

Retiring Commissioner Stresses Importance Of Guide Programme

The report of the Provincial Commissioner, Mrs. J. Gordon Macdonald, of the Girl Guides Association, submitted at yesterday's annual meeting follows:

One of the most difficult tasks that faces a President is to give an Annual Report. The customary thing is for the chairmen of the various committees or Departments to give a full report of the year's work. From the splendid reports we have heard today, we all must realize that we have had a very full year's activities.

The President's report perhaps then should call to mind the objectives of our organization and the means we are employing to achieve these ends. This might better be called a commentary rather than a report, for I feel if we can all catch the real spirit of Guiding, then our work will surely go forward.

But first I should mention the wonderful beginning we had for our Guide year when in October we were honored by a visit from the Chief Commissioner of Girl Guides for Canada, D.E.S. Wishart. Mrs. Wishart brought new interest and enthusiasm to all ranks of Guiding. Our chief Commissioner was excellent public relations too, she is so thoroughly sold on the Guide programme, so happy in her work, that I am sure all who heard her wished to sign up immediately with the Girl Guides if they had not already done so.

I wonder if there is some relationship between Mrs. Wishart's visit and the fact that we have had an up-grade in leadership recently. We have been encouraged by the number of promising persons who have volunteered leadership during this past year. However, we still need more Guides. This seems a fitting time to thank our Guides who are doing such a fine work in our companies and packs.

Social Get-together
In recognition of the Guides' services, the Joint Local Associations of this Province again this year, helped sponsor a Guides-Scouters ball at the Charlottetown Hotel. This social get-together is much appreciated and enjoyed by the Guides. We would thank the Boy Scout Association for their co-operation in making this a successful event.

This spring brought the passing of one of our most dedicated and esteemed Guides, Mrs. William Rowe. Her memory and influence will live on long in the hearts of her fellow Guides.

During the past year our Provincial Executive held regular monthly meetings. Good attendance was assured by our faithful telephone committee — Mrs. C.G. Duffy, Mrs. R.H. Rogers and Mrs. James Blake.

Our first semi-annual meeting of the Provincial Girl Guides Association was held in October at Government House with our Chief Commissioner, Mrs. Wishart, as guest speaker, and your Provincial Commissioner gave a report on the Dominion Annual Meeting of the Girl Guides Association.

Now I would like to comment very briefly on the different Departments. For those who are not too familiar with our work I should say that the Departments or Provincial Committees each serves a need inherent in all companies; e.g. our Provincial Camp Committee helps the Guides plan for camp; our Provincial Training Committee helps our leaders to become trained etc.

To speak of our Camp Committee, Miss Suzanne MacKinnon, Provincial Camp Advisor, is doing a very good job with a most difficult department. Camping in Canada today, is in a state of flux, standards are being raised and we would like to meet these demands. In fact, we must if we are to hold our own. But it is difficult to know how we can best plan ahead with our small number and limited pocket-book.

Our Finance Committee, under the chairmanship of Mrs. D.M. McGuire during the past year, has most successfully organized a new finance project to meet our Provincial expenses. We also gratefully acknowledge a generous donation from the Provincial Government towards our work.

International Minded

We have become more international minded during the past year due to the efforts of Miss Gladys Hart, our new International Commissioner. You will be glad to know that Miss Hart has recently been commended for her initiative and efficiency by the Dominion International Commissioner, Mrs. Glanville.

Our sincere thanks go to Mrs. Morton Dew and her Hospitality Committee for attending to the social side of our Provincial functions.

Next we come to our Training Committee, which is under the direction of Mrs. G.E. Hartlen. The weekly training classes held this spring for Guides and Brownie leaders, were the most successful we have had for many years. Much credit is due to Mrs. (Hazel) Cromie (Blue Diplomat Guide), Miss Suzanne MacKinnon, and Mrs. Fred Pickard, who arranged such interesting and profitable leadership courses. Our Field Secretary, Mrs. F.S. Jenkins is constantly on the move, helping town and country companies alike, in addition to her many office duties.

The Commissioner of Public Relations has the most important duty of interpreting Guiding to the Public and also of keeping the Guides informed of each others activities. Miss Lillian Duchemin has done this exceptionally well. She also had the extra responsibility this year of arranging all publicity for our Chief Commissioner's visit. I can't tell you how helpful

Guide Rally Last Evening

One of the most enthusiastic and well-attended rallies in years was held last evening in St. Paul's Hall by the Queen's County Guides and Brownies.

Almost 300 attended to see the film made by the Girl Scouts of America on "World Friendship". Loaned by the National Film Board, the film tells the story of three girls from Brazil, Canada and the U. S. A. through whose eyes is seen the World Conference in action. The film made a very deep impression on all those present, showing as it did, the power of true friendship.

The film was shown by Division Commissioner Miss Iphigene Arsenault, and was commented on by Miss Lillian Duchemin, Public Relations Commissioner. Miss Gladys Hart, International Commissioner presided at the Rally, and a sing song was led by Provincial Camp Advisor Miss Suzanne MacKinnon. The evening concluded with Evening Song and Taps after which the Rally was dismissed by Miss Arsenault.

But then at the age of twelve, our Brownie turns Guide. If she has passed the necessary tests, she files up to Guides. We dislike the word test, but for want of a better one, will use it. The flying up ceremony, complete with golden wings, is one of the most unforgettable experiences a little girl can have. In one group the Brownies sing farewell to their comrades, who half sadly, half gladly go over to the Guide company, who welcome her with warmth and ceremony. Our new recruit finds quite a different atmosphere in the Guide Company, and she is usually quite ready for the change. In the Guide Company, we have a more down to earth programme. The magic is gone but the spirit of fun still prevails or it should. Here we have a different type of leadership. The wonderful infan-

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CROOKED RIVER, Sask.—(CP)—The Board of Trade has obtained five acres of land adjacent to this village and will build a sports ground.

libe Brown Owl now is replaced by the Guide, the older sister who sees her Guides as much responsibility as possible. The more responsibility the Guides can be persuaded to take in the running of their programme, the better job the Guide is doing.

Out-door Activity Important
Then we hope that in every company our Guides are gaining a love and knowledge of the great out-doors. Certainly this is one of (Continued on Page 8)

Conservatives Open Fire On U. K. Budget

LONDON, April 19 — (CP) — The Conservative Opposition in the House of Commons today opened its criticism of Sir Stafford Cripps' "as you were" budget with a charge that the Government "seems unable or totally unwilling to control public expenditure."

R. A. Butler opened the debate on the budget introduced yesterday by the Chancellor of the Exchequer with the prediction that Britain is heading into "grave difficulties."

The House was packed with Labor members, alert against any snap vote which might unseat the Government. But Butler's top-flight Conservative, concentrated on a detailed discussion of the Government's financial policy.

Some criticism of the Chancellor also was expressed earlier at a meeting of the Parliamentary Labor Party, where Sir Stafford gave a further outline of the budget which made little concession to the taxpayer beyond some minor income tax relief.

Some members said they felt more concrete action should have been taken to bring down the cost of living and appease 5,000,000 trade unionists who are growing increasingly restless under the Government's wage-freezing policy.

However, no party crisis developed and the Government seemed sure of 100 per cent support in the Commons, where its majority is a meagre four.

TO ATTEND MANOEUVRES

OTTAWA, April 18 — (CP) — Defence Minister Claxton today announced he has accepted an invitation from United States Defence Secretary Louis Johnson to attend U. S. army manoeuvres at Fort Benning, Ga., and a U. S. Air Force demonstration at Elgin, Fla., next Friday and Saturday.

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