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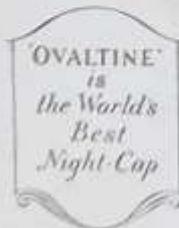
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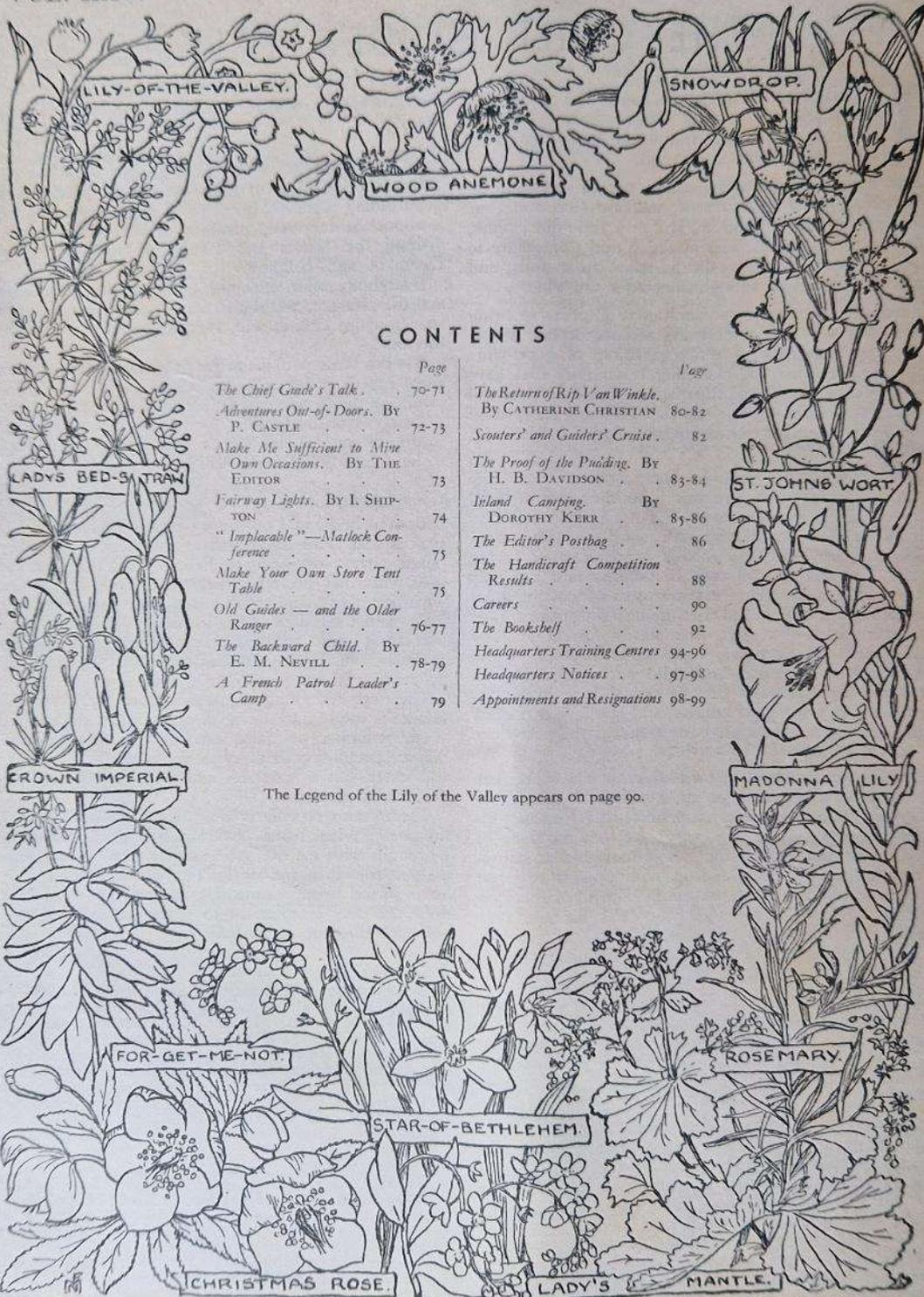
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THE CHIEF GUIDE'S TALK

"THINKING DAY" has come and gone, and each year this special event seems to gain in romance and charm, and to have an ever-growing effect within our whole sisterhood.

How nice it is that this annual special day was inaugurated at the suggestion of Madame Hermann (one of the first Guides in Belgium) and how little did I think, when she promoted the idea at the World Conference in Poland, in 1932, that it would be taken up so fully, and with such enthusiastic thoughtfulness far and wide.

It has given golden opportunities to Guiders to bring before their Guides the deep significance of our Movement as an international training-ground of good-will; and I am sure that the charming ceremonies that have been woven round it, and the many beautiful services and meetings that are held on or near to "Thinking Day" itself are full of real inspiration in its best sense for thousands of Guides.

"Thinking Day" brought once more to the Chief Scout and to me such generous sweet messages of kindness—so many, in fact, that it has not been possible to convey our thanks to all who have sent them. But we are deeply touched by these further expressions of loving loyalty, and feel that all such friendliness falls not only upon ourselves, but flows towards us as a focussing point and then brims over in full measure into the stream of the Movement itself—sweeping as a steady current of good feeling through our ranks, and even far beyond. I also want specially to thank those who wrote enquiring for the Chief Scout's health on our arrival here in Kenya. He must have a complete holiday, and I believe that every Guide will agree that if anybody deserves this rest time, he does.

—Already we have started this Heaven-sent new freedom here in Kenya, which is, to us, a perfect haven of unbelievable peace and beauty. Whilst little England lies under her grey veil of winter, we are basking week by week in a summer sun, living in a comfortable bungalow, surrounded by a garden radiant with flowers of every variety and hue. In this marvellous climate of the well-watered highlands, trees and fruits and flowers, both English and African, grow side by side, an example, perhaps, even in Nature, that the two peoples shall live with their roots planted in Africa's soil.

Forty miles away, across the wide valleys, green with the luxuriant growth of sugar and cane and maize, stands Mount Kenya—majestic and snow-tipped, her shoulders swept by the passing clouds, clear and deep—shadowed, oh! such a fascinating and alluring scene, and a never ending delight to gaze upon.

And so, from what seemed at first a regrettable break down in our South African winter touring plans, tremendous happiness has come to us in this period when the Chief Scout can legitimately adopt the new role of looker-on. Having completed our 25 years of life together amidst such generous universal kindness, we enter now on his "third life," where, shedding the weight of responsibility on to younger shoulders, and, by necessity, sitting back in a metaphorical arm-chair of inactivity, he may continue in serene content to watch the progress of

the Movements which he has given into our safe keeping.

Guiders' and Scouters' Cruise.

One special piece of news that has travelled into our quiet hiding place has given us intense pleasure, and that is about the successful planning of our third Cruise, for visiting the Scouts and Guides of Iceland, Norway, Denmark and Belgium.

Everybody who remembers the wonderful welcome, and the pleasure, and the friendly contacts formed by the two previous Cruises will, I expect, want to be there on this one.

But this time, with a smaller ship, space will be limited and I expect by the time this talk of mine is in print, the cabins on the *Ordina* will probably all be booked, already.

I am personally looking forward to this voyage more than I can say, and the Chief Scout is signing on, and hopes to be there. *What fun it will be!*

Guide Literature.

Both at home and on tours overseas I have found that Guides and Guiders, as well as members of the general public, always love being told about Guides in other lands—of what they do, what they wear, what they say, and what they think, and so on. But, for those who perhaps have neither the time or the freedom to travel to see and investigate these things for themselves, there is always one very simple means of finding them out, and that is by reading about them.

The next best thing to meeting your far away fellow Guides is to get into touch on paper, and I am astounded at the number of quite excellent Guide publications that are issued nowadays, not only by the larger countries and states, but by counties and districts and even companies and patrols.

There seems no end to those that come to me through the post. When I came away from England last autumn I brought with me the last batch that lay on my writing table at the time, and on looking through them now at leisure, I feel I simply must talk about them—even though these are only samples, so to speak, of many more. I will pick them up at random.

1. *Girl Guide Magazine* (South Africa).

Is an excellent little paper published quarterly and obtainable from Glen Dirk, Wynberg, South Africa, for the absurdly small cost of 2s. 6d. per year. It not only gives interesting notes about the doings of Guides and Wayfarer Guides and Brownies throughout the Union, but also it produces first rate competitions and nice articles on specialised Guide subjects, notes of new games and amusing stories, as well as descriptions of camps and adventures. This magazine strikes a wide-minded note, too, by printing a whole column of "World News of Guiding," and I have myself gleaned from this paper many things of interest and helpfulness.

2. *Guiding in Malaya.*

Is yet another quarterly magazine, which can be got from 6, Maxwell drive, Kuala Lumpur, Federated Malay States. It seems to me quite exceptional that a big well got-up magazine can be published for this comparatively small branch of the Guide family. It speaks of energy and courage indeed; and again in as some delightful tales of camps and tours, and good talks on the local flora and fauna of that most beautiful and entrancing country.

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3. Alongside this official organ of the Guide Movement in Malaya comes a little Patrol Magazine, produced by the Swift Patrol of the and Singapore company.

It glories in the name of the *Sotsp* (meaning the Spirit Of The Swift Patrol) and is full of stories and jokes, and is illustrated with diagrams and clever little drawings—a plucky effort indeed.

4. From Malaya we rather naturally and easily step across to India, where we have the *Indian Guide*, a monthly magazine, also very small in cost, considering the real good value supplied in it by the Editor, who will send it to all applicants (for two rupees a year) from Assa House, Nagpur, Central Provinces.

Details of Badge tests, information about uniform, instructions about camping, and all such useful "dry bones" of our Guide activities are found within its pages; and flavouring is added to it by the most entrancing descriptions of Guide doings, so that, for me, this is one of the Guide publications that has to be devoured immediately on arrival at all costs.

5. *Te Rama* is the official New Zealand Guide Magazine, also brought out quarterly, and obtainable from Dominion Headquarters at Queen Street, Hastings, for 2s. 6d. a year—and a jolly good two and six worth it is, too!

The issue that delighted me above all others was that which told of the carrying through of the whole Dominion of the "loyal message" which was later sent to His Majesty on his Coronation. The tale of the adventure, of the beautiful ceremonies and the original method of transport, and all the details of this unique "relay race" will, I trust, never be forgotten. Through the mountains, carried by Guides on foot, along roads by car, along tracks by bicycle, across rivers on a swimmer's back, rushed across plains on horseback, even hurried through a town by a Guide on roller skates to be received and signed by Mayors of the towns that it passed through, this historic document went its way, touched or carried or seen by every Guide in the Dominion, who thus felt that she was herself personally sending her own loving greetings to her King.

6. Canada, with her enormous area, boasts a publication that is perhaps small in dimensions, but stuffed full of good things.

The *Canadian Guider* is published six times a year, and can be bought from Dominion Headquarters at 22, College Street, Toronto, and only costs 50 cents a year, whilst being sent free to all Guiders throughout Canada.

This paper prints all the official notices of the Dominion Headquarters, and lists of new appointments and rulings, and contains also some of the finest descriptions of Guide activities and tenets that I have ever read.

Canadian Dominion Headquarters also published a splendid Annual Report, a booklet which cannot fail to bring full encouragement to every Guider in Canada. It brings its message of cheer to all ranks in that huge area from coast to coast, and ends with this optimistic summary of the status of our Movement there at the present time:

"There are now 2,178 Guide companies and Brownie packs in Canada, distributed in 1,055 various community groups, as well as 524 groups in Anglican Churches, 90 in Roman Catholic Churches, 89 in United Churches, 32 in Presbyterian Churches and 40 groups in Churches of 7 other denominations. There are also Guide companies and Brownie packs in 14 private schools, and over 290 groups are working under the six Kindred Societies.

Guiding is gaining in strength and vitality, and continues to prove itself of increasing value as a joyous and constructive game for the girls and young women of the Dominion.

With such numerous and devious paths to follow in the changing world of to-day, it is important to equip our Guides mentally, physically and morally on the simple lines laid down by the Founder, so that they may learn how to choose the best in life. The training of 50,000 girls in the principles of happy, useful citizenship is a great responsibility for the leaders of the Movement.

From one of many encouraging reports received by Headquarters, we quote the following:—"The spirit of Guiding seems to abound everywhere, and we are working happily and as one big family in the welfare of all." These words express the joy and achievement which has permeated all Guide activity throughout Canada during the past year. We look to the New Year to bring

wider vision and yet greater opportunity as we play and work together in our Guide game of friendship and service."

7. Down across the border from Canada we find, of course, Girl Scout literature par excellence—beautifully got up, well printed, attractively illustrated and produced with that finished journalistic polish which characterises the better type of American periodicals.

There are two main publications of the American Girl Scouts, *Girl Scout Leader* for the Leaders (Guiders), and *The American Girl* for the Girl Scouts themselves.

And over and above these two official organs for the whole Movement in the United States there are various local papers having their own values; and notable amongst these stands *The Trail Maker* which is widely read in many countries. This New England Girl Scout Magazine is also a quarterly one; it can be had for the modest sum of \$1.50 from the Massachusetts Girl Scouts Office at 87, Beacon Street, Boston, Mass., and I am sure that everybody can always enjoy it and find a lot to learn from it. I do, anyway.

8. As I write this, the mail has brought me yet another recruit to our ranks of useful Guide magazines—a very Tenderfoot of Guide periodicals, as you might say—entitled *The Leeward Islands "Guider."*

It starts its life in an auspicious way, with delightful messages from their President, the cover being that well-known photograph of Their Majesties in our uniform, and includes a full account of the Chigwell Coronation Camp, as well as tit-bits of information from the small groups of Guides in Dominica, St. Kitts, Anguilla, the Virgin Islands.

And then, of course, if you are really clever at languages, there are any number of other Guide Magazines that can bring you new ideas and new interests from abroad.

The *Speider-Piken* of Norway seems full of good stuff, and though I know no Norwegian, I can pick up vaguely that the Norwegian Guide delegate to the American Silver Jubilee Camp had a marvellous time there; that some splendid and delicious camps were held in Norway last summer and the pictures show that the Norwegian Guides make the most of their super perfect country for camping; I gather also that the *Brun Ugle* of a Scottish Brownie *Flokker* is a real good friend to Norway, and that the Baden-Powells live at Pax Hill in Hampshire! !

There is *Le Trèfle* of the French Eclaireuses, and *La Cheftaine* of the Guides de France, both of which are produced with that typical French charm and originality which surrounds all the doings of the Eclaireuses and the Guides de France; and there are others of other countries, which are too numerous to mention.

This is not to be taken as a list in any way of the very many Guide periodicals that can be found of absorbing interest, but they are all so nice that, if Guiders have time to read more—over and above, of course, our own *Guider* and *The Council Fire*, which should be their perennial diet—then they will find still more excellent digestible mental food in these other pages from far afield.

All this goes to prove that there is a very great liveness in our Movement, and I am sure that reading about activities all over the world in these various magazines that are issued (with a great deal of effort on the part of the splendid Editors) not only can we get a lot of useful information and profit for our own work, and interesting and amusing facts for yarns and talks at Camp Fires, but we can get also a great amount of real encouragement and inspiration in our own allotted task.

Opau Nade Powell
Chief Guide.

ADVENTURES OUT-OF-DOORS

OUTSIDE adventures, however short, need careful planning if they are to be fun for everyone. The pack should gradually evolve its own rules, and various activities from week to week will help to train the Sixes for going out with, or without, a grown-up in charge.



Trails by torchlight, one torch to each Six, are the greatest fun, and good training in co-operation, and in developing the senses. If the weather upsets these plans, have the lights out in the hall for a change (only when there are nervous Brownies, this is not a good idea). No searchlight or floodlit show will ever have more enthusiastic actors or audiences than the Brownies by the dim light of their small torches.

Below are some ideas from various packs. Try them out, and many others also, adapting them for your own Brownies, whether town or country; only let's have fun and adventures as often as we can.

V. KERR,
Great Brown Owl.

Between Seasons.

Five thirty, and the first pack meeting of the year to begin in daylight. Certainly the street looked far less exciting now than by the light of those much treasured possessions, the three Six torches which had played such a prominent part in many winter programmes.

"What shall we do now?" asked one small Brownie. "We can't just *not* have adventures." "Well," began Tawny,

"Brownies are little people who do good turns to big people. There were once some children who wanted to find a Brownie, so their Mother sent them to ask the wise old owl where to look." "I know! it's Brown Owl. Can we go and look for her?" came from all the pack at once. The Sixes were given directions, and set off one after another. "It's getting dusk," said Tawny, "so if you go very quietly you may hear her." Mrs. Owl was discovered oo-hoing in an archway nearby, and she sent the Sixes on by a feather trail and compass points to Pack Leader and the Pool. There they found envelopes with "Myself" written in semaphore in the Six colour, and orders to return to their Six homes where they could open their letters.

"Act a scene showing how you can be Brownies in the home" said the messages, and for the next ten minutes there was much whispering and dressing up, and if the acting left a good deal to the imagination, it gave complete satisfaction to the performers. "Can we do it again next week?" asked the pack. "Next week," said Brown Owl, "we shall have some visitors from abroad. They would,

I know, like to see the Town Hall, the Post Office and the Library, and each Six may take one visitor. Will you think out the best way to go. Remember they will not be used to our streets and will be interested to learn about our traffic lights, signs and crossings. The Sixes can invite their visitor from any country they



like, and may decorate their homes accordingly."

The pack went away full of ideas for the next meeting.
V. K.

In Quest of a Golden Key.

Pack Leader, or a Brownie who can act, is in charge of the Gnome King's Treasure Chest. She is asleep at the entrance of a cave. Brownies creep into the Pow Wow Ring, and Brown Owl tells them that it is a week since the Gnome King's treasure has been checked. "We must count the money bags," she says, "so that all may be in order when the King returns. Will the Sixers call the Guard?"

The Sixer wakes the Guard and demand from him the golden key which unlocks the treasure chest. The Guard yawns and searches amongst a bunch of keys that hangs at her belt. Suddenly she gives a startled exclamation. The key has disappeared! It must have been stolen by the Boggarts while she slept, or else she has dropped it somewhere on the wayside.

There is a horrified silence while Brown Owl examines the chest (attache case), but so far all is well. The chest is very heavy and the lock has not been tampered with. Now to find the key before the King returns.

The pack question the Guard. "Where could you have dropped it? Where did you go on Monday?" The Gnome Guard wearily produces from his pocket a picture postcard of a local view, from which the name has been removed. "This is where I went," he said.

Brown Owl turns to the Pixies. "Hurry to this spot. The golden key may be there. Everyone must find something beautiful on the way to protect themselves from the Boggarts. Be back on the stroke of seven in case the Gnome King should return." "Where did you go on Tuesday?" Brown Owl then enquires from the Guard, who produces another picture postcard, and this is given to the Elves, with the same warning. This continues until each Six has a picture of some local place about the same distance from the club-room. The caretaker then obligingly takes charge of the Treasure Chest while Brown Owl leaves with the last Six.

As soon as the Sixes reach their destinations, they proceed to hunt for the key. The Guider or Guide in charge of each Six having been provided with a gilt one which she can smuggle into a hiding place while the Brownies are searching. If preferred the keys can be hidden beforehand.

As the clock strikes seven, the Brownies creep once more into the Pow Wow Ring. They are astonished to find that each Six has found a golden key. There is a breathless silence as Brown Owl tries each one in the lock. One of the keys will be the right one. The others have been left by the Boggarts to throw the Brownies off the scent.

At last the chest is opened, and inside the pack sees a pile of money bags, filled with toffees wrapped in gold paper. Brown Owl hands a bag to each Brownie to put in a safe place until the Gnome King's return. (The Brownies will probably decide that the safest plan is to eat the contents.)

P. CASTLE.

PACK HOLIDAY TRAINING.

A pack holiday Training will be held from April 14th—19th. For particulars see the Calendar of Events.

MAKE ME SUFFICIENT TO MINE OWN OCCASIONS

The title of this article is taken from an Indian prayer which appears in Ernest Thompson Seton's *Gospel of the Redman*, a book which every Guider should read.

The prayer continues: *Give to me to mind my own business at all times, and to lose no good opportunity for holding my tongue.*

Tolerance is perhaps one of the greatest needs of the modern world, for humanity is in a state of doubt and anxiety, and ideals which once shone clearly seem clouded and difficult to uphold in the face of cruel fact. It is more than ever necessary to keep an open mind, to make a greater effort than ever before to understand the motives and aims of others.

As with many other things, this need applies to the individual, and we must build up tolerance in ourselves before we can expect to find it influencing the greater issues which affect nations and humanity as a whole. The rhythm of the world to-day has been speeded up to such a rate that it is terribly easy to form hasty judgements and to condemn without a hearing what at first glance does not seem to fit in with our own ideals. Yet perhaps never before have there been so many forces in the world which are definitely working for good. If only the barriers of prejudice could be broken down and those forces united, half the misunderstandings and troubles of the universe would not exist.

That is where Guides can help. We, least of all, should be intolerant, we should be the first to examine ourselves and our own motives before judging others, yet, because we are human, how often we fail, and how little we realise that each failure weakens the strength of the Movement as a whole. Then we lose faith, and the question arises "What is wrong with Guiding?"

There is nothing wrong with Guiding. It is, and can always be, one of the greatest forces for good in the world, but it depends upon *you*. "Make me sufficient to mine own occasions." Examine yourself before you judge others, before you criticise Guiding, before you panic over the state of civilisation. Are you sufficient to your own occasions? Are you living up to the reputation of the Guide Movement? Are you contributing towards the peace of the world in your daily attitude to life, in your dealings with your fellow men and women?

If every member of the Guide Movement is doing all this there need be no fear for the future of Guiding, and we can be confident that we are helping to raise the level of human endeavour towards the light of wisdom and peace. But to achieve that end we require greater power than lies in human nature. The solution seems to me to rest in the words of another Indian prayer:

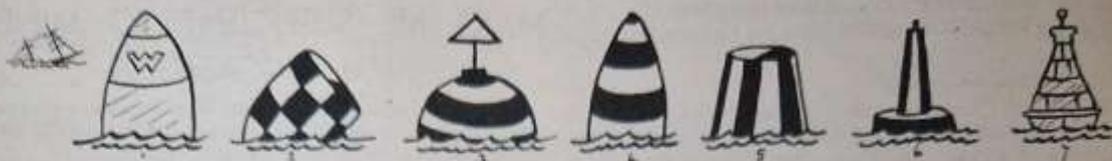
"O Great Spirit of my fathers, this is my prayer—
Help me to feel Thine urge and Thy message,
Help me to be just, even to those who hate me, and at
all times, help me to be kind."

THE EDITOR.

INTERNATIONAL PRIZES.

An International essay competition for young people from fourteen to twenty-two years is being held this year, the subject, Christ and World Fellowship, and the prizes of 50 to 500 Swiss francs. Particulars are obtainable from the Christian Council, 1, Arundel Street, W.C.2.

THE CHILDREN'S NEWSPAPER,
February 5th.



FAIRWAY LIGHTS

by

I. SHIPTON

SOMETIMES we watch them from the promenade on a summer's night, or from the deck of a steamer, those little yellow pinpoint lights on the water. To the landlubber, if he notices them at all, they have a faintly romantic air, especially at night, but to the navigator on the bridge they mean all the difference between security and shipwreck.

Buoys in some form, like lighthouses, are probably of very ancient origin, but just as a regular system of lighthouses was not possible till the invention of modern lighting methods, so the regular use of buoyage did not become necessary until the opening-up of the seas caused by the voyages and discoveries of the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries.

Nineteen thirty seven marks the fourth centenary of the invention of the buoy, but in buoys as in other matters, the Englishman has always been individual, and it was not till 1836 that Trinity House received power to purchase from the Crown, as well as from private proprietors, all interest in coast lights. Even so progress was slow, at least as regards the standardisation of buoys, and it was as late as 1882 that a conference met at Trinity House to establish a uniform system of buoyage.

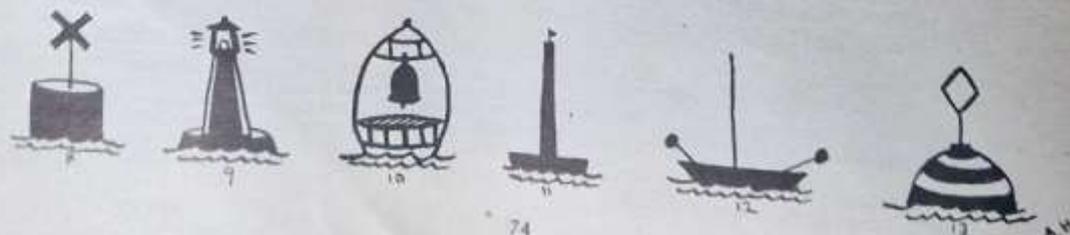
To most landmen a buoy is a buoy, but to the seaman its colour and shape, like the combinations of flashes from a lighthouse, convey a whole code of signals and warnings. There are as many as twelve different kinds of buoys in use in the United Kingdom. Visibility in thick weather and at night has to be taken into account in deciding their shapes and colour. The warnings which some buoys convey are clear even to the uninitiated. The Wreck Buoy, for example, is coloured green, with the word "Wreck" painted in white letters across it.

The most usual buoys are those marking the entrance to a channel or the edge of shoals, and as the mariner who

mistakes a line of buoys may easily run his ship aground the port and starboard hand buoys are clearly differentiated both in colour and shape. A starboard-hand buoy is always painted all one colour and is conical in shape. A port-hand buoy is can-shaped, and either painted a different colour from the starboard one, or, more usually, is parti-coloured, in stripes or checks. A starboard-hand buoy marks that side of the channel which should be on the right hand when entering a harbour from seaward.

Lighted buoys were naturally unknown till the last century. The first oil gas light on a buoy was used in 1878, less than fifty years ago, though warnings by sound, such as the Bell Buoy, were in use considerably earlier. We all know the fate of the impious Ralph the Rover who removed that seamark from the Inchcape Rock. The Rock in question is a wicked reef, 2,000 feet long athwart the fairway in the Firth of Tay. Modern science makes it possible for certain buoys automatically to light up at sunset and extinguish themselves at sunrise, while others are fitted with foghorns or whistles.

In addition to buoys which mark the fairways, or warn of wrecks, fishing-grounds, telegraph cables and the like, there are the ever-useful moorings buoys to which a ship can tie up in harbour, while the Navy has its own great steel mooring buoys to which a giant *Hood* or *Nelson* can be attached. Tying-up to a buoy is not nearly as simple a matter as it looks, even for a small boat, as any amateur yachtsman knows. When it is a case of a 35,000 ton battleship tying up to a buoy in narrow waters, such as Grand Harbour, Valetta, it is a job calling for the nicest co-operation, manoeuvring and timing on the part of all concerned. As harbours, whether small or great, are often filled with critical onlookers, a mistiming, whether you are owner of a yawl or captain of a battleship, is equally to be avoided!



"IMPLACABLE"

The Sea Ranger Section is very fortunate in once again being allowed to train in seamanship in the *Implacable* moored at Portsmouth.

It is hoped crews will take advantage of the generous amount of time allotted, and try to fit in some time aboard. Bookings for crews wishing to train other than during July will not be accepted, as once again this is to be a united effort of the Sea Section.

The training will be divided as follows:—

An intensive course in seamanship for Sea Guiders who will rank as ratings, including sailing, rowing, navigation, helm orders, etc.: July 1st to July 11th. (If space permits, prospective Sea Guiders will be welcomed.)

General seamanship, sailing and rowing for Sea Guides and Sea Rangers only, 15 years of age and over: July 11th to 18th or July 18th to 25th.

The training will take place in the *Implacable* only, and if numbers allow, week-end applications will be considered. The cost will be, approximately, £1 5s. a week inclusive for Ratings, and £2 for Guiders and the staff.

Necessary qualifications will be a certificate of general fitness, and a certificate stating the applicant can swim 50 yards.

Application forms and full particulars may be obtained from the Sea Ranger Section Secretary; Miss S. R. Spedding, 54, Sloane Square, London, S.W.1, after March 14th, on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope.

ANNE HOPKINS,

Assistant Commissioner for Rangers (Sea Rangers).

MATLOCK CONFERENCE

RANGER GUIDERS AND RANGERS PLEASE NOTE.

I have received one or two letters objecting to the phrase used in the paragraph introducing Senior Rangers in the Ranger supplement last month. It says there:—

"The Rangers of Great Britain having expressed their desire that the Executive Committee be asked to sanction the formation of Senior Rangers."

This statement was based on the majority vote of the counties sent in by their Ranger representatives to Matlock on No. 9 of the discussion subjects circulated to all Rangers, the discussion subject itself having originated from a Ranger Conference.

The critics state:—

(a) that the discussion subjects did not reach all Rangers.

(b) That even among those whom it reached, all did not vote on it.

(c) That those who did vote might have voted otherwise had not "Senior Rangers" been presented as an alternative to "Old Guides."

I hope that these objectors will be satisfied now that the question has been reopened and an unbiased and universal Ranger vote has been asked for once more.

We hope that the lines of communication will soon function better and that Rangers everywhere will endeavour to see to it that they find out where they can help in this way. No Ranger who keeps her eye on THE GUIDER can find herself in ignorance of the questions of the hour.

G. I. JANSON POITTS,
Commissioner for Rangers.

MAKE YOUR TENT

WITH the assistance of the local joiner I devised this store-tent table. Points in its favour are that it will stand up without the tent-pole to support it, and each half will stand by itself. For packing, the legs fold underneath, or by removing a few screws can be taken off the top.

The battens keep the table together, but need not be screwed down, as the hook-and-eye on the four legs A, B, C and D, hold it together well enough. Then when both sides are needed

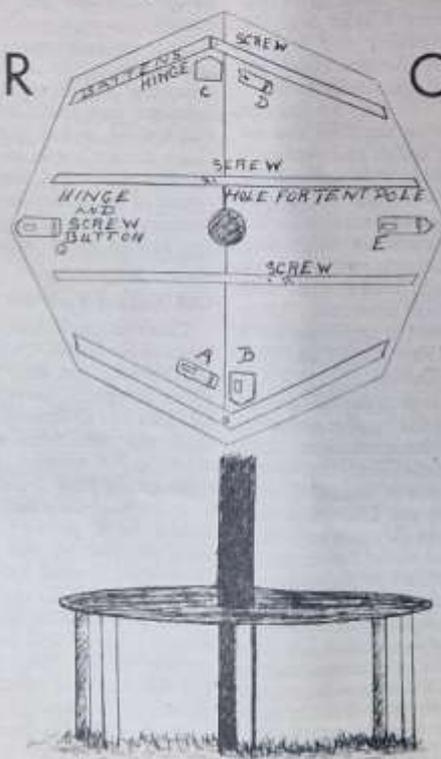
OWN STORE TABLE

to stand separately for serving meals, etc., they are quickly undone.

The hinges are fixed on to blocks, and put on so that the legs will fold down. Then a screw-button is fixed so that the legs do not close it under the table when it is standing. The legs can be pointed so as to stand firmly in the grass.

The cost of the wood comes to very little—about 20 ft. of 10 in. shelving at 3d. per foot, 12 ft. of 3 in. wood for the legs at 1d. per foot, a few screws and hinges.

M. M. SCOTT.



OLD GUIDES—AND THE OLDER RANGER

IT is very encouraging to find that during 1937 over 2,000 ex-Commissioners, Secretaries, Guiders, Rangers and Guiders have become Old Guides in England and Wales. There are more in Scotland and Ireland and the number does not include those groups which have been started but are not yet registered, so that Old Guides have made a most satisfactory start in the British Isles.

There are thousands more who could be linked up with Guiding as Old Guides if only the scheme were better known and understood. What has happened to all those keen Commissioners and Guiders we used to meet at training days and Conferences? Where are the Rangers and Guiders who used to be in our companies? How well we could do with some of their enthusiasm and fun in Guiding today . . . cannot we get into touch with them again and tell them that even if they have no time for regular Guiding, we would like to feel they were still members of the Movement and were backing us up. I am quite certain that a great number of those who loved their Guiding would like to come back as Old Guides, so that it would not only be a great joy to them, but the whole Movement would benefit tremendously, by their interest and co-operation.

Then too, as the Movement grows older year by year, we too grow older and there are now many Commissioners, Guiders and Rangers with long years of Guide service behind them, and the time is going to come sooner or later when all of us will have to think about handing on our jobs to the younger Commissioner or Guider and the Ranger will have to think about making way for the younger girl who wants to join the Ranger company. How much easier it will be for us all, gracefully to retire knowing it need not be the end of Guiding for us, but there will always be a place for us in the Old Guides where we can continue to wear our badge and remain a Guide "for ever and for aye" if we wish, without blocking the way for others. There is no doubt that those who have been Guiding for years, perhaps have been a Brownie-Guide-Ranger-Guider, do miss it dreadfully when they have to give it up, for Guiding can become part of us, for some perhaps even a way of living, interwoven with work and play, our home and outside interests. Little wonder, then, that we feel lost without it and long for a corner in Guiding somewhere—and that corner has now been found for us through the Old Guides.

It is interesting to note the different types of groups which are springing up. In some of the smaller counties, a county group has been formed which seems to cater mainly for the ex-Commissioner and Guider, they have a reunion once a year and each Old Guide is linked up with local guiding in some way. Division and District groups have also been started which include ex-Rangers as well as Guiders, but the most popular seems to be the company group which includes all the old members of the company—Guiders and Guides. (Where there are only company groups a county group can be formed for ex-Commissioners and Secretaries.) In one company group, which has been in existence for years, there are over 100 names on the register, a reunion is held once a year, and those who cannot come send greetings and letters, and these now come from many parts of the world. The Old Guides back up the existing members of the company in all sorts of ways,

helping to raise funds or acting as Quartermaster at camps, etc., and their latest gift is a World Flag. Another Ranger company group has a week-end camp every summer for its Old Rangers, and as many are now married and have their own children, they come to camp too! This group has adopted a family in the distressed areas and are able to send parcels of outgrown clothes, etc.

Although the generic name of Old Guides has been accepted, there is no reason why groups should not call themselves by special names, such as the Sea Ranger Ship Drake whose Old Rangers are known as S.R.S. The Bowling Francis, or the Sea Ranger Ship which has started a Seaplane for its old Sea Rangers who are to form its crew, or again the group known as "The Good Companions."

Until local groups are formed in every county it would be a great help if each County Recorder could form a county group in which all those from her county who wish to be Old Guides could be registered. When an Old Guide joins, the County Recorder could inform the District Commissioner so that she could be linked up with local Guiding and as soon as a group is formed in the neighbourhood the Old Guide can be transferred to it from the county group. Up till now I have kept a register for all those who wanted to join if there was no local group, but it would be much more satisfactory if each county could do this, so that my register need only contain those living abroad or who do not come under any particular county organisation.

Since ex-Commissioners, Secretaries, Guiders, Rangers and Guides are to be found in every town and village, of every age and in every sphere of life, what an amazing influence they would have if they were linked together as Old Guides, and as groups are being formed, not only in Great Britain but in many parts of the Dominions and in Foreign countries, there is an even greater possibility—that of an International Fellowship, based on the Guide Promise and containing Guiders and Girl Scouts of every age and of every nationality.

Old Guides and the Older Ranger.

There is no doubt, then, that Old Guides are fully justified for the ex-Commissioner, Guider and Guide . . . but how far can they help to solve the problem of the Older Ranger? Let me say at once that I do not think Old Guides can do much to solve the problem of the grown-up Ranger who wants to have weekly meetings and go on working for badges. I know some Old Guide groups, more on the lines of a Club, have been formed for Rangers over 21 who meet fairly regularly, and this has its possibilities in large towns. Through the Club's activities, such as visiting the local Hospital, Public Assistance Institution, Special Schools, Factories, etc., and making a study of Public Services, these Old Guides have got into touch with all sorts of social work which they have been able to take up, and so carry out their Ranger Promise of service in the wider world. All this is to the good, but this excellent scheme would not be possible in every town and village.

Most Old Guide groups only have occasional gatherings and reunions and it is not meant to be a branch for training

grown-up people in Guide work . . . but then is any branch of Guiding meant to train grown-up people for what they themselves are going to get out of it (training Guiders to pass on knowledge to their Guides is a different thing altogether) and are we justified in using our limited number of Guiders to train grown-ups in Ranger activities when those Guiders might be used for Guide companies or in training younger Rangers?

Guiding has always been and was intended to be a movement for youth. Although the Chief Scout has said we can be Guides from 8 to 81, I do not think he ever meant us to go on training people up to that age. The basis of Guiding and Scouting is character training and surely we cannot hope to go on training character up to 81—I think he meant that the Guide spirit can go on growing from 8 to 81, for we can never outgrow the meaning of the Promise.

The Chief Scout has given us Brownies, with its theme of helping Mother at home, Guide training for the child of school age and Rangers for those who have left school and are learning to take their place in the world as grown-up citizens, therefore in our desire to help the older Ranger, by keeping her in the Ranger company, do not let us forget that our chief concern should be for children of Brownie and Guide age and the would-be Ranger who has just left school and during the following years.

When a girl leaves school and goes to work it is probably one of the most difficult periods of her life and one of the most important in our Guide training, for life alters completely for her—she is neither child nor grown-up and life is full of new and exciting experiences. There is as we all know a tremendous amount of freedom nowadays, and a girl of 15 to 18 desperately needs some sort of anchor, someone to give her a standard, someone whose advice she will accept, and probably a good Ranger captain is just the person who can give this help as the girl feels her captain is not preaching but she is the leader of the team of which they are all members. If only a girl can find this anchorage in her Ranger company and scope for her initiative and independence, Rangering may just help her to keep the balance she needs so badly and to gain experience without paying too dearly for it. Do let us then concentrate our efforts on getting the girl of school leaving age into the Ranger companies and having got her there to do our utmost to interest and amuse her and to give her something solid to hang on to . . . even if it means parting with the older Ranger.

Cannot we put it to the older Ranger that Rangering has already given her a tremendous amount so it is only fair that other girls should have the chance of joining at the same age as she did—for Rangering was never intended to be a life's hobby for a few, but to help as many Rangers as possible to live their lives to the fullest extent as grown-up citizens. After a Ranger has been in her company for say 5 to 7 years, surely she ought to be ready to go out into the world and put into practice what she learnt as a Ranger? She may become a Guider or Cub Mistress, or in the village there may be Women's Institutes or County Libraries which would be glad of her help, and in towns there are bound to be all sorts of different jobs waiting to be done. If only the grown-up Ranger will take up these new interests outside the Ranger company—and become an Old Guide so that she can keep her connection with Guiding—she will not only find more scope and greater opportunities for herself, but she will be making room for the younger girl who wants to

be a Ranger and who does not join, often because the other Rangers are so much older . . . and it is not reasonable to expect 15 and 30 to mix.

We know that there will always be a certain number of older Rangers who for various reasons cannot become Guiders, others may have very limited time or lead very restricted lives so they are dependent upon their Ranger meetings for companionship and recreation. We do not wish to be brutal and turn them out of the Ranger company (though I believe some companies have an age limit or a length of service ruling) for many are keen Rangers and Rangering means a great deal to them . . . yet something must be done now that the Movement is old enough to have this new problem of long years of membership in a Ranger company. The only solution seems to be that whenever possible something on the lines of a Senior Patrol or Company or Ranger Club should be formed for Rangers over a certain age or after so many years' service, until they can transfer their activities to one of the grown-up organisations and keep in touch with Guiding and their Guide friends through Old Guides, leaving the Ranger company for the younger Rangers.

Just as Brownies go up to Guides, and Guides become Rangers so ultimately would the keen grown-up Ranger go on to Old Guides where she will find the Commissioner, Guider and Ranger, who though no longer taking an active part in Guiding is still serving the Movement as an Old Guide where she can remain a member indefinitely, continue to wear her badge and uniform, and take part in occasional activities connected with her old company or District.

We do not want to hurt anyone's feelings or that they should think they are no longer wanted in the Movement, but let us try to find a niche for everyone who wants to be a Guide.

JOAN FRYER,
Headquarters Recorder Old Guides.

(NOTE:—A leaflet on Old Guides, membership form, membership card, Old Guide tie, and blazer pocket badge can now be obtained from Headquarters.)

THE WIDOW'S MITE.

An English Sea Captain whose ship had taken Spanish refugees back to Spain received an unexpected gift from these poor travellers.

They had little more than the clothes they stood up in when they reached their native shores again, but they scraped their pirogias together to make up the round sum of a guinea.

This they handed to the Captain for him to pass on to any sea charity, and he in his turn has given it to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. Thus "a good deed shines in a naughty world," as Portia said of the candle's beam.

LONDON GUIDE ORCHESTRA AND CHOIR.

The Orchestra and Choir will give a concert at Headquarters on Wednesday, March 9th, at 8.15 p.m.

The Concert will include 'cello solos by Rita Sharpe and vocal solos by Elizabeth Carrington.

There will be a silver collection, part of which will be given to the Guide Hostel Fund (see the February GUIDER, p.55).

Tickets of admission can be obtained from the secretary, Miss Neilson, 30, Fielding Road, Bedford Park, W.4, or from any other member of the Orchestra or Choir.

THE BACKWARD CHILD

BY E. MILDRED NEVILL,
(Psychological Centre for School and Home.)

THE term "backward child" is used to refer to such divergent types as the mental defective on the one hand and the normal child who is retarded in scholastic learning on the other.

There are many children who are considered backward at school who appear perfectly normal in the club room, except perhaps when reading is necessary. These children may be those who have had many changes at school, long absences through illness or perhaps have been under teachers who misunderstood them and caused an emotional reaction to school which made learning difficult. On the other hand, they are sometimes children who have some slight weakness of visual or auditory perception, so that they cannot grasp the necessary groundwork at the appointed time and because of early floundering lose confidence. If they are not given special help life becomes very hard. They can also make life hard for those around them, through their attempts to compensate in undesirable ways for their feelings of inferiority.

Let us, however, think more especially of the child who will always be backward no matter how much help and encouragement he may be given. But here again we have wide distinctions. There are children so defective that one look at them would easily convince us that it was no use trying to teach them school subjects, while at the other end of the scale there are those who look normal, anyhow when their faces are not scrutinised too carefully, but who are slow and lethargic in body and mind or incapable of constructive thinking. These may finally learn to read and write and do simple arithmetic, but they will never reach more than an elementary standard and will always need to be carefully supervised in all important life affairs.

A mentally defective child is judged by the mental age, apart from the chronological age, which has been reached. A girl of 10 whose mental age is only 5 (determined by tests) would have Intelligence Quotient of 50, which must be considered to come into the category of serious defect. By the time she is 15 her mental age will probably have reached $7\frac{1}{2}$, but it is not likely to develop much beyond that. It is necessary, therefore, to adjust one's standards and it is often difficult to realise that such a well-developed body can house a mind with such very simple patterns of thought. In some ways she may even fall short of the mental age which has been assessed by the psychologist, but then she must needs be a bundle of contradictions, for there are many avenues of deviation from the normal and human beings are apt to combine a strange assortment.

This is perhaps what makes mentally defective children so interesting to those who will take the trouble to study them. A few may even have some special ability which can be developed or even apart from this it is often surprising how well they can be trained to do routine tasks. All that is needed is more patience in teaching them and



11th Colchester Guides in Camp, 1926.

more repetition of the simple actions required. They need to have a much more restricted programme in consequence, but, as with little children, they like repetition. There is intense satisfaction in mastering some activity and they naturally like to demonstrate that "here is something I can really do." There are so many things they cannot do.

When a girl is "no good with her head" it is often said that she must be made to use her hands. In theory this may be right, but unfortunately defectives often have very poor motor co-ordination. Their limbs may be nearly as difficult to manage as their minds, but all the same training is generally more effective along practical lines.

It will be noticed that mentally deficient children are lacking in the power of logical thought, according to the degree of their backwardness. They have poor perception not apparently obtaining clear mind pictures; this means that they have little imagination, so they lack forethought and the ability to enter into other people's feelings. In some cases their memory for details, figures, etc., may be good but they lack the initiative to make use of any store of facts. The majority are unobservant, anyhow of those points which are significant, so they lack general knowledge. They rarely go out of their way to make discoveries, in play or in the ordinary life situations, so that if they did not have plenty of external stimulus they would quickly sink to a lower level of achievement than need be the case. It is most important to seek means of creating interests which will provide digestible food for their limited minds.

It will easily be seen that we must not expect more than a very limited critical faculty in children whose minds are undeveloped, which incidentally means that we shall find them to be more imitative. They will copy the bad with the good if it is there to be copied, so the environment is most important. If good habits are to be formed, approval and disapproval must be clearly shown, for simple rewards will act as a great spur to effort. Defective children will always be confused by variable discipline and inconsistencies. Orders must be given in a short, clear and simple form so that issues are not confused and there is not too much to remember at a time. Except for the

emotionally unstable type they should not be difficult to manage.

They vary greatly in the amount of insight they have into their condition. Where they have been sympathetically handled at home they may be content with their lot and enjoy their simple pleasures without any thought of what they are missing, but on the other hand there are all too many who have been made over-sensitive to their limitations by misguided parents, brothers, sisters and others. It is these who need is greatest and who will revel in the opportunity for showing what they can do in an environment where their limitations are understood but where at the same time their possibilities are being realised.

I can well believe that most mentally defective girls are at their best when their needs are being met in a special Brownie Pack or Guide Company.

EXTENSION NOTES.

It is most encouraging to note in the annual reports of the Extension Branch that the chief feature of 1937 was the closer co-operation that exists in most counties between the Extension companies and the local activities in the Districts. It is to be hoped that this will increase everywhere to the mutual benefit of all.

In England and Wales there are now 398 companies and packs with 838 Guiders and approximately 8,000 Brownies, Guides and Rangers.

COMPANIES AND PACKS.

Companies and Packs in the six sections of the Extension Branch in England and Wales.

Blind	34	Hospital and Cripple...	163
Deaf	26	Mentally Defective ...	137
Epileptic	18	Posts	200

JANEY ALLAN,
Commissioner for Extensions.

A FRENCH PATROL-LEADERS' CAMP

A PARTY of four Guides and a Guider were invited by the French Guides to attend a training camp for Patrol Leaders at La Rochette, near St. Etienne. The Guides chosen to go were all Patrol Leaders from Surrey.

We left Victoria on Wednesday, August 2nd, at 9.30, and went to Paris by the Newhaven-Dieppe route. We were met in Paris by a Guider from Headquarters, who took us there by taxi. We left our luggage there and went out to see a little of Paris. When we returned the Guides with whom we were to travel to the camp had arrived, and after we had a meal we crossed Paris to the Gare de Lyons, and travelled all night to St. Bonnet-le-Chateau, the nearest town to the camp site, where we arrived at 7.30 a.m. Our luggage was loaded on a waggon drawn by bullocks, and we walked.

We were very tired after our sleepless night in the train, so we slept on some straw in the barn until dinner time.

After dinner we made gadgets and later pitched the tents and wash-places. We went to bed early that night.

The horn blew for us to get up at 5.15 a.m. the following morning, and we ran to the flagstaff and sang a song of welcome to the sun. Then we had some gymnastics and washed and dressed, and had prayers. After prayers came breakfast, of porridge, bread, and chocolate to drink. After we had washed up we had Colours, and while they were being raised sang the international song. After Colours we were given a short talk by one of the Guiders based on an old motto such as "Calme même sur les flots agités." Then each Guide went away separately to be silent for a few minutes.

The rest of the morning was spent in doing our camp duties and working for Proficiency badges. We had lunch at 12.30, of meat and potatoes, then either lettuce or tomatoes, and tinned fruit for dessert. We had rest hour from 1.30 until 2.30, and the Leaders' meetings and patrol meetings. We were given the subject for the afternoon discussion, and various questions to answer. Everyone took a keen part in the discussions, which were about patrol meetings, and the types of Guides in a patrol. The last discussion was about the tenth Guide Law.

As the camp numbered over one hundred we were divided into three parts, Aquitaine, Bretagne, and Provence, and each division had its own patrols and its meals and discussions separately, meeting only for Colours and prayers. Each division had its own badge and book containing the same words as the mediaeval Knights used when they swore allegiance to their King.

We had a small meal during the discussion, bread and a piece of chocolate with a mug of water. During the evening we continued our badge work. Some of us who were taking Farmer's badge went to the farm and milked cows or made butter and cheese. At 7.30 we had supper—soup, macaroni cheese or some such dish, and fresh fruit. After supper sometimes we went back to the farm or else we had a Court of Justice, when each patrol sent a representative who made any complaints about the camp.

One day we went for a hike. We first visited St. Bonnet-le-Chateau and went in the church. It is a very old church and contains the bodies of some Christians who had been persecuted in the sixteenth century. We went on then across the hills for miles until we came to La Chapelle. We had dinner in a pine-wood. The country was marvellous; it was the beginning of the Cevennes, and there were few roads, only cart tracks across the heaths. We arrived back in camp in time for supper, after having gone about ten miles.

Another afternoon we had a tournament. Chef Walter, the chief of the camp, dressed up as the Queen and all the Guiders as her courtiers. There were throwing competitions and Morse and knots; all the Guides were very keen to enter. In the evening there was a grand camp fire and each patrol did a little act to entertain the rest. The acts were all very well done, and everybody thoroughly enjoyed it all.

The day at last came for us to go home, and after many goodbyes we caught the 8 o'clock train from St. Bonnet and arrived in Paris during the evening. We left the rest of the Guides at the station and crossed over to the Gare St. Lazare, where we caught the boat train to Dieppe, and crossed by night to Newhaven and so to London. We had enjoyed every minute of our stay in France; all the Guiders had been very friendly and had done everything possible for our enjoyment.

THE RETURN OF RIP VAN WINKLE

by
CATHERINE CHRISTIAN

VI.
MAINLY ABOUT DIANA.

FIRMLY and deftly, as she did most things in life, Harriet Gote pinned a posy of violets in the opening of her black tulle evening dress, just where the soft lace ruffles met and crossed. The brooch she used was a family heirloom, a diamond star that had not disgraced its first wearer at the court of Louis XVI. It was her only ornament. Harriet was not addicted to jewellery, even for those occasions which she referred to approvingly as "parties."

She took a last look at herself in the wall-mirror of Diana Sandheim's bathroom. Against a highly modern background of rose and cobalt tiles she saw a dignified middle-aged woman who had never been beautiful and would never be plain; a striking face, cropped grey hair, groomed now to show the deep natural wave, and eyes shrewd, tolerant, and tonight a little anxious.

"You'll do," she told that reflection.

She switched off the light and passed out direct into the big shadowy room which, apart from a diminutive kitchen, constituted Diana's flat.

Rather uneasily she prowled round it, her footsteps making no sound on the deep fawn carpet. Finally she dropped into a tweed-covered armchair and sat considering.

It was a pleasing room, white walled and well proportioned. The colour scheme of fawn and apple green, warmed over so faintly by a couple of pale rose cushions on the low divan, was artistic to a fault. A pottery jar, Greek in its simplicity, held tall sprays of almond blossom, palm, arum lilies and giant daffodils. The lamp on its stand by Harriet's chair was of pale green glass, the shade transparent, imprisoning two perfect skeleton leaves.

"Why don't I like it?" Harriet asked herself. "Of its kind it's perfection. Just because I have a predilection for a wealth of old oak and warming pans there's no call for children like Dinny to share the taste." She got up again to investigate the bookcase which, like a box of



unpolished bricks, was built up at odd angles in a corner.

There were names she knew, many she did not know. Over a shelf better stocked than the others she paused—*Modern Man in search of a Soul*. *The Inner World of Childhood*. Most of Groddeck's books, *God is My Adventure*, and *Winged Pharaoh*.

She sat down again and, measuring finger tip to finger tip, waited. Up here on the eighth floor there was very little noise. The hum of a lift, like the hum of engines on a liner, sounded now and again, and below in the courtyard cars came and went. Diana was late—very late. Unless she came soon there would not be much time before the "First Night" of Bennie Carr's play. Harriet hoped sympathetically that she was not devastating herself on that account. A meal more or less remained a casual matter to so old a campaigner as herself.

Suddenly a bell pinged.

"Forgotten her key in the excitement, I suppose, bless the child," Harriet reflected, and, crossing to the diminutive lobby, opened the front door on to a long petunia-carpeted corridor, saying briskly: "Well, there you are at last."

She said it to a boiled shirt-front and the worn black revers of an evening coat which happened to be about the level of Diana's head would have been had she been standing there instead of the tall, broad-shouldered owner of the garments.

"I beg your pardon," Harriet said with dignity, and decided with her usual immediateness of decision that the man was a fool.

He was big and brown and as attractively ugly as the best kind of gargoyle, but he was evidently taken aback and, as Harriet put it, "needed all Trafalgar Square to turn himself in."

"I expect you want Miss Sandheim, don't you? Well, she's not in yet, but I hope she soon will be," she came to his assistance.

"Oh yes—I see—thanks very much. No, it doesn't matter. If you'd just give her these maybe."

"I will."

Inwardly smiling, outwardly grave, Harriet accepted the waxed cornet in which lay a delicate trail of orchids mounted with fern. "Whom shall I say they're from?"

He frowned, and she saw that he was short-sighted and given to concentration.

"Just say 'from Donald Humphries,' if you'll be so kind."

Harriet was still considering the fragile butterfly things five minutes later, inhaling their subtly sinister fragrance, when a key grated in the lock and Diana came in breathless.

"Oh, Harriet, I'm so sorry. I had no *idea* they were going to call a Sales Committee tonight. It really is the most awful shame to have kept you waiting.

Why, where did those come from?"—she checked at the orchids, like a setter at a bird.

"A person called Donald Humphries left them—"

Just for a moment Diana's cool business-like composure was shaken. Her pale face flushed, and she said with distressful annoyance:

"Orchids, he can't afford orchids!" Then she shrugged: "Oh well, very charming of him. They're unusual ones, aren't they?"

"Odd things," Harriet commented. "We used to call this sort 'baby-in-the-cradle' out in Africa. Well, what are you staring at? Better get on and get yourself changed if we're going out, hadn't you?"

Twenty minutes later she said with approval:

"You do know how to be quick, Dinny. I suppose that's why you are a successful business woman. And you know how to make a prawn salad, my child. Is that why eligible young men adorn you with orchids?"

Diana leaned back in the armchair opposite Harriet's and laughed. She was slender and sophisticated in her dress of clinging parchment satin. With her dark hair and brows she looked, Harriet thought, like a statuette in ivory and ebony—one in which the sculptor had left little to the imagination.

"I didn't make this salad. Vera, the girl who comes in every morning, does those jobs for me. She's a treasure. I should never have time to keep house, I'm in the city at nine—sometimes not home till eleven or twelve. Meeting people and going places is part of my trade, you see. It's in one piece with always being well-dressed and driving a good car—an investment."

Harriet put down the buff coloured plate, off which she had been eating, on the green trolley between them.

"Dinny," she said sharply, "what are you looking for?"

Diana jumped a little. Her brown eyes were wary.

"How do you mean?" she fenced.

"As I say—what it is you're out after? You're alone in the world, you haven't a soul depending on you, you're young and strong and eminently capable—what is it you want from life? Happiness? Adventure? Beauty? Achievement—What?"

Diana considered gravely, smoothing the arm of her chair with an unconscious gesture, restless and insecure.

"Money," she said at last briefly. She raised her eyes to Harriet's and behind their defiance they were ashamed and sad. "Now you despise me, I suppose?"

Harriet shook her head.

"Go on," she said crisply.

Diana sat up and clasped her hands on her knee with a sudden gesture un-English in its passion.

"Money means happiness, Harriet. Without it what Adventure is possible, what Beauty, what Achievement? Oh, I know what you'll say. You'll talk about things I don't understand, never have understood—about spiritual values and the glory of going on, and how marvellous poor people can be. But to me poverty is the most frightful thing on earth: it's crippling and maiming and imprisoning. Harriet, have you any *idea* how poor Auntie and I were those years I was with you in the Guides?"

"A pretty fair idea," Harriet nodded. Her eyes were very kind.

Diana shuddered.

"She brought me up from a baby. She hadn't enough to keep herself, and then mother and father died and she felt she ought to take me. 'Ought!'—how I loathed and hated that word. 'We ought to do this; we ought not to do that': Auntie lived by it. I lived by it too for years and years. Well, I suppose I mustn't grumble, it's got me a good long way from two rooms in Laburnum Road, an aspidistra on a bamboo stand, and 'God is love' in wool cross stitch over the mantelpiece."

Harriet nodded.

"A long way," she agreed.

Diana hesitated. There was appeal struggling with a certain arrogance in her face.

"You think I'm selfish, horribly selfish. Perhaps I am. But you don't know what life's like for people of my age. The pressure, the struggle. There are dozens, hundreds, of girls keen, well-educated—better educated than I am—who'd snap my job tomorrow if I didn't contrive to hold it down. I've made a place for myself, but I've no illusions. If I went under somebody else would take that place. In a week they'd have forgotten my name. And it's the same story for all of us. Mannequin, journalist, secretary, shop-girl—keep on your two feet or go under."

"Yes, I suppose you're right," Harriet said sadly.

"Believe me, I'm right. And there's another thing. None of us know—nobody knows nowadays—how long anything's going to last. It's no good saving up for one's good times like people used to do. We want to have them and make sure of them. At least, I know I do. This flat, for instance: I pay a hundred and twenty-five pounds a year for it. I could save that, and more, by moving to some God-forsaken suburb and living in another Laburnum Road. But what's the good of money in the Bank when any day there may be a war that'll drop bombs on you and your Bank? Look, Harriet, at my flowers in that jar, with the night sky behind them; look at my books and my lamp, and the little faun's head that I love so: I've had them, they've belonged to me. I'm young enough to enjoy them—it's something to remember anyway."

"And where," Harriet asked gravely, "does Donald Humphries come into all this?"

"He doesn't!" Diana snapped. "He's just a man I know. He works in the same firm as a matter of fact, at about one third the salary I get. We were on a job together for a bit. He's a queer person—rather interesting in a way. He's travelled a lot, and studied. But he's most unpractical. . . ." She got up and began to move towards the kitchen. By Harriet's chair she paused. "I suppose we moderns seem to you a pretty rotten lot, don't we?"

"You worry me," Harriet conceded.

"Why?" Dinny smiled.

"Because," Harriet said with decision, "you seem to be

such a discontented, dissatisfied, frustrated set of babes in the wood, all either crying for the moon, or else drowning yourselves in some dirty duck pond diving after the reflection of it. Well, I suppose you'll find your mistake some day, or else the robins will do their act in traditional style—and in either case the world will go on turning. I'm very philosophical, Dinny."

Diana shrugged.

"Yes, the world goes on turning. Where to?"

Harriet stood up and shook out her taffeta skirts.

"Possibly back to 'God is love,' but not necessarily in wool work, nor supported by an aspidistra. Now let's go and see Bennie Carr's new play."

The play was good, quite definitely good. It was a comedy, and of the type, Harriet felt, would once have been described by elders as '*pas pour la jeune fille*.'

Bennie, however, appeared to be without any qualms on the subject. The company from the Dragon Studio were there in full force, Kathleen told Harriet, and at his invitation.

"They'll laugh in all the right places too, the little wretches. The modern child's born knowing things at which its grandmother would have swooned. That's where Leonore is so simply marvellous. She never loses her head, and she can talk to any infant about anything without getting the poor sweet all hot under the collar. She's like you there, Harriet."

The two looked at each other and both laughed. Some memories die hard. There are things every captain is liable to go through with some small and nervy child under her charge. The recollection remains, either a bond or a barrier for the rest of time.

They settled to a satisfactory third act—witty, pungent, without malice—a third act which, to Harriet's satisfaction, ended happily.

"Bennie's always so frightfully moral. All his heroes go to heaven and all his villains to hell, and the lovely heroine is always left certain to live happy ever after," Kathleen criticised. "But I'm glad you liked it, Harriet. I'm hoping the gentlemen of the press did too. Bennie does get so elated with good notices. Oh, you aren't going home yet? We've all got to drink his health. Come on, Dinny, we're going to the '*Bacon and Eggs*' to celebrate."

Diana, however, excused herself. It was late—she had to be at work the next morning.

Kathleen glanced after the tall figure, in its striking black evening cloak, and sighed.

"She's so nice somewhere, if only she'd let herself be. Why won't she, Harriet?"

Harriet shook her head.

"Fear, my dear. Poor Little Dinny! Half-starved, fighting her way through on scholarships, by the skin of her teeth—don't you remember her? That insecurity does not vanish like a wraith of mist in the first sunlight of success unless you're a very big person. Dinny's afraid to live and afraid to die, afraid of losing anything, no matter for what eventual gain. And she's desperately, devastatingly, paralytically lonely, Kathleen."

"Lonely?" Kathleen was genuinely surprised. "But, she's got dozens of friends."

"Has she?" Harriet queried. She did not sound convinced.

Kathleen said unhappily:

"I've tried so often to get her to take a company again, I'm sure it would be good for her."

"Heaven forbid!" exclaimed Harriet, with a vigour that made a languid lady in an ermine wrap leaving the theatre just ahead of them jump and turn round in surprise. "No! much will I condone and much I will connive at, but to take a bunch of eager enthusiastic children and put them in charge of a person who has no ideal in life but to save her own skin, no! Safety First on the roads, if you must have it—even there it is a questionable blessing—but Safety Last when it comes to the art of living. He that loseth his life, he, and he alone shall find it. I don't blame Dinny, and I don't judge her. She's got to find her own way out of the wood. When she's found it she will be a very useful—and knowledgeable Guider."

Kathleen gave her a swift sidelong look.

"What d'you think about Donald Humphries?" she asked.

"I don't," Harriet said firmly. It's his place to do the thinking. He looks as if he could do it to some purpose. Did you know he had got a seat in the dress circle tonight?"

"I did. I sent it to him," Kathleen admitted.

"Then keep your breath to cool your porridge, child. It's a great mistake to dig round a seed once you've put it in the ground. Ah, here's Bennie! Bennie, I've enjoyed myself. Thank you for a very nice play."

It was four o'clock in the morning when Harriet found herself back at her own front door. The original cause of her quest occurred to her and she shook her head sagely as she hunted for a door key.

"They work hard. They certainly play hard. What I'm not altogether clear about is when they ever find time to *live*," she said.

A sinking moon stared at her over the housetops with the surprised blankness of an idiot. Somewhere a cat yowled dismally. Harriet, with a shiver and a yawn, turned her key in the lock and went up to bed.

(To be continued.)

SCOUTERS' AND GUIDERS' CRUISE

Following on the great success of the Cruises to the Baltic and the Mediterranean in 1933 and 1934, the Chief Guide and the Chief Scout have expressed a wish that another Cruise should be arranged for this summer. They themselves hope to take part in this, if the Chief Scout is well enough.

This time it is proposed to visit Iceland, Trondhjem (Norwegian fjords), Copenhagen, Antwerp and Dover, allowing enough time at each port to make personal contact with the Scouts and Guides.

The *Orduna*, a sister ship of *Calgaric*, has been provisionally engaged for this Cruise, sailing from Liverpool on Monday 8th August, and returning there on 25th August. The accommodation is limited to 450, and the minimum fare is £18 10s, exclusive of shore excursions, though these are not likely to be expensive. The lowest-rated cabins have four berths, but will only be used for two people.

The Cruise will be open to Scouters and Guiders and their friends and relatives, and boys and girls over 12 years of age in the responsible charge of adults.

These Cruises form a valuable opportunity of meeting Scouters and Guiders in other lands and of seeing their countries under particularly favourable conditions. None of those who took part in the previous Cruises will ever forget the wonderful Rallies in Holland, Latvia, Finland, Sweden, Gibraltar, Malta, France and Portugal, the great camps visited in Poland and Lithuania, the camp-fires in Estonia, Norway and Algeria, and the varied scenes of Scouting and of National life in all these countries.

Those who wish to take part in this delightful and unique holiday should write to book their cabins, not later than Friday 22nd April, direct to McGregor, Gow and Holland Ltd., 20, Billiter Street, London, E.C.3, or through the Pacific Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., Goree, Water Street, Liverpool. Full particulars can be obtained from Hon. Heather Baden-Powell, Boy Scouts' Association, 25, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1.

THE PROOF OF THE PUDDING

by
H. B. DAVIDSON
SIGNALLING

What is a signal?

A popular dictionary gives as its definition: "an intelligible sign conveying information to persons at a distance." How many of your Guides have really signalled to others at a distance and so got the thrill of sending a message that cannot be shouted, or even spoken in an ordinary voice?

Do you know the story of the first signaller?

Read your *Scouting for Boys*, Camp Fire Yarn No. 7, and you will find the description of how Captain John Smith thought of using signals as a means of communication at a distance more than three hundred years ago. There is another yarn which tells how Captain Clowry in the American Civil War used an old steam engine and blew longs and shorts with its whistle. All these stories will thrill your Guides and will make them see the real use of signals.

Why is Morse in the Second Class Test?

It is a test of the Guide's grit for here is something that she most probably will never have come up against before. The modern Guider's lament is so often, "They do all these things already in school." She *must* learn Morse by her own effort for however much she is helped by games, etc., in the company, she still has to memorise the alphabet. It is a test of *concentration* and *accuracy* for no one can send or read messages in Morse correctly without real concentration upon the job in hand. It is definitely an *outdoor* activity (although practice can be done indoors), and can be an endless source of thrill and adventure when used in all sorts of outdoor games.

Do your Guides ever think of making use of the Morse code apart from getting through the test?

If they don't, isn't it chiefly because of all the paraphernalia of signalling flags? If every Guide were taught to signal with her arms, and if signals were constantly used to pass messages from one end of camp to another; to tell the other patrols on hike that the first billy is boiling; or for the advance bathing party to send back word that they have left their towels behind, then they would go on using it as a matter of course, instead of forgetting it as soon as it has been learnt.

Why do we have International Guide Signalling?

Because it can be done without flags (although special flags for the purpose can be made, or bought, and are seen more easily at long distance), and is therefore more practical for the average Guide. There is little or no expense entailed, and "style" is not essential in the same way that it is for "flag-wagging," although the dot and dash must be sent clearly and accurately.

Can this method of signalling be done really well?

Most certainly—yes! There is no excuse for a slipshod manner. The sender should stand properly with feet apart and good general poise; should raise her arms *straight* to shoulder level with palms towards the Reader, even if nothing is held in the hands, and bring them smartly back to shoulder level again. A slight upward jerk and rigid arm movement makes the signal far easier to read than a feeble arm flapping with loose wrist and elbow. In the same way, the Reader should stand well, with feet apart and hands to sides, when not actually answering. Study the pictures in *An A.B.C. of Guiding* or the special pamphlet *International Guide Signalling* (2d.), if you are not certain yourself of these important details.

Do your Guides know any "Special Signals"?

Seven of these are essential if you are doing real signalling (passing messages to each other beyond shouting distance). The Sender must be able: (1.) To call up the Reader. (2.) To show that she has got to the end of a word. (3.) To erase a mistake (4.) To send a sign to close her message. The Reader must be able: (1.) To make the answer which shows that she has read the word. (2.) To get the word repeated. (3.) To show that she has read the message. All these special signals are found in the Signalling Pamphlet and should be memorised with the Morse alphabet.

(N.B. Even if when practising the Guides are obliged to stand within shouting distance on account of space, they should be made to understand that it is not real signalling if either party has to speak.)

Are there other ways of sending Morse for practice?

Guides generally get much more interested in learning Morse if they are encouraged to make up their own ways of sending dots and dashes. As well as "Tapping, Flashing, and Flagging," there are all sorts of different ways of conveying your message to a friend who is close at hand. Here are a few suggestions: stamp with one foot for a dot, jump with both for a dash; tap with the finger tips for a dot, slap with open palm for a dash; hold up both hands, palms outwards, on either side of the head (rabbit's ears),

MATLOCK CONFERENCE REPORT.

A pamphlet is now on sale at Headquarters, price 1s., giving a full report of the excellent talks at the Matlock Ranger Conference.

Commissioners and Ranger Guiders are advised to order their copies at once as only a limited number are available. The representatives who took part in the Conference will be especially interested.

The pamphlet contains talks by specialists on:—

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- Community Centres.
- Rangers and Peace.
- The Need of co-operation between the Scout and Guide Movements.
- The Ranger—Her Social Relationships.
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and close the fingers of the right hand only for a dot, both hands together for a dash. One good game is to divide the company into pairs, station one of each pair some little distance away, get her partner to run to the base and hear what word is to be signalled, ("Sit," "Sing," "Lie Down," etc.), and then let the signaller send it by any method that she likes as long as it is a different one each time. The Reader has to obey the order in answer.

Do your Guides like writing letters (messages) in Morse?

They will enjoy doing this if actual use is made of the messages. Perhaps they are clues to say where treasure is hidden, or are a fresh set of directions in a trail. Morse can be written in "hills and mountains" as well as in dots and dashes (see *An A.B.C. of Guiding*), and in other ways that the company can make up for itself. It is much more fun to have your own secret code than one which any Guide or Scout could pick up and read at once.

Do you teach your Guides to send messages from the very first?

This is quite possible even if they have only learnt the seven easy letters: E.I.S.H.T.M.O., and if they add A. and R. they can send the necessary Miscellaneous Signals as well. There is nothing more deadly than having to plough on at memorising the whole alphabet before getting any chance of sending and reading a message. Have a competition between your patrols to see which can produce the longest sentence made up entirely of these letters: (Example, "Toss me some hot moss, Tom.")

Are signalling games good, or bad?

Good, if in a sending game there is time for the signaller to send her letters properly and it is not merely a race to see who can finish first. Another snag is to have all the rest of the patrol kept waiting about while one or two Guides do the necessary work. If the Guides are at all stages a key should be provided for practice games played in a small area, to which the beginners can refer (see suggestions given below). Signalling games played on a wide scale are naturally much more valuable for practice in real signalling, although team games, and even Patrol Corner games, are useful for revision and encourage the Guides to learn the alphabet.

Have you any Morse "keys" for use in the company?

These are much more attractive than ordinary copies of the Morse alphabet. Here are two suggestions: a collection of single object pictures with no name attached, but the initial letter of the object written over it in Morse. (The orange will have --- on the top.) The Guide who is not quite sure of the Morse for her letter, finds the picture and copies the dots and dashes written over it. Another simple key can be made by writing each letter separately on a post card: a capital letter for a dash and a small letter for a dot: (aA=A, Bbbb=B, etc.)

Is the Morse ladder quite out of date?

Some Guides seem to get the necessary impetus to learn the code week by week in this way. The ladder, made out of cardboard, has from 4 to 6 steps with an equal number of letters allotted to each. The Guide has her own little flag, or picture of herself, which is pinned on to the steps as she is able to climb them successfully by passing a test both in reading and sending those letters and the ones below them. Leaders can make these

ladders for their Patrol Corners, and a good deal of fun can be got out of them in inter-patrol competition.

Are whistle and hand signals all part of signalling?

Certainly—the origin of signs made with hand and arm to convey a message to someone at a distance would be impossible to trace! The Guide hand signals are particularly useful out-of-doors when they take the place of shouted orders, or for falling in quickly in any special formation for games. Whistle signals teach alertness and control, although a lot of unnecessary whistling is deplorable especially during an indoor company meeting.

What do we mean by "Silent Drill" by signs?

Silent Drill by signs is described in *An A.B.C. of Guiding*. Any suggestions given can be modified to suit the company, and any company can make up their own code of signs. Leaders enjoy inventing secret signs for patrol formation which are only understood by their own Guides.

Finally—what are your own views about signalling for Guides?

Are you an enthusiast who cannot think why your Guides don't enjoy it as much as you do yourself? If so, can you sink your natural prejudice and start using International Guide Signalling (which, by the way, is now used by Guides of many different countries, hence its name), still taking your few who are really keen on to flag-wagging for the Signaller Badge? Or, are you frankly bored with it all? In this case, try to get back to the child's point of view and look for the possibilities for fun and adventure. . . . And remember that it is still another outlet. The Guide who is no good at making things with her hands, and who cannot dance, may become quite a good signaller.

A SAGA OF FOXLEASE

*Riding down to Foxlease in a Southern train,
After weeks of waiting in the same old strain,
Quite extensive wardrobe, flags and rope as well,
Sat prospective Guider, tall and slim and swell.*

*As the train drew nearer, heart dropped to her boots,
How would "Week" receive her, would they laugh in boots?
Reached the Foxlease front door, Oh what welcome there,
Luggage grabbed from one hand, then rushed up the stair.*

*O what lovely bedrooms, just for three or four,
Bathrooms too in plenty, just beyond the door,
In the grounds the swimming, spacious camp sites too,
What a chance for all things Guiders long to do.*

*As the week proceeded, was there fun abroad?
Work and play were blended, no one least bit floored.
Most exciting rambles, songs and star talk too,
Most unlike the rumours of too much work to do.*

*As the visit ended and left behind the few,
Many were the friendships made, entirely new,
Gone was the inertia, gone the nervous fears,
Foxlease holds a welcome, constant through the years.*

INLAND CAMPING

by
DOROTHY KERR



Fun in the Hay.

DURING the Christmas holidays I found some camp snapshots I had mislaid. By good luck I found my album, and then entered upon a quest for some sort of sticky paste. I ran it to earth with the help of the entire family—everyone knows the sort of thing that goes on in any *normal* household—“Ask Phyllis, she was looking for it the other day”—“I am sure I saw Paul with it on Tuesday”—and in comparison with these illuminating but unconcerned remarks the heartwring wail of the master of the house—“Haven’t I said it is never to be taken away from my desk?”

Well, anyway, once settled down to putting in those photographs camp memories came flooding back, the fireside and the drawn curtains vanished, and I was back on the grass flitting in and out of tents and skipping in a jocund manner over guylines. Camp snapshots are so varied: there are those that appear to have been taken at the drear hour of midnight, there are those that should never have been taken at any hour, and those that you would simply hate a strange Camp Adviser to see for fear she wouldn’t really believe you when you explained that the Guides had all gone home, and that you and your fellow Guiders had posed it for a joke anyway.

There is one of the Guides lying in a great pile of hay, and there is a baby too—that can’t be camp—yes, it is, Visitors’ Day, that accounts for the infant. The hay was in a heap just being carted off, there should have been a horse in the picture but it didn’t wait.

What fun that haymaking was for the Guides; most of us Guiders have delicious recollections of being allowed to romp neck deep in the fragrant masses every summer, if we were fortunate enough to spend our childhood in the country. Nowadays we have got used to the privations of children born and brought up in city streets—we know they haven’t gardens of their own, but we console ourselves with the thought that there are good parks and playgrounds

—but I for one never realised quite what present day civilisation means to the poor until I heard some Guides saying that they had never seen hay in a field before! One can read about the population moving into the towns, agriculture giving way to manufacture, but the loss of the children’s heritage doesn’t really strike home till one hears a remark like that.

When choosing a camp site the usual cry is “Bathing.” This is natural—for all children adore the sea and the sands. But it is becoming increasingly difficult to find seaside sites that are suitable. The stretches of sand are no longer deserted, houses spring up, shops follow, places of entertainment next, and the inevitable concomitants of icecream carts, bus stations, etc. If Guides camp near one of these places they certainly get sea air and bathing; but do they quite get away from the urban surroundings and noisy excitements of their own city homes? I doubt it. I sometimes wonder if the Guiders merely insist on bathing because they think it fills up the time. Certainly as the sites allowable for Guide camps recede further and further inland from seaside resorts, the time taken up by bathing is considerable.

I write as one who sinned in the past. I never would think of going to any site that was not near the sea, or had not a river suitable for bathing. But last summer I ran a Divisional Group Camp, and we went inland. Before camp I had visions of time on our hands, complaints about the lack of bathing, general boredom; so I brought every kind of ball and looked up every woodcraft game I had ever taken notes of at Trainings. But I was only asked to organise games one afternoon, and the children were perfectly happy and made their own amusements.

Haymaking, of course, was a great thrill, as were the rides on the horse’s back; and our kindly landlord put up a swing. The Guides really did make gadgets, because they had time to do so. They also learned what kind of

wood to bring in for fires. It was very heartening to see Guides who at first had a miserable bunch of twigs loosely dropping from under one arm later on going out with rope and swishing through the undergrowth with some huge branch.

Many of the Guides were at their first camp, and some of them were only about 12 and 13 years of age. They required a good deal of rest and they were able to have it. If there had been the sea a mile or so away I think it would have been a rush and an exertion for them to have walked there and back. Those children mostly came from crowded traffic-ridden streets, and the peace and utter quietness of the immense and undulating field must have been immeasurably good for their nerves. At the end of camp most Guides did go with their Guiders to the village to buy some present to bring home, but there was no general exodus from camp each day to mingle with throngs of holiday makers on dusty noisy roads.

Plenty of people came in on Visitors' Day, because our camp—sylvan and secluded as it was, and very pure and fresh were the breezes that blew over it—was actually only a couple of miles from the end of a tramline. This nearness was grand propaganda, as hardly any of the parents had ever been to camp, and they were absolutely unanimous in their approval and enjoyment. One child was allowed to come and camp for the last few days because her mother was converted by the camp atmosphere. "I had no idea a camp was like this," "I wouldn't have believed everything could be so comfortable," those were the sort of remarks that delighted our ears. What an impetus camping would get if more parents could visit their children. We don't want parents to let their children go to camp just because they trust the captain—"I'll let Jennie go with you, Miss—I'll know you'll be good to her"—that sort of semi-flattering announcement isn't really good enough, we want parents to let the Guides camp because they know it is going to be the very best holiday the children could have—fun and open air life among lovely surroundings.

Let me gather up my scattered recollections into some sort of conclusion: I think the "good things" of an inland camp site are these:—(1) good sites are easier to find near home, thus (a) keeping down expenses, and (b) educating parents. (2) There are more opportunities for woodcraft and handicraft. (3) The real peace and tranquil sights and sounds of the rural scene are more lastingly beneficial to young children than the doubtful accompaniments of so many of the coast sites.

Perhaps in 1990 some small Guide will be telling another that her Granny went to camp in a place called "the country" and saw cows milked by hand, and men cutting grass with a scythe, and saw horses drawing carts. Don't let us deprive Granny of her memories!

THE EDITOR'S POST BAG

WILDERSWIL—SWITZERLAND.

To the Editor.

DEAR EDITOR,—Three Rangers would like to go to Wilderswil (near Interlaken) this summer and would very much like to join a party of Rangers or Guiders who might be going at the same time.

If any party is contemplating going to Wilderswil (or if any Rangers or Guiders would like to make up a party) for August 20th for a fortnight, perhaps they would communicate as soon as possible with:—Miss F. Martin, 14, Catterick Road, Didsbury, Manchester.—Yours, etc.

FREDA MARTIN.

THE HERTS POST RANGER AND THE HOME FOR INCURABLES.

To the Editor.

DEAR EDITOR,—It may interest readers of THE GUIDER—especially those who gave their votes—to know that Winnie Wilmott, the Herts Post Ranger, obtained roughly 1,100 votes at the last election, but they were not sufficient to enable her to be elected to the

Home. We are therefore making every effort to secure a sufficiently large number of votes to ensure her being elected at the next election, and we should be most grateful if those who gave their votes last time will do so again at the May election, and also interest anyone else they know who has votes for the Home. Further particulars and cards can be obtained either from me or Miss Course, 33, High Street, Royston.—Yours, etc.

JOAN FRYER,
Late Commissioner for Extension
Branch.

Chadsholme,
Harpden, Herts.

To the Editor.

DEAR EDITOR,—May I beg space to thank those Guides of all ranks who sent over 2,200 presents to children of unemployed men in this county. Many of these parcels were given out to parents before Christmas, so that they should know there was something for the children on that day. Several mothers have since told us that they would not otherwise have been able to give them anything. From all the villages visited so far, we have heard what splendid presents they were, and in most cases suitably chosen. A clerical error caused a boy of 12 to receive a parcel intended for a baby of 2, and in another a family of 4 boys each received a doll, fortunately they saw the humorous side of it!

Once more on behalf of Durham Community Council I would like to thank all Rangers, Guides and Brownies who with their Guiders helped to provide these splendid presents, which are so much appreciated.—Yours, etc.

CLARA C. TILLARD.

Hallgarth House, Durham.

HOLIDAYS ABROAD.

To the Editor.

DEAR EDITOR,—Will any Ranger Captain who has recently taken her Rangers abroad, be very kind and write and tell me where they have been, whether they camped, and what were their average expenses per head. We have been to Bruges and Paris and we would welcome suggestions for other holidays in August—especially if any company has been to Ireland or Norway.—Yours, etc.

J. M. WELSFORD.

3, Strathray Gardens, N.W.3.

ENQUIRE WITHIN.

Unfortunately, owing to lack of space, the *Enquire Within* column has been crowded out of this issue. It is hoped that it may be possible to devote an entire page to this feature in the April issue.

EDITOR.

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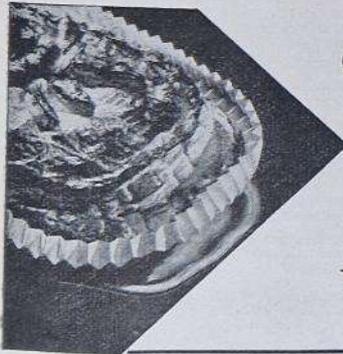
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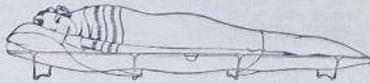
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THE GUIDER HANDICRAFT COMPETITION RESULTS

There were nearly 300 entries for the Competition, which was very encouraging, and the variety and suitability of the articles will prove most acceptable to the Hospital and to the Personal Service League to which they have been sent.

The Competition Judge was Miss Clark, Handicrafts Organizer of the National Council of Girls' Clubs, assisted by Mrs. Scoville in the toy-making classes.

The standard of the entries as a whole was very good, with the Needlework Section by far the best, and Embroidery a close second. The entries for the Toy-making were not, on the whole, very good, but there were some attractive animals in the Guide section, and some charmingly dressed dolls in section (c).

To begin at the beginning, the judge's remarks were as follows—

- Needlework**—
- (a) Very interesting entries, showing originality.
 - (b) The Guide placemats were rather disappointing.
 - (c) The dress and knicker sets were very good and a very high standard.
- Tapestry**— These were lacking in originality and colour schemes were poor.
- Embroidery**—
- (a) Very good entries, again showing much originality.
 - (b) Very disappointing indeed—no originality in any of the designs.
 - (c) Some quite good entries.
- Knitting**—
- (a) There were very few entries, and none was considered worthy of an award.
 - (b) A very high standard.
- Knitting**—
- (a) Much more care should have been given to the specification of size—not a very good standard.
 - (b) *Posie Covers*—Standard very poor, and no award made.
 - (c) *Coat*—not a very high standard. Much more attention should be given to the suitability of the article to the age of the child.
 - (d) *Jack*—A very high standard.
 - (e) *Buttons*—Some very interesting and good entries.
- Woolen Toy-Making**—
- (a) Only one entry, which was a great pity in an interesting class for small children.
 - (b) Only a small number of entries, and a disappointing standard, for which no award was made.
 - (c) Standard of work varied considerably. Competitors should remember that the Ark and the animals should be of the same standard of work.
- Soft Toy-Making**—
- (a) Very good entries showing originality.
 - (b) Not many entries, but some good original work.
 - (c) Very good entries.
- Stuffed Making**—
- The entries showed variety, and quite a good standard.
- Painting**—
- This was a disappointing section, with only one exception—the first prize-winner, which compared favourably with professional publicity posters. In almost every case, there was very little attempt at lay-out or design of any sort, although some of the entries showed that a good deal of thought and work had been put into them. Further designs for competition or consideration should be based into these and not pulled.

COMPETITION RESULTS.

CLASS I—Needlework. (Plain Sewing.)

- (a) **SHIRTS**. (Knitwear.)
First: Joy Mackie, Ashchurch, Pittswood, Fla.
Second: Vera Cate, Sunway, 10, Andrew Road, Deal, Kent.
Third: Betty McDermott, 10, Broadfield Square, Enfield Highway, Enfield, Middlesex.
- (b) **GIRDERS**. (Pinafore.)
First: Isabelle White, 11, Mary of Seasmith, Edgware, Middlesex.
Second: Joan Brad, The Parade, Marlborough, Wilts.
Third: Stella Cole, 48 Fitzroy Road, Southampton.
- (c) **RANGERS AND GIDDERS**. (Dress and knickers.)
First: M. G. McKinley (Ranger P.L.), Waverley, Brighthelm, Co. Antrim.
Second: Miss Gilmore, 22 Murrayfield Gardens, Edinburgh.
Third: Miss A. Laurie, 12, Conna Place, Edinburgh.
- SEVEN'S GAMES FOR GIRLS**. (Tapestry.)
First: Miss J. Wright, New Cottage, Scuton, Devon.
Second: Miss R. M. Tomlinson, Lioness, Meads Road, Blackburn.
Third: Miss E. P. Wright, 7, Abington Road, Reading, Berks.

CLASS II—Embroidery.

- (a) **SHIRTS**. (A Pinafore.)
First: Lorna Charlton, Grove Place, Boston Spa, Yorks.
Second: Kathleen Light, 84, Tilly Road, Forest Gate, E.T.
Third: Joan Fryer, 110, Conna Road, Ipswich, Suffolk.
- (b) **GIRDERS**. (Set of cotton, silk and belt.)
First: Joan Brad, Conna Cottage, Whitby Lane, Whitby, North Yorks.
Second: Ruby Kin, 4, Wines Avenue, Five Lane Ends, Beaulieu, Yorks.
Third: Susan Bennett, 10, Wellington Road, Caterham, Surrey.
- (c) **RANGERS AND GIDDERS**. (Child's outdoor dress.)
First: Miss Bunker, 10, Conna Lodge, E. Bedford, Beds, E.O.W.



A corner of the Exhibition in Handicrafters' Library showing some of the prize-winning articles.

- Second**: Miss Horatiana, Bonners, Hambleton, St. Gobains, Surrey.
Third: Miss A. Laurie, 12, Conna Place, Edinburgh.

CLASS III—Weaving.

- (a) **GIRDERS**. (Hand-woven scarf.)
No Award.
- (b) **RANGERS AND GIDDERS**. (Hand-woven scarf.)
First: Miss Northern, Kewey, Kempton, Fairfield, Glou.
Second: Miss E. Mansell Utton, 2, Gokfold Avenue, Chestfield.
Third: Mrs. Nash, Somersby, Ridge Lane, Watford, Herts.

CLASS IV—Knitting.

- (a) **BROOKERS**. (Woolen scarf.)
First: Joan Prime, Hulbrooke Road, Cambridge.
Second: Joan Brown, 202, Ducanis Road, Ponders End, Edgware, Middlesex.
Third: Betty Drax, c/o Miss Harvey, Kowlands, Prince Albert Road, Guernsey, Channel Islands.
- (b) **GIDDERS**. (Small coat.) (NO AWARD WAS MADE FOR THE FRAM COVER.)
First: E. Skinner, The Cottage, Boreham Holt, Boreham Wood, Herts.
Second: B. Smythe, Billbrook Farm, Codsall, Staffs.
Third: Mary Perkins, Bowden Hill, Chilcompton, Nr. Bath, Somerset.
- (c) **RANGERS AND GIDDERS**.

Owing to the large number of entries in both items of this section, it was necessary to divide them and award three prizes in each, as follows—

- Scarfs**
First: M. Rainey, Broughshane, Co. Antrim, N. Ireland.
Second: Miss L. Hunt, 5, Mary at the Cross, Edgware, Middlesex.
Third: Miss P. Addenbroke, 51, Clether, 44, Goldford Road, Worthing, Sussex.
- Knitted Outfits**
First: Miss E. M. Stann, Ardelyne, Wislow, Lancashire.
Second: Miss H. E. McKinley, Bangweil, Broughshane, Co. Antrim.
Third: Edith Daxter, 69, Devon Road, Brighton, Sussex.

CLASS V—Wooden Toy-Making.

- (a) **BROOKERS**. (Cut-out set of six animals.)
First: No award.
Second: No award.
Third: Betty Webb, 22, Duke Street, Deal, Kent.
- (b) **GIDDERS**. (Cut-out set of six characters from Nursery Rhymes.)
No Award.

- (c) **RANGERS AND GIDDERS**. (A Noah's Ark.)
First: Gladys L. Marston (Ranger), Chertsey Villa, Ousely, Yorks.
Second: Miss M. Martin, 20, Forest Drive West, Leytonstone, E. 11.
Third: No Award.

CLASS VI—Soft Toy-Making.

- (a) **BROOKERS**. (Animal or doll from stuffed stocking.)
First: Davina Scott, Langside, Kilmarnock, Fife.
Second: Margaret Moss, 10, Stanley Road, Harthill, Lanarkshire.
Third: Betty Kemp, c/o Miss Haddock-Smith, Henotes, Victoria Road, Northgate, Berks.
- (b) **GIDDERS**. (Animal from felt or felt material.)
First: Miss O'Rourke, 4, Nelson Gardens, Stoke, Devonport.
Second: Pat Forder, St. George's College, Graywood, Haslemere, Surrey.
Third: Nora Stokes, Hinchshaw Lane, Kinton, Nr. Bowdon.
- (c) **RANGERS AND GIDDERS**. (Dressed doll.)
First: V. Gosve (Ranger P.L.), 294, Station Road, Birmingham.
Second: Miss P. Blake, 29, Radcliffe Road, Slough, Herts.
Third: Miss P. M. Hubbard, 10, Ryball Road, Stamford, Lincs.

CLASS VII—Glove Making (Leather.)

- RANGERS AND GIDDERS**
First: Miss C. Beatrice Godden, Atkyns, Newcraith, Belfast.
Second: Miss E. A. Wood, Greenway, Atwick Road, Horseshoe, Yorks.
Third: Miss D. Ashby, Park Lane, Tunworth, Northants.

CLASS VIII—Colour Work and Design. (Poster.)

- RANGERS AND GIDDERS**
First: Miss E. M. Hollings, 3, Victoria Road, Sidcup, Kent.
Second: No Award.
Third: (a) Miss S. K. Anstithor, Dalavack, Pittswood, Fife.
 (b) Miss R. M. Brown, West View, 142, Walton Street, Oxford.



A Calendar of Events

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HEADQUARTERS' NOTICES AND DATES OF TRAINING WEEKS HELD AT FOXLEASE AND WADDOW WILL BE FOUND IN "THE GUIDER."

CONFERENCE

A Guiders' Conference will be held at The Shire Hall, Chelmsford, on Saturday, March 12th, 1938. Chair—Lady Rasch.

Programme

- 3.0. Welcome. Lady Rasch, County Commissioner.
- 3.15. Brownies. Miss Chilton-Thomas, Eagle Owl.
- 4.0. Tea.
- 4.45. Games.
 - (a) Ranger and Guide Games—Miss Bond.
 - (b) Brownie Games—Miss Chilton-Thomas.
- 5.45. Woodcraft. Miss Bond.
 - Chair—Mrs. Wilson, President, Chelmsford Local Association.
- 6.30. Camp Fire.
- 7.15. Taps.

Admission by Agenda only, price 9d., including Tea. Please apply as soon as possible to:—Miss Simmons, Stifford Rectory, Grays, Essex, enclosing a ½d. stamped addressed envelope.

TRAINING

PACK HOLIDAY TRAINING

A week-end training for Pack Holiday Permits will be held at Frays College, Harefield Road, Uxbridge, Middlesex, from the evening of April 14th-April 19th (Easter).

Cost: 7s. per day.

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As numbers will be limited, applications should be sent as soon as possible to Miss Knox, Forest Lodge, Borden, Hants, from whom all particulars may be obtained. A deposit of 5s. should be enclosed, which will only be returned if applications are withdrawn before April 1st.

BROWNIE TRAINING

About 30 Guiders are needed for an Eagle Owl Test.

Date: Tuesday, March 22nd.

Time: 7.30-9.15.

No fee.

Those who would like to avail themselves of this opportunity of Brownie Training should send their names by March 14th to:—Miss Bather, 29, Francis Street, S.W.1. The Great Brown Owl will be present.

Place: Francis Holland School, Graham Street, S.W.1. (On Nos. 11 and 39 bus routes stop between Ebury Bridge and Chelsea Barracks and walk up Westbourne Street, or from Sloane Square Underground (3 minutes) turn left from station into Holbein Place and left again into Graham Street.)

BARROW HILL ROAD GUIDERS' TRAINING SCHOOL

Place: Barrow Hill Road L.C.C. School. (A few minutes from St. John's Wood Station.)

Date: Mondays, March 7th, 14th and 21st, 7.30-9.45 p.m. Break—canteen 8.30 p.m.

March 28th: Guiders' Meeting for Hampstead and Marylebone Divisions only.

Brownie Training: March 7th, 14th and 21st, 7.30-8.30 (Eagle Owl, March 14th, whole evening).

Sea Rangers: March 7th. Miss Hopkins, Assistant Commissioner for Rangers (Sea Rangers).

General Training: March 14th. Miss Syngé.

Games and Camp Fire Singing: March 21st.

Sea Rangers as well as Guiders may attend the training on March 7th. The School is open at 7 p.m. and Guiders are asked to arrive a little before 7.30 if possible.

LEYTON DIVISION GIRL GUIDES

Training Week March 14th-18th, 1938, in the Lecture Hall of the Leyton Methodist (Mary Fletcher) Church, High Road, Leyton, E.10, commencing each evening at 7.45 p.m.

Programme

Monday, 14th.—To be arranged.

Tuesday, 15th.—Camping. Miss Bright.

Wednesday, 16th.—Keep Fit. Miss Foster.

Thursday, 17th.—Brownies—General Training. Miss Chilton-Thomas.

Friday, 18th.—Nature Evening—with lantern illustrations. Miss Forman.

Guiders from other Divisions will be welcomed.

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Application to be made to Miss Hegele, 12, Foresters Drive, Whipps Cross, E.17, or at the hall during training week.

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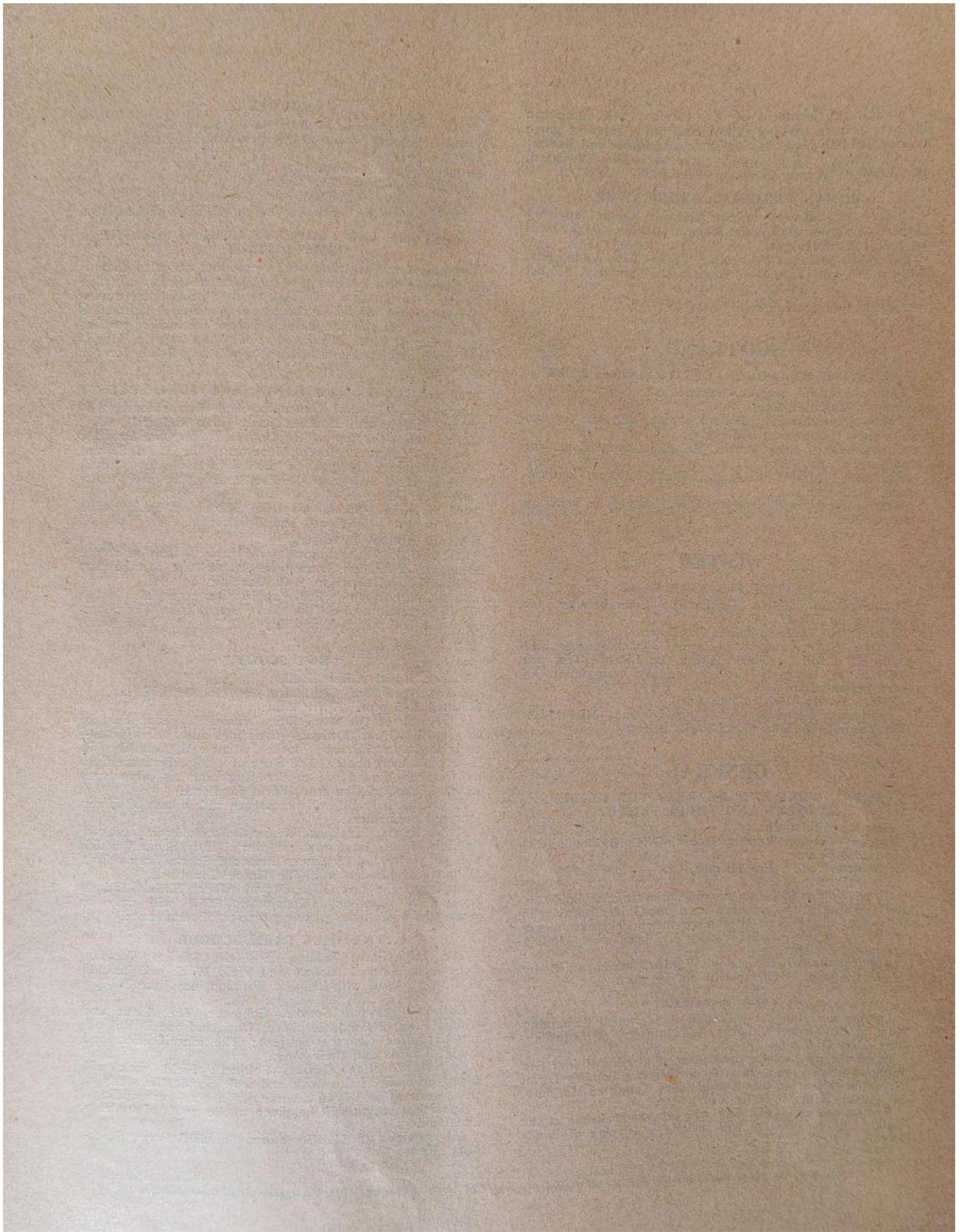
A Training Camp will be held in mid-Derbyshire for training and testing Guiders wishing to take their Camper's Licence, Quartermaster or Camp Nurse Test. Guiders wishing to enter for the Licence Test should try to be in Camp for both week-ends or for five days. Guiders who would like to come for experience will be welcomed.

Date: June 3rd to June 12th, 1938.

Fee: 2s. 6d. a day—2s. for those bringing own tent.

Commandant: Miss M. M. Bell.

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ORTHOPTICS AND OPTICAL WORK.

This month we are devoting the Careers page to work in Orthoptics—the third of our series of professions suitable for girls with some scientific ability and interest in people. Like Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy, Orthoptic work is remedial and aims at the cure of squint by carefully chosen eye exercises.

The human eye, like the eyes of all backboned animals, is kept in its normal resting position by a set of special muscles which arise from the eye socket and are attached to the back of the ball of the eye. These muscles are arranged in a characteristic pattern. Four of them, the recti muscles, forming a figure rather like a Maltese Cross, and two of them, the oblique muscles, forming an open triangle with the point towards the inner edge of the eye ball (the corner of the eye), and the divergent ends facing the cross.

Squint is usually caused by weakness or injury to one or other of these muscles, or to a nervous condition which causes undue contractions of the muscles to take place. The muscles are each supplied with a nerve which governs their powers of expansion and contraction, but three separate nerves from the head, known as motor nerves, are responsible for this system of control. Injury, temporary or permanent, to any of them may upset the whole working of the eye though the optic nerve itself remains undamaged.

Most cases of squint in children, however, are not due to permanent injuries but to "lazy muscles," and these can be strengthened and induced to do their work properly by means of special exercises and apparatus. The apparatus which is used for this purpose is sometimes complicated, and its efficiency depends entirely on accurate and speedy working in the hands of an experienced manipulator. Children who squint are trained to focus properly and to learn how to adjust their eyes rapidly to change of focus.

The training for Orthoptic work takes from 12 to 18 months, and fees vary from 50 to 80 guineas, according to the training school. The course includes a knowledge of ocular anatomy and physiology—perspective, elementary mathematics and physics, and methods of treatment of squint and the instruments mainly in use. It is not enough to have the ability to study these subjects. Much of the work is done with young children and infinite patience is needed, combined with enough imagination to induce the children to concentrate on what they are doing. Since most of them are too young to realise the importance of the treatment considerable inventiveness is called for to make the exercises interesting and amusing. At the same time the necessity for accuracy of measurements and observations must never be overlooked.

Most hospitals now have special squint clinics attached to them, but much of the work done is still on a voluntary basis. A few educational authorities are starting squint clinics under the direction of trained Orthopticians, but we must admit the openings are not yet numerous or well paid, though the work is producing such interesting and encouraging results that opportunities are increasing.

Optical Work.

Orthoptic work is sometimes confused with Optics. This is really sight testing and requires quite a different training though many of the same qualities. Some people who specialise in orthoptics do so after a training in Optics, and so combine the work of a sight testing Optician with the more interesting remedial side.

Girls who wish to become Opticians can do so by taking the examinations of the British Optical Association or the Worshipful Company of Spectacle Makers.

The B.O.A. requires candidates to pass a preliminary examination of Matriculation standard before proceeding to the Fellowship of the Association. This requires about two years' whole time study or may be obtained by evening classes at certain technical colleges extending over three years. Higher qualifications can be obtained but the Fellowship is the minimum standard necessary for practice. Women should aim higher if they wish to make sure of employment. Efforts are constantly being made to secure legal registration for Opticians, and when this becomes law it will be impossible for anyone unqualified to practise.

Although women are by temperament and inclination often peculiarly suited to this work there is unfortunately a great deal of prejudice against them in this profession, hence the desirability of the best qualifications. If they have influence, or relatives who are practising Opticians and prepared to take them into the business as assistants after qualifying, they can obtain experience which makes private practice possible later on. The initial difficulty lies in finding a successful Optician who is prepared to employ a woman assistant.

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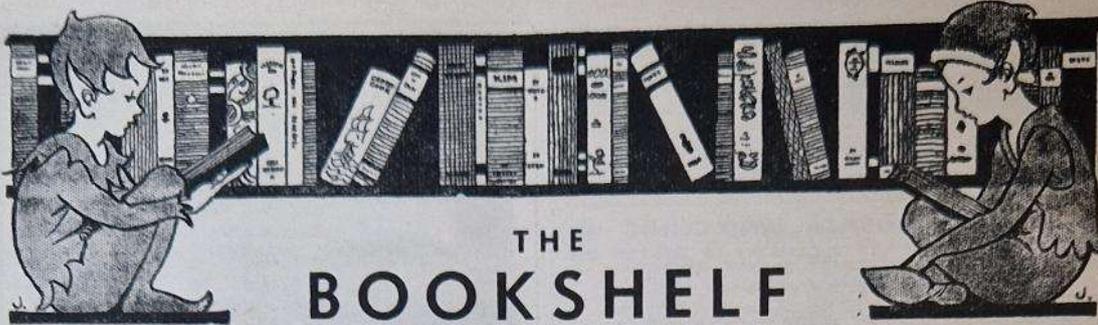
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This book, which is admirably produced, with some excellent photographs, consists of a series of articles comprehensively describing the existing facilities for public health improvement—both those provided by the Government and those provided by the various voluntary organisations.

The Chief Scout, in his article "Lest We Run Too Far," emphasises the fact that a higher standard of health in the community can only be reached through education of the individual in self-care and the practice of personal hygiene. He explains how the Scout and Guide Movements, without making them introspective about health, teaches the boys and girls these essentials." W. E.

Recreation and Physical Fitness. (Issued by the Board of Education. Printed and published by His Majesty's Stationery Office, 1937. Pp. 285. Illustrated. Price 2s. 6d.)

The book contains the new Syllabus in regard to Physical Training and has been issued in connection with the scheme now being organised under the Government's auspices through the country. It applies both to Girls and Women, and is divided into three parts, in addition to a Foreword by the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

Part I is really an Introduction and gives aims, scope and content of the book, as well as general advice and help to Leaders and Teachers.

Part II refers to *Indoor Training* and offers Tables of Exercises, some of which would be suitable for Older Guides and Rangers. Also under this heading, "Ball Movements to Music" are referred to in addition to Individual and Team Skipping and Ballroom Dancing.

A special chapter refers to Elementary Gymnastics, but the type of exercise and apparatus used are only suitable if in the hands of a trained teacher having a thorough knowledge of the Board of Education's 1933 Syllabus.

A helpful section on the use of Dancing, with descriptions of movements, a dancing lesson, and simple dances are also included.

Part III contains helpful suggestions in regard to *Outdoor Training* including Games, Swimming, Athletics and Camping.

To summarise, the book gives valuable information on the different activities which make up a comprehensive scheme of physical training. Its greatest use will be to those who have been trained in the teaching of physical education; however, leaders who have been to short courses only will find parts of the book, particularly those dealing with such *Indoor activities* as skipping and ball work, and with *Outdoor activities*, most useful.

P. C. C.

NATURE.

The Zoo Man Speaking. By D. Seth-Smith. (Nelson. 5s.)

Everyone knows the "Zoo Man," so everyone will want to read his delightful book. It is full of curious facts and amusing incidents about the many creatures that have come under his care. But it is not confined to animals in captivity; the Zoo Man tells us about their habits in the wild state, in far countries, and about some of our own insects and wild birds, and he gives us some very useful advice about the care of such creatures as goldfish, marmosets and parrots.

The book is beautifully illustrated with photographs that make one long to adopt some of the little furry beasts as pets, and there are clever drawings in lighter vein.

P. M. B.

Pocket Book of British Wild Flowers. By C. G. Hall. (A. & C. Black. 5s.)

The beautiful illustrations to this pocket-book of flowers will make it very attractive to the beginner. Some seventy species are described, almost all of them with a full-page coloured illustration. The text avoids botanical technicalities, but gives good descriptions for purposes of identification, and interesting notes on origin of names, superstitions, and uses to which the plant was put.

It is not easy to see on what plan flowers were chosen for inclusion, as they certainly are not necessarily the commoner varieties, and one would perhaps have preferred to find flowers of the same family placed together, which is not always the case. However, it is a little book full of useful information, and attractively got up.

P. M. B.

FOR SIGNALLERS.

India to China. By "The Buzzards." Price 2d. (Obtainable from Adam Maitland, 91, Drayton Gardens, London, S.W.10.)

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Nature Craft. By G. F. Roberts. (Naturecraft Ltd. 1s.)

This book with its gay, green cover and exciting frontispiece is full of ideas for those who would combine open-air interests with indoor activities.

Children love collecting things, even grown-ups retain the habit. There is a fascination about smooth acorns, polished chestnuts fresh from the cone, cones of all sizes, seed cases in all varieties of design. The difficulty is always what to do with the hoard. It gets dull, dusty and only fit to throw away.

Now, thanks to Miss Roberts, we can collect with extravagant hands and carefree minds, for when autumn has lavishly supplied us we can, in winter days, turn our treasures into the exciting things described in the book.

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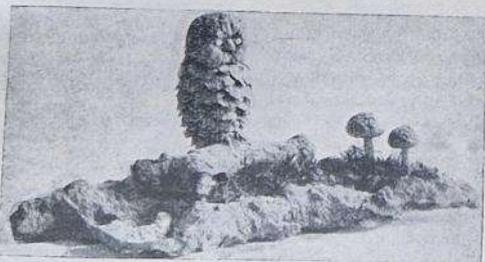
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HEADQUARTERS TRAINING CENTRES



Foxlease

FOXLEASE

Foxlease Trainings 1938.

1938.
 DATES.
 March 8-15. Guide and Ranger Week.
 March 18-21. Guide (Entries closed.)
 March 25—April 1. Refresher Week.
 † April 4-9. Cadet Training.
 Easter, April 14-21. Guide and Ranger (Ranger over week-end.)
 April 26—May 3. General Week.
 May 6-13. Woodcraft Week.
 May 16-23. Diploma'd Guiders' Conference.
 May 27-31. Ranger Week-end.
 June 3-10 (Whitsun). Brownie Week.
 June 14-21. Commissioners' Week.
 June 25—July 2. Guide Week.
 July 9-16. Ranger Holiday Week.
 July 19-26. General Week.
 July 29—August 5 (Bank Holiday). Guide Week.
 August 9-16. Guide and Ranger Week.
 August 19-26. General Week. (Elementary.)
 August 30—September 6. Brownie Week.
 September 9-13. Woodcraft Week-end.
 September 16-23. Guide Week.
 September 27—October 4. Prospective Diploma'd Guiders and Eagle Owls.
 October 7-11. Ranger Week-end.
 October 19-26. Handicraft Week.
 October 29—November 5. General Week.
 November 8-15. Commissioners' Week.
 November 18-25. Guide and Ranger Week.
 November 29—December 6. General Week.
 † *Cadet Training.* This will be a General Training and opportunity for discussion for Cadets. Two Cadets from any one company may apply. If more wish to come, their names will be entered on the waiting list.
 Guiders are asked to note that the weeks June 25—July 2 and October 29—November 5 start and end on a Saturday.

FEEES, Etc.

(Applicable to both Centres.)

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Guiders who have been before and again wish to attend a Training Week are urged to apply, as there are still vacancies.

CAMP SITES.

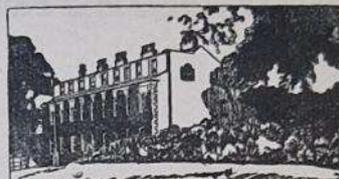
Applications for camp sites, giving dates and approximate numbers and with a booking fee of 2s. 6d., should be sent to the Secretary. All the sites have permanent shelter and sanitation, also drinking water laid on. The usual permission forms are necessary. No camps of over 50 may be held.

Further information applicable to both Centres will be found on page 96.

Training weeks have been re-named as follows:—

Guide Weeks Guide Training.
 Ranger Weeks Ranger Training.
 Brownie Weeks Brownie Training.
 General Weeks Covering Ranger, Guide and Brownie Training.
 Elementary Weeks... For Guiders of little experience.
 Refresher Weeks (for those who have already been to an ordinary training). To include such subjects as Knotting and Splicing; Rangers; Brownies; Woodcraft (*i.e.* Stalking and tracking, observation); wide games, involving the use of signaling; outdoor work for town and country Guides; practice in emergencies; First Class; and any other subject asked for beforehand.

Guide and Ranger ... Covering Guide and Ranger Training.



Waddow

WADDOW

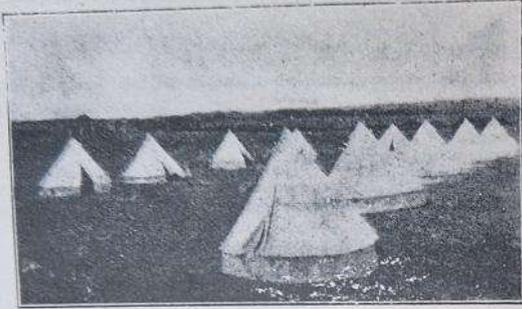
Waddow Trainings 1938.

DATES.
 March 4-11. Guide Week.
 March 15-22. Brownie Week.
 March 25-29. Guide Week-end.
 April 1-8. Guide Week.
 April 14-21. General Week. (Easter.)*
 April 26—May 3. Guide Week.
 May 6-10. Extension Week-end.
 May 13-20. Brownie Week.
 May 24-31. Woodcraft Week.
 June 3-10. General Week. (Whitsun.)
 June 18—July 2. Ranger Holiday fortnight.
 July 5-12. Guide Week.
 July 16-23. Guide Week.
 July 29—August 5. General Week. (Bank Holiday.)
 August 9-16. Brownie Week.
 August 19-26. Ranger Week.
 August 30—September 6. Guide Week.
 September 9-13. Guide Week-end.
 September 16-23. Guide Week.
 September 30—October 4. Commissioners' Week-end.
 October 7-11. C.C.A., Conference.
 October 14-18. Commissioners' Week-end.
 October 21-28. Brownie Week.
 November 4-8. Guide Week-end.
 November 11-15. Ranger Week-end.
 November 18-22. Guide Week-end.
 November 25—December 2. Guide Week.
 * Guiders who have not attended training at Waddow before, or those bringing new Guiders, will be given preference.

CAMP SITES.

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

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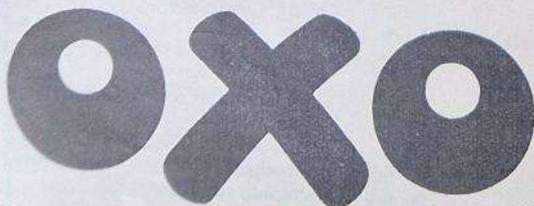
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HEADQUARTERS TRAINING CENTRES

APPLICATIONS.

All Training weeks printed *above the line* are open for bookings immediately, but no applications will yet be considered for weeks *below the line*, as these are still liable to alteration.

All applications for a training course should be made to the Secretary, Foxlease, Lyndhurst, Hants, or 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 be returned if withdrawal is made two full weeks before the date of the course.

It has been arranged that three vacancies should be reserved for Scotland for all training weeks until the 20th of the month in which the dates are first published *above the line* in THE GUIDER.

GUIDERS, PLEASE NOTE.

Will Guiders please note that free places are available at both Foxlease and Waddow between October and April. Application should be made through the County Secretary, to the Secretary.

GRANTS ON RAILWAY FARES.

(a) Where a Guider finds difficulty in attending a training course at Foxlease or Waddow on account of train fare, the following reductions may be obtained:—

- For return fare exceeding £2, a grant of 5s. will be made.
- For return fare exceeding £3, a grant of 10s. will be made.
- For return fare exceeding £5, a grant of £1 will be made.

(b) In cases where a Guider, who wants to go to a particular type of training week, finds that no such week is available at a time possible for her at the training centre nearest to her home, but is available at the other training centre, the difference between the two fares may be refunded by Headquarters.

In either case the application for rebate should be made through the Guider's Commissioner direct to Foxlease or Waddow.

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 in summer, and 3 guineas per week from October to March.

The "Link," which is the bungalow furnished by America, contains three bedrooms, a sitting-room, a bathroom and a kitchen. The charge for the "Link" is £2 2s. per week in winter, or 2½ guineas per week in summer.

These charges include light, coal and oil. Guiders cook and cater for themselves entirely, although, if necessary, a woman can be engaged to cater, cook and clean at the rate of 30s. per head per week, or merely to cook and clean at the rate of 9d. per hour, in addition to the above charges.

A charge of 5s. deposit fee is made for booking the cottages, and this is forfeited should the booking be cancelled. Guiders wishing to bring their cars can garage them at Foxlease by arrangement, at a charge of 5s. per week, or 1s. per night.

It is not necessary for Guiders staying at the cottages to wear uniform. Any enquiries should be sent to the Secretary, Foxlease.

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 (for one bathroom, sitting room, kitchen, and two bedrooms). For three or more Guiders, £3 13s. 6d. a week, and for others £4 4s. a week. The week-end charges are £1 5s. for two people and £2 2s. for three or four.

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.

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Title.	Author.	Price.	Notes.
Girl Guiding	LORD BADEN-POWELL	2s.	The Official Handbook.
Scouting for Boys	LORD BADEN-POWELL	2s. 6d.	The Official Handbook for Boy Scouts.
Policy, Organisation and Rules	—	10d.	Containing Syllabuses of Badge tests, etc.
The Patrol System for Girl Guides	ROLAND PHILIPPS	6d.	Explanations of the Patrol System. Just revised.
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Education through Recreation	L. P. JACKS	3s. 6d.	For Ranger Guiders.
Ourselves and the Community	REYNOLDS	3s. 6d.	Citizenship for Ranger Guiders.
The Guide Law	M. A. CAMPBELL	6d.	Short Readings and Prayers.

THE GUIDER



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PLEASE NOTE.

Owing to the February meetings of the Advisory Board and the Executive Committee of the Council having been held so late in the month, the reports of these meetings will appear in the April GUIDER.

SEA RANGERS.

The Executive Committee have approved of the institution of a Panel of Sea Ranger Instructors.

AWARDS.

Silver Fish. (For Good Service.)

Lady Arthur, Provincial Commissioner, Bengal, India.
The Hon. Lady Cochrane, former County Commissioner, Kent.
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Special Service Badge. (For Good Service.)

Miss E. Alison, County Lone Secretary, Perthshire, Division Commissioner, Perth.
Miss F. Barfus, Training Secretary, Member of Headquarters Office Staff, Victoria, Australia.
Miss Dorothy Burgess, former Divisional Commissioner Central Manchester and County Extension Secretary, S.E. Lancs.
Miss E. Cafe, Guider, Uganda.
Mrs. Levick, Captain and Brown Owl, Germiston, Transvaal.
Miss J. G. Magill, Division Commissioner North Belfast.
Miss K. Mitchell, District Commissioner East Rand, South Africa.
Miss M. E. Tucker, Island Secretary, Bermuda.

Medal of Merit. (For Good Service.)

Mrs. Boyd, former Island Secretary, Fiji Islands.
Miss S. Cameron, Commissioners' Representative on Executive Committee, Victoria, Australia.
Miss E. E. Dodd, Captain and Brown Owl, 1st Holmwood Company, Surrey.
Miss E. Jones, Division Commissioner, Mid-Carnarvonshire.
Miss Ludovici, District Commissioner, Colombo, Ceylon.
Miss E. Osborn, Assistant County Commissioner, Birmingham.
Miss E. Purnell, Commissioner for Camping and Member of Executive Committee, Victoria, Australia.
The Hon. Emily St. John, Division Commissioner, Bedford North.
Miss E. R. Wise, Captain and District Commissioner, Hamilton, Lanarkshire.
Miss E. D. Wood, former Division Commissioner, Petteril.
Mrs. Kharegat, Provincial Secretary, United Provinces, India (awarded by Indian Headquarters Executive Committee).

Certificate of Merit. (For Good Service.)

Miss Dora Fleck, Ranger Patrol Leader, 1st A Whalley Extension Company.
Miss E. M. Hawthorn, County Secretary, Wigtownshire, District Commissioner, Wigtown.

Letter of Commendation. (For Good Service.)

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Patrol Leader Jessie Hayes, 6th Dulwich Company, London.
Ranger Patrol Second Rita Stevenson, 1st Caterham Company, Surrey.
Cadet Patrol Second Pamela Griffiths, 2nd Ashford (High School), Kent.
Ranger Emma Campbell, 1st Whalley Range Rangers, S.E. Lancs.

HEADQUARTERS NOTICES

OXFORD CONFERENCE.

All available accommodation is now booked, and any further entries, except for Day Members, will go on the waiting lists.

Day Members, who will be admitted to the Conference by ticket only, are asked to apply immediately, sending a deposit of 1s. No applications can be taken after March 18th. Meals, for a limited number, can be arranged at the Colleges. Application for these must be made to the Conference Secretary at Rhodes House (if necessary by post on the day before they are required. Payment should be made with the application. Price: Luncheon 2s. Tea 9d. Dinner 2s. 6d. Conference Fee for Day Members, 1s. per half day, payable on arrival at Rhodes House.

Cars. Arrangements will be made to garage cars in the town where some lock-up garages will be available.

Handicraft. Commissioners who wish to do Practical Handicrafts must send their names by March 18th to Miss de Beaumont, Shalbourne Manor, Marlborough, Wilts, stating which craft they wish to do (Beltmaking, Patchwork, Colour Running, Felt Toymaking or Felt Glovemaking).

The Programme will be sent out early in March. All communications should be addressed to the Conference Secretary:—Miss Anstice Gibbs, Bayford Hall, Hertford.

BROWNIE TRAINING.

About 30 Guiders are needed for an Eagle Owl Test which will be held on Tuesday, March 22nd.

Those who would like to avail themselves of this opportunity of Brownie Training should send their names by March 14th to:—Miss Bather, 29, Francis Street, S.W.1. The Great Brown Owl will be present.

Place: Francis Holland School, Graham Street, S.W.1. (On Nos. 11 and 39 bus routes stop between Ebury Bridge and Chelsea Barracks and walk up Westbourne Street, or from Sloane Square Underground (3 minutes) turn left from station into Holbein Place and left again into Graham Street.) Time 7.30-9.15. No fee.

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EXTENSION C.A.—Miss T. Verrall, 30, Beaufort Road, Reigate.

ENGLAND.
MIDLAND AREA.

WOLVERHAMPTON DIVISION.—Entry should read: "Willenhall District, Wednesfield and Heath Town, Tattenhall and Wolverhampton West.—Miss Travers, Chapel Ash Farm, Wolverhampton."
WOLVERHAMPTON SOUTH DISTRICT, WOLVERHAMPTON EAST AND NORTH, BUSHBURY DISTRICTS.—Entry should read: "Miss Marshall, 51, Merridale Road, Wolverhampton."
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NORTH-WESTERN AREA.
SOUTH-EAST LANCASHIRE.

WESTERN AREA.
ECCLES.—Delete "Not yet appointed," substitute "Apply Area C.A."
MANCHESTER AREA.
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SOUTH-EAST MANCHESTER.—Delete "Not yet appointed," substitute "Apply Area C.A."

SOUTH-EASTERN AREA.
BERKSHIRE.

SOUTH BERKS.—Entry should read: "Miss M. Holder, Moonacres, Tydehams, Newbury."

HERTFORDSHIRE.

HERTFORD AND WARE.—Entry should read: "Hon. Rosalind Gibbs, Hunsdon Mill House, Stanstead Abbots."
C.A.—Miss Crosbie, Crowbury, Watton-at-Stone, Hertford (unattached).

KENT.

MARGATE EAST DISTRICT CAMP RECORDER (no sites).—Entry should read: "Miss Bacon, 261A, Northdown Road, Margate."

SURREY.

LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT RECORDER.—Entry should read: "Miss H. Corner, Brackenriggs, The Glade, Fetcham."

WEST AREA.

TILLINGBOURNE DISTRICT.—Entry should read: "Tillingbourne District Site Secretary.—Miss Y. Tuckwell."

SUSSEX.

RYE DISTRICT.—Add: "Recorder.—Miss M. Kingdon, Chitcombe, Brede."
PAGHAM, ALDWICK AND SELSEA.—Entry should read: "Miss Staffurth."
ARUNDEL, ANGERING GREEN AND RUSTINGTON.—Entry should read: "Mrs. Alfred, Kilnhead, 17, Central Avenue, Rustington, Littlehampton."
LEWES DISTRICT.—Insert "No sea sites" after "Lewes District."

SOUTH-WESTERN AREA.
DORSET.

C.C.A.—Miss Close, 1, Aigburth Road, Swanage.
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SOUTH.—Miss Williams, Driftway, Dorchester.
EAST.—c/o C.C.A.
WEST.—Mrs. Sheldon, Clarence House, Charmouth, Acting Asst. C.A.—Mrs. Woodward, Long Close, Chideock.

SOMERSET.

CHEDDAR AND CLUTTON.—Entry should read: "Miss Radcliffe, Woodside, Saltford, Nr. Bristol."

GUERNSEY.

Correspondence to be addressed to: Miss M. Leale, The Hawthorns, St. Sampson's, Guernsey.
Note.—The Island is closed to incoming camps during 1938.

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CAMP RECORDER.—Miss N. Kerr, Egremont, Helensburgh.
DUNDEE.
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Approved by the Executive Committee, February, 1938.

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BERKSHIRE.

RESIGNATION.

WINDSOR.—Dist. C., Mrs. Purdy.
BIRMINGHAM.
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RESIGNATIONS.

ERDINGTON.—Div. C., Mrs. Froggatt.
HANDSWORTH.—Dist. C., Mrs. Dawson.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

COUNTY BADGE SECRETARY.—Mrs. Dixon, Tertick House, Princes Risborough, Aylesbury.

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CUMBERLAND.

RESIGNATION.

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RESIGNATION.

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RESIGNATION.

HAMBLEDON.—Dist. C., The Hon. Mrs. Bruce.
HEREFORDSHIRE.

Please note that Miss E. Armitage is still Assistant County Secretary and has not resigned as shown in the February GUIDER.
HEREFORD CITY.—Asst. Div. C., Miss P. Greenland, West View, Bodenham Road, Hereford.

RESIGNATION.

HEREFORD CITY NORTH.—Dist. C., Miss P. Greenland.
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HYTHE.—Dist. C., Miss Lewis-Jenkins.

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LANCASTER No. 1.—Dist. C., Mrs. Stansbie, Deep Cutting, Lancaster.

RESIGNATIONS.

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LANCASTER No. 1.—Dist. C., Mrs. E. Welch.

LANCASHIRE SOUTH-WEST.

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Please note that the three Southport Districts have been re-organised as two only. Miss Gibson will continue as Commissioner for Southport No. 1, and Mrs. Williams, formerly Commissioner for Southport No. 3 District, will now take over Southport No. 2.

RESIGNATIONS.

NEWTON No. 2.—Dist. C., Miss M. E. Lambrick.
SOUTHPORT No. 2.—Dist. C., Miss W. Batty.

LINCOLNSHIRE.

RESIGNATION.

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SOMERSET.
NETHER SPINNEY.—Dist. C., Miss J. M. Jeff, Bawleip House, Nr. Bridgwater.
STAFFORDSHIRE.
WEST BRIDGEMAN.—Div. C., Mrs. Shirley Dean, The Wyth Elm, Coopers Road, Wolverhampton.
 Please note that in July the West Bromwich District will be known as West Bromwich East, and Green Green District will be known as West Bromwich West. Commissioners as before.
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SUFFOLK.
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 RESIGNATION.
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YORKSHIRE NORTH RIDING.
 Please note that in the February Guides the resignation of Miss L. M. Bigland as District Commissioner for South Bank and Eton was shown in error as a new appointment.
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 Please note that Miss M. Mowat has not resigned as District Commissioner for Motherwell No. 2, as was shown in the February Guides, but has changed her address to Glenae, Bunsie Street, Motherwell.
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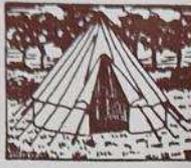
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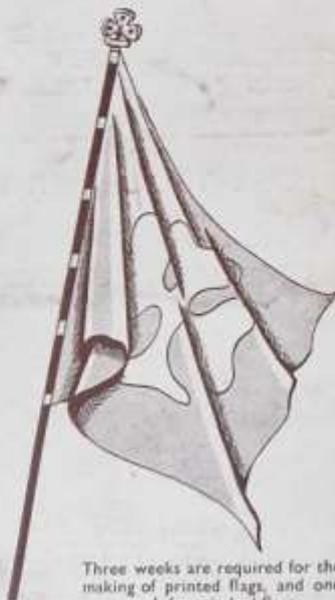
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