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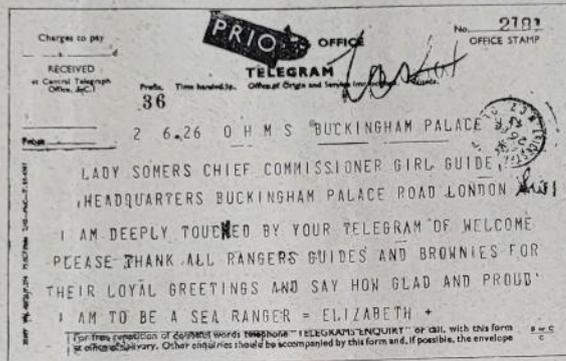
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## MANY HAPPY RETURNS

### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO SEA RANGER PRINCESS ELIZABETH

ON Monday the 13th of December, 1937, an excited little Guide was getting ready for her Company meeting. She put on her uniform even more carefully than usual for this was a very special occasion. She belonged to a brand new company, and she wore the emblem and shoulder knot of the Kingfisher patrol, although no badge shone on her tie. When, at last, she was ready she called her little sister, who was waiting impatiently, dressed in her Brownie uniform, and Their Royal Highnesses, The Princess Elizabeth and Margaret went off to their enrolment as a Guide and a Brownie in the 1st Buckingham Palace Company and Pack. They were enrolled by a Guider of long service—their Aunt, The Princess Royal, President of the Girl Guides Association. Another Guider watched the ceremony, one whose busy life and great responsibilities prevented her doing active Guiding, but who wished to see her daughters enrolled—she was Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, Patroness of the Girl Guides Association. A Scout also watched the Princesses' enrolment—King George VI, Patron of the Boy Scouts Association and President for London Scouts. After that great



day the new Guide and Brownie settled down to steady practical Guiding. Before very long the Kingfisher Patrol elected Princess Elizabeth their Second and the Company had a grand time in the gardens of Buckingham Palace, where they were able to track and practise firelighting and play wide games to their heart's content. Later on, the company was opened to daughters of employees of the Palace who lived in the Royal Mews.

Then came a period when there was not a great deal to report about the company and pack, for the stories are much the same as that of any other company. The Guides were all tremendously keen and too busy working on an ordinary Guide programme to have time to go in for the sort of things that the Press call news. The Chief Guide, Falk, from our chalet, and Mrs. Mark Kerr, International Commissioner, all visited the Company.

June 10th, 1938, was a great day, however, for then over a thousand Guides went to Windsor Castle and marched past the King and Queen, and were thrilled to see, standing beside their parents, the two Princesses in Guide and Brownie uniform. I have seldom seen happier faces than those of our two Princesses, as the Colours passed them, leading the



The 1st Buckingham Palace Company on the march. This photograph was taken just before Princess Elizabeth's enrolment as a Sea Ranger. A picture has been taken of the Princess in Sea Ranger uniform, and it will be published, we hope, in the May number.

[Photo: Fox.]



The Chief with a champion.

[Photo: Fox.]

## THE CHIEF GUIDE'S TALK

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I send you my hearty congratulations on the splendid total of the B.-P. Memorial Fund to date. I know it represents great effort and self-sacrifice on your part, inspired by your love and thankfulness to our Founder. Over here the special drives have now come to an end, but in many parts of the Empire Target Months and other schemes have only just begun. I therefore look forward to an ever increasing total, and the Fund will remain open for all of us until the end of the war. I wish it continued success.

Mary

#### Thinking Day

What a lovely "Thinking Day" we have had this year—better than ever, greater than ever and more encouraging than ever. I am sure that other people have felt the same, and thanks to Miss Isherwood's "brain wave" and clever planning of the "Pigeon Post," the Thinking Day messages from far and wide have not only been a joy to us within the Guide circle, but have caught the fancy of the outside world as well.

On every hand one heard congratulations and comments on the whole affair, and we cannot thank the Army Pigeon Service sufficiently for this delightful thing that they did for us.

When the pigeons arrived, bringing their beautiful messages, those of us who believed in the power of thought and prayer were filled with a fresh glow of enthusiasm and happy optimism.

Yes, it was not only the volume of the interchange of letters and cards that have made this year's Thinking Day so notable, but the many meetings, rallies, camp fires and services seem to have been held with a new fervour and to have been inspired with a deeper, richer meaning.

And for why? People may say that Guiding is being carried on well "IN SPITE of the war"; but I would put it another way and say that it is being carried on so well "BECAUSE of the war."

Amidst the anxiety, strain, sorrow and tragedy of the war, and even hiding beneath an external show of callousness and the stolid carrying out of daily tasks, there is the unconscious seeking for solace, the everlasting need for friendships, goodness and kindness.

Guiding is supplying that need for such seekers, and to my mind the Movement is fulfilling a greater mission than is outwardly seen.

How pleased and proud I am to be back in my homeland to witness and to share in its material and its spiritual progress in these years of war.

#### Tours

I have been back for five months now, and, although I shall catch up with things that happened during my five years' absence, I have had a wonderful time running round to see Guides in a way that I never did before. For twenty odd years of holding office as your Chief Guide, my duties were rich and varied, but mainly consisted of organisation, corre-

spondence, lecturing, making longish tours overseas, and attending huge County Rallies. That meant going to one centre in a county and probably seeing there two or three or four, or sometimes eight or ten, thousand Guides at one go—and seldom less.

But now, hampered by everything, the tables are turned; and instead of Guides coming to see me, I go to see them, and I have had lovely tours round outlying districts. I am indeed deeply impressed by all that I have seen and heard about Guides and their splendid War Service, their ready helpfulness, their good courage and the share they take in all that is needed for the good of the community.

It is fairly strenuous work carrying out such tours, because, though prepared to visit three or four places per day, the functions arranged at such places are "elastic," to say the least of it, and I find myself usually doing four "things" at each place, as, of course, I have to see the Brownies first and then the Guides, then meet members of

Local Associations, and after that I must see all the Guiders—the backbone of it all!

It may interest you to hear about the day I spent in Kent. We started with a lovely Guides' service in Canterbury Cathedral, majestic as ever with its glassless windows and battle scars.

There were several hundred Guides there, carrying through the pageantry of their Colour Ceremonial with such dignity, followed by a parade and presentation of a Gallantry Award, so richly merited in their cruel raid.

From there we went to Folkestone, and though many Guides have of necessity move elsewhere, "the rest" were there. To Dover then, for a delightful party out on the hillside by the wee cottage, a goodly place, where, Sunday after Sunday, Guides, Rangers and ex-Guides in the Forces muster (with their male counter-part in the Scouts) for a "Guides' Own," a meal and a chat round the open fire, with laughter and chaff and all that goes to make such meetings memorable and helpful in the workaday life ahead.

And then, in turn, to Deal, Sandwich, Ramsgate, Margate and Birchington. Guides and Brownies in their hundreds, smiling, enthusiastic, calm and unafraid. Wonderful it is.

Besides "doing Kent" I have paid visits of the same sort to Hampshire, Gloucestershire, Worcestershire, Sussex, Scotland, Essex and Yorkshire; and it has told the same inspiring story of sturdy pluck in face of danger, calm perseverance through adversity of every kind, and the quiet carrying-on of Guiding on as fine a standard as ever.

Then in Norwich I had—at last—the experience I have wanted—a raid, and what the Guides do about it when it comes. On the appointed day there was a large attendance of Guides, Brownies and public. At lunch time everyone dispersed for food. The raid—which did no damage—happened conveniently just at that time of day. When the warning went Guides took shelter for a bit, to emerge at the "All Clear," and we then held our Rally of over a thousand Guides without further ado.

Good old Norfolk! It may have been an anxious few hours for the Guiders in charge. But to me it was the grandest answer to the question asked so often from overseas as to whether Guides are being "downed" or not by the innumerable difficulties they have to contend with.

Then this last month I toured round Devon, glorious Devon, her hedges and gardens already spring-like with primroses and daffies. With her long expanse of coast-line, she has occasionally a bad time, and her bravery is great.

Rallies and meetings were planned, and I saw Guides in small lots and big lots here and there and everywhere.

The eight days' tour covered the ground pretty well, and the places visited included:—

Exmouth	Teignmouth	Kingsbridge	Okehampton
Exeter	Torquay	Totnes	Merton
Newton Abbot	Paignton	Plymouth	Torrington
Bovey Tracey	East Prawl	Tavistock	Bideford
Dawlish	Dartmouth	Lydford	Barnstaple

The trip was rounded off by the sight of about 2,000 Somersetshire Guides at Taunton, another thousand or so at Bath, and a very beautiful "Guides' Own" for about 1,500 Guides at Bristol.

And all along I found the Guides turning out as smart as paint; uniform all correct and mostly complete, too (in spite of coupons) and enthusiasm running high.

Oh! it is good; and how proud you can all feel that on the stable foundations that YOUR EFFORTS have laid such a strong thing is being built.

**Pax Hill**

I never knew before now that Guide folk cared so much about me and my affairs. But since it has been vaguely mentioned in the public Press, I would like to tell you all about Pax Hill.

We found it—he and I—the day after the Armistice of 1918—hence its name. It was just a little gabled red brick house, standing on a slope, pasture land rising up on the hill be-



[Photo: Graphic Photo Union.]  
The Princesses watch their birds fly away.

hind it. From its windows you look out over fields and hop gardens, past the roofs of the small straggling village of Bentley snuggled below, to the oak forest of Alice Holt, the forest which supplied oak for the ships of Queen Elizabeth's navy.

It was requisitioned by the Army when this war began, emptied of all our possessions, its métier changed from a quiet, sweet home, filled through the years between two wars with thoughts of friendship and peace, to a bare barrack for soldiers and ugly equipment of yet another war.

With a leaden heart on Armistice Day I went again to see it. Inside it was dirt and the grim machinery of the Army of to-day—walls and windows stripped, the rooms filled with stirrup pumps, pickaxes, dixies and the like.

But it was Pax Hill all the same. Outside, in spite of the lawns being an unkempt wilderness, though the rose garden is built over with Nissen huts, there is the same peaceful charm as before, and even a war cannot take away the character of a home.

I looked from my window across the valley, bathed in the soft autumn sunshine: flights of rooks came cawing back from the ploughed lands to roost in the copse close by.

And then I knew that, as Pax had been so dear a home to us in the past, it could not be sold to pass into strangers' hands, but that it should be given to be used for the benefit and enrichment of Guiding.

So Pax Hill is now yours. The Girl Guides Association has accepted the gift of the house and surrounding garden, the Boys Scouts Association has accepted two cottages and some camping ground; and the camping club has got the paddock as their Memorial Site for the Chief, who was also their well-loved President.

**Hampton Court Palace**

And as for me, I am a fortunate woman! I heard not long ago of a Brownie who described me most graciously as a "nice Mummy-Woman." Of course, she meant "GRAND MUMMY-Woman," for the new generation is coming on and my grandchildren now number five boys and a girl!

Many people have been so kind in sending congratulations when they saw that Heather had a son (Michael King) in September, and that Betty, in far-off Northern Rhodesia, had had her third baby (Nigel Clay) in February. I would thank those kind people once again for their friendly letters.

And my fortune lies also now in my new home, so kindly lent to me "for life" in the most beautiful house in the land, "by Grace and Favour of the King."

I feel as if I were living in history, surrounded by the dignity and charm of old buildings.

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[Photo: Fox.]  
Members of the A.P.S. with some of your winged messages. Derbyshire's bird in the centre.

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[Photo: Yorkshire Evening Post.

H.R.H. the Princess Royal releases one of her messengers.

## ROYAL PIGEONS FLY WITH THOSE OF YORKSHIRE W.R.N.

It was rather foggy in Leeds on the morning of February 20th, when excited and expectant Guides from all over Yorkshire West Riding North assembled for the great event of the release, by our President and County President, H.R.H. the Princess Royal, of Army Carrier Pigeons bearing Thinking Day messages from herself and the County to the Chief Guide in London.

By kind permission of the Lord Mayor of Leeds (Miss Kitson), the ceremony was arranged to take place on the steps of the beautiful Civic Hall, which made an ideal setting for this unique occasion.

The Princess Royal arrived at 11 a.m., and was met at the foot of the steps by the Lord Mayor, the Lady Mayoress and the County Commissioner, and walked up the steps, preceded by the County Banner, which took up its station behind the Princess Royal.

The Guides were grouped on each side all the way up the steps, and as Her Royal Highness mounted the steps, the Union Jack and the World Flag, which were in position, one on each side, at the top of the steps, were lowered in salute.

A Guide from the National Children's Home at Bramhope, Leeds, then came forward, saluted Her Royal Highness, and in a beautifully clear voice read this little explanation of Thinking Day:

"Next Monday, February 22nd, is our Guide Thinking Day—a day set apart for Remembrance. We think of our Guide friends at home and in other lands over the seas; and to-day, from every County in Great Britain pigeons are flying to the Chief Guide, carrying messages of Good Wishes to be broadcast on Monday to Guides all over the world.

"We in this County are very proud that our pigeons are to be released by Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal, after she has released the pigeons bearing her own personal message. Her presence with us this morning will make our ceremony one of lasting memory to us all.

"Whatever the years may bring to Guiding, we shall never think on Thinking Day without remembering first of all our Founder, who gave Scouting and Guiding to boys and girls everywhere, whatever their race or creed or colour, and although many of them are separated from us by the horrors of war, we, to-day, renew our Promise to strive for Friendship between the children of the world, as a preparation for the Peace that must one day come.

"That was the Chief's Ideal—a world in which all young people are united in one big family, held together by their Promise of Service to Others; the end towards which he worked—the Hope to which our Thinking Day is Dedicated."

She saluted once more and returned to her place.

The Princess Royal then read her personal message, and the Command Pigeon Officer stepped forward, saluted, and handed to Her Royal Highness a pigeon with her message attached to its leg. She tossed the pigeon into the air, and as it left her hands the Guides waved and called out "Good luck and happy landings!" Her Royal Highness then took her second pigeon and tossed it into the air, the Guides calling out as before.

The County Commissioner then read our County

message, the Princess sent off our two pigeons in the same way, the Guides waving and wishing them a safe journey as before. It was noticed that as the first pigeon of each pair flew up it circled round, waiting for its companion before flying off together.

The pigeons having been released, two Scouts stepped forward and gave a roll on the drums, preceded the National Anthem. The Colours were again lowered, and at the conclusion they were marched off down the steps.

The ceremony ended with the Princess Royal inspecting the Guides as they stood on the steps, before proceeding with the Lord Mayor into the Civic Hall, where a welcome cup of coffee was in readiness for Her Royal Highness and for all the Division Commissioners, at the kind invitation of the Lord Mayor.

The Princess was given a great cheer as she moved away after the inspection, and again as she stepped into her car and drove off.

Thus ended a morning that will live in our memories as long as life lasts; and to crown our happiness the Princess Royal afterwards graciously sent us, as our County President, a donation towards our County total for the Pigeon Target Month.

One more little incident is nice to record:—When the Army Pigeon Service N.C.O. brought the County messages over to be signed, the day before, he said, his face beaming: "I understand we have been adopted by the Girl Guides. I hope we prove worthy of them." A delightful tribute and quite spontaneous.

ALBERTA D. INGILBY,  
County Commissioner for Yorkshire W.R.N.

## THE SCOTTISH PIGEONS GO SOUTH

The loft stood high above the river. On the lawns around it, Guides and Brownies watched in breathless excitement as from north and south, from east and west, the carrier pigeons dashed in at top speed, braked suddenly with spread tail, and circled above the loft. The clappy noise of their wings, the rush of air as they swung by, increased as two became four, then eight, then sixteen, till there were twenty-four birds gyrating overhead.

It all looked very odd to the pigeons. The familiar loft stood knee-deep in a sea of upturned faces; the usually silent surroundings applauded each new arrival in a most unaccustomed way: obviously this must be carefully circumnavigated before settling.

Perhaps, after all, it was safe. They hovered, they poised; and then—what was that? A plane? They had seen planes before, and even travelled in them, but this one was coming so low—only 300 feet—circling the loft, too; and, to a prolonged "oooh" from the lawns, down sailed a pigeon by parachute. A second one baled out, but his parachute failed to open, and he landed with a bump. Owing to his double container he was fortunately unhurt, but a little shaken, to be the bearer of the message for London, which would be carried by his fellow parachuter and another.

That distracting plane then looped the loop, stood on its tail, and gave a final dashing farewell roll of wings before departing. Then, at last, a pigeon braver than the rest alighted, and one by one the others followed suit.



[Photo: Edinburgh Evening News

At the Scottish ceremony. The Scottish Chief Commissioner releases one of the pigeons.

Meanwhile things had been happening on terra firma. There had been a parade of colours, and the colour parties were fallen in at the rear of the platform. A Guard of Honour of a hundred Guides lined the path and were inspected by the Scottish Chief Commissioner, accompanied by the Edinburgh County Commissioner. Next arrived the Chief Signals Officer, Scottish Command, who also inspected the Guard of Honour. Soon the platform was crowded with guests, Army, Air Force, and civilian. The third guest for whom the Guard of Honour sprang to attention was the Rev. W. White Anderson, deputising for the Moderator, whom illness had prevented from coming. As each distinguished guest arrived, the name was signalled by a Guide at the gate to a Guide near the platform, who then informed the Scottish Chief Commissioner.

The Scottish Command Pigeon Officer (to whom, and his helpers, so many thanks are due for his enthusiasm, organisation, patience and helpfulness), explained proceedings. Then up to the platform stepped a small East Lothian Guide, for East Lothian's pigeon had been the first to arrive; presented the message to Mrs. Carnegie, and then read clearly over the amplifier:—

"East Lothian calling! East Lothian calling! Steadfast faith in the coming happier days."

A second Guide broadcast Peebles-shire's message, the next one to come in:—

"As the pigeons' flight may the Guide Movement in ever widening circles cover the world, and then fly straight and true with its message of loyalty, friendship and service."

And so on till all the thirty-five Scottish messages had been read. When the Chief Signals Officer addressed the Guides, he encouragingly told them how particularly important in war-time it was that they should be good signallers.

Then Mrs. Carnegie spoke, and afterwards read the Scottish message:

"Guides in Scotland from Orkney to the Borders send greetings to their Chief and messages of goodwill to Guides throughout the world. May the near future bring us peace and reunion."

A roll of the drum of an A. T. C. drummer, and young voices sang "Land of Our Birth." Mr. White Anderson offered prayers which the Moderator had written specially for the occasion:—

"Let us give thanks unto God; for the Founder of the Guide Movement whom we lovingly and gratefully remember at this time; for all who have been and for all who now are Guides throughout the world; for those who have given their lives in service for others; for the steadfast courage of those who to-day endure suffering, especially in lands overrun and occupied by enemy forces; for the bonds of love which unite all Guides and for the call to common service."

"Let us join in supplication: that Thy blessing may rest upon the World Chief Guide, and upon Guides in all lands; that Thy grace may be given unto all in distress and suffering of body and mind, that they may be upheld by the knowledge that Thou dost love them; that Thou wilt bear Thy winged messengers in safety throughout the air, that the messages they carry may bring joy and gladness to all who receive them; that Thou wilt look in mercy upon all nations at war; that Thou wilt grant us and our allies victory in the date of battle and that Thou wilt lead us and the people of all nations into one fellowship through a common obedience to Thy Holy



Lanarkshire ceremony. The County Commissioner with Scottish Guide and Brownie and Polish Guide.

Will; that Thou will inspire all Guides with Thy Holy Spirit that in all their ways they may honour Thee and advance Thy cause of Love and Righteousness throughout all the world."

Then two first-class Brownies came on to the platform, where a basket of birds was waiting, attached the containers to the legs of the two pigeons who were to carry them on the final lap of the flight to London, and they were released. One was liberated by the Scottish Chief Commissioner; the other by Emilienne, a Belgian Guide of eleven. They rose amid cheers, circled a while, and then flew "straight and true," these gallant war-messengers, with their messages of peace and goodwill for all the world. Surely so many good wishes will somehow reach their goal.

The Colours paraded, the drum rolled, the National Anthem rang out, through the Guard of Honour the guests departed. Once again silence surrounded the loft, but for the murmur of the river below.

D. PATERSON,  
Secretary of Scottish Headquarters.

## THE GUIDE INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

### Language Classes

Classes in Modern Greek and Polish are now being held in London at Imperial Headquarters. Polish classes are on Wednesdays at 6.30. Greek classes, Tuesdays at 5.30. Charge, 1s. per lesson, proceeds to the Red Cross of the country. Any volunteer wishing to join these classes should apply to the G.I.S. Recorder at Headquarters.

If groups of eight or more volunteers can arrange to meet together in other localities and will let the Recorder know, we expect to be able to arrange for instructors in Polish, and possibly in Serbo-Croat and Modern Greek.

A correspondence course in Polish has been prepared, and courses in other languages are in preparation; if you wish to have further details of these, write to the Recorder, marking your letter *Language Correspondence Class*, and enclose a stamped addressed envelope for reply.

### National Week-ends.

(1) Jugo-Slav week-end. Saturday afternoon, April 10th, and Sunday, April 11th, will be held at Imperial Headquarters, and will be open to all volunteers. There will be a limited number of places available for those who cannot find their own accommodation, "camping" in an empty flat.

(2) Greek week-end, May 8th and 9th, as above. Lectures will be given on the customs, history and religion of the countries, and it is hoped that some folk-music and dancing may be included in the programme.

Those wishing to "camp" must notify H.Q. at least a week before the date of the week-end. Those wishing to attend should notify not later than the Wednesday before. Please address your letters to The Recorder, G.I.S., and mark the envelopes "National Week-end."



[Photo: South Wales Argus.

Monmouthshire. The County Commissioner and the Mayor of Newport hold their birds ready for the grand flight.

PIGEONS FLY FROM SWANSEA

The great day had arrived! We peered anxiously at the sky. A mist had been blowing in from the sea since early morning, and we were told that if it became too thick our pigeons could not be released. So it was with immense relief that, as the time drew nearer, we saw the clouds lifting and promise of better weather ahead.

At eleven o'clock Guiders, Guides, Rangers and Brownies, numbering some hundreds, from different parts of Glamorgan, were gathered in horseshoe formation around the tall Venetian mast opposite the front of the stately buildings of the new Guildhall at Swansea. At the opening of the horseshoe was the Mayor, supported by Commissioners and Secretaries. We were very sorry that our County Commissioner was unavoidably prevented from being with us.

We were there to watch our winged messengers set off on their 210 miles' journey. They were to be the proud bearers of a message from the Guides of Glamorgan to our Chief Guide in London, and they seemed to understand the importance of their mission, for they started to coo loudly to each other from their wicker cages as soon as the proceedings commenced.

After the Division Commissioner had given some explanation of the flight, the Mayor read out the message, and the pigeons were then released by Gold Cord Guide Buntly Lee, of Cardiff, and Sea Ranger Betty Morgan Rees, of Swansea, assisted by Dorothy Rendell, a Brownie of the 1st Bishopston Pack, and Margaret Scott, of the 2nd Glamorgan Post Guide Company. We watched our pigeons circle overhead and then fly eastwards. How, we wondered, did they know the way?—and still we wonder.

As they disappeared into the haze, one of our Commissioners sped them on their way with a poem of her own inspiration:—

"Fly swiftly and strongly  
on your way,  
With our message  
to our Chief for  
Thinking Day."

Whereupon we all shouted "Hurray" to rhyme with "day." Eight other local pigeons were afterwards released by Guides and Brownies.

Then, with thanks to the Mayor and the singing of our Welsh National Anthem, "Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau," the parade was dismissed, while our thoughts sped onwards with our messengers on their adventurous journey.

I. G. HODGENS,  
Division Commissioner for  
Swansea.



[Photo: The Evening Dispatch.]  
At the Scottish ceremony. One of the First Class Brownies affixing the Scottish message.

JUST A SHADOW??

Over here Target Months are now over. We are very sad about it, but we couldn't keep them up for ever, and felt it was so much wiser not to risk a "flop" Target, after the stupendous one we have just had, by overstraining that Energy, Enterprise and Enthusiasm which all Guides have proved they have in such abundance. So Target Months have come to an end, and none of you who have given so splendidly to the Fund need feel you are in any way expected to keep on keeping on any longer. But the Fund remains open—wide open—for any Companies and Packs who do still want to contribute, and we need hardly say that their gifts will be just as valuable and just as welcome as ever.

After all, there are scores of new Companies and Packs being registered every week—they will want to join in, too—of course they will—and we don't want to give them the impression that they're coming in at the tail end when all the excitement has died. Why, in many parts of the Empire the Fund is only just beginning, and though we are not holding more Target Months over here, we are not guaranteeing that we won't pop out with a few other little ideas from time to time just to prove we are alive and kicking!

**£81,492**

And, of course, there's this total—it is simply marvellous, but something with a "one" and a few "noughts" in it would look even better, wouldn't it? In fact, as you look at the figures they do seem to cast an awfully strange shadow, don't they? I suppose it is just a shadow . . . but I can't help wondering what all those new Companies and Packs will make of it!

There's plenty of all the Fund literature still to be had, including the pigeon cards. Although the latter were primarily intended for the Pigeon Target Month, the calendar printed on the back makes them of use right through the year, so you may find quite a ready sale for them among your friends. One Brownie Pack has adapted them for marking off the tests they pass. How's that for an idea?—a penny each, plus postage.

NOTES FROM ULSTER

Unfortunately, in the end it was found impossible for the Ulster Thinking Day message to be flown all the way, but it was attached to birds nearer at hand who carried it faithfully to the Chief Guide at the appointed time. Here are some notes we have received from Ulster about some of their Thinking Day ceremonies:—

Sunday, February 21st, was a very important day for Belfast Guides. There was a Church Parade for everyone, held in four different churches, one in each Division. They all started at the same time and had much the same service. A few Colours were carried and the collections were all for the B.-P. Fund.

Victoria District Cadets (Belfast) had a Thinking Day party, at which all the Companies in the District were invited. Every Guide was told to come wearing a flag of a country, and the evening started with a competition, when each Guide had to make a list of as many other flags as possible during the evening. This was followed with "Come Lasses and Lads" (English), Persian Donkey Game, German Clap Dance and other International Games. The Cadets then gave a short play, which was followed by supper. After this an International Thinking Day ceremony was given. Each Cadet, wearing the national costume of her chosen Guide Country, formed a horseshoe, and each said a few short lines about her country, ending with the Link.

County Armagh had a party on Saturday afternoon, February 20th. There were representatives from every Patrol in the County, who handed their money to the County Commissioner (about 32 Companies and four Packs in the County), which amounted to £72 10s. This was followed by a Thinking Day Ceremony and miming, organised by the Ulster Commissioner for Training (Miss McCaw). The evening finished with an excellent camp fire.

2nd Lurgan Company invited the other three Lurgan Companies to a Thinking Day party. They presented the Old Forge Play, and dressed up Guides in the correct Guide uniform of every country with Guides.

CHIEF GUIDE'S TALK

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From here I can go about my task, and I look forward to making contact in these coming months with many places and people; and to playing my part with all the strength I have in encouraging and promoting with you all the extension and furtherance of our precious Movement.

*Olave Baden Powell*  
Chief Guide.

Guiders, will you be sure to show these Fund Pages to your Companies and Packs, as we cannot spare paper to reproduce them all in "The Guide" as well.

# B.-P. MEMORIAL FUND

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FOURTH TARGET TOTAL—  
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GRAND TOTAL OF FUND TO DATE—  
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## TOTALS AND AVERAGES

COUNTY	THIRD INTERIM	FOURTH TARGET	GRAND TOTAL	Average per head on Grand Total to the nearest 1d.			
	1st Dec., 1942, to 24th Jan., 1943.	25th Jan., 1943, to 22nd Feb., 1943.	23rd Apr., 1942, to 22nd Feb., 1943.	£	s.	d.	£
<b>ENGLAND:</b>							
Bedfordshire	23 5 6	161 1 0	633 17 0	3	7½		
Berkshire	63 17 0	161 13 6	908 4 6	3	3		
Birmingham	22 5 0	919 2 0	1,997 0 6	8	7½		
Bristol	13 11 0	322 3 0	730 19 0	5	8½		
Buckinghamshire	87 17 6	319 9 0	1,041 7 0	4	3		
Cambridgeshire	49 0 0	113 12 0	511 6 0	3	9½		
Cheshire	153 0 6	728 17 0	2,263 16 0	4	3½		
Cornwall	32 10 6	130 11 6	642 10 6	3	9		
Cumberland	10 15 0	92 1 6	516 16 6	2	9½		
Derbyshire	36 15 0	309 14 0	1,197 2 6	3	5		
Devonshire	137 2 6	399 0 6	1,167 2 6	2	8½		
Dorset	68 0 0	192 4 6	858 9 0	5	8½		
Durham	145 17 0	308 19 6	1,223 18 0	3	4½		
Essex	90 16 6	453 13 6	1,830 15 0	3	11½		
Gloucestershire	128 10 0	730 11 6	1,442 1 6	3	7		
Hampshire	45 10 6	483 2 0	1,380 10 6	3	1½		
Herefordshire	10 3 0	42 7 0	341 17 0	4	4½		
Hertfordshire	74 12 6	619 19 0	2,150 3 0	5	7		
Huntingdonshire	—	35 5 0	297 0 0	5	4½		
Isle of Wight	5 15 0	45 13 0	141 13 6	2	5		
Kent	163 7 6	866 16 6	2,316 8 6	4	0½		
Lancashire, N.E.	80 13 0	293 7 6	797 2 0	4	0½		
Lancashire, N.W.	99 16 0	281 2 6	1,112 2 0	3	3½		
Lancashire, S.E.	266 16 6	1,175 18 0	2,359 8 6	2	9		
Lancashire, S.W.	68 19 0	541 14 6	1,568 3 0	3	5		
Leicestershire	49 14 6	213 8 6	750 5 0	3	4		
Lincolnshire	35 13 0	177 11 0	728 7 6	2	9½		
London	149 18 0	722 0 6	2,218 9 0	3	11½		
Middlesex	200 1 0	1,167 3 0	3,310 8 0	3	8½		
Norfolk	51 18 0	312 18 0	1,007 11 0	3	11½		
Northamptonshire	7 9 0	310 5 0	697 17 6	3	10½		
Northumberland	26 5 6	228 3 6	494 7 0	3	0		
Nottinghamshire	76 15 6	225 10 6	776 8 0	1	9½		
Oxfordshire	11 16 0	172 12 6	776 8 0	4	1½		
Rutland	5 5 0	47 17 0	60 9 6	5	10½		
Shropshire	96 18 0	272 7 6	584 11 6	3	7		
Somerset	76 2 0	348 17 6	1,044 10 6	3	4½		
Staffordshire	71 12 0	514 10 6	1,536 18 6	3	1		
Suffolk	33 6 6	106 10 0	531 15 6	3	6		
Surrey East	75 0 6	611 12 0	1,033 2 6	4	1½		
Surrey North	31 0 0	565 7 0	1,155 12 6	7	7½		
Surrey West	65 11 0	270 17 0	855 12 0	3	4		
Sussex	108 10 6	314 0 6	1,785 17 6	3	10½		
Warwickshire	56 10 6	789 2 0	1,393 0 0	5	3½		
Westmorland	2 10 0	168 17 6	656 16 6	9	7½		
Wiltshire	105 15 6	191 7 6	776 1 0	3	4½		
Worcestershire	122 17 6	254 12 6	1,938 19 0	7	11½		
Yorkshire E. R.	43 15 6	189 12 0	604 18 6	4	3		
Yorkshire N.R.	12 15 0	131 0 6	506 5 6	2	9½		
Yorkshire W.R.N.	60 5 0	816 16 0	2,587 9 6	3	9½		
Yorkshire W.R.S.	118 3 6	726 0 0	2,016 18 6	3	3½		
York City	—	30 0 0	156 0 0	2	10		
General	9 6 0	54 17 0	735 6 0	—	—		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£3,586 10 6</b>	<b>£19,641 15 0</b>	<b>£60,428 19 6</b>				<b>3 10½</b>
<b>ISLE OF MAN</b>	<b>1 10 0</b>	<b>15 2 0</b>	<b>32 19 6</b>				<b>1 3½</b>

<b>SCOTLAND:</b>							
Aberdeenshire	—	10 10 0	138 17 9	2	3½		
Aberdeen City	—	36 0 0	135 10 0	1	11½		
Angus	9 2 9	208 0 0	679 15 3	9	9½		
Argyll	32 0 0	11 0 6	76 3 9	1	11		
Ayrshire and Bute	11 16 0	207 15 8	630 17 5	2	10½		
Banffshire	—	10 5 0	44 15 0	1	10½		
Berwickshire	—	191 3 0	232 1 6	7	6½		
Caitness	1 10 0	10 0 0	30 16 9	1	2½		
Clackmannanshire	3 0 0	41 5 0	268 2 0	8	4½		
Dumfriesshire	30 10 6	57 3 6	712 15 6	9	4½		
Dumbartonshire	6 0	255 0 0	308 16 0	4	11		
Dundee City	3 10 0	41 2 0	298 12 0	3	7½		
East Lothian	1 0	84 3 6	158 18 3	5	1½		
Edinburgh	46 7 9	336 0 6	1,754 3 10	4	8½		
Fife	46 2 6	218 16 0	1,089 5 2	5	0½		
Glasgow	—	1,929 4 3	2,944 7 6	6	1½		
Inverness	1 18 6	8 3 0	135 2 0	2	7		
Kincardineshire	—	8 5 0	76 1 0	2	6½		
Kinross	—	19 0 0	78 10 0	9	10½		
Kirkcudbright	8 5 0	29 1 0	135 18 0	4	6½		
Lanarkshire	52 10 0	374 5 9	1,083 18 5	3	8		
Midlothian	4 10 0	95 18 0	264 12 0	2	10½		
Morayshire	—	30 14 0	152 15 6	4	9½		
Nairn	—	3 2 1	231 3 1	1	11 9½		
Orkney	1 1 0	3 0 0	41 13 0	1	11 4½		
Perthshire	2 0 0	51 18 0	225 11 0	9	10½		
Perthshire	28 0 6	185 13 2	668 11 6	5	6½		
Renfrewshire	16 3 6	278 7 9	755 2 7	4	2½		
Ross-shire	26 0 0	10 10 0	216 6 0	6	11½		

## TOTALS AND AVERAGES

COUNTY	THIRD INTERIM	FOURTH TARGET	GRAND TOTAL	Average per head on Grand Total to the nearest 1d.			
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<b>ROXBURGHSHIRE</b>	5 5 6	41 8 2	195 5 1	4	5½		
<b>SELKIRKSHIRE</b>	—	25 17 0	79 13 0	3	6½		
<b>STIRLINGSHIRE</b>	29 2 3	137 11 6	571 11 3	5	11½		
<b>SUTHERLAND</b>	—	68 0 0	133 10 0	7	11		
<b>WEST LOTHIAN</b>	—	57 15 6	214 11 6	3	11½		
<b>WIGTOWNSHIRE</b>	9 0 0	42 6 6	110 2 6	3	9½		
<b>General</b>	—	6 0 0	111 0 6	—	—		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£369 12 9</b>	<b>£5,012 5 4</b>	<b>£14,988 15 6</b>				<b>4 10½</b>
<b>ULSTER:</b>							
Co. Antrim	—	115 7 6	219 12 0	3	0½		
Co. Armagh	10 0	73 0 6	124 15 6	5	3		
Belfast	3 10 0	212 17 9	661 7 9	2	7		
Co. Derry	—	12 13 0	61 3 0	1	8½		
Derry City	—	60 14 0	111 15 0	5	9½		
Co. Down	15 15 0	24 19 6	319 14 9	5	3½		
Co. Fermanagh	—	2 18 3	4 10 0	1	11½		
Co. Tyrone	6 10 0	81 14 6	169 9 0	5	7½		
<b>General</b>	11 3	—	4 14 9	—	—		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£26 16 3</b>	<b>£584 5 0</b>	<b>£1,677 1 9</b>				<b>3 4</b>
<b>WALES:</b>							
Anglesey	3 5 0	23 8 0	75 3 0	4	7½		
Breconshire	1 10 0	9 9 0	16 19 0	2	10½		
Cardiganshire	—	4 10 0	60 6 0	2	7		
Caermarthenshire	32 5 6	70 14 6	304 0 0	4	7		
Caernarvonshire	15 0	23 15 0	83 15 0	1	2½		
Denbighshire	—	165 18 6	384 15 6	5	1		
Flintshire	—	111 18 0	217 12 0	4	7		
Glamorgan	32 5 0	420 18 6	1,049 18 0	3	4		
Merionethshire	—	31 8 6	46 18 6	3	11		
Monmouthshire	—	180 14 0	484 0 6	3	3½		
Montgomeryshire	—	26 13 0	60 13 6	1	5½		
Pembrokeshire	3 10 0	94 16 0	269 18 6	4	11		
Radnorshire	—	29 18 6	66 9 6	4	0		
<b>General</b>	—	—	10 11 0	—	—		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£73 10 6</b>	<b>£1,194 1 6</b>	<b>£3,131 0 0</b>				<b>3 5½</b>
<b>DOMINIONS AND COLONIES:</b>							
Bermuda	—	60 0 0	60 0 0	—	—		
British Virgin Isles	1 12 0	—	1 12 0	—	—		
Burma	—	1 10 0	8 10 0	—	—		
Fiji	—	—	50 0 0	—	—		
Jamaica	74 19 10	—	74 19 10	—	—		
Montserrat	—	—	200 0 0	—	—		
Northern Rhodesia	203 10 2	5 0 0	566 4 3	—	—		
Palestine	—	200 0 0	200 0 0	—	—		
St. Kitts	3 15 0	—	3 15 0	—	—		
St. Lucia	—	—	60 0 0	—	—		
Tanganyika	—	18 10 0	60 14 6	—	—		
General	—	2 5 0	16 3 6	—	—		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£283 17 0</b>	<b>£287 5 0</b>	<b>£1,106 10 1</b>				
<b>BRITISH GUIDES IN FOREIGN LANDS:</b>							
Brussels	—	—	7 0 0	—	—		
Montevideo	6 0 0	—	7 14 0	—	—		
Portugal	—	30 0 0	50 0 0	—	—		
<b>General</b>	1 6	14 6	16 0	—	—		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£8 1 6</b>	<b>£30 14 6</b>	<b>£65 10 0</b>				
<b>INTERNATIONAL:</b>							
International Guides in Egypt	—	—	61 0 0	—	—		

	£	s.	d.
1st Target Month	12,365	19	9
1st Interim Period	3,572	6	6
2nd Target Month	11,335	13	4
2nd Interim Period	5,937	3	1
3rd Target Month	17,167	1	

# SOME OF THE THINKING DAY MESSAGES SENT TO THE CHIEF GUIDE BY PIGEON POST ON SATURDAY, 20th FEBRUARY, 1943

The following messages require some explanation. Intent on publishing ALL the messages with brief notes of ceremonies held, they were sent to the printers, but alas, the result would have worked out at no less than four pages unrelieved by any pictures. Our Paper supply simply wouldn't justify this, and a few pictures always cheer things up, so the only solution was to cut fifty per cent, and draw for those to be published. We do hope those Counties who were unlucky will understand. The only other idea was to publish the messages only, but that wouldn't provide a solution either as they would still have exceeded the space allowed. The extreme brevity of some of the notes in no way implies that the ceremonies for those Counties weren't just as exciting and successful as the others, only we haven't been sent accounts of them. We hope those given are accurate, as in some cases they have been taken from press cuttings.

## ROYAL MESSAGES. See March GUIDER.

### ENGLAND.

**Bedfordshire:** "Greetings Sister Guides, all the world over. Hope gleams, friendship glows. May you see the light and feel the warmth. God bless you."  
Pigeons released by C.C. from Bedford Park; Guides from all over the county formed a horseshoe with Colours and sang as birds flew away.

**Birmingham:** "Birmingham Girl Guides join with you in thinking of our great family scattered over the world—happy memories—and faith in the future."  
Four pigeons released from Birmingham Headquarters by Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, a Brownie and a Guide, with representative Guides present. First pigeon waited on nearby roof for friends!

**Cambridgeshire:** "This Thinking Day our love goes out  
And circles round the world,  
To greet our Sister Guides once more  
With Courage, Hope and Faith.  
"The memory of our Chief lives on  
For ever in our hearts;  
Let us be faithful in our task  
And worthy of his trust."

Ceremony took place on Parker's Piece; pigeons released by two Cambridge pigeon fanciers.

**Cheshire:** "Greetings from Cheshire Guides to our sister Guides and Girl Scouts wherever they may be. Our message is one of hope and encouragement and we look forward to the time when Guiding will be free once more to spread throughout the world, bringing joy and strength and comradeship to all nations."

Ceremony in Abbey Square, Chester (surrounded by cathedral buildings); release of four pigeons preceded by short Thinking Day Service conducted by the Dean.

**Cornwall:** See picture.

**Cumberland:** "To the Chief Guide, Wing House, London. Our pigeon leaves the Border country where England ends and Scotland begins: He sees below him the Roman Wall that stood a hundred years to keep England safe; the wild geese flying over the meeting of the Esk and the Eden; the road where the runaway couples said goodbye to England on their way to Gretna Green; and the fells where John Peel in his coat so gay went a-hunting. This is our country of Cumberland and from it we send our love and friendship to other Guides wherever they may be.—From the Guides of Cumberland, February 20th, 1943."  
Pigeons set off at daybreak from the Border city of Carlisle.

**Derbyshire:** For message see March GUIDER.

**Devonshire:** "The Guides of Devon on this Memorial day of our great Founder send heart-felt winged messages of love, good wishes and encouragement to our beloved Chief Guide and to every Guide throughout the world. May the blessing of God rest on our glorious Movement and inspire us to carry out our high ideals for the good of the Country, the Empire and the whole world."

Pigeons released from home of County Commissioner with representative Guides present.

**Durham:** See picture.

**Essex:** "The Guides of Essex send greetings to their sister Guides wishing them success in all their enterprises. They think especially of those, too, separated from them who are enduring many hardships and to whom they would like to send a message of hope and encouragement."

Pigeons set out from the centre window of Ball Room of Shire Hall, Chelmsford. One pigeon released by County Commissioner, the other by 1st Class Brownie; Thinking Day talk given by County Commissioner afterwards.



DURHAM.—The County Commissioner and Guides hold their basket aloft. Don't miss the pigeon in right-hand top corner!

**Gloucestershire:** See picture.

**Hertfordshire:** "Our thoughts go round the world to every member of the great family of Guides and we send to you our greetings, we send to you our thanks, we send to you our love.—Hertfordshire."

Ceremony at Hatfield Park; two messengers from every District presented County Commissioner with a note stating how much their District had contributed to the Fund. County Commissioner talked to the Guides about A.P.S.; birds released by a Guide and a Brownie; Lord and Lady Salisbury attended.

**Huntingdonshire:** "Huntingdonshire Girl Guides send greetings to hope, on wings of victory to all Guides everywhere. Look Ahead!"

Pigeons released from the Green at Huntingdon by Guide and Brownie.

**Isle of Wight:** "Our thoughts take wings and fly above the clouds of war and hate, where meeting yours, we each gain hope and courage until the light breaks."  
Ceremony at football ground, Newport; cloudy weather, and two alerts, but Guides very thrilled.

**Kent:** "Kent sends greetings of goodwill to Guides throughout the world, and looks forward hopefully to the time when we can meet again in international friendship."  
Ceremony at Sevenoaks. Local section of A.P.S. were extremely kind, and on a previous Saturday had shown the Guides and Brownies how the Pigeon Service worked, and arranged races for them so that they could see messages coming in.

**Lancashire, N.-E.:** "To the Lady Baden-Powell, G.B.E., from N.-E. Lancashire Girl Guides.  
"We thank you for coming over the sea  
To share in our joy and distress!  
We think of our sisters by tyrants oppressed,  
And hope that they soon will be free."

"On this third war-time Thinking Day we send a message of admiration and good cheer to our sister Guides throughout the world, may their courage inspire us to work for Victory and Peace, and then a great reunion of all Guides, and a true peace of goodwill throughout the world. The vision of fellowship and service the Chief gave us will never fail to inspire us."  
Release from the Old Parish Hall, Burnley, by County Commissioner and representative Guides.

**Lancashire, N.-W.:** "As we send forth our winged messenger the thoughts of the Guides of N.-W. Lancashire are for the work, courage and hope of their sisters throughout the world.  
This Thinking Day in 1943  
May Guides throughout the world look up and see  
Through clouds of war the light of Peace ahead.  
From Guides who wear with greatest joy and pride  
The Roses Red of Lancashire,  
This message comes together with a prayer:  
God bless our Chief and Girl Guides everywhere."

Released from the green in front of the Castle, Lancaster.

**Lancashire, S.-E.:** "We Guides of South-East Lancashire join Guides of all the world to-day in thoughts of friendship and hope."  
Released from Manchester by County Commissioner.

**Lancashire, S.-W.:** "Greetings from Brownies, Guides, Rangers and Guiders of S.-W. Lancashire to the Chief Guide and Guides of all the world. To Dominion overseas and U.S.A. Guides and Girl Scouts, thank you for your beautiful presents. To Guides in other lands, especially those in occupied countries, we send a special message. We think of you often and hope that we shall be reunited in Peace by next Thinking Day."

County Commissioner writes: "We had a fine, but very dull grey day. The Guides stood on the steps of the cathedral (Liverpool) and gave three rousing cheers as the second bird was air-borne. Guides were then taken round the cathedral by one of the Canons."

**Leicestershire:** For message see March GUIDER.



[Photo: The West Briton.

CORNWALL.—One's away! The County Commissioner's bird has flown. The Assistant County Commissioner still holds her's closely!



[Photo: The Gloucester Journal.  
GLoucestershire—Off she goes! The County Commissioner has just "tossed" a bird. Ceremony took place outside Gloucester Cathedral.

**Lincolnshire :** "Through fire and storm I find my way alone, swift, unafraid. My beating wings, who knows, some day may bring an army aid." Release from outside Lincoln Cathedral.

**London :** For message see March GU IDER.

**French Guides in London :** "Les Eclairseuses francaises de Grande Bretagne se joignent a leurs sœurs anglaises pour offrir au Chief Guide leurs meilleurs vœux de bon anniversaire." Middlesex: "To Girl Guides and Girl Scouts everywhere greetings and a message of hope on this Thinking Day, 1943. Though the surrounding darkness prevents our seeing each other we know we are standing shoulder to shoulder and that the links that bind us together are as strong as ever."

Ceremony in grounds of County Commissioner's home; Guides formed horseshoe, World Flag hoisted, "God Save the King." Brownie then gave message to County Commissioner, who read it and handed it to Guide, who passed it on to a Ranger to be put on pigeon's leg. After release, Colours lowered, dismiss.

**Norfolk :** "Thinking of our Chief Guide with affectionate greetings, Thinking of our Founder with deepest gratitude; Thinking of our sisters the world over with continued admiration for their courage; Thinking of ourselves with humility and prayers that we may be steadfast."

Ceremony at Castle Mound, Norwich. Guides assembled at foot; County Commissioner, Lady Mayoress, etc., at top of Mound with pigeon crate. On signal from County Commissioner Guides replied by waving their pigeon calendars, then divided into four groups and ran up Castle Mound by four winding paths. County Commissioner then read message and gave Thinking Day talk. After this, pigeons released as Guides sang round, "Fare Thee Well, Luck Go with Thee." This followed by various songs, ending with "Auld Lang Syne" and National Anthem.

**Northamptonshire :** Guides, all over the world, your sisters are calling. Now, more than ever before, do we value your service, loyalty and friendship. May the flame of Guiding ever burn steadily and may we be prepared for world-wide reunion in the near future."

Place of release—Wickstead Park, Kettering. Rangers and Guides formed double horseshoe; World Flag already hoisted. County Commissioner gave talk on work of carrier pigeons; Mayor of Kettering present. Message then read out and pigeon released. County Commissioner writes: "The day couldn't have been lovelier. . . I don't think any of us, down to the smallest Brownie, will ever forget the sense of something almost magical which we had when we saw our messages in their little red cases being carried to London by the wonderful flight of the pigeons."

**Northumberland :** "Northumberland sends God-speed to the Guides of the world, and hopes to welcome some of them in happier days. May Guiding circle the earth on wings of friendship."

Pigeons released by County Commissioner from roof of Guide Headquarters, Newcastle; representative Guides present.

**Nottinghamshire :** "The Guides of Nottinghamshire send loving greetings to all Guides of other countries, whose courage, discipline, and initiative are the admiration of the Christian world. In memory of our Founder may we endure all with a smile and a song until peace unites us and our flag flies again throughout the world."

Released from Retford High School by County Commissioner; Mayor and Mayoress present; Guides with Colour Parties from different parts of County formed Guard of Honour.

**Oxfordshire :** "Oxfordshire sends greetings to Guides throughout the world, and looks forward to the time when we shall all be reunited in the cause of peace."

Ceremony at People's Park, Banbury; two Patrol Leaders of 1st Grimsbury Company, which has been helping Home Guard to look after their pigeons, played important part. Member of Home Guard gave talk about pigeons.

**Rutland :** "Greetings from Rutland. May links of love, honour and friendship be forged by Guides all the world over until they make a chain around a brave, new world."

Ceremony at Oakham. Pigeons released by County Commissioner. Representative Guides present.

**Somerset :** See picture.

**Staffordshire :** See picture.

**Suffolk :** "Guides of Suffolk are thinking of their aim to help others, and will stand steadfast by faith in the future."

Release from Abbey Gardens at Bury St. Edmunds by two young Guides. As the pigeons flew off, all Guides upraised both hands and said, "Chief Guide, we are thinking of you."

**Surrey, East :** "We are thinking of you to-day and send our greetings and good wishes May this flight inspire us to keep the true course in Guiding. Thinking Day, 1943."

Ceremony outside Wallington Town Hall; large numbers of Guides and general public present. County Commissioner gave a short talk, then read out message. She then asked Guides, "Do you like this message, and shall we send it to the Chief Guide?" A great shout of "Yes!" answered her. Pigeons released, Guides waved coloured handkerchiefs and cheered loudly. Mayor of Wallington then gave address—"God Save the King."

**Surrey, North :** See picture in GUIDER of March 25th.

**Surrey, West :** "West Surrey sends greetings to Guides everywhere with special messages of hope to those in distress and prays for their early deliverance."

Ceremony at North Mead School, Stoughton. Mayoress of Guildford present and large assembly of Guides. Afterwards Guides gave display in the church hall.

**Sussex :** See picture.

**Warwickshire :** "Thinking Day. To Guide friends everywhere Warwickshire sends greetings with wings as swift as meditation or the thoughts of love." (Shakespeare.)

Four pigeons were released at Stratford-on-Avon, from the steps of Shakespeare Memorial Theatre, by the Mayor, the Mayoress, County Commissioner and local pigeon fancier, who had assisted the A.P. Officer in looking after pigeons. The Guides paraded, and the Mayor took the salute; Guard of Honour of Rangers with County Standard, County Commissioner writes: "The four pigeons behaved beautifully. The weather was quite perfect. When the two pigeon fanciers who helped us handed back the spare message forms, we found a pound note in between the pages. Wasn't that nice?"

**Westmorland :**

"We are thinking—Brownies, One in Sisterhood together in hope—Guides. Service And Love Unite The Earth—Rangers. We are forging ahead—Guides."

Released from Kendal Castle Hill. Westmorland writes: "I have never been at a function which held everyone, from the smallest Brownies to the largest grown-up, so completely spellbound. Fortunately, it was a fine morning, and in spite of a slight ground mist in the valley below us, we were able to see the pigeons as they circled over Kendal and made away on what looked like a direct course for London."

**Wiltshire :** "May the links in the chain of Guiding, weakened by times of strife, be strengthened on this our Thinking Day."

Ceremony at Trowbridge—Chairman and other local authorities, County Commissioner (Scouts), representatives of all other youth organisations, Director of Education, etc., invited, Guides paraded, and World Flag hoisted. Guides sang "Chalet" song; County Commissioner spoke to Guides.

**Yorkshire—East Riding :** "To-day in East Yorkshire we are especially thinking of Guides overseas and in all foreign countries who are, during these days of war, having their promise so severely tested. We are trying to be worthy of their faith in us, and so prepare ourselves that when the time comes, the hand we extend in friendship may not be empty."

Pigeons released by County Commissioner from the steps of the Sessions House at Beverley; Mayor and Mayoress, Chief Constable of East Riding and many others were present. Guard of Honour, and Mayor afterwards inspected the Guides. Guides formed large horseshoe at foot of steps; County Commissioner opened proceedings by Thinking Day talk; then three Brownies, escorted by two Guides, presented Mayoress with illuminated scroll containing message which he read out. Two Rangers then brought forward pigeons in basket; County Commissioner came down steps to meet them and released pigeons from centre of circle. "God Save the King." Loud-speakers provided by Police.

**Yorkshire—North Riding :** "The North Riding of Yorkshire sends you greetings from Middlesbrough, the town of iron and steel, and wishes to assure you that the Old Chief's Forge is working well.—Thinking Day, 1943."

Two pigeons called Red Check and Strawberry Mealie were released from Middlesbrough with large number of Guides present.

**Yorkshire—West Riding North :** See special article and picture.

**Yorkshire—West Riding South :** For message see March GUIDER.

**York City :**

"Gentle pigeon, swiftly homing, Speed our message safe, we pray, To our friends in every country Greetings on this Thinking Day. High above our Minster soaring, Take from York his message true. Peace at last, through work and prayer, This our thought we send by you."

Ceremony outside west entrance of York Minster. Pigeons released by Mrs. Forbes Adam, Co-President. Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, the Sheriff and his wife, the Dean, the Bishop of Selby, Archbishop of York and large number of general public present. Guides in horseshoe. Division Commissioner carried on pigeon basket with six Brownies holding red, white and blue ribbons attached to it. They came through back of horse-shoe under archway of signalling flags. County Commissioner gave talk. President then opened basket and Guides cheered as pigeons flew away. "God Save the King." Dismiss. County Commissioner writes: "Of course the birds did refuse to come out at first, as I knew they would, but that caused rather a joy!"

**ISLE OF MAN.** "The green hills of Eilan Vannin echo the Thinking Day greetings as they fly round the world. Aigh-ve-errio." (Maix for "Good luck with you.")

Released by County Commissioner from Douglas.

**SCOTLAND.** For message see account of Scottish ceremony.

**City of Aberdeen :** "From Aberdeen to Guides everywhere greetings. God grant us courage and steadfastness in danger; wisdom and understanding in victory."

Joint ceremony with Aberdeenshire. Pigeons released from High School Playing Fields, Hazlehead, by Guides. Bishop of Aberdeen and Orkney led prayers. All youth organisations present, also Belgian Guides at Braemar.

**Argyll :** "To the Chief Guide from Argyll: In looking back may we all gain inspiration to go forward."

Message sent from Corran Esplanade, Oban, at 11.30 a.m. Talk by Col. Macdougall of Macdougall of Dunollie on A.P.S.

**Banffshire :** "Through our Chief Guide the Girl Guides of Banffshire send to Guides everywhere a tribute to their example of high courage and endurance and a hope of world-wide peace and goodwill."

Pigeons released from Banff.

**Berwickshire :** "As a messenger of peace, may the Guide spirit fly round the world."

Pigeons released from The Square, Duns. A.T.C. Band assisted at ceremony.

**Caitness :** "In dark days we stand fast, the dawn is coming, we prepare."

Pigeons released from Riverside, Wick. Message from each company read by Patrol Leader. Captain of company whose message was chosen, a Coast Watcher liberated pigeon. Sirens went just after ceremony.

**Clackmannanshire :** "Looking backward thankfully Looking forward hopefully We pledge ourselves preparedly To serve anew steadfastly. God bless our cause abundantly."



[Photo: Weston Mercury and Somersetshire Herald.  
SOMERSET.—A Guide releases pigeon from Grand Pier at Weston-super-Mare. The A.P. Officer also brought 70 of his own pigeons, all of which were released afterwards.



## TO WHAT END?

## TRUSTEESHIP

THE other day I was travelling in a bus along a country road. Two women got in and sat near me, they had their small boys with them and in their hands they carried bunches of palm. The palm was silvery and beautiful but it had been "proved" by the florist who had sold it to them. It was tricked out with red, white and blue paper flowers which had been wired on to the stems in between the heavenly little grey blossoms.

Arrived at my destination, I went to the Town Hall to a Guide meeting at which I was to speak. The Town Hall was a magnificent building, erected just before the war; a building which must have cost thousands of pounds. The inside was in keeping with the outside, the decorations had been planned with skill and care and no expense had been spared in order to make it a fitting Civic Centre for the people of a great democracy. Underfoot was a plain, lawn-coloured carpet with an expensive pile into which one's feet sank with relish. The carpet was pitted all over with little brown burn marks. The Mayoress told me that they were caused by people dropping lighted cigarette ends and treading them out as one would out of doors.

In one of his books Professor L. P. Jacks talks about the importance of trusteeship, the fact that we who walk this earth to-day have inherited a great tradition from the past and that we are trustees for the future generations. We should not exploit the earth for our own advantage with no thought as to the result for those who will inherit from us. The war has bred a feeling of insecurity. We do not doubt, have never doubted, our final victory but we know that life will be very different when the fighting is over. We hope to build a far better world but it looks as though there will be very little money left with which to build. We know that bitterness, hatred and revenge, the result of unparalleled suffering, will be unleashed in many parts of Europe. Sometimes our hearts fail us and we ask: can civilisation, the liberal tradition, the good life survive? In any case very many of our generation may not live to see the end of the war so why worry? Why not get the best out of life that one can here and now, with no thought of the morrow, either one's own or anybody else's?

Trusteeship has no part or lot with such gloomy thoughts. It is a creed which demands faith, courage and a selfless vision transcending expediency and temporary gain. It is a creed that is desperately needed to-day, for trusteeship is the very essence of successful democracy and community living. Nothing is mine with which to do what I like regardless of the consequences to others. Everything I hold in trust for others, for those to come, for God.

To what end do we camp? One of the ends surely is that we may help to educate the future citizens of this great democracy in trusteeship. Camp provides endless opportunities for this. First there is the site. We want to leave it as little worn and spoiled as we can for the sake of the owner and of other campers who may follow us, therefore we are very careful to raise everything off the ground in order that the grass may not suffer unduly, we do not put hot pots on the ground and we are very careful to pick up every scrap of litter when we leave. Next there is the equipment, of course, it is in our interest not to stick pins in the tents or tear the ground sheets but it is also part of the training of every Company that the equipment belongs to the Company and not to those Guides in the Company at any given moment. It is the duty of every generation of Guides to do its best to preserve the equipment and pass it on in good condition to its successors. These are practical lessons in trusteeship which are worth far more than any amount of talking. Surely a good camper would never dream of dropping a lighted cigarette-end on an expensive carpet?

Not long ago I was talking to a farmer whose land had been impoverished and temporarily ruined by his predecessor who, in an attempt to get rich quickly, had grown one crop and one only, year after year, because it had a good market. It is well known that in parts of the world this has happened on a large scale. Through personal contact and the increased understanding which follows, camping should develop respect for the earth and the things of the countryside. This is one reason why land camps are such excellent training. Everyone hopes that the great agricultural revival which has taken place in our country as a result of the war will continue when peace comes. If this is to be so it is important that women should learn to appreciate country life. Before the war, in some districts, there were empty farm houses because a generation of farmers' wives had arisen for whom the country spelt boredom and loneliness.

Trusteeship of the countryside begets reverence; the reverence that will not pick bluebells and leave them to wither, the reverence that will not willingly take the life of any of God's creatures, the reverence that is quiet when it beholds beauty, the reverence that leads imperceptibly to worship. Is it far-fetched to connect these thoughts with a bunch of palm tricked out with paper flowers? I do not think so for it is all a question of values.

ANGELA THOMPSON,  
Commissioner for Camping.

## CAMPING IN THE FIRST CLASS TEST

There are 198,493 Guides, 2,195 Cadets and 30,871 Guiders in Great Britain and Northern Ireland; of these, 295 wrote and expressed their views on the subject of including camping in the First Class Test. In addition, 136 Companies sent Company votes, 60 Patrols sent Patrol votes, 9 Courts of Honour recorded their votes. These votes revealed a 5 to 1 majority in favour of including camping in the First Class Test. It is very likely therefore that this will be done directly the war is over, and in the meantime the Empire is being consulted. For a number of years Headquarters has held the view that a really First Class Guide is a camper, but no ruling to this effect has been adopted out of consideration for those who would find extreme difficulty in completing such a test. Now, however, since the whole Movement in Great Britain has been consulted and so few have raised any objection the way appears to be opened up. The Commissioner for Camping would like to thank all those, the vast majority, who fell in with her suggestion and sent in a clear and brief reply on a post card. She would also like those who sent in other views and alternative suggestions to know that these have received consideration.

## ENGLISH LAND WORK CAMPS-1943

The following Camps are being arranged:—  
Middle of July—Fruit Picking, Sussex.  
End of July and August—Forestry, Wiltshire and Yorkshire.  
End of August and September—Hop-picking, Herefordshire.  
Volunteers should be 16 years or over. They should have some camping experience and must be absolutely fit and prepared for six hours' strenuous work a day. G.I.S. volunteers will find these camps good training and if several volunteers attend the same camp it may be possible to arrange extra training at the weekends for their special benefit.  
The Camp Fee will be as low as possible and campers will pay their own fare (special rate—single fare for return journey).  
Preliminary applications may be sent, after Easter to:—  
Miss Usher, Seend, Wiltshire.

enclosing a penny stamp for reply and giving name and address of applicant, name of Company, possible numbers and dates preferred.  
Please consult your Captain, District Commissioner and C.A. before applying.

## A REMINDER TO CADETS

Do not forget that your help will be much appreciated at the Guide Land Camps which are being held this summer. By attending one of these camps you will be carrying out a double job of service, by helping with the harvest, and, at the same time, equipping yourselves to run your own Company Camps in the future. It is hoped to have a special Cadet Week, the programme which will include general training and discussions, at one of these camps. Watch THE GUIDER for dates and, in the meantime when you are asked what time you can spare for harvesting, do not forget to allow for a week at a Guide Land Camp.

## OVERSEAS TRAINING

An Imperial Training Week for Commissioners, Guiders, Cadets and Rangers will be held at Abbots Hill, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, by kind permission of the Headmistress, from Tuesday, August 3rd, to Tuesday, August 10th, 1943.

The Training will be specially suitable for:—  
(a) Those intending to work or live overseas after the war.  
(b) Those specially interested and who have the ability to share the knowledge gained.  
Applications should be sent as soon as possible to:—  
The Overseas Secretary, Girl Guides Association,  
17-19, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1.  
And entries should be accompanied by a Commissioner's recommendation. The charge for the week will be £1 15s., of which 5s. deposit should be sent on application.

## THE 1st BUCKINGHAM PALACE COMPANY—continued from page 51

while the 1st Class ones such as Cook and Needlewoman were being worked up. The Patrols had their own Flags, the emblems being embroidered by the various members, not excluding the famous King-fishers. Good turns were taken as a very important part of our Guide lives, and a great deal of trouble was taken by most of the children. One story of how seriously this aspect of it was taken by Princess Elizabeth may illustrate this:—

One day she said she was sent for to go to try on a dress and went with a very sulky face; then she suddenly remembered she was a Guide, and put on a cheerful one instead!

The great events in our history were the hikes held in the Great Park at Windsor, and all the things beloved of Guides were revelled in by these Guides too; fires that would not burn, pancakes that refused to toss, and dampers that would make most people turn away in horror, were struggled with by the patrols who did become quite adequate hikers. When later on, as Patrol Leader of the Swallows, Princess Elizabeth did her First Class hike she organised her patrol of little London evacuees most competently and produced a well-cooked meal that satisfied even their ravenous appetites. Of course, strange events happened on these hikes, as on any others—gangsters might appear and a pitched battle ensue; gypsies steal away the smaller and more succulent Guides for the pot, blood-curdling yells would put our hearts in our mouths, and we tracked the foe and roped them up. We usually finished with a Camp Fire; did I say finished? for we sang songs at the top of our lungs all the way back in the "bus."

Evacuation spoiled so much of all this, and it was two years before the company was restarted, with children from the Home Park and London evacuees from Hammersmith. This gave Princess Elizabeth, now a Patrol Leader, really valuable experience and she took deep interest in the members of her patrol, training them thoroughly for their Tests. Now the company goes on with very young Leaders, of whom Princess Margaret is one, and the further history has yet to be written.

## ROAD SENSE FOR BROWNIES

NEWSPAPER reports and statistics unfortunately continue to show how much there is still to be done to educate children in Road Sense. The STOP, LOOK, LISTEN, Walk when actually taken for the test, should be the culmination of thorough training in the Pack from the time that the recruit joins; therefore, as this training must be continued until keeping the rules of the road has become automatic, careful planning is needed to make the subject attractive enough to arouse and hold the Brownies' interest. It is a difficult test to teach as too much emphasis should not be put on the dangers around, nor can the children be allowed to learn by experience! Some of the suggestions included here once more may help to make this test not only practical, but fun.

Every Brown Owl should have a copy of the Highway Code (obtainable through any booksellers, price 1d.) and the Girl Guides Association Leaflet ROAD SENSE (also price 1d.), which contains many useful points. Armed with these the Brown Owl should first find out how much is being taught in Safety First in the schools; often, owing to large numbers, this is mainly theoretical, and Pack Training can revive interest in the subject on fresh lines. Challenge the Brownies to become courteous users of the King's Highway, and as a Pack, take a pride in seeing that the Rules of the Road are kept. These Rules can be impressed upon them in an enjoyable way by introducing into the programme at regular intervals various games and activities, by stories, pictures, and through discussions in the Pow Wow.

When several Brownies in a Pack are doing the STOP, LOOK, LISTEN part of the test at the same time it will be best to divide up into small parties, if possible, when going out for preliminary walks, letting the Brownies demonstrate how and where one should walk, pointing out any devices for the safety of pedestrians such as whitened curb stones, footpaths, and recognised crossings. Points relating to cyclists should also be included when applicable.

Singlehanded Brown Owls will often have to plan these expeditions to take place on the way to or from meetings, or they may have to end the meeting early for the rest of the Pack, whose turn will come later. Small numbers of Brownies on these walks will find it far more thrilling and will sometimes have the fun of sharing discoveries with Brown Owl or beginning their nature observation in addition to the main object of the occasion.

The Brown Owl will judge according to local conditions what chiefly needs to be emphasised. In towns there would seem to be wider scope for making this test interesting. There are traffic regulations and possibly traffic lights to be studied, the correct way of getting on and off buses and trams to be learnt and safe places for play to be pointed out amongst other things.

In the country the danger lies chiefly in the unexpected. The Brownie must know where to walk when there is no path and where to play; also she must learn the care of other people's property. By the use of models and pictures she may be given some idea of what to expect if she visits neighbouring towns.

For the test itself the Brownie should show a thorough knowledge of the Rules of the Road. Two or three might be tested together and the walk could be planned with some object apart from the test so that it can be seen if the training is remembered in spite of slight distractions.

This part of the Golden Bar Test entails a good deal of trouble for the Owls and demands alertness and perseverance from the Brownies, but it can be fun for everyone, and a Brownie passing the Road Sense Test should be encouraged to take a pride in keeping up her training and so helping her country by being an intelligent user of the King's Highway.

## GAMES AND PRACTICES

Hawk Overhead, Policeman and Traffic and similar games for teaching control, observation and manners. Shopping Game with lines marked out for roads and pavements and Brown Owl and the Brownies as policemen, cars, pedestrians and cyclists. (Brownie Games by Knight, 1s.).

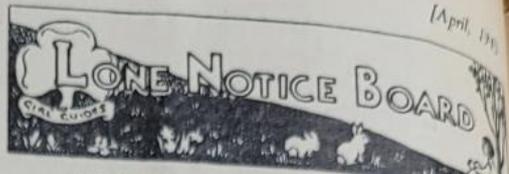
Acting Games in which Brown Owl tells a story and the Pack acts the rest; or the Sixes may act a scene in turn while the others decide if the rules of the road have been kept or broken. Model making with outdoor materials or with sand, plasticine, etc.

Pow Wow. The pack describes the result of the week's observations of instances when certain rules have been kept.

Picture and Posters such as those included in CHILD EDUCATION or supplied by the National Safety First Association (52, Grosvenor Gardens, S.W.1) serve as reminders and can be used as Jig Saw Puzzles or for a form of Kim's game.

VIOLET SMITH.  
Great Brown Owl.

## THE GUIDER



### THE HOME EMERGENCY SERVICE TEST FOR LONES

"H.E.S. for Lones!" I can hear some Guiders saying: "Impossible; it is essentially a practical test." What about Lord Baden Powell's sketch of a member of the S.A.C. kicking the "IM" out of IMPOSSIBLE? Far from it being an impossible test, many Lone Ranger Companies have been working for armlets for some time and are thoroughly enjoying doing it. Each month I will try to give you some ideas on how these Companies are tackling it.

For "Regular attendance at H.E.S. Meetings" some Counties have substituted "Must write on a post card, regularly, once a week on the same day, reporting progress with H.E.S. to Captain. No Lones to be enrolled until she has written every week for three months." At the same time there would be articles, written by experts, on Lones should know on which lines to work. Every Lone Ranger should, if possible, join a weekly keep-fit class or some other form of drill under skilled instructors.

Lones can usually manage to attend short courses of A.R.P. and First Aid, or they can get skilled instruction from a Warden or Leader of a First Aid Post. Members of the Police and the Red Cross as well as Home Guards are helping Lones in their spare time.

Testing is usually arranged through the County Ranger Adviser and it is best if Lones can be tested with Active Rangers.

## YARNS ON THE TENDERFOOT TEST

### NO. 4—THE VALUE OF THE TENDERFOOT TEST

IN the creation of the Tenderfoot Test the Chief Scout gave us a foundation upon which he expected us to build Guiding and Scouting for the younger brothers and sisters whom it is our privilege to lead. Very often, at the present time, people have a wrong sense of values. They set store by the possession of such things as wealth, property, etc. The Chief was always telling us that the happy man was the one who could give happiness. I would like to know that one of his greatest beliefs was that happiness was one of the most valuable things that anyone could possess. He used to say "You watch someone who is really happy, and you will see that they cannot keep it to themselves. It radiates from them like the glow from a great fire." So let us, when we are setting our values in order, put happiness very high on the list, and let us set great store by it.

You may be wondering by now what this has to do with the value of the Tenderfoot Test. I will try and tell you in a few words. The life of everyone is like a wonderful story, and there is no doubt that in the really good stories the people "live happily ever afterwards". But the story of anyone's life always has a beginning, and unless the beginning of the story is very well thought out, and very well written, the rest of the story seems vague, and without purpose. The Tenderfoot Test is the beginning of the story, it is "the once upon a time" of the life of every Guide and Scout. If you have read the two yarns that came before this one "The Origin of the Tenderfoot Test" and "The Tenderfoot Test Itself" you will see that it is full of Tests that are of great value, and which will keep the Tenderfoot very busy and very happy while all these Tests are being accomplished.

There are a great many people in the world who have never thought very seriously about anything. When, however, these people begin to consider the Tenderfoot Test they are obliged to take it seriously, and to realise that there is something very deep behind it.

It is this ideal side of the Test that is the most valuable part of it and it is the realisation of this that will make the Guides and Scouts of the World live happily ever afterwards.

A very short time before the Chief Scout was called to Higher Service, he sent a splendid message to all Guides and Scouts, in which he said "I have had a very happy life, and I want each one of you to have a happy life too. I believe God put us in this jolly world to be happy and enjoy life. Happiness does not come through being rich or merely from being successful in your career, nor by self-indulgence. . . . The real way to get happiness is by giving out happiness to other people. . . . Be prepared in this way to live happily. . . . Stick to your Promise always . . . and God help you to do it."

In those last words lie the value of the Tenderfoot Test, because in this Test we are introduced to the Promise to which the Chief refers.

So I wish good luck to every Tenderfoot, and may they all live happily ever afterwards!

M. DE BEAUMONT,  
Division Commissioner.

April, 1943]

## THE GUIDER

### GAMES THEY PLAY IN CANADA—(continued)

#### 5. NIGHT ALARM

Each patrol forms a circle and when the whistle blows they remove shoes, belts, ties and hats. Removed articles are placed in a neat pile at the side of each Guide. The lights are then turned out and each Guide goes to sleep.

On the next whistle they put on clothing in the dark and stand when finished. Lights are put on and the neatest and quietest patrol wins.

During the time they are asleep the Captain can make several sounds such as: the calls of birds or animals, the humming of tunes, etc., and after the game each Patrol is asked to list the sounds heard. A point for each correct sound heard.

#### 6. SEALED MESSAGE

Each Patrol is given a sealed message. Two Guides are given small flashlights and act as spies, turning the flashlight on anyone making a noise.

With lights out, starting from one end of the room, one Guide from each Patrol tries to get the sealed message safely to the goal at the other end. If the flashlight is turned directly on anyone she must freeze where she is until the end of the game. Another member of her Patrol may then come up and, while passing the one who has the message, take it from her and carry it on towards the goal. The members continue in this manner until one reaches the goal. The first patrol to get its message to the goal wins, and reads the message out.

Example of message: "There will be a Company hike on Saturday. Meet at Headquarters at 2 o'clock."

#### 7. ESTIMATE RACE

Equipment: Chalk for each Patrol, measuring stick for each Patrol if possible, slips of paper bearing different measurements as 6 in., 1 ft., 2 ft., etc., two or more for each Guide.

Guides in patrol file at one end of hall. Slips of paper upside down at marker (chair or post) at other end of hall. When whistle blows first Guide runs to marker, picks up first slip of paper and draws chalk line on floor. Each Patrol then checks with measuring stick, and a point is awarded for each estimate within twenty-five per cent. of being correct. Points may be given for Patrol finishing first.

## ENGLISH TRAINING SCHOOL

### LONDON AND HOME COUNTIES COURSES

The following courses have been arranged for the summer term:—

#### Course I

Mondays, May 3rd-June 21st, inclusive, from 7-9 p.m. For Ows of all ranks of not more than two years' experience and who have not attended a training previously. Numbers limited to 80. Place: Radnor Street Methodist Institution, St. Luke's, E.C.1.

#### Course IIa

Tuesdays, May 4th-June 22nd, inclusive, from 7-8 p.m. For Guiders and Ranger Guiders of all ranks. Subject: Suggestions for Health Teaching for the Company. Numbers limited to 80. Place: Girl Guide Headquarters, 17-19, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.1.

#### Course IIb

As for course IIa. Time 8.15-9.15 p.m.

#### Course III

Wednesdays, May 26th-July 14th, inclusive, from 7-9 p.m. For Guiders of all ranks. Subjects: General and Woodcraft. Numbers limited to 50. Place: Surrey Lane Schools, Battersea Bridge Road, S.W.

#### Course IV

Thursdays, May 27th-July 15th, inclusive, from 7-9 p.m. For Guiders of all ranks. Numbers limited to 50. Place: St. Botolph's Church Hall, Bishopsgate, E.C.2.

#### Course V

Rangers. Details to be advertised next month.  
Ranger Course II open to those who have attended the previous course or are warranted Ranger Guiders. Wednesdays, 7-9, at Headquarters, starting May 26th. Fee 6s. for each course. Guiders will enrol for the whole time. Application forms, which must be completed before the entries will be accepted, can be obtained from the Secretary, English Training School, Girl Guide Headquarters, 17-19, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.1. Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.  
Further details will appear in the May Guider.

#### Provincial Trainings

Courses are being arranged in various parts of England during the summer. Yorks W.R.N. and Yorks W.R.S. The English Training School has arranged courses in these Counties from May to July.



#### The Name "Extension"

For many years, at all our Conferences and Trainings the point of finding a more suitable name for our Branch has been brought up; it has come up again now and we are anxious really to get down to this point and try and find a name more agreeable to everyone.

The name "Handicapped" cannot be considered, because it is an unhappy name for some of the Sections. We suggest that anyone who cares to, should send to the Extension Department at Headquarters, on a card please, some suitable title for our Branch.

You have until July 1st, when, it is suggested we should go fully into the suggestions we received at our Training Week at Foxlease. Failing an alternative

being found we shall have to rest content with "Extensions." Do send in any suggestions you have.

#### Plans for the Over-Thirties

Many counties are holding meetings for their Ranger Guiders to discuss plans for the "over-thirties," and when their findings have been received at Headquarters we shall be able to formulate a scheme to incorporate the general wishes of the counties as a whole. Some Guiders have expressed disappointment that club members will not be able to wear Ranger uniform, but would this be any more logical than the wearing of uniforms or even Brownies' uniforms? The Ranger uniform distinguishes an adolescent girl undergoing a course of training; it is the Tenderfoot badge which represents membership of the Guide Movement for which, of course, there can never be an age limit. Would club members feel happier if they were given an armband, as this might be a possible solution?

In the reports so far received at Headquarters it is interesting to note the relative progressiveness of different counties. Some condemn the scheme completely before they could possibly have had time even to discuss it with their Rangers, others obviously view it with some suspicion but are willing to give it a fair trial, while others again are already full of enthusiastic plans for making a real success of it. Obviously it depends on the wisdom and clear thinking of the Guiders whether the Extension Ranger Branch remains a stagnant backwater or joins in the current stream.

The following extracts from letters we have received from different parts of the country may help Guiders to formulate their own plans for their ex-Rangers.

#### From Post Guiders

"We are forming a club, with the following activities: a budget (to be sent regularly to all members), a knitting party, a prayer circle, a lending library, collecting used stamps for a hospital, adopting a child at Dr. Barnardo's, investigating the work of other movements such as the Y.W.C.A., G.F.S., etc.

Varied interests will have to be catered for, and the budget will contain serious articles for discussion as well as quite simple ones, competitions, etc. There will be a reporter for each Post Ranger Company who will pass on all the Company's news."

"There are two or three Companies in our county with very few Rangers under thirty; they are forming into one Company, while the members over thirty are going into the club, so that they can keep in touch with their old friends. There is no doubt in the minds of many the desire to continue study and others in whom the competitive spirit is more highly developed. They are not really interested in tests and badge work which, after all, are designed for the child and adolescent. For these people could we not explore upon the following lines:—

Competitions on Local Government, Social Services, the Arts and many other interesting subjects open to the adult mind, run in club or counties for periods of time suitable to themselves, competitions run yearly for the different sections set and judged by someone outside the Movement.  
We are very fortunate in being able to divide up straight away, leaving six Rangers in the Company and having six members to go ahead and form a B.-P. Club. The majority welcomed the idea with enthusiasm and sent in plenty of ideas for future activities. The Leader and Second seem to have the situation well in hand. They propose getting in touch with the Waifs and Strays Society and to take an interest in a child orphaned through the war. I do not yet know what particular subject they intend to study. Books for discussion which are being passed round the club are 'The Greatest Thing in the World,' by Henry Drummond, 'Our Towns,' by Elizabeth E. Halton and another 3d. booklet on Social Service also obtainable at Headquarters.

"When the club finally breaks away from the Ranger Company, the club members are choosing their Leader from among themselves, with Captain and Lieutenant keeping an eye on the club until it has settled down to everyone's satisfaction."

"I think it is a very good idea to have put an age limit for Post Rangers—because I put it bluntly—a creaking gate lasts longest—and we could not continue being Rangers until we were old women because it would hold up the Guide Movement to ridicule and none of us want that to happen—it is such a vital thing and will be in post-war years. We old stagers will watch—no doubt with envy—what the youngsters are doing for humanity and be ready to cheer them on."

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"I have thought for a long time it was time I was doing something else, as I am over thirty years, in fact, I very nearly gave up, yet I want to keep in touch. Form an elder Ranger Club, if possible. Perhaps it would be possible to help some child who has been orphaned through war, or something else useful like that, and drop badges. It would not be easy, still nothing is that's worth while."

#### From Post Rangers

"I have thought for some time Post Rangers who have been in it for a long time needed something a little different. Badge work for most are beyond their reach as the majority need practical doing such as nursing, cooking, etc. We know well enough, but cannot demonstrate our knowledge. Perhaps a magazine kind of club, with discussions and opinions on current events, etc., would be more our line. The friendship of Post Rangers is nice, and keeping in touch with each other gives one an interest in life, but some of the tests are rather childish for one of the ancient age of thirty-seven unless they are organising or leading a group. I hope I have not shocked you."

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#### From the Guider of an Institution Company

"I welcomed the changes with open arms, and already I see them working with good results in my Companies.  
First I got all the Rangers together and talked to them about the change. I felt the reaction from the meeting was a thrill to the under thirties and rather a blow to the older girls (women). But immediately I made the change, putting the older one into the B.-P. Club and the under thirties in the Company. I must admit that this was very workable here because we had two Companies of Rangers, so the times of meetings, etc., were unchanged."

"I can see now the miserable faces of the over thirties when we met for that first club meeting. Lieutenant and I appeared absolutely thrilled that at last we could stop doing the more childish things and really be grown up. In less than half an hour everyone in the room felt the same and we had planned our programmes for the first two months."

"The programme is roughly this: The meeting of two hours is divided up into three forty minutes. The first forty minutes is for physical recreation, when we country-dance or keep-fit, or/and games, outside whenever possible. The second forty minutes is to be given to learning something as the girls put it. At the moment we are revising Air Raid Precautions and stirrup pump drill, and later we shall revise our first aid. The last forty minutes is Handicraft and as I look at them during this period I feel that they have come into their own. They sit down solidly, relax, get their knitting or whatever they are doing and appear perfectly happy and content. Then I say to myself, Yes, they are past Ranging."

"The Ranger Company has taken on a new lease of life, which is the obvious thing when the older ones pass on and youth has its opportunities.  
I do sincerely feel that the success or failure of the changes in our Ranger Branch, and, incidentally, with Institution authorities, rest almost entirely with how the Guider presents it."

If you want to air your views on Extension Ranging try to come to the Extension Week at Foxlease from July 2nd-9th.

# THE CHILD NURSE BADGE—No. 2

## THEORETICAL PART OF TEST

### Character Training and Difficulties

Remember that a child isn't an object labelled "child," but a person. From the moment he is born he will behave a little differently from anyone else in the world, just because he is a little different from anyone else in the world. You can't make him fit to a pattern, and the same treatment will have quite different results with different children. We are trying to help him to grow the best and strongest kind of person it is possible for him to be, to encourage all the good points in him and to help him to fight all the bad. Quite small children are capable of making a conscious effort to do or not to do something if it is explained to them as if they were reasonable beings, and not just given as orders. Suppose, for instance, a rather selfish, opinionated child has another to play, and it is not a success because he wants to arrange all the games himself and have all the best toys. Sometime later you can explain to him why the visit wasn't a success and that no one has friends if they do not share with them. Then on another occasion when a child is coming, remind him that he was going to try to do better, and very probably he will. Between two and five is often a stormy time; he discovers self and will and wants his own way, and has to learn the difficult and painful lesson that other people have rights and wants and feelings, and the world won't go just the way he wants it to.

### Obedience

We should expect and train a child to give instant obedience in certain things, things connected with safety or health or the right of others. Rules should be as few as possible, but he should know quite clearly what he may and may not do—it gives him a feeling of security if we are consistent about this—and don't allow a thing one day and forbid it another. Never threaten what you are not prepared to perform. If you say, "If you do that again you won't have jam for tea," and if he does do it again, then there must be no jam for tea. If he thinks we do not mean what we say, of course he disobeys.

### Bribery and Reward

You must, of course, never bribe to do something that should be a matter of simple obedience. "If you come to bed now I'll give you a sweet" is quite wrong. Some people think that any form of reward to a small child smacks of bribery, but, personally, I feel that as "naughtiness must be paid," that the child ought to feel that "Goodness does pay," and sometimes the only way of doing this and encouraging good habits is by praise and reward. The logical reward is the best. Suppose that a child, usually tiresome about going to bed, comes straight away, then I think one should say, "As you've come to bed so quickly to-night we shall have time for a story, or a few minutes longer in the bath." Bravery during the dressing of a wound can fittingly earn some small reward.

### Unselfishness

Some children are naturally generous; others find it very hard to share or give anything away. Fairness about toys should be insisted upon, but generosity cannot be forced, or it isn't generosity any longer. You can only encourage a child to think of other people before himself.

### Temper

A screaming and kicking child, or one hitting someone smaller or crying for some impossible thing, is behaving in such a way that he is not fit for the society of other people, and so the best and most logical cure is to remove him to a room by himself and leave him alone till he feels better. Few children go on making a scene all by themselves.

### Fear

We have to encourage a positive attitude towards life. Let the child feel that though some things are dangerous and may frighten him, there is always a way in which he can tackle them, and that you will help him to do this. Never laugh or tease a child frightened of something. Talk it over with him and think with him what you can do about it. The trouble may be a dog that bounces out, or being left in the dark, or some other thing. If, for instance, it is a dog, go with him to find the dog, show that if you speak to it and pat it, it stops barking; help him gradually to make friends with it and the fear will be conquered—the known thing becomes safe and friendly. Fear is very catching. If you are in some emergency with a child always behave calmly, as if nothing was wrong; never let him see that you are afraid of anything. Never use fear to control him; it is very bad indeed to make him afraid of policemen, the dark or bogie-men. There are more difficult fears to deal with that he probably won't tell

anyone about, and they usually start by overhearing unwise conversation and only half understanding it; so don't ever talk about accidents or illnesses or things that may be frightening in front of a child, as these things can trouble an imaginative child for years.

### Mischief

Is usually boredom or wanting to find out, or some innocent but harmless, occupation. The best way to deal with it is to give plenty to do. When a child destroys or injures someone's property he must be made to understand that amends must be made by some action, and he must be helped to think of something he can do. If he breaks another child's toy, then he can give one of his own. If he spoils something belonging to his father, then he can think of some service he can perform to show he is sorry, or perhaps mother may have to spend the time usually given to play in order to put the damage right.

### Punishment

Never constantly shout at a child, or show anger. "Naughtiness must never pay" and deliberate badness must have some form of punishment. Some have been mentioned already. If possible, the punishment should be immediate and fitting the thing done. When the punishment is over don't go on nagging; assume that it is all finished with and won't happen again. The simplest punishment is often to deprive him of some small treat. If possible, he should feel that the bad behaviour has inevitably led to the punishment. "You have behaved so badly that I can't possibly take you to the park and-so; you have shown you are too little to go"; and, of course, the opposite for good behaviour—"You have helped me so well that I think you are old enough to play with \_\_\_\_\_ (some toy that is a special treat). Smacking is seldom the right answer, and in any case, it is for the parent to do.

### Shyness

Never say in front of a child things like "She's like her tongue." That just makes her more self-conscious and more awkward than ever. The grown-up has the child's confidence, the best way to educate them out of it, as they get older, by directing their attention from themselves to other people. "Mrs. Brown is coming to tea to-day. She hasn't been here before, and we want to make her feel happy. Do you think you could shake hands with her to help her?" etc. At each step out of shyness praise should, of course, be given to the child.

### Dangers

You want the child to grow up brave and confident, and so help to try not to be always saying, "Don't do that, you'll hurt yourself." Children seldom have serious falls doing a climb they've set themselves, provided they are not fussed; and they must have a certain number of mishaps in learning how to climb and run and ride bicycles. There are some things, however, which are so dangerous that you cannot allow children to do them at all, particularly when caring for other people's children. We cannot be too careful about such things as fire, boiling water and roads with traffic. Small mishaps are useful lessons, but accidents with these things may be fatal. A child playing with a sharp toy may get a slight cut; a child crossing a main road may be killed. A little wholesome fear of these dangerous things will do no harm provided it's linked with the thought that if they obey they are safe. "If you cross the road alone you may get hurt by a motor car, but if we go together and look both ways we are quite safe."

### CALLED TO HIGHER SERVICE

On March 11th, after three days' illness, Annie E. Mayson, for 11 years Tawny in the 1st Keswick Brownie Pack.

### SCOTTISH HEADQUARTERS SHOPS

Will all Guilders kindly note that the Glasgow Western Area Shop does not deal with post orders, and that all such orders should be sent to Scottish Headquarters, 16, Coates Crescent, Edinburgh, 8.

### CAMPERS AND HIKERS

Don't forget Blacklands. Book early if you wish to stay at Restrop, as it gets booked up. Hikers! Remember, when making your plans, that Blacklands, Chigwell, and Cullin are open for day hikes. Apply, in each case, to the Warden. Addresses at Blacklands Farm, East Grinstead; The Shaws Camping Ground, Cudham, nr. Sevenoaks Kent; Girl Guide Camping Ground Chigwell Row, Essex.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR IS IT WELL ?

Dear Editor,

Is it well with Guiding? or rather, is it well with youth?—since it is not the Guide Movement as such but the welfare of youth which matters. Because the needs of youth are great, and because we believe in Guiding and its possibilities to fulfil these needs, therefore we ask: Is it well? Can the answer be an unhesitating "yes"? Do we feel, in our hearts, that Guiding is making to-day a great appeal—to potential Guiders, or to Guides and Rangers?

Our ideals and training are as fine, in some ways—having been refined and tested through the years—finer than ever; the new girls' youth organisations have found nothing to improve upon here—their schemes of training offer nothing fresh or better. BUT—our methods are often looked upon as out of date. Granted that "the new broom" always sets out with an advantage, there is yet a feeling that the Guide Movement almost glories in its antiquity! We find a strange paradox—here, run largely by older (but not necessarily grown-up in mind) women, is a Movement trying to keep a sort of "perpetual youth," so that it is considered "a kid's game" (and out of date for the modern child at that) by the adolescent of to-day, "who wants to do "grown-up," worth-while things.

Be it said, at once and with assurance, old-fashioned methods are not traditions. We have great traditions, may we ever keep them; many of our "older women" are fine people; our foundations and the aims of Guide training are excellent; we do not want to jettison any of the splendid stuff we possess.

Yet—all is not well. The reason is not far to seek. We lack new young blood among our leaders. To say that this is inevitable at the moment is evading a problem which had begun before war-time service swept up so many possible Guiders. And now—how many girls, at present fully occupied in responsible National Service work, are likely, when they are free again, to come to Guiding and Rangering with eager enthusiasm, keen to do a job in a Movement to help youth, and believing that in Guiding there is the finest preparation and training for those who face the tremendous opportunities and problems of building a new world?

If they should come and should find that it could be so used, the youngsters would rally round them gladly and readily, and Guiding would go forward to make anew—and more truly than ever before because the need is the more urgent, especially in the Ranger Branch—its great contribution. It is for them, with their clearer conception of the view point of the modern adolescent, to explore with the Rangers themselves the possibilities of Rangering; to make it a worth-while training; to work in partnership with the other sex: these are essential points for the success of any youth movement to-day.

If THEY SHOULD COME—here, surely is a most vital consideration of the moment. Let us be honest. Are we willing for them to come

and to carry on the Movement? Of course, we want them "to come." And "carry on"—ourselves prepared to stand aside—to introduce new methods, to discard some of our cherished ideas as out of date, to laugh with good-natured intolerance at some of our out-worn theories? Are we willing?

What of the traditions of Guiding? It is Ideas and methods, and not the ideals and foundations, which are being found wanting to-day. We need not fear if we can get this young leadership in the Movement, for new life will be breathed through these traditions; but we must fear greatly if we do not get it, for Guiding will die a slow and unromantic death.

How then can we get this essential new leadership? First, by presenting Guiding as a great opportunity for service, a Movement with the finest fundamental principles, which it is their responsibility to work out to meet present-day needs, and into which they can throw their powers of organisation.

Secondly, we must refute the idea that "any old fool can be a Guider—the older and more foolish the better"! by showing how greatly Guiding needs the leadership of youth, and that this leadership demands, as well as integrity of purpose and character, a standard of training in line with modern efficiency.

Thirdly, we must be convincing of our willingness "to hand over," that we are ready to step out as soon as they are ready to step in, and that we shall continue to give only what they ask of us. We must make it clear that we are only carrying on under difficulties till they can take our places—"our places," not come in as subordinates, these fine young folk who have been carrying responsibilities, who live in a realistic world.

We must broadcast these things by every possible means, and we must do so NOW. Let us send out this challenge, asking two things—belief in the ideals of Guiding, in the traditions upon which it is built, in its potentialities for the training of those whose great task it will be to create a better and happier order—and asking that, so believing, they will take these ideals, these traditions, these potentialities, and use them as only they can in the service of youth.

If this suggestion were to be considered, details would, of course, have to be thought out—how to inform the public and especially those most concerned (i.e., the possible Guiders); how to make a fresh presentation of the possibilities of Guiding, of the claims of service as Guiders, of the need of training for the job; the most helpful way for "old Guiders" to hand on, how and when they should retire from positions of leadership, for instance, and how the value of their personalities and experience might still be available for Guiding.

Yours, etc.,  
MARGARET BARCLAY.

## THE NORTH-WEST ENGLISH TRAINING SCHOOL

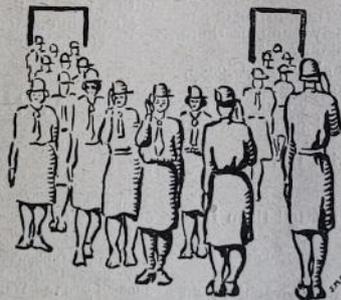
There is an English Training School in London, what is happening elsewhere? November, 1942.

February, 1943, Manchester.

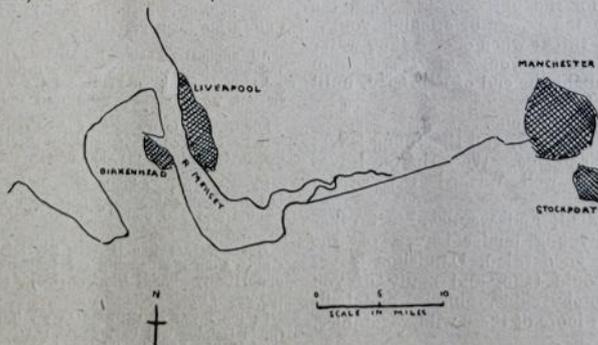
This is the first night of the North-West English Training School and you will realise that as such you are billed in THE GUIDER this month. You will find a draft of the weekly programmes and a Patrol list on the notice board. Before we divide into Patrols there are one or two points: regularity of attendance at the training school is most important, it will be natural to greet Captain and Lieutenant at the beginning of each meeting. Now shall we divide into Patrols and do Roll Call.

Patrol time, observation games, a singing game, a short talk on the First Promise and the first school ended with Taps. The same programme went on again in Stockport, Liverpool and Birkenhead on the following Thursday, Friday and Monday.

The North-West Training School is now four weeks old and we know something of each other and are going to elect new Patrol Leaders. Wonderful are the greetings and salutes as the



GOOD EVENING, CAPTAIN.



Guiders arrive each night. Morse games have been played, some of the uses of a Morse flag have been learned, drill has been done indoors in the light and out of doors, sometimes in the moonlight, sometimes in the dark. The third week naturally included a world ceremony for February 22nd.

Just how much more can be done in the next four weeks? Is everyone going to learn just all they can for the benefit of their Guides and will it be possible for all to learn more of the Spirit of Guiding and how to play the game well?

The fun of being in a Patrol, be it Badger, Orion or Wayfarer, the responsibility of being a Patrol Leader for four weeks and then a change. The chance to ask questions, with time to try things out with the Company during the week, the chance to learn some of the technicalities of the Guide tests and the chance to do some drill more than once. For these reasons and many others these training school terms for Guiders have been started and in more cases than one Guiders say with Oliver Twist: "Can't we have some more?"

# DOWN THE LANES

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## GYPSY PETULENGRO



**K**ING WINTER has finished his reign, and landsides, moor and woodland are alight with spring. The missel thrush is shouting loudly to others of his kind, and his notes come high and low across the meadows, according to the strength of the spring breezes.

Jays are screaming in the woods and the roguish magpie chatters unceasingly to its mate, who is busily engaged building a "nursery." The chorus of song from small birds grows stronger every day; new voices are continually arriving to join in the contest.

The cradles of the young rooks are rocking at the top of the tall old elms, whose branches are now filling with a network of wine-red leaf buds.

In the thick beeches ring-doves are gently cooing, while below a bright-breasted chaffinch, full of the joys of spring, is sending out a continual song of challenge to his rivals.

The hedgehog has left his quarters in the "bouri," the hedge, and is busy on the prowl, and the first young rabbits are sporting at the edge of a burrow in a bank which is now covered with a mantle of thick rich emerald moss.

On leys and meadows, male hares, touched with "March Madness," are cutting strange capers twisting and turning as they leap madly, high in the air, knowing that they are being watched and admired by their "lady-loves."

Daisies, pink tipped, are dappling the grass verges of the lane and the moist meadows, and Dog's Mercury, the gentle Wind Flower, Celandines and Coltsfoot grace the warm banks of the copse.

Ground Ivy, with purple-tinted leaves and blue mauve flowers, are putting out invitations to early flying insects, and the bees are busy in the black and white trumpets of the Dead Nettle.

The pale of the Primrose is spreading through the glades that are already green with the glossy leaves of the Bluebell, and in a few days the woodbottom will be carpeted in a pattern of primrose, purple-blue and deep green.

In the rougher patches nettles are growing rapidly, producing a splendid food for the Romany, who knows that this much-despised herb is far better as food than most vegetables that one has to dig and toil to produce.

I have often been asked how Gypsies manage to get fresh vegetables and other things that you who live in towns can generally buy at small shops in nearly every little street.

In some cases we make "deals" with shopkeepers and cottagers who may have a surplus, but in the spring and early summer there are many things growing wild that we Romanies make use of.

The ordinary Stinging Nettle, known to botanists as *Urtica Dioica*, is one of them, and, if gathered young, the tops are as good, and in our eyes even better, than Spinach, for these young nettles contain an element that prevents blood pressure and gives relief to those who are already sufferers from that complaint.

How do you gather them without being stung with them? Will they sting the throat when you eat them? Are they not poisonous?

These are the questions nearly everyone asks when I tell them that we Romanies use the nettle as a vegetable. The answers to all the questions are very easy. To gather them without being stung, you can wear an old glove.

When you have gathered them they naturally want washing, so you put them into a pan or pail under your tap and twirl them around well using a piece of wood for the purpose, and when the nettles are thoroughly wet they lose the power of stinging you.

There is no fear of them hurting the throat when once boiling water has touched them, and you can collect the young top leaves from the time they first appear, generally about the end of February, until the end of May.

We never eat them after the first week in June. Another useful "vegetable" is the Burdock, and the young leaves are an excellent substitute for spring cabbage. We strip the leaves from the tough veins and after being well washed treat them exactly as you would cabbage.

Dandelion leaves make excellent salad, and we never eat other green salads without adding a few young tender leaves of the Dandelion to them. Besides being a good salad, Dandelion leaves are the finest spring medicine you could take, and many of you young ladies who complain about blotchy skins, pimples and boils would never have them at all if you eat more of these wild vegetables, just as the Gypsy does.

Of course, you know the value of Watercress as a food, and when

you are camping out you may often find some in streams and brooks or even in ditches.

There is no fear of any harm coming to you through eating watercress from any of these sources as long as no farm buildings are near them. Remember that watercress grown in the wild state is much nicer and more valuable as a food than the cultivated variety, and in my opinion less free from any infection, and in all my life I have never yet known anyone to be affected through eating watercress that grows in stream, brook or ditch, where no pollution from houses or farms is likely.

Just now growing on moist grounds and marshy lands are two useful "herbs," one is known as the "King-Cup," or "Marigold," the other is called "Butterbur"—we know it as "Gypsy Asparagus."

If you gather the buds of the King-Cup, wash them well and put them in jars and cover them with vinegar in which a few mixed spices have been boiled, you will have one of the nicest pickles imaginable but do not use the flowers after they have fully bloomed, only the young unopened buds may be used.

Butterbur is an excellent dish. You cut the "spikes" just as you would Asparagus, and they can either be gently boiled in salted water, or you can lay them in a baking dish and cover them with a little dripping or margarine, or (if you are lucky) a knob of butter. This may even be possible next Spring for many of us.

There are many other wild foods that we make use of but space does not permit any more this time, but in a future issue I will if you are interested, tell you of others.

I have been staying in a little village in the Midlands, and a local Guide was not quite sure of what I meant by "withies," when I wrote an article about making clothes pegs. I took her some specimens and also showed her how to make a lovely "Live" garden edging with them, which would also grow a crop of young shoots in one season that could be used for making baskets, etc., and she suggests that I should write and tell other Guides of her success in growing them. Well, next month I will tell you all about it, and you will be able to make beautiful hedges, or fancy garden borders that will not only be ornamental, but will supply you every year with a crop of useful basket-making Osiers.

Meanwhile, Kooshti-Bok and Kooshti Habben. (Good Fortune and Good Feeding.)

### WHAT TO EXPECT AT FOXLEASE

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| Mar. 2-9—Guide.                          | June 11-18 (Whitsun)—Guide and Brownie.            |
| Mar. 12-19—Music, Drama and Dancing.     | June 22-29—Ranger.                                 |
| Mar. 24-31—Ranger.                       | July 2-9—Extension Guiders                         |
| April 2-9—Brownie.                       | July 12-16—County and Division Commissioners.      |
| April 18-20—Woodcraft.                   | July 20-27—Patrol Leaders.                         |
| April 22-29 (Easter)—Cadet Guiders.      | July 30-Aug. 6—Brownie.                            |
| May 4-11—How to Train and Test (Guide).  | Aug. 10-17—Ranger and Guide.                       |
| May 18-20—Diploma'd Guiders.             | Aug. 20-27—Test Week for Headquarters Instructors. |
| May 22-29—District Commissioners.        | Aug. 31-Sept. 7—Refresher Course.                  |
| June 1-8—Pre Warrant and Guide Training. |  |

For particulars regarding Free Places, Railway Grants, Fees, etc., please see THE GUIDER for January, 1943.

All applications should be made to the Secretary, Foxlease, Lyndhurst, Hants and must be accompanied by a deposit of 5s., which will be returned if withdrawal is made two full weeks before the date of the course. It would be appreciated if Guiders would enclose a stamped addressed envelope with their applications.

For Guiders to whom it is more convenient to arrive in the morning, a picnic lunch will be provided (at 6d.) if the Secretary is notified beforehand. Otherwise, tea is the first meal of the Training week.

Buses which pass Foxlease gates leave Southampton at five minutes past each hour, and Brockenhurst at half past each hour. The last buses are 8.5 p.m. from Southampton and 8.30 p.m. from Brockenhurst. Taxis are seldom available.

Never before has it been possible to offer Foxlease in Easter week to Cadet Guiders, as the demand for training in this week is so great. This is an unique opportunity—Cadet Guiders, make every effort to come!

**Waiting List**  
In the event of there being an insufficient number of entries of Cadet Guiders, a Guide training will be held on the same dates. Entries for this *without* deposit and marked "waiting list" should be sent immediately and will be answered one week before the training is due to start.

Articles & Guides, if possible, by Imperial B. MSS. p. addressed.

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## HEADQUARTERS NOTICES MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL MARCH 10th, 1943

### PRESENT

The Hon. Mrs. Sydney Marsham, C.B.E. (in the Chair).  
Miss Anstice Gibbs.  
Mrs. Bardsley.  
Mrs. Elliott Cartney, M.B.E.

The Countess of Clarendon.  
The Hon. Lady Cochrane.  
Mrs. Davies Cooke.  
Sir Percy Everett.  
The Hon. Mrs. Geoffrey Gibbs.

Mrs. T. W. Harley.  
The Lady Merthyr.  
The Lady Somers.  
Miss K. J. Strong.  
Miss Wallace Williamson.

Miss Ward, J.P.  
The Hon. Mrs. Fitzherbert Wright.  
*By Invitation:*  
Miss Shanks.  
Mrs. Travers.  
Mrs. Harker.

### GENERAL NOTICES

Commissioners and Guiders will be interested in the following notice as no doubt they will be making plans to join in the Empire Youth Sunday celebrations in their own localities.

### EMPIRE YOUTH SUNDAY

H.M. THE KING AS PATRON

All members of the Scout and Guide Movements will be interested in the announcement that H.M. the King has graciously consented to be Patron of Empire Youth Sunday this year, and that it will be celebrated on May 16th. The Central Service will be held in Westminster Abbey at 9.30 a.m. and will be broadcast in the Home Service programme and to the Empire. Every year since 1907 when these Youth Services were first held in connection with the Coronation of Their Majesties the King and Queen, the interest in Youth Sunday and the response throughout the country have steadily grown. It is now probably true to say that no considerable area of the country is now without its celebration.

The purpose of Empire Youth Sunday is "to link together the Youth of the British Empire by an act of Christian witness, fellowship and dedication, which shall assert allegiance to those values which alone can be the true foundation of a lasting peace and world fellowship. It provides a unique opportunity for Youth to affirm the ideals for which we stand united, and for a renewal of the solemn resolve that, God helping us, they shall prevail as the foundations of the British Empire and of world civilisation in the years to come."

Note.—Leaflet of suggestions for the observance of Empire Youth Sunday can be obtained free from Headquarters.

### PRELIMINARY NOTICE

### THE WORLD ASSOCIATION OF GIRL GUIDES AND GIRL SCOUTS

A series of talks with discussion will be held within the period May 20th to July 21st, 1943, at Gos Industry House, 1, Grosvenor Place, London, S.W.1, arranged by The World Bureau, under the auspices of the Girl Guides Association, 17-19, Buckingham Palace Road.

The Course will consist of six talks, the primary objects being:—  
1. To spread information concerning the World Association.  
2. To promote international understanding.

3. To encourage discussion of post-war opportunities.  
The first of the series is fixed for 6.30 p.m. on Thursday, May 20th 1943 when the opening address will be given by the Lady Baden-Powell, G.B.E., the Chief Guide of the World. Subject: The Historical Development of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.  
Subsequent talks, for which fixed dates will be given as soon as possible, will cover the following subjects: Policy and Practice; Loyalties; Practical Activities and Community Interests; Fellowship Based on Spiritual and Ethical Values; and speakers will include Dame Katharine Furse, Miss G. Bretherton, Madame Malkowska, Mrs. Mark Kerr, and others.  
The chair will be taken throughout the Course by Mrs. Leigh-White, Director of the World Bureau. A small charge of 4s. for the whole series, or 1s. for single attendance, will be made to cover expenses. In order to facilitate arrangements, please make early application to the World Bureau, 9, Palace Street, London, S.W.1.

### ST. GEORGE'S DAY RALLY AND CHURCH PARADE FOR CATHOLIC GUIDES AND RANGERS

There will be a combined St. George's Day Rally and Church Parade for Scouts and Guides in Westminster Cathedral on Sunday, May 2nd, at 4 p.m.  
All Catholic Guide and Ranger Companies and also Catholics who belong to open Companies are invited to attend. They will meet at the Admiralty Arch (St. James' Park side), at 3.30 p.m. Companies should bring Colours.  
The Salute at the entrance of the Cathedral will be taken by Mons. Canon Howlett, and Benediction will be given by His Lordship Bishop Mathew.  
Captains of Companies hoping to attend are asked to notify: Miss C. E. Waller, 1, Winchester Road, Bromley, Kent, giving approximate numbers before April 15th. Full instructions will then be sent. Catholics not belonging to Catholic Companies are asked to report to Miss Kearsley on arrival at Admiralty Arch.

### APPOINTMENT

Commissioner for Training, Ulster—Miss V. McCaw.

### RESIGNATIONS

Assistant Commissioner for Extensions (Post Companies and Packs)—Miss Rena Lane.

### ALTERATION TO BOOK OF RULES

Rule 70, page 180, *Camp Adviser's Text*.—Under Section 6 the words, "or hold equivalent up-to-date qualifications" should be deleted.  
Addition to *Patrol Leaders' Camp Permit*.—Under Section 4 add the following:—"Choice and care of equipment."  
Further alterations for the reprint of the *Book of Rules* were considered.

### AWARDS

HEADQUARTERS INSTRUCTOR  
Miss Barbara Smith, Edinburgh (Stalking and Tracking; Nature Lore).

GOOD SERVICE  
Beaver  
Miss G. Hesketh, Commissioner for Camping and Assistant Commissioner for Training, Tasmania.

Medal of Merit  
Mrs. McFadyen, District Secretary, Stirlingshire.  
Eagle Owl  
Miss B. Gibbon of Wales.

### APPLICATIONS FOR GOLD CORDS

Will County Secretaries in England please note that when applicants for Gold Cords have been tested by a Diploma'd Guider and favourably reported on by her, the completed forms, with the necessary badge certificates, should be sent to Miss Sandeman (Gold Cord Secretary for England), c/o Girl Guide Headquarters.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### BERKSHIRE COUNTY TRAINING CAMPS

Two camps will be held in 1943 at Englefield Park, Nr. Theale, Berks. The first, May 28th-30th, will be for training only, the second, June 11th-15th, will be for training and testing. For details see May GUIDER.

#### CHESHIRE AND SHROPSHIRE TRAINING CAMPS

A camp for training and testing for Campers' Licence and Quartermaster Certificate will be held at Adcote, Baschurch, Salop, from Friday, June 11th, to Thursday, June 17th. A few Guiders from Staffordshire will be welcome. Application forms and all further particulars may be obtained from the Secretary, Miss Jalland, 55, Mersey Road, Heaton Mersey, Manchester.

#### EAST AREA GUIDERS' TRAINING CAMP

A training Camp for all Guiders will be held from Friday, June 11th-Tuesday, June 15th, or Friday, 18th, if enough people can stay on.

Place—Gog Magog Hills, Nr. Cambridge. Commandant—Miss A. Bickerseth, C.C.A. Essex. Assistant—Miss M. Farmer, C.C.A. Cambridge. Fee—2s. 6d. per day.

The camp will be mainly for training towards the Licence Test, but there will be opportunities for woodcraft, overnight hikes, etc., for the more experienced, and new campers will be most welcome.

Tent accommodation and ground-sheets can be provided if asked for in advance. For further particulars and application forms please apply to the Secretary, Mrs. Walton, West Lodge, Great Hallingbury, Bishop's Stortford, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope.

Except in special circumstances entries will be refused after May 25th.

### SUSSEX

A training Camp for Guiders will be held at Blacklands Farm, East Grinstead, from May 7th-10th. Application forms and particulars from Miss Jones, Gravellye, Lindfield, Sussex.

### SCOTLAND

#### LANARKSHIRE

A fruit-picking camp will be held in Lanarkshire during the month of July. Applications or letters of enquiry should be sent to Mrs. Henderson, Cadzow Lodge, Hamilton. Applicants must be 14 years of age or over, and must be able to work an eight-hour day. The growers wish workers to come for not less than a fortnight.

*Janet Somers*

Chief Commissioner.

# Appointments and Resignations

## THE GUIDER

Approved by the Executive Committee, March, 1918.

**ENGLAND**  
**LUTON, SOUTH**.—Dist. C., Miss D. J. E. Hoar, 278, Stockings Road, Luton.  
**HARBOURNE**.—Dist. C., Mrs. H. Neal, 43, St. Peter's Road, Harborne, Birmingham, 17.  
**ASSISTANT COUNTY SECRETARY (FINANCE)**.—Miss F. Wareham, 302, Chilton Road, Kingwood, Bristol.  
**BUCKINGHAMSHIRE**  
**ASSISTANT COUNTY COMMISSIONER**.—Mrs. G. V. Bakewell, London End House, Beaconsfield.  
**BEACONSFIELD**.—Dist. C., The Hon. Mrs. E. F. Lawson, Hall Barn, Beaconsfield.  
**CHEASLEY**.—Dist. C., Mrs. Wick, Cheasley Vicarage, Aylesbury.  
**MID BUCCS. NORTH**.—Div. C., Lady Henry.  
**BROMBOROUGH**.—Dist. C., Mrs. McKAY, 24, Allport Lane, Bromborough, Wirral.  
**SALTASH**.—Dist. C. (Temp.), Mrs. Hewitt, Windor House, Sallash.  
**TRURO**.—Dist. C., Miss L. Graves, 8, Vivian Terrace, Truro.  
**CUMBERLAND**  
**ENNERDALE**.—Dist. C., Miss M. Tyson.  
**NORTH DERBY**.—Dist. C. (Temp.), Miss A. Sowter, 81, Douglas Street, Derby.  
**WEST DERBY**.—Dist. C. (Temp.), Miss H. M. E. Cantrell, Grangeside, 27, Shaldon Drive, Littleover, Derby.  
**RESIGNATION**  
**BAKEWELL**.—Dist. C., Miss W. Hardy.  
**HORNBUROUGH DIVISION** has been renamed THAMES-SIDE.  
**LEIGH-ON-SEA**.—Dist. C. (Temp.), Miss W. C. Selby, 39, Hadleigh Road, Leigh-on-Sea.  
**NEWPORT**.—Dist. C. (Temp.), Deaconess Chapman, Langley School, nr. Newport.  
**WOODFORD HIGH SCHOOL**.—Dist. C., Miss J. M. Gordon.  
**HUNTINGDONSHIRE**  
**COUNTY SECRETARY**.—Miss Osborne.  
**BLACKBURN RURAL**.—Div. C., Mrs. Petty, Windyridge, Mellor Brow, Mellor, nr. Blackburn.  
**LANCASHIRE, NORTH-EAST**  
**BLACKBURN RURAL**.—Div. C., Mrs. Wishart.  
**LANCASHIRE, NORTH-WEST**  
**THORNTON CLEVELYS**.—Dist. C., Mrs. Darcy Lee, 36, Alexandra Road, Thornton-le-Fylde.  
**LANCASHIRE, SOUTH-EAST**  
**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE**.—Div. C., Miss M. Pearson, Barnfield, 437, King's Road, Ashton-under-Lyde.  
**ASHTON CENTRAL**.—Dist. C., Miss M. Haydon, Holy Trinity Vicarage, Ashton-under-Lyde.  
**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE**.—Dist. C., Miss E. Openshaw, 14, Countess Road, Didsbury, Manchester.  
**RESIGNATIONS**  
**ASSISTANT COUNTY SECRETARY (WEST AREA)**.—Miss C. O. Stewart.  
**ASHTON CENTRAL**.—Dist. C., Mrs. Hayden.  
**SEEDLEY**.—Dist. C., Miss L. Park.  
**LINCOLNSHIRE**  
**MARKET RASEN**.—Dist. C., Mrs. Broadbent, Woodcot, Market Rasen.  
**RESIGNATIONS**  
**ROXETH DISTRICT** has been divided as follows:—  
**ROXETH, NORTH**.—Dist. C., Miss Brackenbury, 48, Courtfield Avenue, Harrow.  
**ROXETH, SOUTH**.—Dist. C., Miss H. Mackay, 87, Pinner View, Harrow.  
**NORFOLK**  
**DEPWADE AND SWAINSTHORPE**.—Dist. C., Mrs. Campbell-Stewart.  
**GREAT YARMOUTH 2**.—Dist. C., Miss G. L. Howe.  
**GRIMSHOE AND THEFTORD**.—Dist. C., Mrs. Wentworth Smith.  
**NORTHUMBRIA**  
**ASSISTANT COUNTY SECRETARY**.—Miss D. Wray, Northumberland Girl Guide Headquarters, 19, Saville Row, Newcastle-on-Tyne.  
**TYNEMOUTH No. 1**.—Dist. C., Mrs. Douglas, St. Augustine's Vicarage, North Shields.  
**TYNEMOUTH No. 2**.—Dist. C., Mrs. Walker.  
**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE**  
**HUCKNALL**.—Dist. C., Miss M. Harris, The School House, Hucknall.  
**STAFFORDSHIRE**  
**CHASE**.—Dist. C., Mrs. Sharples, Gentleshaw Vicarage, Rugeley.  
**RESIGNATION**  
**TETTENHALL**.—Dist. C., Miss S. Wilson.  
**SUFFOLK**  
**WOODBRIDGE**.—Asst. Div. C. (Temp.), Mrs. Greenacre, Park Cottage, Yoxford.  
**SURREY, EAST**  
**REIGATE**.—Asst. Div. C., Miss E. Mason, at Westridge, Reigate.  
**SURREY, WEST**  
**CHOBHAM**.—Dist. C. (Temp.), Miss Crofton, The Gate House, South Ascot, Berks.  
**SUSSEX**  
**HAYWARDS HEATH, SOUTH**.—Dist. C., Miss M. J. Webber, Elfinward, Haywards Heath.  
**RESIGNATIONS**  
**WILTSHIRE**  
**CHISELDON**.—Dist. C., Mrs. N. Whalley.  
**CRICKLADE**.—Dist. C., Mrs. Dyett.  
**YORKSHIRE, EAST RIDING**  
**HOWDENSHIRE**.—Asst. Div. C., Miss J. Foster, 102, The Mount, York.  
**YORKSHIRE, WEST RIDING NORTH**  
**BATLEY**.—Dist. C., Mrs. W. A. Taylor, 24, Fieldhead, Birstall, nr. Leeds.  
**YORKSHIRE, WEST RIDING SOUTH**  
**GREATER HUDDERSFIELD AND NORTH-WEST HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICTS** have been interchanged, and now form two new Districts:—  
**HUDDERSFIELD NORTH**.—Dist. C., Miss B. R. Mead, 119, Fitzwilliam Street, Huddersfield.  
**HUDDERSFIELD, WEST**.—Dist. C., Miss W. G. Webster, 19, Imperial Road, Huddersfield.  
**BARNSELY**.—Div. C., Mrs. Lees, Jordan Hill, Gawber Road, Barnsley.  
**CASTLEFORD, WEST**.—Dist. C., Miss E. Eaton, 41, Church Lane, Normanton.  
**HUDDERSFIELD, WEST CENTRAL**.—Dist. C., Miss A. M. Ellis, 25, Imperial Road, Huddersfield.  
**LOXLEY**.—Dist. C., Miss K. Pitts Smith, 48, Endcliffe Glen Road, Sheffield, 10.  
**YORKSHIRE, WEST RIDING SOUTH**  
**RESIGNATIONS**  
**DONCASTER, NORTH C.**, Dist. C., Mrs. Gallagher.  
**HUDDERSFIELD, WEST CENTRAL**.—Dist. C., Mrs. S. Walker.  
**LOXLEY**.—Dist. C., Mrs. Griffith.  
**YORK CITY**  
**YORK CITY** has now divided into two Divisions as follows:—

**WALES**  
**GARDIFF**.—Asst. Div. C., Miss M. E. K. St. C. Calk, 8, Bootham Grange, York.  
**SOUTH**.—Div. C., Mrs. Boyle, 151, Palford Road, York.  
**ARMY**.—Dist. C., Mrs. Boyle.

**GLAMORGAN**  
**CEYDRE**.—Dist. C., Mrs. M. E. Bellingham, 19, Alford Road, Whitechapel, London, E.C. 1.  
**SWANSEA**  
**SWANSEA, CENTRAL**.—Dist. C., Mrs. E. G. Michael, Glyndwr, 201, George Street, Swansea.  
**SWANSEA, NORTH**.—Dist. C., Miss J. Tristram, 6, Coolidge Road, Trevelin Park, Swansea.  
**SWANSEA, WEST**.—Dist. C., Mrs. H. Roberts.  
**GARDIFF**.—Asst. Div. C., Miss M. Bassett.  
**SOUTH GOWER**.—Dist. C., Mrs. H. Vivian.  
**SWANSEA, CENTRAL**.—Dist. C., Mrs. H. Roberts.  
**SWANSEA, NORTH**.—Dist. C., Mrs. E. Jones.  
**SWANSEA, WEST**.—Dist. C., Mrs. E. G. Michael.  
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**LANWCHLWYD AND BILA FALWY**.—Dist. C., Miss E. Jones, Budgebury Park School, Nannau, Dolgellau.

**SCOTLAND**  
**ARGYLL**  
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**MAULHLINE AND MURKIRK**.—Dist. C., Mrs. Hamilton-Campbell.  
**MAULHLINE**.—Dist. C., Lady Glenarthur.  
**KIRKINTILLOCH**.—Div. C., Miss M. Beveridge, Ballinik, Lennie, by Glasgow.  
**COUNTRY SECRETARY**.—Miss B. Sim, Loretto, Marmon Road, North Berwick.  
**COUNTRY SECRETARY**.—Miss A. Tweedie.  
**ROSS-SHIRE**  
**STORNOWAY**.—Dist. C. (Temp.), Miss M. McIver, 94, Francis Street, Stornoway, of Lewis.  
**RESIGNATIONS**  
**FORTROSE AND ROSEMARKIE**.—Dist. C., Mrs. Douglas.  
**STORNOWAY**.—Dist. C., Mrs. Stirling.

**ULSTER**  
**CO ARMAGH**  
**PORTADOWN**.—Dist. C., Miss M. H. Agnew, Balteagh, Portadown.  
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**DERRY CITY (new District in Derry City Division)**.—Dist. C., Miss G. M. Hunt, Glen Road, Londonderry.

**OVERSEAS**  
**WEST AFRICA**  
**SIERRA LEONE**  
**COLONY SECRETARY**.—Mrs. Essex, Education Dept., Freetown, Sierra Leone.  
**RESIGNATIONS**  
**COLONY COMMISSIONER**.—Mrs. G. Callow.  
**COLONY SECRETARY**.—Mrs. Barnes.

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**RESIGNATIONS**  
**SOUTH-EASTERN**.—Div. C., Miss J. Kerridge.  
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