers. He now travels where we travel, and receives a great welcome at every Ring. He is an elf-like soft stuffed little man, and is dressed in *THE GUIDE* colours: blue, orange, red and white. He is twelve inches tall. He writes a letter in *THE GUIDE* every week.

### *Why the Adventurers Come.*

Gulliver’s diary is printed each week in *THE GUIDE*. It is seen that a Ring of Adventurers will be held in a certain place on a certain date. How has this been arranged? Sometimes the District or Division Commissioner has written and requested the presence of Gulliver; sometimes it is a captain of a keen company of readers who has written; sometimes we have chosen to go to a certain place because we have received so many letters from the Guides themselves asking “When are you coming to . . . ?” When the Division Commissioner has not asked us herself, I have always written direct to her and asked permission to invade her part of the county, or in some cases the District Commissioner who asked us has already done this. The site for the camp fire is chosen by the District or Division Commissioner, and in most cases the C.C.A. also knows about it.

The Guides see that a Ring is to be held somewhere in their county on a certain date. They are determined to be there. Why? Because the idea has caught hold



of their romantic and eager young minds; they do not know what is going to happen at the Ring, they see that here is a chance to go adventuring on their own, and do something rather thrilling and different from anything they have done before. Their captain has probably heard that a Ring is to be held too, it was probably announced at the Guiders' meeting—or she may have heard nothing at all about it. The Guides ask her permission to go, but she is not particularly expected to make any arrangements about it; there is no collecting the whole company together to attend some function at which the company ought to be present. Captain probably comes with her Guides, but it is all quite informal.

#### *The Spirit of Comradeship.*

So they come—these adventurers. Distance matters little to them. At every Ring we have people who have bicycled miles in order to be there. At Worcester a Ranger bicycled twenty miles each way on her own. At Oxford four bicycled twenty-two miles each way, and everyone walked up a long, long hill to reach the very lovely site where we had the Ring; the very nearest bus had deposited people two miles away. Quite undeterred, over four hundred adventurers turned up. One Ranger bicycled from Edinburgh to St. Andrews because she would not miss the Ring. At every Ring, sporting Guiders have brought their companies by buses, frequently taking two hours over both journeys; they have done this because they *wanted* to, and not because they had to.

Round the camp fire the adventurers gather. There

is a buzz of chatter and expectancy at first, nobody knows quite what is going to happen next. Guides in their little groups of twos and threes sit side by side with Guides from distant towns and villages; side by side with other Guides from their own town whom they do not know. All are friends in this great big Ring, because each one is imbued with the spirit of adventure, each one has adventured out and achieved something already—she has found the Ring of Adventurers.

A very short and simple ceremony declaring the "Council Fire" open creates at once a happy friendly atmosphere, and then everyone joins in singing the Adventurers' Own Chorus which is known by all those who are readers of *THE GUIDE*, and quickly learnt by everybody else. Familiar old songs follow, one on the top of the other until everyone has found her voice and is doing her share of the singing with a will. New songs are learnt, and gradually as the evening wears on and the sun has disappeared behind the hills we quieten down to the softer songs, the songs that tell of sunsets, camp fires and the peacefulness of trees. A talk about adventure and a yarn follow, and by this time everyone feels as though she knew everyone else in the Ring quite well, we are just one big family of adventurers, one in the spirit of comradeship and Guiding . . . all friends because we are Guides and adventurers.

Presently the embers of the camp fire slowly die and the adventurers stand to sing "Jerusalem," a Vesper hymn, and Taps.

VERA MARSHALL,  
"Captain" of *THE GUIDE*.



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# THE BOOKSHELF

## HIKING.

*The Hiker's Companion.* By Bernard Stanley. (The Universal Press. 1s. 6d.)

This book might be of use to a few unimaginative youngsters. The average hiker would probably be familiar with the better part of the contents; the beginner, on the other hand, might know so little that the rather sketchy information herein contained would merely add to her confusion. Anyone seeking a clue to the identification of a wagtail, for instance, would hardly be enlightened by the following: "Wagtail—blue, yellow grey, or pied, according to the particular variety. All have tails of considerable length, which are never still, even when the bird has come to rest." And to describe an ash tree without referring to the black buds, or a wren without commenting on its size or perky tail, seems a little useless.

Presumably the idea of the author is to produce a cheap book of the "week-end" type, but my advice would be to spend the 1/6 on a good map of the district of the contemplated hike and to gather the rest of the necessary information from a library and then to indulge any special hobby, be it trees, games, singing, or whatever else, to the extent of buying one really reliable, though not necessarily expensive, book on the pet subject.

C. M.

*To Walk with Goodwill.* By Elinor D. Rhodes. (Figurehead, 18, Adam Street, W.C.2. 1s.)

This handbook is written especially for girl hikers and is well worth its low price of one shilling.

Both old and new hikers will find in it many useful hints, and the writer has managed to touch on everything the hiker needs to know, and has included other interesting information, such as the chapter on Field Photography, without making the book unduly large and costly.

It is recommended as being a little book worth buying.

E. J. L. B.

## THIS ENGLAND.

*The Projection of England.* By Sir Stephen Tallents. (Faber & Faber. 1s.)

Sir Stephen Tallents writes a persuasive plea for a School of National Projection. It is no longer safe, he says, for us to sit quietly on our island and repeat after the manner of John Lyle in 1580: "All countries stande in neede of Britaine and Britaine in none." On the contrary we should mobilise our creative artists, our press, our film industry, in an effort to impress our national personality on the world. And, says he, it is very well worth the impressing. He breaks up the fame of England into its primary colours, as he expresses it, the better to examine its brilliance. Our Monarchy, with its growing scarcity value; our Parliamentary Institutions, a first edition; the English Bible and Shakespeare; a tradition of justice, law and order in national affairs; of fair dealing in commerce; and so on. And in addition to these solid attributes which we are apt to take as a matter of course, he has an engaging list of excellences of his own compiling: the Lord Mayor of London, *The Times* and *Punch*; the Metropolitan Police and the Boy Scouts; the Derby, the Boat Race, London omnibuses, English villages, English tailoring and gardening; one could happily continue the list. Let us show forth these things and be proud of them, he insists, by means of exhibitions, films, posters, books. In 1410, Prince Henry the Navigator, established his naval college in Lisbon; its establishment gave Portugal her mastery of the new world.

Let us have a school in England "in the borderland which lies

between government and private enterprise," where youth would be trained to re-discover their own country and become its ambassadors wherever they may go.

K. STREATFEILD.

## A GUIDE STORY BOOK.

*What Happened to Peg.* By Mrs. A. C. Osborn Hann. (The Religious Tract Society. 2s.)

A tidy finish up is always satisfactory! And now our old friend Peg, whom we first knew as a delightful red-haired patrol leader in a South-East London company, has "finished up" with a tale of her own telling. As usual we have plenty of "Guide interest" in the story, as well as the village incidents, and the home life in a Somerset cottage. There is a bit of mystery, too, and an arrest—but of that no more must be said, or it will be giving away the story. Many will be sorry to say goodbye to Peg, with her cheery ways and brave heart. In saying "Good-bye," we must also say a hearty "Thank you" to Mrs. Hann for the happy hours her Peg, and Peg's adventures, and Peg's young family have given to very many Guides, Rangers and Brownies.

F. R.

## YARNS.

*Stories to tell from English Literature.* By Margaret Ker. (Harrap. 3s. 6d.)

From the Guiders' point of view—which is naturally the one to take when reviewing a book for THE GUIDER—the most useful part of this volume is that which contains the exercises at the end. What, for instance, could be a more "Guidey" exercise than the following on "Robinson Crusoe?"

1. Make up an adventure of Robinson Crusoe's which is not in the book.

2. If you were shipwrecked on a desert island what twelve things would you like to have with you?

Say why as fully as you can.

3. Draw pictures to show (a) Crusoe bringing things off the wreck on his raft. (b) Crusoe's encampment on the island.

The stories are well and clearly told but literary instincts could probably be fostered better by reading aloud portions of the old ballads and Longfellow's poems upon which some of them are founded. And surely it is a literary crime to "pot" *The Rose and the Ring*—the children's classic?

The "potter" of the tales says in her preface: "It is hoped that this book will be found suitable for children from six to ten years old."

But from our—that is the Guider—point of view, the volume is far more suitable to provide a basis for literary evenings in the Ranger company than in the Guide company, while it is in the main unsuitable for the Brownie pack—and children between the ages mentioned represent to us, of course, our Brownies.

I was recently informed by a small boy of six and a half that he prayed every night that he might not have bad dreams. Children of Brownie age are at the most impressionable stage of their lives and particularly sensitive to suggestions of "horror." No Brown Owl would wish to tell her pack the Sagas with which the volume opens, and then send them home to face the dark winter evenings; indeed the majority of the stories selected for this volume are unsuitable for young children.

While the book should be helpful to Guide and Ranger captains in providing an outline of some of our great stories, the outline should always be filled in by reading aloud a portion of the rich prose or poetry of the original. To omit to do so would be to omit the essential when setting out to introduce the company to our heritage of literature.

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#### A PLEA FOR A CAMP UNIFORM.

*To the Editor.*

DEAR EDITOR,—What is uniform? Surely the length of the skirt should be included. Now, every one chooses their own length, with disastrous results! Some Guiders go about with uniforms two sizes too big for them because they wanted a fashionable length skirt, and then they complain of the cut about the shoulders! Our Founder chose the Boy Scout uniform as being both serviceable and picturesque, almost the same can now be said of our camp uniform with its open neck and its jolly blue, when worn about tennis length. The public is still accustomed to a short length for sports, is it not now the time to fix it at, say, eighteen inches off the ground and secure for always a working length for hikes and camps, instead of being at the mercy of the changeable fashion.—Yours, etc.,

A. M. MAYNARD.

#### AN ASSISTANT CLUB LEADER WANTED.

*To the Editor.*

DEAR EDITOR,—May I bring to the notice of your readers, the need of the Time and Talents Settlement in Bermondsey for an Assistant Club Leader?

At first sight, this appeal may not appear to have much connection with Guiding, but I cannot help feeling that there may be quite a number of Guiders who have had some experience of Club work or of Guiding in industrial districts, who would like to undertake a piece of definite social work, but who cannot afford to do so entirely voluntarily.

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All particulars can be obtained from: The Warden, Time and Talents Settlement, 187, Bermondsey Street, S.E.1.—Yours, etc.,

M. A. CAMPBELL,

*Chairman, Settlement Committee.*

#### TRAVEL TO CAMP BY RAIL.

*To the Editor.*

DEAR EDITOR,—As a staunch supporter of the railways in controversy of rail versus road, may I crave space in your valuable paper at this time, when camps and outings are imminent, to urge upon Guiders to travel by rail to camp this year with the maximum of comfort, and at the same time support what is the backbone of our transport system, which in turn has been the means of building up the commerce and industry of our great country.

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The railway companies also collect camp equipment from the club-room, and deliver from the destination station to the camp site at a very reasonable charge. The local station master would be pleased to supply information with regard to charges, etc.

In recent times we have all been urged to "Buy British" and surely in supporting the railway industry of the country, we are "Buying British" by increasing the consumption of British coal, thus employing more British miners.—Yours, etc.,

A RANGER CAPTAIN,  
Derby.

## THE EDITOR'S POST BAG

#### TO THE GUIDERS OF THE FREE STATE.

*To the Editor.*

DEAR EDITOR,—A letter to THE GUIDER is perhaps the safest way of sending the thanks of the visitors to the Irish Free State International camp to the Free State Guiders scattered far and wide over the Emerald Isle. And it is a very big THANK YOU we want to send; to Lord and Lady Powerscourt for planning the camp, for the perfect camp site and their unceasing help and hospitality. To Mrs. Leigh-White and Mrs. Gosset for all the preparation, organising and running of what all agreed was a perfect camp. To Miss Findlater and Mrs. Macaulay for all the quartermastering; anxious friends asked us on our way to Ireland if we had food tickets, offered to supply us with packets of biscuits and bars of chocolate to support us in a country eaten bare by a million visitors, but the Q.M.'s provided us with most marvellous meals and even as much strawberries, sugar and cream as we (200 of us!) could eat!

Our thanks are indeed due to Miss Beatty for the tents which sprang up everywhere and for not only all the equipment necessary, but also those extra ground sheets, buckets and basins that make camp so much more comfortable.

Mrs. Haycock and Mrs. Anderson were wonderful, in a week when everything on wheels had been engaged months before, they provided buses, not only for the planned expeditions but also for all the impromptu parties.

To Miss Poë who showed us Dublin, to Dr. Ledlie, Miss Martin and the V.A.D.'s who healed our few ills and prevented there being many more, we owe a debt of gratitude. Also to Miss Benson, Miss Guy and Mrs. Mooney, the secretaries, for a thousand letters.

Our sincerest thanks go to Father Furlong (I hope he reads THE GUIDER) and the Committee of Catholic ladies who got us such splendid places at the Congress Ceremonies.

Staff orderlies, who dashed round and did the hard and dull work behind the scenes, we do want to thank you. And most especially we want to thank all our Commandants, Assistant Commandants, Q.M.'s and Equipment Guiders who really did the work of the groups while the visitors went out to expeditions, ceremonies and parties.

It isn't an easy job to run a camp of mixed Guides, Rangers and Guiders, a camp where three-quarters of the campers are attending a Congress twelve miles away, where all wish to go to Mass every morning and attend a midnight Mass one night, but the Irish Free State Guiders did it, and managed by their marvellous organisation and unselfish work to make it a glorious success. To the visitors, with the memory of those wonderful and most inspiring ceremonies, with a million worshippers, those crowded meetings with all their special significance for each nationality; will stand the memory of the unfailing generosity and wonderful friendliness of the Free State Guiders. To our many countries we will carry back Mrs. Leigh-White's inspiring words at the last camp fire, knowing that Ireland has proved once again that "A Guide is a sister to every other Guide no matter to what creed or nationality she belongs."—Yours, etc.,

LILA CHILTON THOMAS.

Grayshott, Hindhead.

#### THE READING OF THE GUIDER BY THE GUIDES.

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*To the Editor.*

DEAR EDITOR.

Mourn, children, mourn, your elder sister's dead,  
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## 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.

- Aug. 5-12. General Training. (Entries closed.)
- Aug. 16-23. Brownie Training. (Entries closed.)
- Aug. 26-Sept. 2. General Training. (Entries closed.)
- Sept. 6-13. Ranger Training.
- Sept. 16-23. General Training. (Refresher Course for Guiders who have done 5 years, or more, service as Guiders.)
- Sept. 27-Oct. 4. General Training.

No application will be taken for the following weeks until August 10th County Secretaries may apply for special vacancies between August 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.

- October 6-11. County Camp Advisers' Conference. (See notice elsewhere.)
- October 17-22. General Training. (Commissioners only.)
- October 25-Nov. 1. Brownie Training.

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### APPLICATION.

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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.

### COUNTY CAMP ADVISERS' CONFERENCE.

Applications must be sent to the Secretary, Foxlease, by County Camp Advisers as soon as possible. No applications will be accepted after September 24th. One representative will be accepted from each County and should be the County Camp Adviser if possible. Any County wishing to send a second representative may send an application to be placed on the waiting-list. Any suggestions for the programme, including subjects for discussion, should be sent to Miss Ward, Cae Dai, Denbigh.

### 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.

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Any applications or inquiries to be sent to the Secretary.

### PRESENTS.

Bowl, Chaffinch Patrol (June 14-21); Book for Library, Miss N. Howard; Donation to Paisley Room, Paisley Division; Carpet Sweeper, Miss Pyle; Vase, Miss Dunsford; Flower Cutters, T.H.K.; Towel, "an Essex Guide."

## WADDOW

### DATES.

- Aug. 9-16. Brownie Training.
- Aug. 19-26. General Training.
- Sept. 2-5. Ranger Guiders' Training.
- Sept. 9-16. General Training.
- Sept. 20-27. General Training.
- Sept. 30-Oct. 4. Commissioners' Training.
- Oct. 7-11. General Training Week-end.
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### APPLICATIONS.

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

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### 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.

Plants, Mrs. Tinker, Yorks, W.R.S.; Donation, Brownie Training Week, June 10-17; Donation, Commissioners' Training, June 20-24.



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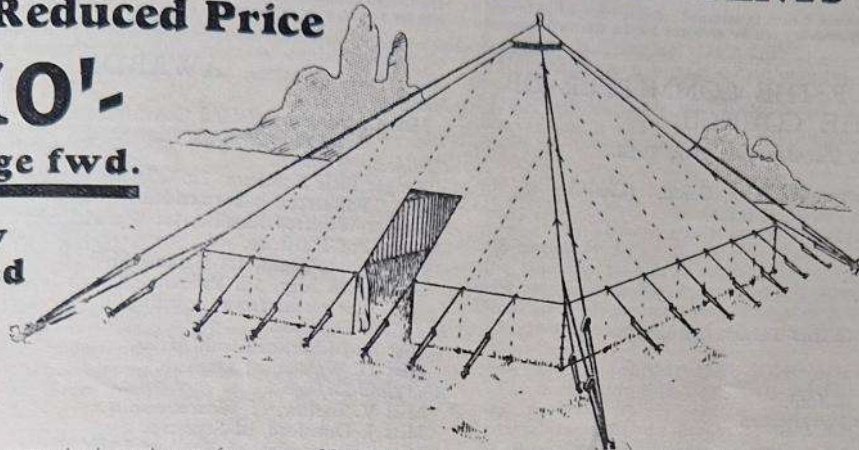
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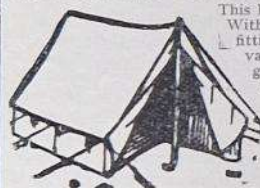


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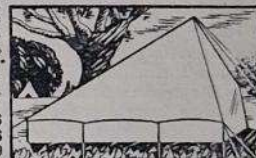
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B—9 ft. long, 6 ft. wide, 5 ft. high, with 1 ft. walls. Size when packed, 24 in. x 6 in. x 6 in. Weight 9 1/2 lbs.

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## MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL

*Held on Tuesday, July 19th, 1932.*

### PRESENT:—

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

### By invitation.

Mrs. Housion Craufurd.  
The Viscountess Powerscourt.

### In attendance.

The Lady Delia Peel.  
Miss Talbot.  
Miss Hanbury Williams.  
Miss Montgomery.

It was agreed that January 4th, 1933, would be a suitable date on which to hold the joint Conference between Commissioners and Headmistresses.

An interesting report, from Miss Chilton Thomas, of the Irish Free State International Camp, was read.

It was agreed that the following alterations be made to Rule 40, Lone Guide Branch, in the *Book of Rules*:—

Page 108. Para. 5. Add "... and to impress upon all Guiders, Guides and Rangers, that they should not become members of a Lone Company or Circle, unless they are prepared to help, should the opportunity arise."

Page 108. *Qualifications for Lone Captain.* Add the following new paragraph: "... In the case of a Lone Guider who has not previously been enrolled, she should if possible attend three active company meetings, and reproduce one of them as a Company Letter."

Page 108. The following new paragraph to be inserted after "Registration":—

### "Company Letter."

Each captain should submit one Company Letter annually for inspection to the County Commissioner, and the County Lone Secretary or a deputy."

It was reported that the following had agreed to represent this Association on various Committees and at Conferences:—

Miss Rachel Heath, on the National Cinema Enquiry Committee.  
Miss B. Maunsell, on the Committee of the Society for the Preservation of Rural England.

Miss Wolseley Lewis, at the Parents' National Education Union Conference.

Miss Dalmahoy, at the Conference of the National Council of Girls' Clubs, held in Edinburgh.

Miss Joanna Coote, on the Programme Committee of the National Union of Guilds for Citizenship.

It was reported that progress had been made in the formation of a Ciné Kodak Film Library at Headquarters.

It was agreed that Mrs. Sampson, Division Commissioner for North-West Suffolk, and County Lone Secretary, should succeed Miss M. Shaw as Assistant Commissioner for Lones, the appointment to date from October 1st, and that the Hon. Ruth Buckley, Division Commissioner for Rye, Sussex, be appointed Assistant Commissioner for Music and Drama.

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, September 20th, at 2.30 p.m.

## AWARDS.

### Medal of Merit.

Mrs. Cunningham, Island Commissioner, Isle of Man.  
"Good Service to the Movement."

### Certificate of Merit.

Ranger Elsie Burnham, 1st Wigston Rangers.

"For rescue in ice accident."

Ranger Winifred Mander, 1st Warwickshire Post Rangers.

"For Fortitude."

Guide Joyce Evans, 1st Herne Hill.

Guide Joan May, 5th Yarmouth (High School).

"For rescue from drowning."

### Red Cord Diploma.

Miss M. Miller, of South Africa.

Miss D. Watson, of Durham.

### Blue Cord Diploma.

Miss V. Barlow, of Worcestershire.

Miss J. Dunsford, of Somerset.

Miss S. Rustumjee, of Bombay, India.

### Gold Cords.

Cadet Ranger Betty Fiddes, 1st Laindon.

Cadet Ranger Dorothy Muir, 2nd Lincoln (High School).

Ranger Melody Maddy, 1st Croydon Rangers.

Ranger Winifred Melbourne, 1st Carlton Rangers.

Company Leader Betty Miller, 2nd Sydenham.

Patrol Leader Peggy Fenn, 2A Mortlake with East Sheen.

Patrol Leader Maisie Threadgill, 2nd Port Sunlight.

Patrol Second Ethel Butterfield, 23rd Westminster.

Patrol Second Joan Hannaford, 1st Wembley Park.

Guide Gwen Miller, 2nd Sydenham.

### AWARDED BY OVERSEAS.

### Medal of Merit.

Mrs. Sen, Division Commissioner, Calcutta, India.

Miss Worster, Guider, Bengal, India.

"Good Service to the Movement."

### BOOK OF RULES.

#### CORRECTION.

### Brownie Swimmer Badge.

It has only just been discovered that a serious misprint occurs in the Brownie Swimmer test in the 1932 *Book of Rules*.

The first clause has been altogether omitted. It should, of course, read:—

"Be able to swim 25 yards, breast stroke." as in the old test.

Will Brown Owls please make a note of this?

## THE EXTENSION BRANCH.

Guiders at present holding warrants as County Post Secretaries must be re-warranted as County Extension Secretaries if they now hold this appointment.

### Duties of County Extension Secretaries.

The duties of County Extension Secretaries will appear in the new Extension Book. They are as follows:—

(a) To act as a link between her county, the Commissioner for the Extension Branch, Secretaries of sections, and the general public, and to be the person to whom everyone can apply in all matters to do with the Extension Branch.

(b) To deal with her own county in Extension matters, including Posts, and Blind Post Rangers and Post Brownies.

(c) To keep a record of all Extension companies, packs, and Guiders in her county.

(d) To keep in touch with Public Health Authorities, Voluntary Associations, Hospital Almoners, etc.

(e) To arrange occasional meetings, Post gatherings and conferences of Extension Guiders in her county, and to bring Extension Guiders, especially new ones, into touch with each other.

(f) To encourage Extension Guiders to use the Handicraft Depot at Headquarters.



(g) To represent the Extension Branch at county meetings and conferences.

(h) To see that all Post Guiders in her county qualify for their warrants.

(i) To keep a supply of all forms issued for the use of Extension Guiders. (N.B.—Forms obtainable from Headquarters.)

(j) To send applications for Alternative Tests to the Commissioner for the Extension Branch.

(k) To draw up an Annual Report of all Extension companies in the county and send it to her County Commissioner.

NOTE.—Enquiries concerning any particular section should be addressed to the Extension Secretary of that section and not to the Commissioner for the branch.

## HEADQUARTERS NOTICES

### WARNING!

The attention of Imperial Headquarters has been drawn to the fact that a young man, Dr. Lambourne, has been visiting Guide companies in London. His statement that he has been sent by Imperial Headquarters is incorrect, as he is unknown to the Association.

### REDUCED RAILWAY FARES.

The application form for reduced railway fares has been re-printed. Would all Guiders who have any of the old forms, kindly return them to Headquarters, as the Railway Clearing House has requested that all future applications should be made on the new forms.

### UNIFORM IN CAMP.

As camp uniform and the rules relating to it are being much simplified this year, it is hoped that Guiders will justify this simplification by doing their utmost to see that a high standard of neatness in appearance is maintained by themselves and their Guides.

An official blue camp overall for Guiders, Rangers, and Guides with short or long sleeves, is now obtainable from Headquarters, also a camp hat. A paper pattern for the overall is also stocked by Headquarters. Guiders are asked to see that their Guides wear this or ordinary uniform in camp where possible.

In the case of Guiders, Rangers and Guides of Ranger age and size, skirts should cover the knee, and as a general rule, stockings should be worn when going through a village or town except in exceptional circumstances such as when going to the beach.

The local C. A. can be consulted as to when this is desirable as she will know local conditions, etc.

When a camp is on private ground, within view of the house, it is courteous to consider the owners' wishes as to what is suitable camp attire.

Guiders need not take full uniform (tunic and skirt) to camp provided that they have a really tidy, clean camp overall, hat, blazer and mackintosh (navy blue).

### APPLICATION FORMS FOR "OUR CHALET."

Application forms for Guiders attending trainings at "Our Chalet," Adelboden, should, in future, be signed and countersigned by the local and County Commissioners respectively, before being sent to The Secretary, Training and Camping Committee, Girl Guide Headquarters, 17, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1.

### HEADQUARTERS NEW BRANCH SHOP.

Headquarters is sharing the branch shop of the Boy Scouts Association. The address is:—  
352/4, Gray's Inn Road,  
London, W.C.1.

The Girl Guides department is now open and all equipment, publications and music stocked at Headquarters will be obtainable there. Orders for Guiders' uniforms made to measure can be taken at this branch, and fittings can be arranged by appointment, if desired, at any time during the week, except Thursday afternoons.

We hope that North London Guiders and Guides and those using King's Cross, St. Pancras and Liverpool Street Station, will take advantage of the branch shop.

### HOURS OF BUSINESS.

Monday to Wednesday	9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Thursday	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Friday	9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### IMPERIAL HEADQUARTERS' SHOP, LONDON.

The Headquarters' Shop in Buckingham Palace Road, will close each evening at 6 p.m. during August and September, except Monday and Saturday, when it will close respectively at 7 p.m. and 1 p.m.

### DIPLOMA'D GUIDERS PLEASE NOTE.

Dip. Week in 1933 will be from April 13th to 20th (over Easter). By changing the original date of the Week, we have been able to arrange for Mr. Wilson, Camp Chief, Gilwell Park, to come to Foxlease and take a Gilwell course for the Dips.

This will provide a great opportunity for Trainees to learn more about Scout training and methods, and I much hope that every "Dip" will do her utmost to be there. As the course is a consecutive one, it will not be possible to come for odd days or part time.

M. BRAY,

Commissioner for Training.

### THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY.

Attention is drawn to the fact that where a Local Association or a company intends to acquire property, application should be made to Imperial Headquarters for a copy of our Model Trust Deed, since all property should be vested in Trustees.

Scottish Guiders should apply to Scottish Headquarters.

### CAMP FIRE SONG SHEETS.

The little Camp Fire song sheets published by Headquarters are now obtainable in six separate parts. These may be had from Imperial Headquarters or any of their branch shops, as a set of six pamphlets for sixpence, or separate copies 1½d. each, postage extra.

### BOYS' AND GIRLS' BOOK WEEK.

#### DISCUSSION ON CHILDREN'S READING.

As announced last month, a discussion is being arranged by THE GUIDER on Children's Reading, in connection with "Boys' and Girls' Book Week" in November.

The discussion will take place at Headquarters on Thursday, October 20th, at 8 p.m. The chair will be taken by Mrs. Mark Kerr, and the following have promised to speak: For the author—Miss D. M. Stuart ("D.M.S." of *Punch*); for the publisher—Mr. Basil Blackwell, of Oxford; for the bookseller—Mr. J. G. Wilson, of Messrs. Bumpus; for the parent—Miss Storm Jameson (Mrs. Chapman) author of *The Lovely Ship*, etc.; and for the librarian—Mr. Edgar Osborne, Derby County Librarian.

Tickets will be obtainable nearer the time, and further details will be published next month.

### 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.

## GENERAL NOTICES

### WEST OF ENGLAND SCHOOL.

A training week-end will be held.  
Place—"Hillhouse," Sapperton, Cirencester, Gloucestershire.  
Date.—Sept. 2nd to 6th. General Training.

Trainer: Miss H. B. Davidson.  
Commandant.—Miss Bruce, County Commissioner, Gloucestershire.  
Fee.—3s. a day.

Full particulars can be obtained from the Secretary, Miss Scobell, Nowell House, Bisley, Gloucestershire, to whom all applications should be sent with a deposit fee of 3s. which will be returned if withdrawal be made a fortnight before the date of the course.

### SURREY.

A One-Day Conference will be held for Surrey Commissioners and Guide Captains, on Saturday, October 22nd, from 11.30 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Dorking. Full particulars will be circulated in September.



## COUNTRY DANCE PARTY.

A Country Dance Party for Scouters and Guiders, Rovers and Rangers, will be held at Cecil Sharp House (2, Regent's Park Road, N.W.1, nearest station: Camden Town), on Saturday, November 12th, 1932, at 7.30 p.m.

There will be a Demonstration of Folk Dances by a Headquarters team of the English Folk Dance and Song Society.

Prices of Admission: Single ticket 1/3; Double ticket (e.g. 1 Ranger and 1 Rover) 2/.

Tickets may be obtained on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope from Miss Plaister, 2, St. Mark's House, Regent's Park Road, N.W.1, or Mrs. King, 16, Colebrooke Drive, Wanstead, E.11.

Uniform should be worn.

## HOLIDAY DRAMA SCHOOL.

The British Drama League is holding a Drama School at Braithwaite (Kewick), from September 5th to September 19th, and at the Little Theatre, Mumbles, Swansea, from August 18th to September 1st.

All details from Miss Macnamara, 8, Adelphi Terrace, W.C.2. Guiders can study every branch of play production, crowd work, make-up, simple settings and costume in one of the lovely places of England, surrounded by mountains—Skiddaw, Helvellyn and Grisdale Pike—with lakes Derwentwater and Bassenthwaite close by.

K. STREATFEILD,

Commissioner for Drama.

## DRAMATIC PRODUCTION.

Two Summer Schools for Dramatic Production will be held at the Little Theatre, Citizen House, Bath, from July 29th to August 12th, and from August 15th to 29th. Each session will be complete in itself to suit those who wish to take their holidays either earlier or later in the month.

For those who prefer a Vacation Course in London, a Dramatic School will be held at the Everyman Theatre, Hampstead, from September 2nd to 11th.

Full particulars will be forwarded from the Hon. Sec. Little Theatre, Citizen House, Bath, on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope.

## A NEW GREASE PIT.

In the description of a grease pit in last month's GUIDER, special reference was made to a metal disc.

These discs are now obtainable from Headquarters, price 1/9 (postage 6d.), and all orders for them should be sent to Headquarters, and not to the wholesale firm previously mentioned.

## THE COUNCIL FIRE.

OCTOBER, 1932—A CONFERENCE NUMBER.

The October Council Fire will once again be a "Conference" number. It will contain a résumé of the speeches and recommendations made at the Seventh World Conference, which is to take place in Poland in August. The October Council Fire will also contain a description of the opening of the World Chalet. This will be an historic event in the annals of Guiding and Girl Scouting, as the gift of the Chalet will establish a meeting place and international training centre belonging to the Guides and Girl Scouts of all recognised countries' members of the World Association.

The former Conference Number issued in 1930 was sold out, reprinted at great expense, and sold out again. The Editor would be very grateful if every National Headquarters would try to send in by September 1st, their orders for any extra copies of this year's Conference Number, over and above the number required for their annual subscribers. This would greatly assist her in estimating the total number likely to be required.

Annual subscribers will receive the Conference Number in the usual way, and will not be charged extra for it. As, however, it will contain many more pages than the ordinary issues (although perhaps not quite so many as the 80-page 1930 Conference Number), it has been decided to charge non-subscribers 8d. per copy (9d. post free), as in addition to the extra cost of printing so many pages there will be extra postage on every number sent by post.

The first Conference Number proved to be invaluable to speakers, Rangers discussion circles, and for propaganda purposes, because it gave information about the ideas and methods of work of the Guide and Girl Scout leaders of many different countries. This 1932 Conference Number will provide the same sort of material.

Efforts will be made to fulfil all orders, but, of course, the best way of ensuring that you obtain a copy is to become an annual

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Other charts to come: Flags of all Nations; Health Badge; Child Nurse Badge; Heraldic Signs; First Class; Cook's Badge, etc.

## THE VETERANS' CAMP.

An account of the Veterans' Camp will appear in the September issue of THE GUIDER. In the meantime, the following comments may serve to show the spirit of the camp which those present would so like to share with the Veterans who were not able to come, and in fact with all Guiders:

"There was a wonderful spirit in the camp of real comradeship." "It will always remain as one of the jolliest camps I have ever been in."

"Once more with shouts of laughter

The marvellous tale was told,

Of how the Veterans played the game

In the brave days of old."

"I would not have missed it for anything. It has given me renewed enthusiasm, and a broader outlook on Guiding. I knew nobody when I arrived, but I made several friends whilst there."

"I simply loved every minute of the Veterans' Camp. It was all so delightfully unhectic, and un-over-organised. I don't know when I have laughed so much."

"I thought the 'Guides' Own' on Sunday evening was the most inspiring I've ever been to."

"We just loved it, it was a lovely tonic."

"That blissful camp—the most perfect spell of Guiding I have ever experienced."

"I don't think I ever laughed so much in my life before."

"It was a wonderful week, and a most inspiring one, and I don't think that I have ever come into the midst of such comradeship and unity, not even at the wonderful weeks one has had at Conferences, or Training, or Guiders' camps. Perhaps it was the tradition of fellowship established."

"It was fun, and I believe if more grown women could play the fool as wholeheartedly a little more often, life would seem considerably easier."

And, in a letter written to the "Lady Commandant" by the Post Office Boy Messenger:—"It has been a pleasure to serve your camp."

## THIS MONTH'S COVER.

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*Approved by the Executive Committee, July, 1932.*

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