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HEADQUARTERS' NOTICES.

HYMN SHEET.

THE Hymn Sheet recently circulated to Commissioners by a printer, was not authorised by the Headquarters' Committee.

SWANWICK CONFERENCE.

It is hoped to hold a Conference for Guiders at Swanwick, commencing on the Wednesday in Easter Week, and a Conference for Commissioners at Swanwick in the last week in August, 1920.

AWARDS (OCTOBER).

Badge of Merit.—District Commissioner Mrs. E. B. Hughes, retired Captain (1st Aberdeen).

Gold Cords.—Lieut. D. Pidgeon (1st Kingston).

DIPLOMAS.

Distinction Diploma.—Guider D. Carty, Guider H. Davidson.

EXHIBITION OF GUIDE DRAWINGS AND SALE OF TOYS.

There will be an exhibition of Guide Drawings and Paintings on Friday and Saturday, December 12 and 13, at 3, Bryanston Place, W.1, from 11 to 4 each day. There will also be a Sale of Toys, Brownie Pack Totems, and Guides' Pocket Equipment.

Subjects for Drawings and Paintings.

From Nature: Sparrows; housetops; chimney-pots; sunset; flowers.

From Imagination: A town or country scene; illustrate a fairy tale.

The drawings will be classed, and must be sent to Miss Crosbie, 3, Bryanston Place, W.1, on or before December 10.

FOR SALE.

Miss Brampton, Queen Anne Lodge, Lordship Road, Stoke Newington, has back numbers of the GAZETTE for sale.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE GUIDES.

It is proposed to start a Guide magazine for the county of Buckinghamshire, and a prize is offered by Mrs. Bernard, the County Commissioner, for the best design for the cover, size $7\frac{1}{2}$ by $9\frac{1}{2}$. Entries to be sent to the Badge Secretary, Miss G. De Salis, Chearsley Hill, Aylesbury, by December 16. ONLY Bucks Guides or Guiders may compete. The designs will be judged by the County Commissioner.

WANTED.

Scotch Guides to write to American Girl Scouts. Two Canadian Guides want to correspond with English Guides, one with Italian-American. Several Americans want to write to French girls.

G.G.T.S., ABBEY LODGE, W. MALVERN.

All letters requiring an answer, certificates to be signed, &c., must have a postage stamp enclosed.

CALLED TO HIGHER SERVICE.

We regret to record the death, on October 11, of Guide Janet Craig (Anchor Mills Company, Paisley), from appendicitis.



ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"STAR."—Captains, Lieutenants and Brown Owls should wear the Service Star on a red ground (see Rule 38). If desired, Brownie and Guide Stars gained before becoming a Guider, may still be worn with their original brown or green grounds.

"POSTCARD."—Neckerchiefs must now be worn folded into a narrow bandage, under the collar, and not under the shoulder-straps. Thus no point can be shown (see Rule 30, "Uniform," p. 29; "Policy Organisation and Rules," 1919).

"SCARLET PIMPERNEL."—In the case of a Cadet who is also a Leader in a Guide Company, the additional Tenderfoot Badge should be worn above the white hat-band, in the same way as for a Patrol Leader in an ordinary company.

The Chief Guide's Outlook.

A BITTER disappointment came to many Guiders when the strike postponed our big conference for us last month.

Enthusiasm was running high, and it was splendid what a number of keen Guiders were coming for the jolly and interesting week that had been planned.

It was a great blow that it all had to be abandoned. However, we hope to have the conference for Guiders during the next Easter holidays instead, and also one for Commissioners later on in the summer.

Our Sister Guides Abroad.

Another meeting of the Girl Guide International Council has been held, and again we hear further interesting facts about the spreading of the Girl Guide movement in many foreign countries.

A report was given by Princess Sophie Koudacheff, the member who represents Russia, telling of the good work done in Archangel by the girls during the war.

It was interesting to hear that though they had no official Guide uniform of their own they wanted to have something distinctive, so they managed to get together some shirts and khaki "Scout" hats that had been brought there by the American soldiers!

A National Girl Guide organisation is also being formed in Switzerland to bring together into one body the various Girl Guide groups that have been formed in the different Cantons, and Mademoiselle Carlin, who represents Switzerland on our Council, has lately been over there helping with advice and suggestions.

What About Adopting a Company?

Either in Europe or in some farther distant part of the world?

In Canada there are many towns with the same names as our towns here in Great Britain, and would it not be rather jolly for letters to be exchanged by Guides living in towns of the same names—even though they may be thousands of miles apart.

If this idea appeals to you, Guides and Guiders, do take it up, for I know those Guides "over there," would be glad to hear of your Guide work, your meetings, rallies, camps, &c., and it would be a real help to them too.

Letters to foreign Guides can be sent to Mrs. Essex Reade who is Honorary Secretary of the International Council, and those for British Oversea Guides can go to Mrs. Fisher Rowe, who is Honorary Secretary of the Imperial Council, and the Girl Guide Headquarters' address will always find these two hard-working and keen people.

Enthusiasm.

"I do like your enthusiastic young people, but they sometimes make me feel rather whirled off my feet."

A dear old lady said this to me some little time ago, and I mention it here because, though it may not be said often to other fellow workers in the Guides or to the Guides themselves, it may possibly be *thought* by people who are not actually members of our sisterhood.

The enthusiasm shown in our ranks is a thing to admire and to rejoice over, and it is thanks to this that we are going ahead so happily all the country over.

But it can be overdone sometimes, and I am sure no Guide or Guider would ever wish "outside people" to have cause to say "bother the Guides!" I have not heard that said seriously in so many words yet, but I often have letters containing pinpricks as well as pats, and one of these days I will tell you some of them.

An Extract from a newspaper in a town called B—.

By common consent premier honours in the day fell to the Girl Guides. This was probably the first time that they had been seen by the assembled populace of B—, and there was no mistaking the manner in which they won the hearts of all beholders.

Their numbers were a revelation, but what appealed to all and won the greatest admiration was their splendid marching and fine appearance.

When the girls started "playing Scouts" it was regarded as an amusing and harmless juvenile diversion, but the movement has gone forward by marvellous strides, and the sight of these splendid girls on Saturday, the pride of B—, must have settled any doubts of the future of England, so far, at any rate, as the womanhood is concerned.

Another County Magazine.

Ayrshire has gone ahead at a terrible rate! It had six companies, and then suddenly last year it began 16 more, and now with more Commissions being appointed and Guiders being found, and its own magazine, it acts as an example for other counties to follow.

The issue of the journal for May is full of useful information on how to run a camp, how to garden, &c.

The 4th.

I am writing these notes a week before the day of our Guide Peace Rally, so cannot yet say what it was like.

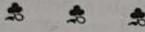
But, judging from present events, I can only gather that it is going to be the most wonderful day in the history of our movement.

It is splendid and inspiring to hear of the numbers of Guides that are coming from everywhere, and we only wish that the Albert Hall were twice its size.

Unfortunately, it is not made of elastic, and Guides and Guiders have realised this and borne their disappointment bravely when told that no more seats were available.

Many London Guiders have been perfect bricks, and have not only given hospitality and help all round, but they have actually given up their seats so that country Guides should have them instead.

from Sir R. Baden-Powell



ALBERT HALL RALLY.

(Stop Press Account.)

THE great Girl Guide Victory Rally is over! It was a magnificent sight to see this huge hall packed from floor to roof with Guiders and Guides, about 13,000 of them, from all parts of the United Kingdom—some having come from such distant places as Wick and Jersey. There were also representatives from the Bahamas, British West Indies and from some foreign countries.

The proceedings were graced by the presence of H.R.H. Princess Mary, who is the County President of Norfolk. The Princess came in full uniform, and seemed to take a great interest in the programme, staying until the Standards had been carried out of the hall.

We cannot, of course, give a full account of the Rally in this number, but intend to tell you everything in December. This month you will have to put up with rather a brief notice.

The programme, you will remember, was printed in the October number, and was carried through with very slight alteration.

When Her Royal Highness came in, the entire audience rose and saluted while the National Anthem was played. The proceedings then went forward.

Owing to illness Miss Muriel Foster was unable to appear, but her place was kindly taken by Miss Hope Jackson, and "Land of Hope and Glory" was sung by Lady Maud Warrender (District Commissioner for Rye and Peasmarsh).

Miss Maud Royden, who is keenly interested in our movement, gave a splendid address, and our Founder, Sir Robert Baden-Powell, made a stirring appeal to the Guides present to combat the prevailing evil of selfishness, to carry away the inspiration gained by them that day, and to pass it on to their companies and all the many thousands of Guides unable to be present at the great Rally.

When the Flags and Standards of all the Dominions and of every county where there are Guides were borne in, one got some idea of the vastness of the movement. It seemed a never-ending procession.

Some hundreds of Company Colours were also carried up to salute the Union Jack, and to be "re-dedicated to the service of mankind."

Representatives of all the Kindred Societies affiliated to the Girl Guides were present, and also members of well-known women's organisations, such as the W.R.N.S., the Land Army, &c.

It was a wonderful day! The biggest Rally we have ever held will be remembered all their lives by those Guides who were fortunate enough to be present.

(Look out for further accounts next month.)



NOVEMBER COMPETITIONS.

For Patrol Leaders.

Prizes of first, £1; second, 10s.; and third, 5s.; are offered for the best papers on the "Specialised Patrol" (see p. 28, 1919, Policy, Organisation and Rules), *i.e.*, what badge you would choose, and how you would work your patrol up for it, both at company meetings and special patrol meetings.

Competitors must be Patrol Leaders in registered companies, and the papers must be signed by their Captains.

Each paper must be written in ink, on one side of the paper only, and must bear the name, address and age last birthday, and company of the writer, and must be sent to The Editor, GIRL GUIDES' GAZETTE, 76, Victoria Street, London, S.W. 1. To arrive not later than the first post on Monday, December 29, 1919.

Any competitor not abiding by these rules will be disqualified.

Age and neatness will be taken into consideration.

The Editor reserves the right of retaining and publishing the prizewinning papers.

None will be returned unless a stamped addressed envelope is enclosed.

For Brownies.

Three prizes of books, signed by The Chief Guide, are offered for the best papers on "Why I like being a Brownie."

Papers must be written in ink, on one side of the paper only. They must also bear the name, age, rank and address of the writer.

Papers may only be sent in by members of a registered Pack and must be signed by the Brown Owl; they must be sent to the Editor at Headquarters not later than December 29, 1919.

The Editor reserves the right of publishing the prizewinning papers.

A stamped addressed envelope must be enclosed if the papers are to be returned.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

SENIOR GUIDE TITLE.

NOTE.—The Editor does not hold herself responsible for any of the opinions expressed by the writers of letters appearing in THE GAZETTE.

LADIES.—As opinions are invited as to the question of the altering the name "Senior Guide" to "Citizen Guide," I should like to say that I think to introduce the word "citizen" would be a mistake. There is a National "Citizens' Association" with numerous branches all over the provinces, and the name "Citizen Guides" might lead people to think an amalgamation of some sort had taken place where the younger people were concerned.

Further, I think that anything which needs to be explained is a pity.

All the same, I am not prepared to say "Senior Guide" is the best title, because I am too much of a novice to know, but I do know a good deal about the titles of other societies and the confusion which arises about them. The late National Union of Women Workers, thought to be a trade union society, is one instance.

Enclosed is a paper showing the objects of the Citizens' Association. If you think I exaggerate the danger I withdraw, but I thought I ought to point it out.

Yours faithfully,

ELLA W. GREEN (Division Commissioner).

LADIES.—I beg to suggest "Pioneer" as a special additional title for all Guiders and Guides of 16 years and over, for the following reasons:—

(a) It is an intensely important matter that we "enlist" very young women just out in the world.

(b) Give us (I speak for 16-year old girls) to see there is a whole world of adventure (for us, our own, our very own adventure) in winning every woman and "woman's kingdom" to the great principles we Guides stand for.

(c) Men and women are pioneers, not children, and 16-year old girls ought to see we recognise the power given them and that we consider they, along with us Guiders, have a great part to play.

(d) If you see fit, claim the rising desire for unity, peace and goodwill being voiced by "brotherhoods" by making the Pioneer Guide Badge of a three-fold cord, symbolising Faith, Hope and Love. *Motto*—"Play up."

To conclude, Women "Guides" (girls of 16 years are women) are wanted all over the world, which is now in a ferment of new life. You have now the highest chance to do the right thing. It is pioneer work, and the gay, the lissom, clever, or pretty one of 16 will respond if you are what I hope you are.

Yours &c.

MIDDLE-AGED "CAPTAIN" OF THE G.Gs.

DEAR MADAM,—The name Citizen Guides does not appeal to me as a name for the Senior Guides. They might be called "Rover Guides," like the Senior Scouts

are called "Rover Scouts." I personally see no reason why they should not be called the same as the Scouts. I always associate the word "Citizen" with a fat grocer with side whiskers, or else John Gilpin, "John Gilpin was a citizen of credit and renown," &c., or the savages of the French Revolution. My officers and Guides are of the same opinion.

Yours truly,

(Mrs.) M. HIGGINS

(Staff Capt., Alresford and District).

DEAR EDITOR,—In answer to the many inquiries concerning the "Senior Guide" title, I beg to bring to your notice that Senior Guide is much preferred to "Citizen Guide."

Our Company, which is a Senior Company, are all in domestic service, and get very little time to our selves, and which time we gratefully give to Guide work, not being able to meet very often together, join a local Company, where we are looked up to by the younger children, and so feel we are doing our bit as a citizen. Then again, one is a citizen without being a Guide, but once a Guide always a Guide, so I sincerely trust we shall remain Senior Guides.

I remain yours sincerely,

ALICE BROOKMAN

(Senior Guide P.L.,

7th Lambeth Company).

A Patrol Leader writes:—

"I was very interested to see the notice in this month's GAZETTE on the title of Senior Guides. I always wished some one would give Senior Guides another title, 'Senior' sounds so stiff, and the title doesn't seem to inspire one to become one. Guiding is a 'game' not a school, and I think 'Senior' sounds rather schoolified. Now there is something so catching and thrilling in the title 'Brownie,' and I don't see why Senior Guides should sit down under such a commonplace word as 'senior,' it's so unromantic. They ought to have a title which sounds sisterly, and yet implies superiority in the experience of Guiding; a title that inspires one, such as 'Pilot,' one who holds the steering wheel and guides the ship, this is my idea of a Senior Guide, it's the older girls who steer and lead the younger ones, and 'Pilot,' though only another word for guide, seems to imply the touch of superiority and elder sisterly care that a Senior Guide ought to impress on a Guide. I have no right to criticise and suggest, as I am not a 'Senior' except in age, but I hope to be one soon, when they are started here; so I hope you don't mind my writing. I know my suggestion is very feeble, but I do hope some one will find a good title soon, everything else about 'Senior Guiding' is so attractive except the 'senior.'"

"Yours sincerely,

"PATSY WATERFIELD,

"(P.L.) Forget-me-not Patrol,

"2nd Cheltenham Company."

The Senior Leader of the 1st Bridlington Company writes that most of their Seniors prefer "Senior" to "Citizen."

The 2nd Mansfield Guides like "Senior" best, but suggest "Welfare" if changed.

The Commissioner for the N.W. London Division writes that she thinks the title "Citizen Guides" a splendid one, and "much better than the old 'Senior' Guides." She also says that some of the Seniors and Leaders of her Division discussed the matter when camping, and came to the conclusion that they very much liked the name "Citizen Guide."

The County Secretary for Monmouth sends the following resolution, passed unanimously by a conference of Commissioners and Guiders of that county, "That in future Senior Guides should be called Citizen Guides."

We shall be glad to receive further suggestions for a new title for the Seniors.



NOVEL IDEAS FOR A RALLY.

A MOST interesting account of the Cambridgeshire County Rally was sent to us, unfortunately too late to publish in the October GAZETTE.

Some of the displays were, however, so new and interesting to the public that we are printing them for the information of other counties.

Each company had to be responsible for a display illustrating some part of Guide work. This is an important fact which should be borne in mind by all organisers of Rallies. The general public are far more ready to watch good illustrations of Guide work and play than interminable competitions. The 3rd Ely Company did various kinds of crochet and needlework, one piece of embroidery was to be presented to the Chief Guide when completed. The 1st Ely Company made baskets and mended wicker chair bottoms.

An exceedingly good idea was that of the 1st March Company, who illustrated the Handywoman Badge by making starch, mending lace curtains, cleaning and repairing oil lamps, mending water taps and other plumbing work. To quote from a newspaper account: "A quaint scene was enacted by the 1st Harston Company. . . . A few of the girls of this Company were hidden behind a white banner, on which were the words, 'What the Girl Guides do every morning.' What they do was then made known to the spectators in amusing manner. The girls came running from behind the banner and, first of all, blew their noses in hearty fashion. They then disappeared, to return a moment later with a little jug and toothbrush, and give an object lesson in dental cleanliness. Once more they made an appearance with brush and comb,

and 'did' their hair, afterwards tying it with a dainty piece of ribbon. In conclusion, they went through some simple healthful exercises, to put them in good form for their day's work."

Company drill, life-saving drill, dancing and physical exercises were also shown to an admiring public, ending with a deep-breathing parade by the 1st Trumpington, 1st Wisbech, 5th Cambridge and County Girls' School Companies.

The 1st Shelford Company were responsible for a fine display of games. To quote again from the newspaper account:—"Games are matchless for the complexion. 'Why not try them?' was the wording on a banner borne by one of the Guides; and certainly the Company bore out the truth of their statement. They entered into their healthy play with great zest and a wild shriek of delight, and let the public see that in pastime as in work the Guides can be beaten by none."

Another excellent feature was a model nursery, rigged up by the 2nd Ely Company, complete with baths, scales, thermometers, &c. The 1st Fulbourn Guides had a camp hospital, and the 2nd Wisbech showed stretcher drill.

A clever exhibition of fire rescue work was given by the 7th Cambridge Company, the 6th Cambridge Guides did laundry work, and the 4th Cambridge gave demonstrations of all kinds of domestic work, including cooking.

Other companies gave displays of signalling, fire-lighting, knot-tying, and bed-making.

We must again quote the newspaper description of the 2nd Cambridge display, which says that they "gave a striking illustration of stalking and Woodcraft. On one part of the ground were Girl Guides cooking sausages over a gipsy fire. . . . Further along was to be seen a fallen tree, covered with evergreens, which turned out on close inspection to be a Guide intent on securing her timid quarry. Close by was a tent, at the door of which sat a realistic-looking squaw, watching her noonday meal cooking. Behind the tent was a donkey, which was being well cared for in the way of brushing and combing."

The proceedings were concluded by a delightful pageant in three scenes, showing the origin of the Guide movement, its splendid organisation, and what it may yet become.

The whole of this most successful Rally was organised by the Hon. Mrs. de Beaumont, the energetic County Commissioner, assisted by the County Secretary, Miss de Beaumont, who, by her original ideas, does much to keep the movement alive.

CALENDAR.

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| November 14 | ... | Lord Roberts died, 1914. |
| " | 24 | ... Old Martinmas. |
| December 1 | ... | Queen Alexandra born, 1844. |
| " | 9 | ... Milton born, 1608. |

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Where the Editor is unable to use a contribution it will be returned to the sender if postage is enclosed.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Senior Guide Title.

Owing to the railway strike and the fact that the Editor was out of London, the GAZETTE had to be somewhat hurriedly put together last month, and the letters received with regard to the above were unable to be printed. We are, however, inserting them this month, and hope to receive still further suggestions as to a new title for the "Seniors."

A Resourceful Guide.

Patrol Leader Agnes Prior, of the 13th Durham (Croxdale) Company, has been working as a slater on the Croxdale Estate for over two years.

She first started work under a mason, but when, owing to the war, he had to leave, she went on alone. She was the only slater on the estate, and worked alone most of the two years.

This clever Guide is 17 years old. We wonder if this is a record!

A Patrol Leader's Magazine.

We have been privileged to see a copy of the excellent little half-yearly magazine run by the Leaders of the St. Alban's Association.

It contains some good company reports, verses, and an amusing article on "Kit Inspection." Its price is 6d., and it consists of 17 typewritten sheets stitched together.

Brownie Pack Reports.

Quite a good number of these have been received, and we hope others will come in before the end of October. As we go to press before the end of the month, it is, of course, impossible to announce the winning report in the November number, but it will be given out in December.

Albert Hall Rally.

As we go to press before the great Peace Rally takes place we shall be unable to publish a full report this month. We will just give you a brief account, and then full particulars will appear in the December number.

SUFFOLK TRAINING WEEK.

The first training camp for Suffolk Guiders was held at Culford Hall, Bury St. Edmunds, by the kind invitation of Lady Cadogan—the County Commissioner.

The camp proved a great success, and under the skilful and inspiring leadership of Miss B. Colman, Norwich Divisional Staff Captain and Diploma'd Guider, who acted as Commandant, all present enjoyed a most memorable week.

Miss Colman was ably assisted by Miss Dunell, Norfolk County Secretary, and Miss Stanford, Staff Captain for the Ipswich District.

Most of the instruction was given in groups, Guiders choosing the training they most needed. In this way work was done for the Tenderfoot, Second-class, and First-class Tests. Company and patrol drill, country dances, and Guide games also figured prominently in each day's programme.

In addition, lectures were given on "Citizenship," "Ambulance," "Child Psychology," "Astronomy," "Infant Welfare Work," "Nature Study," and "Health."

Other interesting events were "A Brownie Afternoon," when an attractive demonstration was given by the Bramford Brownies, under their Brown Owl, Miss Loraine; and "A Specimen First Evening," when girls about to become Guiders were taught the first principles of Guiding, by Miss Stanford.

On the last evening, Lady Cadogan enrolled those who had passed the Tenderfoot Test during the week.

Later in the evening, enthusiastic votes of thanks were passed to Lady Cadogan, Miss Colman, and others who had helped to make the week a success.

A "Thanks Badge" was presented to Mrs. Hay, Hon. Lieutenant of the Culford Senior Guides, who had acted as Quartermaster, and by her efficiency and general goodwill had contributed greatly to the well-being of the Camp.

SHOP NOTICES.

Will the Scottish Guider who wrote an anonymous letter to Lady Baden-Powell kindly give her name and address, and the date on which she visited the Guide Shop.

Dairies for 1920 are in stock, 1s. 3d. with pencil, 9d. without.

We are now exhibiting and selling Patent Gas-Ray Cookers and Heaters, to fit with flexible tube to any gas burner; heats and cooks at one penny per hour.

A most attractive Brownie Christmas card, price 2d. each, including envelope, can now be obtained. In one design only.

It is a most suitable card for anyone connected with a Brownie Pack.

Programmes of the Albert Hall Rally, a Souvenir of a Great Occasion, can be had at the Guide Shop, price 6d. Signed by Lady Baden Pcell, 1s. Postage, 2d.

PHILOMELLA.

A WOODLAND FANTASY.]

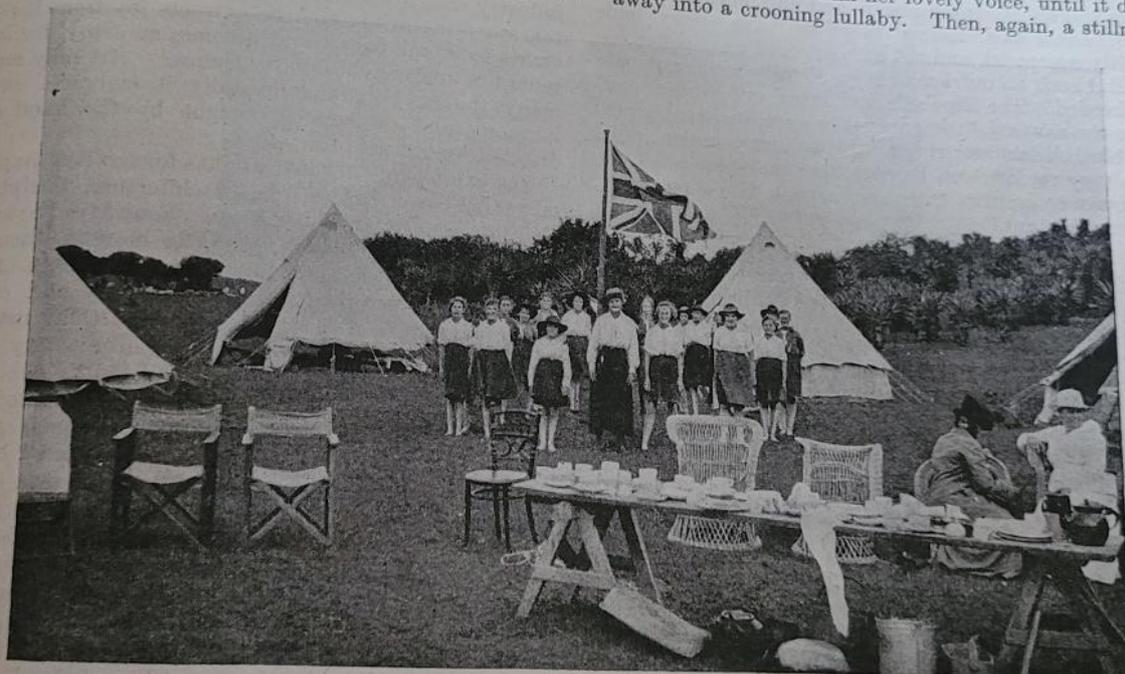
[EDITOR'S NOTE.—This story was written by the Captain of the 1st Acocks Green (Greater Birmingham), written entirely by hand, and is then passed round among the Guides at a fee of one penny per day. The amount thus obtained being handed to Company funds.]

THE Moonsprite threw a shimmering pathway of light into the Luna Glen and skipped merrily down it, alighting gracefully upon the topmost

"To-night!" was the exultant answer. Scarcely was the word spoken than the air was filled with the wondrous singing of the Nightingale Royal Choir. Nearer and clearer grew the volume of sound, rising, falling, swelling, diminishing in perfect cadence. The melody ceased as abruptly as it had begun. There was a rush of wings through the foliage; then—silence! Tense—unbroken—expectant—!

Ah! At last!! Philomella, the Queen of all Nightingales, was singing. With all the fervour of her young heart, she was telling of the wonders of Nature, of her home, of the joy of living, and of how she loved everything, everybody.

Softer and softer sank her lovely voice, until it died away into a crooning lullaby. Then, again, a stillness



1st Grahamstown Company, S. Africa.

branch of the Royal Chestnut Tree, who rustled a hearty welcome to his bright little visitor.

"You sound happy, my friend!" remarked the Moonsprite, who was occupied in scattering streamers of moonbeams into the dell. (He loved to tease the sleepy Wood-Anemones, and he knew how dearly the Silver Birch loved to see his own slim body, his delicately textured leaves and branches beautified by the soft light of the moon.)

"Sound happy?" repeated the Royal Chestnut, tossing his shapely leaves. "Sound happy! Why, of course, I am happy! Have you not heard that the Princess Philomella is to be put into my charge?"

"When?" inquired the Moonsprite interestedly.

undisturbed save for the gentle rustling of the Royal Chestnut, who was not forgetful of his precious ward.

For four whole seasons Philomella stayed in the Luna Glen. She was the very light and life of the trees and flowers, and the favourite playmate of the Moonsprite.

Philomella grew very fond of her sturdy guardian, the Royal Chestnut, and sang many a song to him of her appreciation and gratitude. As for the Royal Chestnut, he worshipped her!

There were times, however, when Philomella wearied of playing with the woodland giant. He was so massive, so strong, so almost clumsy, she confided to the Silver Birch. He was so sensible, so wise, so

careful, and yet—she could, metaphorically speaking, twist him round the tip of her dainty wing.

The Silver Birch, with his graceful carriage and fragile beauty, suited her taste much better, when she felt in these moods; so off she would fly, spending whole days chattering to the lively-witted Silver Birch. As time passed by Philomella ceased altogether to sing to or play with the loyal hearted Royal Chestnut, and turned all her tuneful attention to gay frolics with the Silver Birch.

Once, and once only, did the Royal Chestnut remonstrate with his wilful charge, but she merely tossed her royal and naughty head and retorted:—

"Please mind your own business, you great big clumsy Horse Chestnut!!" And away she flitted.

"Horse Chestnut!!!" The poor Royal Chestnut was thoroughly taken aback, and hurt beyond words. "Least said, soonest mended," his sticky buds softly whispered, and not a hasty word was spoken.

But such an outrage to royal dignity could not pass unheeded. The Bluebells had heard everything, and, like the naughty little gossips they are, had sent a peal of bluebell laughter ringing throughout the glen, until the very reeds which bordered the marsh swished the message to and fro, "Horse-chestnut, Horse-chestnut, Horse-chestnut."

Philomella, furious with what seemed to be the utter indifference on the part of her latterly adoring guardian, begged her father, the King of the Nightingales, to place her beneath the care of the Silver Birch. In consequence, late in the spring the king again brought his retinue of choristers to bear his daughter in state to her new abode.

The Royal Chestnut, or Horse Chestnut as he was now called, was in full bloom, his candle-like blossoms ever gazing upwards, smiling a welcome to the Moon-sprite.

As the Royal Procession was passing beneath his spacious boughs the Horse Chestnut made a last desperate attempt to regain his lost playmate. With a mighty quiver, which seemed as if his whole heart were breaking, he showered his whole wealth of blossom into a dazzling white and pink carpet, at the feet of the Princess Philomella.

Philomella, realising what a lot she meant to the Horse Chestnut, and how little she had valued his loyal services, burst into a song the like of which had never been heard before. The whole glen was spellbound with the marvel of her divine voice, even the aspens ceased to shiver! Philomella's song was at once joyful and sorrowful. Joyful with the plans for future reparation, and sorrowful with shame when she owned how lightly she had treated her champion. The song died away, and with it died Philomella. She had strained her joyous care-free little heart in her attempt to reconcile wounded friendship. No more would her song gladden the hearts of Luna Glen, telling them of her love.

In bitter grief the Royal Horse-Chestnut begged that he might have the care of her grave. Years come and years go, and still the Horse Chestnut throws down his radiant covering in memory of his dearest playmate—Philomella, the Queen of all Nightingales.

DOREEN BURTON,
Captain, 1st Acocks Green,
Greater Birmingham.

ARTS AND CRAFTS.

IT is not every one who can give their lives up to art. Guides are generally busy in other ways, perhaps with their education, or with industry. They need not, however, consider that education or industry shut art out from their lives. When "a man takes a pride in his task he extracts joy from it; he ceases to be a labourer and becomes an artist, for love sanctifies and ennobles lowly things." Art may mean many things, but fundamentally it embraces every harmony and perfection wrought by the hand and directed by the wit of man.

The expression "The Arts" has for too long implied only the five creative arts—Architecture, Sculpture, Painting, Drama and Literature. Nowadays the terms "Arts and crafts" have usually to be used when art in a wider, more comprehensive sense, is spoken of.

Mastery over Materials.—The arts and crafts are within reach of every one, for each thing made—if it is done in high endeavour, in mastery over materials, in recognition of their beauty and their suitable utilisation—will be art and craft. There are persons who will not allow that machine-made goods, of any kind, can be included under the word "craft," but surely if the mind behind the machine uses it as a tool, not merely mechanically, and directs it in the true spirit of craftsmanship, it cannot be excluded.

Victor Hugo says: "Art precedes philosophy and even science—people must have noticed things and interested themselves in them before they began to debate upon their causes and influences, and it is in this way that art is the pioneer of knowledge."

Many educationists nowadays recognise this truth and use handicraft training as a means of increasing the power of students to control their hands from the brain, and by leading on from the problems which must be overcome in every craft, to habits of thought marshalled to victory over difficulties.

In cabinet-making, knowledge of the use of tools must be supplemented by understanding of the various qualities of woods.

Experience is gained by discovering difficulties and then the means to overcome them, so knowledge and skill are won by the close co-operation of thought, eye and hand.

A few more examples will elucidate the point. In lace-making the best worker will only use the choicest

quality of thread, knowing that the strain on the finer stitches will otherwise be too great, especially when they are placed for the sake of beauty of contrast between two strong and heavy stitches. In embroidery the material of the foundation must be strong enough to bear the work upon it. Different stitches will be found to be suitable on loosely woven and closely woven stuffs. In embroidered bookbinding, as in Church work, the delicate silk work can be protected from wear by outlines of upstanding metal threads. A good craftsman will know everything about his materials; some knowledge of kindred crafts is also advisable, as such information will throw light on his particular craft from a somewhat different angle. The work may not be pleasing even if the workman-

lucence is present. Silk should be bright, and not dimmed by unsuitable dyes.

Froude wrote that "You cannot dream yourself into a character, you must hammer and forge one yourself." A would-be craftsman, too, must hammer and forge till thought and hand and eye can act together, each perfectly mastered by self-control.

Guides and craftsmen will find the hammer and forge they require for this are, Training, Practice, Study and Patience.

A True Craftsman Serves his Fellows.—Arts and crafts are greatly needed if Reconstruction is to be a success. The new houses must be capable of being more than mere shelters, they must be able to become homes. The parks must be places of rest and



Guides of the 1st S. Norwood Company in their Drill Dress.

They have won many cups and prizes, among them being the First Prize Silver Challenge Cup for Drill at a big competition held at the Guildhall.

ship is first rate, for the craftsman may be producing the work merely to show how much he knows, and not for its own sake; this is sure to give an inharmonious effect. A useful object should not be ornate; the whole completed thing must be in keeping with its purpose and suitable for its purpose. The craftsman must lose himself wholeheartedly in his work. A basket must be capable of carrying, and not be merely pretty. A book that does not open wide enough to be easily legible is bad craftsmanship, however wonderfully decorated. With coach and shipbuilding the appearance looks *Right* when each line and portion is fitted to the strain and purpose which will come to it. Glass shows perfection only when its quality of trans-

recreation. War memorials should remind all who pass of the heroes who dedicated themselves to serve the nation.

A true craftsman serves his fellows when he always gives his best work. Guides who gain Proficiency Badges should work in the same spirit, never grudging time or study; the essence of art will then be present in their work.

For the following Badges and for many others, neatness, harmony, finish, durability and completeness must be aimed at with good results: Artist, Basket-making, Carpenter, Cobbler, Needlework in all its branches, Knitting, Music, Photography and Toy-making. The same qualities can be present in

Athletics, Clerkship or Pioneering; a collection can be arranged well. Work well done and loved becomes beautiful.

The Guide who is a true craftsman will be a true Guide, for to produce the best work is "to help others," and to make them "smile and sing." Happiness would be general if each man worked in the spirit of craftsmen. Dream of England with no waste places and torn, untidy boardings, with all the gardens trim and neat, the houses bright and clean, simply but well furnished; of the people not clad in shoddy stuffs, but in soft, bright clothing; of playgrounds airy and pleasant; the children's toys charming (not hideous deformities like golliwogs); of places of business, stations, trains, all clean and bright and fitted with suitable furniture; of no more books printed to strain the eyes; of all material used to the best purpose for the community.

Onward Guides to climb the ladder of craftsmanship! Master yourselves, and your thoughts and eyes and hands. All you make, make as a craftsman, and you will play a worthy part in the building of a fairer homeland.

R. B. K.-S.



PATROL LEADERS' CONFERENCE.

THE following account will be of interest to go-ahead Commissioners (and what Commissioner is not?), as it is now recognised by all Guiders that no Company can be really good unless it is run on the Patrol system; and unless your Leaders thoroughly understand their responsibilities.

They must have a definite grasp of the aims of the movement, and some knowledge of the questions of the day affecting Guide work.

There is nothing like a Patrol Leaders' Conference to help to bring this about, and the mere fact of meeting many Leaders from other companies will do a great deal. In this matter, the Scouts are ahead of us, as they have held numerous conferences of this kind, but it behoves us now to see that these Division or District Leaders' conferences become the rule and not the exception.

"A week-end conference for Patrol Leaders and Seconds was held in the Halton Bank Council School, very kindly lent for the purpose by the Salford Educational Committee. All the Guide companies in the district were represented, and about 100 were present at the reception.

The companies were first divided into Patrols, Lieutenants taking the part of Leaders, each with a Jewel for its Emblem and each member of the Patrol a representative of a different company.

The whole company then retired to a large class-room for a short meeting, presided over by Mrs. Williams, Chairman of the West Salford District. After the singing of the Guide Song, Miss Behrens, County

Commissioner, said a few words, urging the girls to a higher ideal in Leadership, and to make the most of the opportunity offered them during the week-end. The Rev. H. Fosbrooke, Vicar of St. Thomas's, Pendleton, then gave a short lecture on "Citizenship," followed by a discussion on one or two of the important questions of the time, including the need for better houses, and suggestions of improvements. The meeting closed with the National Anthem.

"Fall in" sounded at 2.30 on Saturday afternoon, and after a short march to "Claremont" grounds the remainder of the time was spent in sports, after which the company returned to the school for tea, prepared by the various Captains.

After tea, Miss Wood, District Commissioner, gave a very interesting lecture on "Camping and Camp Cookery," explaining various methods and advantages. A short social, of entertainments and dancing, closed the second day.

Church Parade on Sunday morning was well attended, and the Rev. H. Fosbrooke again spoke of the Guides' duty and high service.

In the afternoon, Miss Burgess, County Secretary, opened a discussion on the "Difficulties of Leadership," and many Leaders were much helped by the experiences of the other Leaders, and also by the ideas offered by Miss Burgess, and the Rev. J. C. Roberts, of Holy Rood Church, Moorside, who was also present. Several Guide hymns were sung before the meeting dismissed for tea.

After tea, the company again assembled, and after offering a vote of thanks to Commissioners, Secretary, and Captains, with cheers for each, for a happy and beneficial conference, finally dismissed."



"With wavering hand I mark Time's rapid flight
From life's glad morning to its solemn night,
Yet through the dear God's love I also show
There's a light above me by the shade below."

—Written by John Greenleaf Whittier, for a
Sundial.



WEDDINGS.

The marriage took place, on August 27, 1919, at St. Mary's Church, Linton, of Miss Alice Day (formerly Captain of Guides) and Mr. G. Carter. A Guard of Honour was furnished by the company.

The 4th Margate (St. Paul's) Girl Guides acted as a Guard of Honour at the wedding of their late Captain, Miss Norah Gahan, to the Rev. Eustace Cook, who was for some years Scoutmaster of the St. Paul's Scouts.

The marriage took place, on August, 28, 1919, at St. Oswald's Church, Flamborough, of the Rev. D. McLeane, Vicar of Flamborough, and Miss D. Featherstone, the first Captain of the 1st Bridlington Company, who formed a Guard of Honour as the bride and bridegroom left the church.

PAX HILL CAMP.

August 22—September 1, 1919.

THERE is no holiday comparable with a holiday in camp. The reason for this is not far to seek. Camp life caters equally for body and soul.

The open air, the simple food, and the hardening process give that feeling of absolute fitness and well-being that is to be seen in the clear eyes, healthy skin and elastic tread of those who live out of doors. On the other hand, the endless fun, the stimulating talk, of noble endeavour, and above all the "spirit camps, combine to give that peace and happiness that contents the soul.

This is true more or less of all camps, and certainly more of Pax Hill Camp; for just as our Chief is the Guide par excellence, so was her camp the Camp par excellence.

To begin with, thanks to the kindness and courtesy of the Chief Scout, the actual arrangements were superlatively good. The field had a gradual slope southwards and was sheltered from the prevailing wind. Water was not far to seek, and any and every luxury was immediately procurable from the house—and was usually brought by the Chief herself.

The bath tent was of palatial proportions and was equipped "with every modern convenience." There was a sundial of unerring correctitude, the work of our "Carpenter"—Crichton would be a far better name for this our all-round and all-beloved Commandant. The hay-box, situated in the bowels of the earth, did its duty punctually, and several times smoke was seen to emerge from nowhere but the chimney (but as the kitchen was engineered by that famous Director of Camps, Mrs. Julian Strode, *que voulez-vous*?).

There were two camps of six days, and in each the patrol system was, of course, observed. In the first, the "Robin" Patrol flew in an easy winner, due in large measure to the activities and busy ingenuities of two tiny little Robins, who added so materially to the fun of the first camp. In the second, the "Donkeys" carried all before them; and "Cookie," whose reputation for punctuality was at stake, for one, will never forget their untiring and unselfish devotion to a rain-soaked fire. It is on record that a distinguished and diploma'd Guider, garbed entirely in a suit of sacking of neutral hue, flapped cross-legged at the fire for one whole day, with the result that 25 hungry Guiders were served with four hot meals in an open-air kitchen in ceaseless rain.

It was all pure joy, sleeping out with the night wind stirring one's hair; the early walk in the morning mists, with the cool grass saturating one's bare feet; the sun shooting up and turning everything to shining gold; breakfast; inspection; drill; the constant visits of Peter, Heather and Betty and so on until evening, with its pow-wow round the camp fire, its jokes and sometimes words of inspiration, good cheer

and fellowship from our Chief; then bed (and hot water, if you please), and the last twinkle of the stars until the dreamless sleep, the mecca of all good campers, as for us it meant countless visits to the house, endless good turns from our hosts and the household generally, inspiring voyages round his treasure stores with the Chief Scout, and priceless impromptu meals. Probably, not even those who knew them best, realised until then the infinite kindness and "chummyness" of our Chiefs, and all the campers of Pax Hill Camp will owe them an undying debt of gratitude.

The general public has still a lot to learn about Guiding. There was a party, and 25 Guiders put on their best uniforms together with their prettiest manners and most charming smiles, and helped Lady Baden-Powell to entertain the guests. Towards the close, when the camp was being inspected, a lady cornered the Quartermaster in the Store Tent and whispered mysteriously, "Do you find them (the Guiders) quite honest?"

On seeing a rather blank stare of amazement on the face of the Quartermaster, she hastened to explain, "I mean, isn't it rather a temptation, not having a lock on the Store Tent. . . . The butter and sugar, you know. . . .!"



KEEP A MERRY HEART.

Though the days are dreary and long,
Meet with a smile at evensong,
Let joy in your heart abide;
Whatever the trials that may beset
Your hours of toil, never forget—
A smile for the home fireside.

Though clouds may oft the sunshine hide,
Rest assured somewhere aside
'Tis brightly shining still;
The road of life runs many a mile,
By difficult ways, many a stile,
Many a winding hill.

Though troubles come, pleasures but few,
With determination still pursue,
Play the winning game with zest;
Find happiness, love, and sweet content,
Good cheer, kind words of encouragement
And friendship of the best.

Though all goes wrong, keep a merry heart!
Give a helping hand in life's great mart,
Success—let nothing mar.
Prove to rich and poor alike, A GUIDE
In word and deed to truth allied,
Honour your abiding star.

CLARISSA ALCOCK

(Division Commissioner).

OVERSEAS NEWS.

WEST AUSTRALIA.

The West Australian Girl Guides made a brave show at Perth on Saturday, July 19, when eight companies assembled at Government House to take part in the celebration of Peace.

Unfortunately only the Guides in the Metropolitan Area were able to be present, and these, in number about 160 under the command of District Commissioner Florence Piesse, acting as deputy for Lady Ellison-Macartney (Chief Commissioner), with banners flying, led by the beautiful flag presented in 1917 by Lady Barron to the movement, marched to the beat of the drums and took up the position assigned to them on the left flank of the saluting base in St. George's Terrace.

The companies were well turned out, and they one and all marched in excellent time, and when formed up presented an appearance that promises well for the citizenship of the future, and was a source of much pleasure to the Chief Commissioner when she drove past.

This movement, so fraught with value to the girls of Australia, has been reorganised in this State, and we are hoping for great results. The work is particularly suited to this lovely climate, providing as it does much scope for out-of-door duties and enjoyment.

The State as a whole and the Girl Guides Council and Executive owe a deep debt of gratitude to its representatives at Government House, who have always supported and encouraged the movement.



NATURE STUDY IN TOWNS.

By MISS I. C. STEAD (Captain of the Browning Settlement Company, S. London).

NATURE study is not "learning things out of books," nor yet "having lessons," as too many people seem to think, though books and lessons are a help at times. If you want to know something about Nature, the best way is to watch for yourself, and find out first about those animals and plants close to you.

"Oh! but I can't do that here. I live in a big smoky town!" I hear some one say. Where there's a will, there's always a way, and the following are some of the ways you may study Nature, even in the heart of the town.

Study the Trees.

To begin with, you can always see the sky. Watch its changes, and see how wind and weather affect it. For instance, a yellow sky at sunset generally means rain on the morrow, while—

"A red sky at night
Is the shepherd's delight."

Then look at the trees. There are always some to be watched. If you begin in the autumn, choose one or, perhaps, two special trees, and when the leaves begin to fall, find a perfect leaf from each and press it. Find out all you can about the trees during the winter, for you can see more when the leaves are gone. Look at the trunks and see if there is anything especially noteworthy about them, such as deep irregular cracks in the bark, as in the oak; or smooth bark that shows patches of white, where pieces have dropped off, as in the Plane, a very common town tree. Try to obtain a twig, and make a list of all the marks you can find on it; or better still, sketch it carefully and show everything you can—how the buds are arranged and how shaped, the marks caused by the falling of the leaf under each bud, &c. For instance, on the twig of the Horse Chestnut you see the horseshoe-shaped leaf scars under each bud, and in the horseshoe seven or five "nails." What makes these nails?

See, too, how the branches are arranged. In some trees they go almost straight out from the trunk at first, and then bend at very sharp angles, thus making a broad, bushy kind of tree, e.g., Oak. In others, the branches point upwards and keep as close to the main trunk as possible, making a tall narrow tree, e.g., Lombardy Poplar.

Keep a Nature Diary.

If you can draw a little, try to keep a record of these things, filling in each stage of the life-history of your trees as you discover it.

When spring comes you will need to watch carefully to find the flowers, for every tree has some kind of flower, though not every one can find them. If you are watching an Elm, you will only see the flowers if you are wide awake all through the winter, for they often appear in January, when you are probably not expecting them. When they appear they make the whole of the upper part of the tree look reddish, for the flowers grow in little bunches, and only show the red pollen boxes at first. In some of the trees, too, there are two kinds of flowers, and you need to look carefully to find them. On the Oak, for instance, there are tiny green flowers or catkins, but these do not grow into acorns. There are buds, hidden among the leaves at the very ends of the twigs with tiny red tufts on them, and it is only after the pollen from the catkins has reached the red tufts that the acorns can develop. Watch for these in the spring.

When the fruits appear on the trees, watch to see how they develop; and when they are ripe and fall in the autumn, see how they are carried away from the parent tree, as they must be if they are to grow into big trees. Some fruits are carried by the wind, and they need something to act as a sail, as in the Sycamore; others are big, and as they contain much food, animals come to eat them, and generally scatter the rest.

Grow Trees at Home.

Take one of the fruits of each tree and grow it, either in a little glass with water below it, but not touching it,

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if it is a big fruit like the acorn or chestnut; or on damp flannel if it is smaller, like the Sycamore. Keep a record, sketched if possible, of the growth and development of your trees, and compare the rates of growth, &c. A very pretty table decoration is a bowl of young trees grown from seed, and they need very little attention, as acorns, and chestnuts of both kinds, can live on the food in the seed for several weeks after the leaves appear, if they are kept damp.

Suggestions for Keeping Your Notebook.

If you are not able to keep your records in sketches you can enter them shortly under headings in a notebook, and, where possible, add the actual specimen, pressed and mounted on a page of your book. Supposing the trees you have been watching are a

Leaf.—Arranged alternately; simple, deeply cut, with five big points, and main veins raying from end of leaf stalk; upper surface is very smooth.

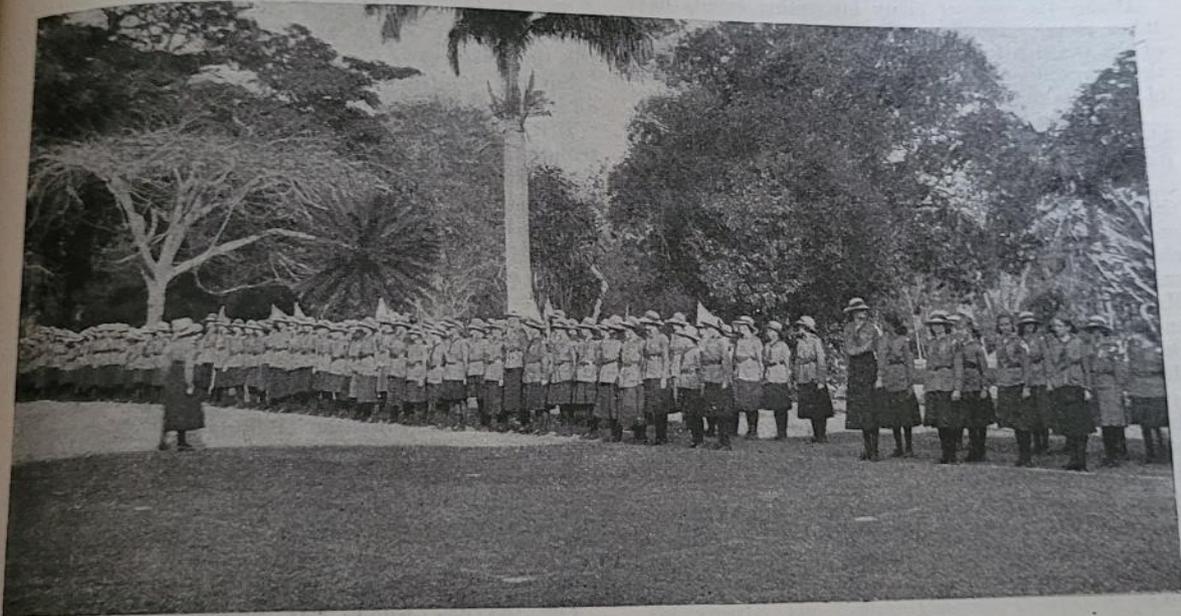
Flowers.—In hanging balls, some all male flowers, some female. Found May 8th.

Fruits.—Rough hanging balls—"Knuckle dusters."

Arranged in pairs, alternately; compound, almost circular, 5 or 7 leaflets, arranged like fingers of a hand; leaflets have toothed edges.

On a big spike—"Candles"—each flower has 5 sepals, 5 white petals splashed with crimson and yellow, 7 curved stamens, and long curved style on ovary.

Brown "konker" in green prickly bur.



Barbados—First Guide Rally held at Government House, May 16th, 1919.

Plane and a Horse Chestnut, both common in towns your notes might be something like this:—

Plane.

Bark.—Pale grey or black, with soot peeling off in flakes.

Twigs.—Rather thin, bending slightly towards each bud.

Buds: alternate, brown.
Leaf scars: crescent-shaped. Air holes: all over stem.

Horse Chestnut.

Breaks into irregular scales, sometimes has deep grooves.

Stout, bright brown, straight.

Buds: big, brown, in pairs. Leaf scars: horse-shoe-shaped, with nails. Air holes: larger than in Plane.

Uses.—Wood used by cabinet-makers. Trees used much for ornamental purposes.

Wood used for cabinet-making and flooring; not very durable. Trees used for ornamental purposes, e.g., Bushey Park.

This article attempts only to open very slightly a door into a wonderful world of knowledge, and to show that, though the country Guide has great advantages in Nature study, yet the town dweller is not deprived of opportunities for this fascinating study.

I have spoken chiefly of trees, but birds, insects and many other creatures are to be found by those who seek, even in the most crowded parts of the town.

Look about you, Guides, and find out for yourself.

Company Notes.

[Company reports must bear the signature of the Captain, even when written by the Company Scribe. Combined reports relating to several companies must be signed by all the Captains concerned. All reports should be legibly written or typed on one side of the paper only.—Ed.]

ENGLAND.

DERBY DIVISION.

During the summer many interesting events have taken place. Two large displays were given in aid of the Division funds, in which nine companies and three Brownie packs took part, and the splendid sum of £100 was raised.

A Division Camp was held in Allestree Park (by kind permission), and was attended by 40 Guides and 6 Guiders.

A very successful Rally took place in Darley Park (kindly lent by Mrs. Evans). Seventeen companies and 9 Brownie packs were there. Owing to the strike, the Chief Guide, Lady Baden Powell, was unable to be present. The County Commissioner, Mrs. Fitzherbert Wright, very kindly took her place, and after the march past, inspected the Guides and Brownies accompanied by the Division Commissioner, Miss Grace Robotham. The inspection was followed by five-minute displays given by different companies. Mrs. Wright then distributed the 443 badges which had been won during the past three months, and addressed the Guides.

Other interesting features in the Division have been Inter-Company Sports, a united thanksgiving Church Parade, special instruction classes for Guiders, fortnightly P.L.'s classes, and a weekly G.G. Swimming Club!

EAST HAM.

(FROM A NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT.)

"The first attempt of the Girl Guides of East Ham at organising a sports meeting met with gratifying success.

"The event took place at Barking Road Recreation Ground.

"The championship shields, presented by Commissioner Mrs. Somerville for the Company gaining most points in the competitions, was tied for by the 2nd and 4th East Ham companies. Each of these companies will therefore hold it for six months."

LEEDS DIVISION.

The Annual Rally was held at Bramdean, Leeds, the residence of the Divisional Commissioner, Mrs. Thornton.

There was a good attendance of Guides and Brownies.

The Lady Mayoress inspected the Guides and took the salute at the march past, after which she addressed the girls. The County Commissioner, Mrs. Dunlop, was unable to be present owing to the railway strike.

An interesting programme of displays followed, which had to be curtailed a little owing to the absence of companies having to come from a distance.

PADDINGTON DISTRICT.

The Paddington District now numbers 11 companies and 290 Guides, as against only 5 companies this time last year.

Several companies have Brownie packs attached, all in a most flourishing condition.

H.R.H. Princess Mary graciously consented to distribute the prizes gained in the Annual Flower Growing Competition, and the Guides of the district formed the Guard of Honour at Amberley Road School, Harrow Road, where the prize-giving was held.

ST. HELENS, WIDNES AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A successful Rally was held at "The Hazels," Prescott, by kind invitation of Mrs. Pilkington.

About 350 Brownies, Junior and Senior Guides assembled. The Inspection was taken by the Commissioner, Miss Christine Pilkington, after which followed tea and an enjoyable programme of sports and competitions.

The prizes were presented by Miss Pilkington, and the National Anthem brought the Rally to a close.

A United Service was held the next day, attendance being quite voluntary.

The Service, which was undenominational, was simply and suitably arranged, and was taken by representative clergy of the town—Rev. J. Beaumont, Congregational minister, and Rev. T. Wylde, Curate and Scoutmaster of the Parish Church.

During the Service all joined with the Commissioner in the Guide Law and Promise.

1st SHEPHERDSWELL COMPANY.

A Garden Fête to obtain funds for the 1st Shepherds-well Company was held in a house and grounds kindly lent for the occasion. Guides from the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Dover companies were present. There were displays and also Maypole and morris dancing.

Stalls, a bran-tub, tea, a concert and conjuring entertainment, skittles and competitions, all supplied by friends in the village, contributed to the success of the Fête. £48 clear profit was realised for the use of the Company, who are enlarging their library and equipment and hoping for camp next year.

WHARFEDALE DIVISION.

This Division held its Annual Rally in the grounds of West Lodge, Burley-in-Wharfedale. There was a large gathering of the public.

The following companies were present:—1st Addingham, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Ilkley, 1st Ben Rhydding, 1st Burley, 1st Otley, 1st Guiseley, 1st Calverley.

The proceedings commenced with an inspection of the companies by Miss Field (Commandant of the West of England School), who was accompanied by the County Commissioners of the West Riding, Mrs. W. Dunlop and Mrs. Pickering, Divisional Commissioners and the County Secretary.

The inspection was followed by a march past, the salute being taken by Miss Field. After the inspection Miss Field gave a short address.

Lady Peel, President of the Wharfedale Association, presented the proficiency badges.

Displays were given by each Company. The Challenge Shield presented by Mrs. F. D. Moore. The Company Drill, was won by the Burley 1st Company (Captain Miss A. Shepherd), and the Brownie Challenge Cup, presented by Miss D. G. Sutcliffe, was won by the Ilkley 1st Company (Miss E. Penwill).

WINCHMORE HILL.

The Guides of 1st and 2nd and Officers of 3rd Winchmore Hill companies joined forces in camping for the first time this year.

Games were played in the fields near and in Hadley Woods, we went for cycle rides and sang songs and danced to a "Jazz Band" of combs in the evenings.

The District Commissioner came to see us one evening and joined in our songs and games, watched us dance, and then finally told us a yarn.

1st WINCHMORE HILL.

The 1st Winchmore Hill Guides gave a tea and entertainment to 48 cripples from the neighbouring Cripples' Home, "Halliwick." The guests, many of whom were themselves Girl Guides, arrived in bath chairs and on crutches, about 4 o'clock, and were quite ready for their tea.

After tea there was "Musical Chairs" and other games. This was followed by a great event for the 1st Winchmore Hill Company—the presentation of their Company Colours by Mr. Storrar, father of two of the Guides.

Other games and competitions and songs quickly followed, and the visitors were prevailed on to sing one of their songs and soon showed their hostesses that they would have to look to their laurels in that direction.

SCOTLAND.**ABERDEEN CITY.**

Guiding in Aberdeen has advanced with large strides since the Chief's visit in September, 1916. This last year it was found necessary to obtain new district headquarters, and every Company has found accommodation in the New Porthill's Sunday Schools. In order to pay the necessary expenses a Grand Carnival, lasting two days, was organised, and as a result over

£150 were earned. The Carnival was held in headquarters. In the large upper hall tea was served, and round the room were stalls of work almost exclusively made by Guides.

In a cubicle room opening off the hall were the side shows, consisting of exhibition of work done for one or two of the badge tests, and games for the children. In a smaller room downstairs small concerts were held and District Commissioner Mrs. Hughes gave a lecture on Guide work in Aberdeen, illustrated by limelight pictures of the Guides at work and play and on war work.

In the large lower hall two plays, specially written by Captain Miss Gladys Todd, were acted. "The Passing of the Fairies," by the Brownies, attracted much admiration, and "Peggy Much Afraid."

1st BALFRON COMPANY.

This Company was first started in July and now numbers 30 Guides. They had the opportunity of doing their first public service during the railway strike by providing firewood for those who were too old or infirm to gather it for themselves, and whose scanty supply of coal had given out. The Guides met in the evenings after school and divided up into Patrols to gather, saw, chop and cart away the wood, which was very much appreciated.

EDINBURGH.

The Girl Guides of the 13th Edinburgh and Leith Company during the war took the place of some of the bell-ringers in connection with St. James' Episcopal Church, Leith, and have done so well that they are being allowed to continue.

A School Company has been started in connection with the Royal Deaf Institution and with four of the teachers as Guiders promises to be a very successful Company. It is the first in Scotland for deaf children. A Peace Celebration Service was held for the Edinburgh and Leith Companies and was taken part in by Episcopal, Established and United Free Church clergymen. The Roman Catholic Companies paraded along with the other Companies and then marched off to one of the Roman Catholic Churches for a service of their own. A collection was taken up for the Sick Children's Hospital. Over 1,000 Guides were present, and the service was greatly enjoyed.

The Brownies of the 18th Company gave a Concert and handed £5 to the Sick Children's Hospital as the result of it.

WALES.**ANGLESEY.**

A most successful Training Camp for Guiders was held at Plas Llanfold, under the supervision of the District Commissioner, Miss Bulkeley, and Miss H. Davidson, Diploma'd Guider, the Camp, which consisted of 26 members, underwent training for "Gold Cords," 1st Class, &c.

The Camp was run on the Patrol System, a "Court of Honour" of "Leaders" being held each evening.

Many interesting debates and discussions were held, and two excellent Camp Fire Concerts were given.

The Guiders were inspected by the County Commissioner, the Lady Magdalen Bulkeley, and a short display was given.

Among those present at the Camp was Miss R. Ward, County Commissioner for Denbighshire, and a detachment of her Guiders.

GUERNSEY.

A Training Camp for Officers was held at Fort Hornet, Guernsey, attended by Mrs. Gibson, the Island Commissioner, and 30 Guiders and Guides, four of whom were from the 1st and 2nd Jersey Companies. The Camp was under the direction of Mrs. Janson Potts, Commissioner for East London.

An interesting conference was held one afternoon, at which Mrs. Whitaker-Maitland, Island Commissioner for Jersey, was present.

APPOINTMENTS.

BUCKS.

District Commissioner Lady Stopford, Beaconsfield, Beaconsfield.

District Commissioner Mrs. Roderick Mackenzie, Sunnyside, Henley-on-Thames.

DURHAM.

District Commissioner Lady Chaytor, Witton Castle, Witton-le-Wear.

DERBY.

Divisional Commissioner.... Mrs. Marsden Smedley, Lea Green, Matlock.

District Commissioner Dr. Marie Orme, Rockside Matlock.

District Commissioner Miss Wheatcroft, Whittington House, Wirksworth.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

District Commissioner Mrs. Walsh, Woodchester Park, nr. Stonehouse.

HERTS.

Divisional Commissioner.... Mrs. Fordham, Ashwell Bury, N. Herts.

LONDON.

Assistant Divisional Commissioner North London Mrs. Göthe, 13, Wimpole Street, Mayfair.

S.W. LANCS.

Divisional Commissioner.... Mrs. Melly, 7, Sefton Park Road, Liverpool.

Vice Mrs. Brancker.

N.E. LANCS.

Divisional Commissioner.... Mrs. Aitken, Oakfield, Blackburn.

RUTLAND.

County Commissioner Lady Codrington, 110, Eaton Square, S.W.

WALES.

County Commissioner Miss Monica Woosnam, Aberhafest Hall, Newton.

Divisional Commissioner.... Miss L. Barter, 200, Stow Hill, Newport.

SCOTLAND.

AYRSHIRE.

District Commissioner Mrs. Stewart, 3, Park Circus, Ayr.

District Commissioner Miss Henderson, Northfield, Largs.

DUMFRIES-SHIRE.

Divisional Commissioner.... Miss Barbara Berkeley Matheson, Westerhall, Langholm, Eves, Westerkirk, Eskdalemuir.

FORFARSHIRE.

District Commissioner Mrs. Macpherson Grant, Montrose and District Craigo, Montrose.

District Commissioner Mrs. Rutherford Lindsay Carnegie, Kinlethmont, Arbroath.

District Commissioner Mrs. Gray Cheape, Carse Forfar and District Gray, Forfar.

LANARKSHIRE.

County Commissioner Mrs. Forgie, Moss Park, Bothwell.

ROSS-SHIRE.

Divisional Commissioner.... Mrs. John Romanes, Dunskaith House, Nigg.

ROXBURGHSHIRE.

District Commissioner Hon. Mrs. Campbell, Hart-rigge, Jedburgh.

OVERSEAS.

Chief Commissioner for Lady Elleson Macertney, Western Australia Government House, Perth.

COUNTY SECRETARIES.

Bucks Miss Busk, The Rectory, Slough.

Renfrewshire Miss May Paton, Rockville, Greenock, Scotland.

W. Riding Yorks, South Miss Phillips, 21, Lawn Road, Doncaster.

Warwick Miss D. Marsh, Quarry House, Northfield, Worcs.

Vice—Mrs. Lythall.

Surrey Miss Chadwyck Healey, Wyp-hurst, Cranleigh.

Vice—Mrs. Denny.

RESIGNATIONS.

Mrs. Hankinson, Divisional Commissioner, Northampton Town.

Mrs. Arthur Kerr, District Commissioner, Bakewell, Derby.

Mrs. Arthur Russell, District Commissioner, Swallowfield, Berks.

Mrs. Duff, District Commissioner, Yetminster, Dorset.

Mrs. Bray, District Commissioner, Berkhamstead, Herts.

The Hon. Mrs. R. Coventry, District Commissioner, Rickmansworth, Herts.

Mrs. Openshaw, District Commissioner, Rilchester, N.E. Lancs.

Mrs. Holden, District Commissioner, Bridport, Dorset.

Lady Buchanan Jardine, Divisional Commissioner, Lockerbie and Dumfries (Scotland).

Miss V. Buchanan Jardine, District Commissioner, Lockerbie and St. Mungo.

Marchioness of Londonderry, County Commissioner, Durham.

Miss Nicholson, District Commissioner, Hull, Yorks.