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## A Happy New Year.

"The Woman's Leader," unpretentious though it is, can claim regular readers in every continent of the world. To all these we send a New Year greeting. As the organ of the Townswomen's Guilds it is our privilege to link together in a bond of common interest women far divided in space. We have been able to obtain some messages from representatives of the Guild movement, to hand on to their co-workers in all parts of the Country.

### From the President of the National Union of Guilds for Citizenship :—



*I am delighted to use our own paper to wish A Happy New Year to all my fellow-members of the Townswomen's Guilds.*

*Many of us are glad to let 1932 go, unhonoured and unsung. Through its long months we have watched with increasing anxiety growing unemployment, heavier debts and failure to disarm.*

*Let us face 1933 with brave determination to make our Guilds the centre of that personal service for which our Prince pleads. We know "the perfect Guild" depends on each one of us giving generously and taking freely its lively friendship, stimulus and inspiration. We have many New Year Resolutions. I suggest we add one more: to double the number of our Guilds, to double the number of our members, to double our interest in our own Guild.*

*"Wider, ever wider, Let our bounds be set," and make of 1933 a year happier and richer through the golden chain of Guilds from Land's End to John o' Groat's.*

**Margery I. Corbett Ashby.**

Our two most northerly Guilds, Thurso and Wick, have each sent a message :—

### From Thurso :—

*Thurso Townswomen's Guild, the northernmost in the country, sends New Year Greetings to Sister Guilds in Scotland and across the Border. Although so far away the members are most keenly interested in the work and welfare of other Guilds and very anxious to keep in touch with them.*

**J. Murray,**  
Hony. Secretary.

### From Wick.

*The Wick Townswomen's Guild sends greetings to her Sister Guilds and wishes them, one and all, a Happy and Prosperous Year.*

**M. C. Robertson,** President.

Here is a message from our most Southerly Guild :—

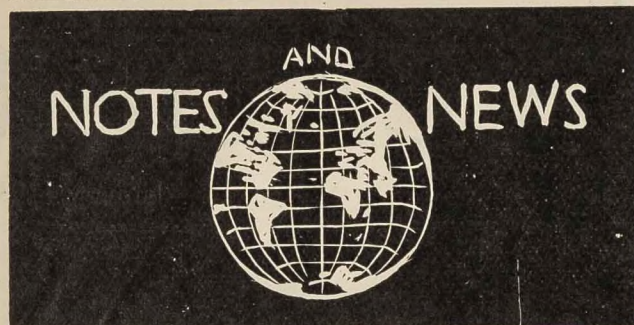
*"The first requisite to happiness is that a man be born in a famous city."*

*From their famous city the newly formed Central Plymouth Townswomen's Guild delight in the opportunity given them of sending a message of fellowship and good wishes to readers of The Woman's Leader all over the country. We have a membership of 48, and 32 of these have ordered The Woman's Leader for 1933, some being members of the same household. Here's to 1933.*

**Nan Potts,** Chairman.

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#### H.M. THE KING'S CHRISTMAS BROADCAST.

*Through one of the marvels of modern science I am enabled this Christmas Day to speak to all my peoples throughout the Empire. I take it as a good omen that wireless should have reached its present perfection at a time when the Empire has been linked in closer union, for it offers us immense possibilities to make that union closer still.*

*It may be that our future will lay upon us more than one stern test. Our past will have taught us how to meet it unshaken. For the present, the work to which we are all equally bound is to arrive at a reasoned tranquillity within our borders, to regain prosperity without self-seeking, and to carry with us those whom the burden of past years has disheartened or overborne.*

*My life's aim has been to serve as I might towards those ends. Your loyalty, your confidence in me, has been my abundant reward.*

*I speak now from my home and from my heart to you all. To men and women so cut off by the snows, the desert or the sea, that only voices out of the air can reach them; to those cut off from fuller life by blindness, sickness or infirmity, and to those who are celebrating this day with their children and grandchildren—to all, to each, I wish a happy Christmas. God bless you.*

#### THE LEAGUE'S NEW ORGANISATION.

On December 27th the International Relief Union came into existence. The Union was set up by a Convention and Statute drawn up by the League of Nations and signed in 1927. It did not come into operation earlier because it failed to secure the requisite number of ratifications. It has now been ratified by 26 States, including our own. The purpose of the Union is to afford assistance to States stricken by disaster beyond the capacity of the State to cope with unaided, such as a great earthquake or floods. Each State will subscribe a small sum, based on the units which it pays to the League, but most of the funds will come from voluntary sources. The Union will have its headquarters at Geneva and its work will be so organised that it will be possible to rush aid to a stricken country without waiting for the result of an appeal to the public.

#### THE HOUSING PROBLEM.

The Minister of Health, Sir E. Hilton Young, has recently presented a new Housing Bill. Its main objects are the abolition of the subsidy for new building and to encourage the building of smaller houses by private enterprise. The subsidy is to continue for slum clearance and the reconditioning of rural cottages. Supporters of the Government say that an economic rent is now possible owing to cheaper money, falls in costs of building and a new demand for investment in working-class houses, and that therefore, the question of subsidy needs to be reconsidered. Others, in the recent debate in the House, showed grave doubts whether private enterprise can cope with the huge task of providing sufficient houses at rents which are possible for tenants to pay. Since the war 1,961,000 houses have been built in Great Britain, of which 1,101,000 have been built with the aid of a subsidy. At least 800,000 more houses are necessary if the large population at present existing under miserable conditions are to be given decent houses. In London alone at least 100,000 people are living in cellars.

#### To Secretaries.

**We are printing extra copies this month so that all Guild members may have their President's message. Please send for an additional supply.**

#### VOLUNTARY HOUSING TRUSTS.

Dealing with the work of voluntary Housing Trusts at a meeting last month, Miss Calkin, Hon. Secretary of the Southwark Housing Association, showed that the aim of these bodies was the provision of decent homes at a rent sufficiently low to meet the need of those who could not afford the rents charged for houses built by private enterprise and by many local authorities. The Housing Problem was closely linked up with Town Planning, and the countryside could be preserved if there was adequate planning between the various authorities. Miss Calkin urged the establishment of garden cities, where the factory was near the home and good conditions existed. Voluntary Housing Associations had done much in obtaining publicity for existing conditions. Surveys, such as the one made in Westminster, and Exhibitions brought home to the public the urgency of the question. It would be useful if a survey could be undertaken to show the number of people who must live near the centre of London for the purpose of their employment. The information was not available and it would be valuable for many schemes.

**Please aim at taking at least 12 more copies of "The W.L." in your Guild this year. BEGIN WITH THE JANUARY NUMBER.**

#### THE HEALTH OF THE SCHOOL CHILD.

The Annual Report of the chief Medical Officer of the Board of Education (H.M. Stationery Office, 2/6) for the year 1931 is of absorbing interest. At present every child attending a public elementary school passes through the hands of the school doctor at least three times in the course of its school life, and even with this small amount of attention the achievements are remarkable. An interesting point in this report is Sir G. Newman's criticism of the increase in the number of operations for the removal of tonsils. It is satisfactory to read that in spite of the wide-spread unemployment there is no evidence that mal-nutrition is increasing among children.

#### SAFETY FIRST.

The National Safety First Association, (119, Victoria St., S.W.1.) has issued a most practical leaflet of notes on the prevention of accidents in the home. In 1930, 7,000 deaths, nearly half the accidental deaths in this country, occurred in the home and in everyday pursuits. This leaflet gives practical instructions how to avoid falls and knocks, burns and conflagrations, scalds, poisons, drowning and electric shock. It would be a very useful basis for a T.G. Talk.

#### THE POST WAR GENERATION DEMANDS DISARMAMENT.

In his recent speech in the House of Commons Mr. Baldwin issued a challenge to the youth of this country; they will make their answer plain at a Post War Generation Meeting on Disarmament which is being organised by the Women's International League and which will be held at the Guildhouse, Eccleston Square, on Tuesday, January 31st at 8 p.m. Among those who have already promised to speak are Mr. "Bunny" Austin, Mr. Vyvyan Adams M.P. and Mr. Maurice Webb. Other speakers who will be announced later will include young people who have distinguished themselves in various walks of life. On the platform there will be young men and women representing the Churches, music, art, literature, the theatre, the cinema and sport.

#### ALL-ENGLISH FLOUR.

We have received a copy of a leaflet issued by the Ministry of Agriculture containing recipes for the baking of cakes, scones, pastry and bread with National Mark All-English flour. The leaflet points out that pure white is not the normal colour of natural wheat flour or bread made from such flour and can generally be obtained only by artificial bleaching. Unbleached white flour as it leaves the mill generally approaches the colour of rich cream and seems to preserve the natural bloom of the freshly-milled grain in all its attractiveness. Biscuit-makers consistently use a very large proportion of all-English wheat flour in the manufacture of their products, and the greater

use of such flour for other purposes would be of considerable assistance to English wheat growers at the present time. The National Mark applied to a bag of all-English flour guarantees that the flour is derived exclusively from English wheat and milled to a definite standard of quality, that it has not been bleached by artificial means and that, apart from certain constituents added to the self-raising variety in order to make it rise, it is free from any added substances. National Mark flour therefore preserves the full characteristic colour and flavour of good, clean, home-grown wheat and can be relied upon to give satisfaction. This leaflet should be of value for use in cookery competitions arranged by Guilds. We understand that cookery demonstrations illustrating the qualities of National Mark flour are being held by Gas and Electricity Supply Authorities in certain towns in the East Midlands and Eastern Counties this winter.

#### PERSONAL SERVICE.

People who are not definitely linked up with any agency for helping those less fortunate than themselves cannot do better than get into communication with the Personal Service League at its central depot, 37, Grosvenor Place, S.W.1. To quote Lady Reading: "The aim of this League is to help the terrible want in the distressed areas by providing clothing for the unemployed. Old clothes, your old sheets, towels and curtains, your old hats, boots and blankets are wanted. We are not asking for money, we beg for the "throw-outs" of your cupboards. Anything and everything, half a skein of wool, an unfinished reel of cotton, even holey stockings will do. Nothing is too poor, nothing is too old."

#### THE SCHOOL CHILD AND THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Parties of children attending the elementary schools in Stoke-on-Trent have been visiting the children's departments of the municipal libraries. Each department has the open access system, so that the children can go round the shelves and select their own books. About 30 children have gone with each party and the librarian has given a talk on how a library should be used.

#### THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

By JOHN J. CLARKE, M.A., F.S.S., Barrister-at-law.

Every woman who is seriously interested in citizenship and in the work of local authorities in this country needs this standard work. It explains exactly what powers are vested in a municipality, indicates the methods of administration and gives a thorough all-round knowledge of the workings of the chief local government departments. Seventh edition 846 pp. 12/6 net.

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## THE THEATRE.

Through lack of space we are unable to print any theatrical notes this month. Those of our readers visiting London will find full particulars in our December number. We strongly recommend anyone who can do so to visit "The Merry Wives of Windsor" at the Winter Garden Theatre, Drury Lane, W.C.2. The All Star Cast of this play includes Oscar Asche, Phyllis Neilson-Terry, Sir Frank Benson and Dorothy Holmes-Gore. Of special interest for our readers is the fact that the play is presented by Mr. Gervase Hughes, our Woman's Leader Dramatic and Musical Critic. The seats are at popular prices. Go early!

## NOTES FROM WESTMINSTER

BY

Gross Bench.

The usual gorgeous ceremonial in the Lords marked the opening of this Session. It is a pity that so few can see it. The Peers in their scarlet robes, flanked on either side by Peeresses mostly coroneted and blazing with jewels; a block of the diplomatic corps of all nations, many in uniforms and with breasts covered with medals; bewigged judges in the front rows; the faithful Commons crowded in the top gallery and in a sort of pen at the rear; the whole assembly rising to its feet when the royal dukes take their places, the Prince of Wales coming last and seating himself in a small throne that looks like a child's chair next to that of his parents; lastly, the lowering of the lights and the blaze up which marks the entry of the procession itself and the royal couple followed by their train-bearers; then the Speech itself, read by His Majesty in his low clear voice and in about ten minutes all is over. The contrast later suggested by Mr. Lansbury between this magnificent scene and the conditions of gloom in the homes of the poor and unemployed was probably more or less in everyone's mind. But I doubt whether even Socialist Governments will ever have the heart to get rid of this historic English ceremonial. Perhaps they will take steps to ensure that more can enjoy it.

Of the legislation foreshadowed we have had only a foretaste. The London Transport Bill, inherited from the previous Government is already on the Statute Book and the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill will follow it. But the two most generally important measures—that concerning rent restriction and the Bill which

abolishes housing subsidies (except for slum clearance) have only been read a second time. Further stages must await our re-assembling after Christmas. In the first Bill, every social student must welcome the provision which prevents the decontrolling of small houses as soon as they are vacated. This decontrolling has tended to keep the houses concerned in the hands of tenants who could well afford to move to new Council houses, leaving the old ones for the poor. But Local Authorities have been obliged to discourage this, because it would merely have led to the raising of the rent of the old houses. Now we shall hope to see some "filtering up." But the rest of this and also the Housing Subsidy Bill are causing many qualms among housing experts, who doubt whether "private enterprise" will satisfactorily take the place of the work hitherto done by Local Authorities, even though that has fallen short in the matter of housing the poorer wage-earners with children to support.

Lately, the question of the American Debt has overshadowed all else. We had a full-dress oratorical battle about it, with all the big guns blazing away, but no casualties (unless possibly in reputations), since there was no division.

We are to work, as usual, down to the eve of Christmas and then adjourn, to constituencies or holidays as the case may be, till February 7th.

"Colour Pattern for Embroidery" by Anne Brandon-Jones (Pitman & Sons Ltd., 12/6) is a charming and instructive book which shows us how to beautify the home through a knowledge of simple stitchery combined with a love of colour. The common types of stitches in their infinitely varied forms are accompanied by beautiful colour plates and clear and helpful diagrams. Stitches, Borders, All-Over Patterns and Close Fillings, the marking, spacing and building up of geometrical designs by means of the canvas gauge show the most inexperienced needlewoman how to dispense with transfers and to construct her own effective patterns. Advice is given on suitable materials, balance of colour and pattern planning. The beginner, whether housewife or pupil, will derive immense satisfaction from the creation of delightful designs, the more advanced will find plenty to stimulate to further activity. A charming book as a gift or to be shared by a working party of friends.  
E.F.J.

The cost of this page is a New Year's Gift to the Woman's Leader from the Malvern S.E.C.

## WOMEN IN 1932.

Contributed by the London and National Society for Women's Service.

Though the year 1932 can hardly be regarded as a cheerful one, and the outlook for women workers especially has been depressing, the prevailing gloom has been lightened fitfully by some brilliant flashes.

Seventeen women—a greater number than ever before—attended the League of Nations Assembly in an official capacity, Poland, Czecho-Slovakia and Spain sending women delegates for the first time. The Disarmament Conference in February included women representatives from Great Britain, Canada, the United States and Germany. It was at this meeting that the dramatic presentation of petitions containing signatures in favour of disarmament from 56 countries was made by the Disarmament Committee of the Women's International Organisations, an organisation representing 45,000,000 women.

Against this, however, must be set our disappointed hopes at the rejection by the Juridical Committee of the League Assembly of the demand of women for the revision of Articles 8 to 11 of the Hague Nationality Convention in such a way as to give women equality of nationality rights with men.

Our 15 women M.P.'s. have done much useful though not sensational work. In the field of Local Government, Scotland has for the first time elected three women Provosts, and no less than 15 English towns have elected women Mayors. The L.C.C. has for the second time elected a woman vice-chairman, the honour this time having been conferred on Dame Beatrix Hudson-Lyall. New ground has been broken in public municipal appointments by the appointment of Mrs. D. H. May as Clerk to the Saxmundham U.D.C.

Possibly in order to keep pace with the increased skill of female criminals, Scotland Yard has allotted three women police to work in connection with the C.I.D. in the West End of London.

In the Civil Service, a woman barrister, Miss Wall, will now take part in solving the knotty problems in criminal law arising at the Home Office, being the first of her sex to hold an administrative post with the full rank of Principal in this Department. In the Board of Trade, Miss Alix Kilroy has also been promoted Principal. She is the first woman entering the Civil Service by competitive examination to attain this rank.



Photograph kindly lent by "The Woman Engineer."

The Ministry of Labour has appointed Miss K. M. Walls as manager of the important Employment Exchange for both sexes at Shoreditch, and in the same Ministry an important innovation has been made by the retention on marriage "in the interest of the public service" of Miss Richmond, a higher clerical officer. Among Colonial Office appointments, three more nursing sisters have been sent to Central Africa, where their influence will help to drive the witch doctor more and more into the bush.

In the Anglican Church, the Archbishops have set up a Commission on which there are four women members to consider the admission of women to the priesthood. Similar commissions previously set up by the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches have not yet finally reported.

In medicine, Mrs. Martin, the mother of three children, has been awarded the degree of Master of Surgery. She is only the sixth woman to

attain this distinction. A woman, Mrs. Harvey, has been appointed to the responsible official position of Secretary to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

At the International Congress of Prehistoric and Protohistoric Sciences Miss Caton-Thompson received a remarkable ovation when she described how she and Miss Gardner, who accompanied her as geologist, explored the dried-up Kharga Oasis, superintending the while 200 Arab workmen. Here they discovered the site of water-springs used by man probably 35,000 years ago, a discovery which may be destined to have a profound effect on the understanding of those remote ages. To another woman archaeologist, Mrs. Eugenie Strong, has fallen the very rare distinction of election to the honorary membership of the Accademia di San Luca.

Miss Flower has just made history at Oxford by winning the blue ribbon of classical scholarship, the Craven.

The sudden death in October of Miss Winifred Crompton, assistant keeper in the Department of Egyptology in the Manchester Museum, after many years of devoted service, was a sad blow to the University of Manchester. She has been succeeded by Miss Mary Shaw, who is one of the few women in the country holding the degree of M.A. in Egyptology. Another interesting Museum appointment is that of Miss M. R. J. Edwards as official guide-lecturer at the Natural History Museum, South Kensington. She is the first woman guide-lecturer to be appointed by the Trustees of the British Museum.

To Miss M. A. Agar, a landscape architect, has been given the fascinating work of beautifying Wimbledon Common, and another unusual "open-air" job is held by Mrs. Parsloe, who is probably the only woman gamekeeper in the country.

Turning to the Arts, we have to record that the University of London has for the first time conferred the degree of Doctor of Music on a woman, Miss Edith Bathurst, Miss Avril Coleridge-Taylor has had the unusual experience of conducting the band of the Royal Marines at one of their weekly concerts at Chatham. In February, Miss Stella Benson's *Tobit Transplanted* was unanimously awarded the Femina Vie Heureuse Prize, and in June the James Tait Black Memorial Prize for the best novel of the year and the Hawthornden Prize both went to Miss Kate O'Brien for her novel *Without My Cloak*.

During the year two German films memorable alike for their beauty and interest have been produced by women, Leontine Sagan's *Madchen In Uniform* and *The Blue Light* by the 25 year old Leni Riefenstahl.

And finally, to wind up the achievements of the year 1932, we have Mrs. Mollison's great record-breaking flights between England and Cape Town.

## I WOULDN'T BE MY WIFE, NOT FOR A FORTUNE.

BY

A Husband Who Tried It.

I have just completed three weeks of the most gruelling course of experience any man can be called upon to endure: I have been taking my wife's place in her absence.

Not lightly would I again undergo three such weeks of physical and nervous exhaustion. Yet, though I have surrendered my annual three-weeks' holiday to take over the routine of the home, I count myself fortunate in having gone through to the end with it.

The experience has given me an understanding into my wife's daily difficulties which no amount of sympathy or imagination would visualise. To the end of marriage, I might have walked complacently, as millions of husbands do, ignorant of what life means to their partners.

Every husband should take over the entire reins of the home for at least a fortnight. If necessary he should give up a holiday for it. It would be worth while, for it would open his eyes, answer a hundred irritating questions, and give a solid basis of understanding to his marriage.

Because of mental wear and tear my wife went to a rest home for three weeks. It was costly but we thought it worth while devoting our holiday money to it. Eight out of ten wives could do with similar annual relaxation. Our boy, age four, was in the middle of the throes of whooping cough, necessitating hourly risings in the night watches to extract phlegm and lymph. The situation, therefore, was nicely developed from the point of view of one anxious to learn the complexities of housewifery and motherhood.

We husbands have not the faintest idea of a woman's work. We don't understand the mental and nervous stress of it, the continual planning of time and cash, the bracing up to meet the thousand-and-one harassments and petty annoyances. Personally, I wouldn't bear it: and I don't think many other men would bear it.

A man's job—even mine, which is journalism—is straightforward. Even if, as in my case, he has no settled hours of work and may be called upon to work evening and week-ends, nevertheless he knows what his work is. His energies are directed to a definite end. He is not called upon to write an article, drop his pen half-way through, clean the baby's nose, resume writing, jump up to save the fish from burning, open the door to a chance hawker, go back to his article, turn the fish, take the baby for a necessary process upstairs, come back to pay the milkman and the newspaper man . . . and so on.

A housewife is continually being buffeted about from one chance incident to another and must rule them all with her personality. It is a routine form. There is nothing about it which you can bite into. Probably in the matter of time and physical energy the work put in by her is hardly equal to fifty per cent. of her husband's. But in the matter of nervous work I should say it is equivalent to that of Mussolini, Mr. Gordon Selfridge, the House Surgeon of the London Hospital, and Mr. C. B. Cochran, combined.

I can imagine my fellowmen trying to get on with a day's work whilst answering the ceaseless questionings of Master Four-Year-Old: Daddy, why do you write with a long pen and not with a short pen? Why are you writing? Who are you writing to? When will you be finished writing? Why will the ink spill if I turn the bottle upside down?

And stories. I thought I had a modicum of imagination but I was drained dry in three days.

Ye gods! And mothers have to keep their patience and run a home under the stress of it. I have, myself, a question to ask: Why don't women collapse, become nervous, hysterical, sharp-tempered?

But the answer is that they do. Feminine nature has an age-old reputation for temperamentalism. My theory is that this trait of theirs is wholly artificial. Let man change places, and the "stronger" sex would become just as temperamental and nervous—more so, if anything. Strong, silent husbands would turn into nagging, carping bundles of worry, and men who boasted of their capacities for spare-time hard mental fare would relax, in the evenings, with a sigh to the latest Ethel M. Dell or wireless vaudeville inanity.

Talking about strong, silent men reminds me of something else. All day our wives are isolated from the mainstream of life, cloistered in some suburban side-street, without an opportunity of inhaling a breath of boisterous personality or achievement, such as we sometimes experience, even in the most patriarchal office. Like most housewives my social contacts during those interesting three weeks comprised Master Four-Year-Old, the lady each side the garden fence, the milkman, the baker, the fishmonger, the fruiterer, the insurance collector, and the grocer's traveller.

After a day of almost haunted silence a woman looks forward eagerly at night to learning of the outside world. Instead she hears the steady champing of strong silent jaws upon a punctually-served dinner, and then her hero of the stern outer world disappears behind his newspaper in the innards of a radio set; and that's her evening's enjoyment socially. *Why do wives leave home?*

In future, if I don't speak one thousand words per day of hot, palpitating, front-page news, may my wife spend her evenings at the pictures and let me get my own dinner.

I have said that men would not tolerate the life, and I am glad to think that they would not. To me, house-keeping is the most frightful waste of human potentialities even enjoyed. The colossal expenditure of nervous energy devoted to a routine of petty details is appalling in its sheer riot of waste. Here are millions of grown men and women, educated to a greater or less degree, experienced in the ways of life, with qualities of management, sacrifice, insight, sympathy, yet enslaved within a few square feet of mortared brick, spending their whole lives doing odd little jobs which a schoolgirl could master in a few weeks.

Nursery schools and communal kitchens are the way out: they would be for men, at any rate.

*(We are not sure that we 'would be' the writer of this article, when the husbands of some of our readers find out who has been putting such ideas into their wives heads.—Ed. W.L.)*

## SUSSEX KNITTING COMPETITION.

We are being more sensible as the years go by over children's clothes but still we see two extremes. Children going to school looking as if they were stuffed into their clothes with far too many on or so thinly clad that they are pinched and unhappy. One of the Vancouver Isle tribes of Indians has solved the problem, they knit the wool with some of the natural oil left in. This gives more protection against wind and rain than the ordinary knitting wools. This wool can be obtained from The Rhondda Valley Weavers, Maes yr Haf, Trealew, 5/- lb. 3/6 worth will make a small person's Coat. No. 11 aluminium needles are the best for this wool. Join the competition and you may win the silver mug offered for the best child's school jersey. You may copy this pattern or improve on it. It may be made in cream or natural or both. It must not be washed before the competition; if the natural oil is to be left in it can be washed when necessary in cool water and soap flakes. Competition open to T.G. members only in Sussex. Decision must rest with the Judges. Postage must be sent with the garment with the name and address attached before February 24th, to Mrs. Goodman, Newick Lodge, Nr. Lewes, Sussex.

CHILD'S SPORTS COAT ;

4—6 years).



*Joining Seams.*—See the nobs (formed by the K. stitch at end of each row) at edge of seam are opposite each other correctly. With darning-needle take one notch from front, one from back, and so on alternately till the end, giving a back stitch with needle every now and again to prevent wool used for joining from pulling. This makes a very flat seam. Do not oversew seams, it makes too hard a line. It is a good plan to pin seams to knee or table, as it ensures accuracy.

Always slip first stitch, though not specially mentioned.

*Casting off.*—To cast off so that edge looks the same as the edge cast on—knit first two stitches together, and replace the stitch on left-hand needle with rest of stitches. Repeat this loosely till all stitches have disappeared. Slip wool through last stitch and finish off.

Odd no. rows right side; even no. rows wrong side.

3 needles, size 8.

2 or 4 needles, size 11 or 12.

3 buttons.

4-ply wool (6 oz.).

*Pattern.*—Plain K. right side; P. 6, K. 2 wrong side, not counting 1 extra stitch each end for seam which must always be K. (slip as K. at beginning of each row).

*Fronts*

(Both same up to armholes).

- Row.
1. Cast on 48 sts.
  2. K. 48 (K. behind every alternate row to prevent too much stretch.
  - 3-16 incl. Rib: K. 1, P. 1 (14 rows).
  17. K. 36. With darning run a bit of coloured wool through the last 24 sts. just knitted, leaving end each side to mark out pocket up sides when knitted (will be pulled out when pocket complete).
  - Cont. K. 12. 48
  18. K. 1, \*P. 6, K. 2. Rep. from \* till 1 st. remains. K. 1. 48
  19. K. 48.
  20. K. 1, P. 6, \*K. 2, P. 6. Rep. from \* till 1 st. remains. K. 1.
  - Rep. rows 19 and 20, 10 times each (20 rows).
  41. K. 14, \*K. 1, P. 1. Rep. from \* 9 times. K. 14. 48
  42. K. 1, P. 6, K. 2, P. 5, \*K. 1, P. 1. Rep. from \* 9 times. P. 5, K. 2, P. 6, K. 1. 48
  - Rep. rows 41 and 42, 3 times each (6 rows).
  49. K. 14. Cast off 20 sts. K. 14 (incl. stitch on needle). This makes top of pocket.
- Take darning and run wool (in row 17) up under alternate stitches each side up, to cast off stitches top of pocket.

*Pockets.*

Take another ball of wool; wrong side facing, fold rib edge back on to coat; join wool right-hand side, where wool is run up side.

## Row.

1. K. up 24 sts. along coloured wool.
  2. K. 1, P. 2, K. 2, P. 6, K. 2, P. 6, K. 2, P. 2. Pick up stitch by wool outlining pocket up side and purl together with last stitch. 24
  3. K. 23. Slip last stitch on needle. Pick up 1 st. by wool outlining side of pocket. Purl it together with last stitch.
- Rep. rows 2 and 3 (corresponding to rib of coat) till back of pocket reaches top edge, finishing after knitting plain row. Break wool and finish neatly; pull coloured wool out.

## Row.

*Fronts (contd.)*

50. Start wrong side with original ball of wool. K. 1, P. 6, K. 2, P. 3, with each of the next 2 P. sts. P. together with 2 st. from behind; this strengthens pocket where it joins main coat.
- Cont.: P. 1, K. 2, P. 6, K. 2, P. 6, K. 2, P. 1. P. each of the next 2 sts. with 1 st. from behind, as other side of pocket. P. 3, K. 2, P. 6, K. 1. 48
51. K. 48.
52. K. 1, pattern till 1 st. remains, K. 1.
- Rep. rows 51 and 52, 19 times each (38 rows).

Row *Left Front*

91. K. 4, sl. these sts. on safety-pin for armhole. K. 1, K. 2 tog., K. 38, K. 2 tog., K. 1. 42
92. K. 1, P. 5, in pattern till 2 sts. remain, P. 1, K. 1. 42
93. K. 1, K. 2 tog., K. 36, K. 2 tog., K. 1. 40
94. K. 1, P. 4 in pattern till 3 sts. remain, K. 1, P. 1, K. 1.

Row *Right Front*

91. K. 1, K. 2 tog., K. 38 K. 2 tog., K. 1. Sl. last 4 sts. on safety-pin. Turn. 42
92. K. 1, P. 1, in pattern till 6 sts. remain, P. 5, K. 1. 42
93. K. 1, K. 2 tog., K. 36 K. 2 tog., K. 1. 40
94. K. 1, P. 1, K. 1, pattern till 5 sts. remain, P. 4, K. 1.

Cont. dec. every alt. row till 34 sts. remain (5 rows), watching carefully to keep in pattern as far as possible, allowing for dec. Always K. first and last stitches both sides.

Row *Left Front—contd.*

100. K. 1, P. 1 in pattern till 6 sts. remain. P. 5, K. 1. 34
101. K. 31, K. 2 tog., K. 1. 33
102. K. 3, cont. in pattern till 6 sts. remain, P. 5, K. 1. 33
- Cont. dec. as last 2 rows, keeping to pattern. K. first and last stitches always both ends till 20 sts. remain, 13 times each (26 rows).
131. K. 17, K. 2 tog., K. 1. 19
132. K. 1, P. 2, K. 2. Turn. 19
133. K. 5. Turn. 19
134. K. 1, P. 2, K. 2, P. 5. Turn. 19
135. K. 10. 19
136. K. 1, P. 2, K. 2, P. 6, K. 2, P. 2. Turn. 19
137. K. 15. 19
138. K. 1, P. 2, K. 2, P. 6, K. 2, P. 1. 19

Row *Right Front—contd.*

100. K. 1, P. 5 in pattern till 2 sts. remain. P. 1, K. 1. 34
101. K. 1, K. 2, tog., K. 31. 33
102. K. 1, P. 5 in pattern till 3 sts. remain, K. 3. 33
- Cont. dec. as last 2 rows, keeping to pattern. K. first and last stitches, always both ends, till 20 sts. remain, 13 times each (26 rows).
131. K. 1, K. 2 tog., K. 17. 19
132. Pattern. 19
133. K. 5. Turn. 19
134. K. 2, P. 2, K. 1. 19
135. K. 10. Turn. 19
136. P. 5, K. 2, P. 2, K. 1. 19
137. K. 15. 19
138. P. 2, K. 2, P. 6, K. 2, P. 2, K. 1. 15
139. K. 19. (1 row more than left front.)

These two shoulders now ready to graft to back shoulders (or cast off, join).

## Row.

*Back.*

1. Cast on 80 sts.
2. K. 80. K. behind every alternate St.
- 3-16. Rib: K. 1, P. 1 (14 rows).
17. K. 80.
18. K. 1, P. 6, \*K. 2, P. 6. Cont. from \*, K. last stitch. Rep. rows 17 and 18, 36 times each (72 rows).
91. K. 4. Sl. these on safety-pin. Cont. K. to end. 76
92. K. 1, P. 3. Sl. these on safety-pin, P. 3, K. 2. Pattern to end. 72
93. K. 1, K. 2 tog., K. 66, K. 2 tog., K. 1. 70
94. K. 1, P. 1. Pattern to end. K. last st. Rep. rows 93 and 94 till 62 sts. remain (8 rows). Be sure and keep to pattern after each decrease, seeing first and last stitches are always K.
103. K. 62.
104. K. 1, P. 5. Pattern. K. last st. Rep. rows 103 and 104, 11 times each (22 rows).

*Shoulders*

127. K. 22. Cast off 18 sts. K. 17. Turn, leaving 5 sts. on needle.
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|---|--|
| Row <i>Left</i>                                 | Row <i>Right</i>   |
| 128. K. 3, P. 6, K. 2, P. 5, K. 1. 22           | 128. Join wool by neck wrong side, K. 1, P. 5, K. 2, P. 6 K. 2, P. 1. Turn, leaving 5 sts. on left-hand needle. 22 |
| 129. K. 1, K. 2 tog., K. 9. Turn, leaving 10sts | 129. K. 14, K. 2 tog., K. 1 21   |

## BAND FOR FRONTS AND NECK.

Size 11 or 12 needles.

Cast on 12 sts. Rib: K. 1, P. 1 for 3 inches.

Button-holes as follows:—

130. K. 1, P. 4, K. 2, P. 4. Turn, leaving 10sts. on left-hand needle.
  131. K. 8, K. 2 tog., K. 1. 20
- Left—contd.*
- Row
132. Slip 1 as P., P. 3, K. 1.
  133. K. 1, K. 2 tog., K. 17. Turn.
  134. K. 1, P. 5, K. 2, P. 6, K. 2, P. 2, K. 1. 19
- Break wool long enough to graft. Tie to end of wool left front, and graft
- Right—contd.*
- Row
132. K. 1, P. 3, K. 1. Turn, leaving 15 sts. on left-hand needle.
  133. K. 2, K. 2 tog., K. 1.
  134. K. 1, P. 2, K. 2, P. 6, K. 2, P. 5, K. 1. 19
- Break off wool long enough to graft. Tie with end arm hole side right front and graft
- Join up seams. Sew band round fronts and neck, seaming third button-hole comes about in a line with first decrease on fronts. Measure centre neck to centre band. Finish off.
- For size larger use No. 7 knitting needles.

*Mrs. Tyrell Godman, chairman of the Sussex Federation of T.G.s. has very kindly met part of the cost of printing these instructions. Mrs. Robin Grey who has supplied them is the author of The Evelyn Knitting Book, price 9d., which gives 11 patterns for infants' and children's garments, and can be obtained from Mrs. Grey, Mumbery Field, Wargrave, Berks.*

## HOSPITALITY FOR DELEGATES TO THE COUNCIL MEETINGS.

*To the Editor.*

I should like to put forward the suggestion that members of Guilds near London might be willing to put up delegates to the Annual Council Meeting, who have come from distant parts of the country. This would not only help to reduce the expenses incidental to the Meeting, but would greatly aid the exchange of ideas and problems between one Guild and another. I, personally, should be pleased to offer hospitality to two delegates during the Council Meeting, and should be grateful if you could put me in touch with a Guild who would be interested, if my suggestion meets with your approval.

LUCY ROBINSON (Mrs.)

*Hon. Sec. Honslow T.G.*

*We hope some of our readers will be able to take up Mrs. Robinson's happy suggestion. To those delegates who are unable to obtain hospitality we can recommend the hotels and boarding houses advertised in our paper, all of which we have personal experience of.—Ed. W.L.*

## NEWS FROM GUILDS.

Mrs. Hoare of Southampton T.G. won a prize of £3 3 0 for the best colour scheme in a Jumper Knitting Contest organised by "The Southern Daily Echo." Swaythling held a competition for the greatest number of things in a Blue Cross Match box. The winner had 164 things in her box. Tamworth T.G. had a very successful Exhibition and Sale of Handicrafts in the Town Hall in which the goods covered a wide range of work combining decorative and utilitarian features. Wyken seems to have solved the problem of catering for those between very wide age limits—it provides a bath chair for the use of members and has given a pram cover for the first baby of the Guild

- left-hand needle. 21
130. Sl. 1 as P., P. 3, K. 2, P. 4. K. 1.
131. K. 1, K. 2 tog., K. 3. Turn, leaving 15 sts. on left-hand needle. 20

*Left—contd.*

- Row
132. Slip 1 as P., P. 3, K. 1.
  133. K. 1, K. 2 tog., K. 17. Turn.
  134. K. 1, P. 5, K. 2, P. 6, K. 2, P. 2, K. 1. 19

Break wool long enough to graft. Tie to end of wool left front, and graft

Run in all ends and strengthen shoulder by running wool to and fro twice or sew on ribbon (wrong side).

*Sleeves (both same).*

## Row.

Join wool outer edge by safety-pin, leaving end of wool to sew seam to bottom edge and put safety-pin or piece of wool at centre of shoulder to ensure same number of stitches being knitted up both sides of sleeve.

Always knit sleeve in (never sew in), as this gives the same stretch as the knitted garment and avoids the tight line caused by sewing sleeve in. When knitting up stitches, always knit up as one stitch two threads of wool between each nob, also a stitch occasionally on notch if necessary, to ensure correct number of stitches required. In knitting up stitches round sleeves, etc., it is easier to do so on finer needles, which stretch it less, then on second row use original needles.

1. K. 4 off safety-pin, K. up 32 to centre shoulder, K. up 36 other side, incl. 4 from other safety-pin. 72
2. K. 1, P. 6, K. 2. Cont. pattern, ending P. 6, K. 1. 72
3. K. 72.
4. Same as row 2.
5. K. 1, K. 2 tog., K. 66, K. 2 tog., K. 1. 70
6. K. 1, P. 5. Cont. pattern, ending P. 5, K. 1. 70
7. K. 70.
8. Same as row 6.
- Rep. rows 5 to 8 incl., 7 times each, till 56 sts. remain (28 rows), keeping carefully to pattern.
37. K. 56.
38. K. 1, P. 6. Cont. pattern to end. (K. last st.) Rep. rows 37 and 38, 20 times each (40 rows).

## Row

79. K. 6, K. 2 tog., K. 12, K. 2 tog., K. 12, K. 2 tog., K. 12, K. 2 tog., K. 6. 52

*Cuffs.*

(2 or 4 needles, size 11 or 12).

Rib: K. 1, P. 1, till length required—about 4 inches—to turn back, 2½ inches single. On wrong side K. 52 Cast off.



### "BUSINESS" AT THE GUILD MEETINGS

Some Guilds spend a quarter of an hour on BUSINESS at the monthly meetings; others consider it boring and a waste of time, and although the Handbook states clearly what should be included in this item of the Guild programme, nothing is done about it at all.

What should come under the heading "business" and what is its value to the Guild member?

If the Guilds are to be really democratic, as it is hoped they will be, it must mean that the ordinary Guild member, who is not on any Guild Committee, should be able to have a voice in the control of the Guild. How can she do that, and how can she offer to serve on Sub-Committees or the Committee, if she is not consulted and does not know how the Guild is managed? Is not the management of the Guild by its members one of the differences between the Guild and countless other organisations in the town, which are managed by committees which dictate as they think best to the members? Is that part of the democratic Guild spirit? Surely not. Besides it is so dull just to do what one is told instead of helping to develop the Guild.

From now until after the Annual Council Meeting which will be held in March the Guild members have a very direct duty in the management of the N.U.G.C.—the national organisation.

- (1) They have to elect the Guild delegates who form the Council.
- (2) They should nominate the Hon. Officers and members of the Executive Committee.
- (3) They can forward resolutions, if they so wish, for consideration at the Annual Council Meeting, concerning the Constitution and policy.
- (4) They will instruct their delegates, for whom to vote and what resolutions to support.

This means that they will help in the selection of those who are to guide the movement during the coming year (*i.e.* Hon. Officers and Executive) and have a voice in the policy of the N.U.G.C.

How can the Guild member do this if she never learns from her Committee what is happening in the national movement?

It would be quite easy if she could learn each month at the Guild meeting what the Committee had been doing and what the N.U. was doing as a whole.

It is only by watching the work of the N.U.G.C. that the right Executive will be elected; otherwise it will be difficult for the Guild member to realise that the Executive should consist of Guild members with wide vision and administrative capacity; that a leader in a local Guild may not necessarily be the best person to manage the national movement.

It is hoped that every Guild member will buy the Handbook (price 6d.) from the Secretary of the Guild—the Agenda of the Guild meeting is set out on pages 5 and 6. This includes Business at every meeting. If the suggestions are carried out and the Committee's report contains a report of the Sub-Committees and Federation news, and if a clear statement is given of all notices from the National Headquarters, the ordinary Guild member has a chance of understanding, not only the management of her own Guild, but the national movement too.

One of the main aims of the Townswomen's Guilds is "Education" in its widest sense, and surely this should include the education of the members as citizens to take their share in the management, not only of their own Guilds, but also on other Committees in their towns. The Women's Institutes and Women's Rural Institutes have realised the value of having Committee procedure and 'business' form part of the programme of each monthly meeting. It seems even more necessary for Guild members to have the same advantages, as in towns the opportunities to serve on outside Committees are greater.

Great Britain is managed by Committees from the Parish Council to the Town Council and Parliament—in fact the League of Nations itself is a network of Committees. More and more is the important work of town, country and the world relegated to Committees.

*The Editor of this page would be glad to receive letters for publication from Guilds, giving their views as to whether they think that without 'business' at the monthly meetings they can realise the national movement, or take their share in the development not only of their own Guild, but of their Federation and of the N.U.G.C.—in fact what they feel about it altogether.*

The old believe everything, the middle-aged suspect everything and the young know everything.—O. Wilde.

## NATIONAL UNION OF GUILDS FOR CITIZENSHIP

4, GREAT SMITH STREET, WESTMINSTER S.W.1.

### OBJECT.

*To encourage the education of women to enable them as citizens to make their best contribution towards the common good.*

### RESIGNATION OF MRS. RYLAND.

Members of the National Union will share the Executive Committee's great regret that Mrs. Ryland has resigned her post as Joint Honorary Secretary of the N.U.G.C. The Executive Committee has placed on record its great appreciation of the way in which Mrs. Ryland has given unsparingly of time and thought to the work of the Union, and particularly to the development of the Townswomen's Guild movement. The Committee is glad to be able to state that Mrs. Ryland will continue within the movement, and that she has agreed to help with the organisation of the Handicraft Exhibition in March.

### ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING.

7th—9th March, 1933.

The formal announcement of the Annual Council Meeting has now been sent to all Guilds and Societies within the Union, and notice given that resolutions for submission to the Council must reach Headquarters not later than 16th January. The provisional programme was given last month. We are now able to announce that the title of Sir George Newman's address will be "Townswomen and Public Health," a subject that will readily lend itself in some of its many aspects to further study by individual Guilds.

### MRS. CORBETT ASHBY'S TOUR.

Mrs. Corbett Ashby has taken the inaugural meetings of two area Federations of Guilds in Scotland, at Aberdeen on the 22nd, and at Falkirk on the 23rd November. On the 24th November she addressed a conference at Manchester of Guild members in Lancashire and Cheshire, and on the following day a meeting of Derbyshire Guild members at Derby. Members of the Midlands Guilds held a meeting and an overflow on 5th December at Birmingham when sums collected in response to Mrs. Corbett Ashby's appeal were presented.

### MATERIAL WANTED FOR THE PRESS.

Public interest in the Townswomen's Guild movement is growing and news of interesting activities and striking incidents is welcomed by many general papers. Our Press Secretary will welcome suitable material for publicity purposes. Any particularly interesting meeting or activity should be written up and sent to the office. We would suggest that, where there is not already a Press Secretary, a Guild should appoint one to be responsible for supplying this material. If the following points are borne in mind the value of the contribution will be greatly increased:—(a) Write an arresting or amusing account, not a list of facts; (b) Give at least one item of genuine interest fully, *e.g.* History of Needlework: give an account of the most interesting feature of the talk; (c) Avoid vagueness, *e.g.* instead of mentioning "Hints for avoiding infection" and leaving it there, give one or two examples; (d) Definite quotations from speakers' remarks which have arrested your attention will probably interest other people. Even if a report does not secure publication it is none the less valuable in the records we are slowly collecting of Guild achievements.

### OUR APPEAL.

We acknowledge very gratefully the following contributions received from Guilds since our last list was published:—

	£	s.	d.
Previously acknowledged	65	5	0
Acocks Green T.G.	2	2	0
Ashford (Middlesex) T.G.	5	0	0
Beaconsfield T.G.	5	15	0
Buckie T.G.	2	2	0
Burnt Oak T.G.	3	10	0
Cranford T.G.	1	0	0
Derby Suburban T.G.	5	0	0
Dorking T.G.	3	0	0
Essex Federation of T.G.'s.	58	13	0
Hanwell T.G.	4	16	0
Haywards Heath T.G.	2	0	0
Horsham T.G.	11	10	0
Hove T.G.	10	0	0
Kenilworth T.G.	2	2	0
Lancashire & Cheshire Federation of T.G.'s. (Total ...)	£48	4	10
Horwich T.G. (previously acknowledged ...)	5	0	0
Ormskirk T.G. do. ...	5	0	0
Buckton Vale T.G.	2	0	0
Chapel-en-le Frith T.G.	7	7	0
Hale T.G.	7	7	0
Sale T.G.	5	0	0
Springwood T.G.	1	0	0
Timperley T.G.	13	0	10
Wigan T.G.	2	10	0
Littleover T.G.	5	8	3
Long Eaton T.G.	2	2	0
Mill Hill T.G.	6	13	0
Moulsecomb T.G.	1	10	0
New Malden T.G.	1	15	0
North Kensington T.G.	2	13	9
Nuneaton T.G. (making total of £5 5 0)	3	3	0
Peterhead T.G.	2	2	0
Pype Hayes T.G.	10	6	
Richings Park T.G.	3	0	0
Ringwood T.G.	1	0	0
Romsey T.G.	1	0	0
St. Helier T.G.	1	5	0
Southall T.G.	4	0	0
Southampton T.G. (making total of £6 6 0)	3	3	0
Stourbridge T.G.	6	0	0
Stourport T.G.	4	0	0
Tamworth T.G.	12	0	0
Tolworth T.G. (making total of £13 13 0)	4	4	0
Tweedmouth & Spittal T.G.	2	10	0
Worthing T.G.	1	0	0
Wyken T.G.	2	2	0
	£291	1	4

### OFFICE TEA PARTIES.

In January the Office will be "at home" on Monday the 16th, and in February on Wednesday the 15th. Some of the Officers and Committee members will be present on both occasions, and any members of the Union passing through London on either of those dates will be very welcome.

GERTRUDE HORTON,  
Secretary.

2nd January 1933.



FOR 1933.

*Welcome each rebuff**That turns earth's smoothness rough**Each sting that bids nor sit nor stand but go!**Be our joys three-parts pain!**Strive and hold cheap the swain;**Learn, nor account the pang; dare,**never grudge the throe.*

R. BROWNING.

## FOR THE HOUSEWIFE.

*We are pleased to be able to announce that Mr. H. Patience, F.R.H.S., instructor in Horticulture to the Worcestershire County Council, has promised us seasonable notes on gardening, and fruit and vegetable preservation.*

## Orange "Wine."

Ingredients:—12 Sweet Oranges  
4 lbs. Sugar.

Cut the oranges into small pieces and place in a bowl with 8 pints of water; let stand for 8 days, stirring every day and keeping bowl covered. Put through a strainer into bowl with sugar. Leave for 2 or 3 hours and then strain and bottle.

## One of the many ways of making Marmalade.

Seville Oranges 6, Sweet Oranges 2, Juice of 2 lemons, water—3 pints to every 1 lb. of pulp and peel.

## Preparation.

Mash fruit, peel, extract pips and soak for 36 hours in 1 pint of water. Pulp and peel, after being cut into fine shreds, should also be soaked for 36 hours with lemon juice and 3 pints of water as above. The liquid from the pips should then be placed in jam kettle with cut up fruit and boiled slowly until tender; then put

away until cold. Bring to the boil and weigh, and to every 1 lb. add 1½ lbs. sugar. When sugar has dissolved boil rapidly for about 20 to 30 minutes; then test for set; allow to cool slightly before potting up. This will prevent the shredded peel from rising to the top. Cover pots with waxed paper circles while still hot and tie down when cold. Note: only the juice of lemons should be used otherwise the contents of the jars will be cloudy.

H. PATIENCE.

## COMPETITIONS.

Our circular competition has been won by Mill Hill T.G., which has therefore won our prize of THE EXPENSES OF A MEETING, UP TO 25/. Horsham and Alvaston T.Gs. are highly commended. We congratulate the Secretaries of all these three Guilds for having the energy requisite for collecting the coupons over a period of six months.

Our November Competition has been won by Mrs. Kerr of Capel Curig, for a suggestion which is both novel and generous, and forms the subject of our February Competition. A book prize has been forwarded to Mrs. Kerr. Highly commended, Miss Meakin, Wellington, Salop, and Miss Day, Malvern.

Our December Competition is A SEASONABLE DISH FOR JANUARY. Entries, accompanied by "The Woman's Leader" coupon should be sent in on or before January 16th, 1933.

Our January Competition is THE BEST REPORT, IN 100 WORDS, OF THE MEETING OF A GUILD OR SOCIETY. The meeting may be real or imaginary, but competitors should say which of these alternatives they have chosen. Entries, with coupon, should reach our office on or before February 16th, 1933.

Our February Competition is an essay in not more than 1,000 words on "The Advantages of a Homeland Holiday." The prize, which is offered by Mrs. Kerr, is A WEEK'S FREE HOLIDAY INCLUDING ALL EXCURSION EXPENSES at "The Towers," Capel Curig, Bettws-y-Coed, North Wales. Entries, written on one side of the paper only, should reach our office on or before March 16th, 1933.

## DOUBLE ACROSTICS.

*Solutions to each Acrostic should be sent in before the end of the current month. A prize will be given for the series January to June.*

## DOUBLE ACROSTIC No. 1.

A woman's paper—who can say  
What influence it wields to-day.

## PILLARS.

1. A small and Common English Bird.
2. A monster, whose voice brave Jack heard.
3. The Jews alone tasted this food.
4. A king whose cooking was not good.
5. Men puffed it years—now women puff.
6. One only one—it is enough.



"300 Careers for Women." Compiled by Vyrnwy Biscoe, (Lovat Dickson, 2/6). Introduction by the Rt. Hon. Margaret Bondfield.

In this paper from time to time we try to give advice on the choice of Careers for Girls, but according to the time and space at our disposal at present it will take us 50 years to cover the ground in the above book. We therefore strongly recommend any of our readers in a hurry to know about careers to buy this modestly priced book. Its intrinsic merits also recommend it. The training, prospects and remuneration of 300 Careers are set forth clearly with the minimum of words. In spite of the information being given in the form of summaries, the book is very human. We were particularly interested in the mental and moral qualifications which the writer gave for certain pursuits. For instance:—for agriculture: "plenty of self reliance and ability to enjoy a certain amount of solitude"; for photography: "an artistic bent and knowledge of psychology and ability to set people at their ease," (some of our existing photographers possess this ability only imperfectly); for saleswomen, "an ability to act quickly, a quick understanding of others' needs and an ability to hold one's own." We could wish that these qualities had been given in all cases. What for instance are the qualities necessary to make a successful bee keeper? In giving the prospects attached to each career the writer is helpfully frank. In Pottery for instance, "there is very little hope of making a career in a studio Pottery." The budding Barrister is encouraged: "If there is a girl leaving School with a great knowledge of oratory, combined with a good voice, the right manner, quick brains, let her try to be the first woman judge or the first woman on the Woolsack, or the first woman Attorney-General, provided that she has sufficient private means to live until, and if, success comes to her." There is a useful mention of publications in connection with each career. In Education, "The Times Educational Supplement" and "The Teachers' World" might have been added. We notice with interest that the salary of Editors is "£750 a year and upwards." We hope in the next edition there will be a section on Townswomen's Guilds to correspond with that on Women's Institutes in the present volume.

"Radiation Cookery Book." A selection of approved recipes for use with the Radiation "New World" Regulo-Controlled Gas Cookers. 15th Edition. (2/- post free from Radiation Ltd., 164-172 Queen Victoria Street, E.C.4.)

This almost fool proof cookery book will be very useful to the townswoman who cooks by gas. It comprises hints and recipes to cover all the cookery of an average home, including Vegetarian Cookery. A special feature is the section for whole dinner menus which shows how to economise time and attention by cooking the whole dinner at one and the same Regulo setting and time. Here is a recipe that has been tried in the Editor's household:—

<i>Fish Pie (Russian)</i>	"Regulo" Setting Mark 7
8 ozs. flaky pastry.	Time 30 Minutes.
¾ lb. cooked fish.	1 hard-boiled egg.
1 teaspoonful chopped parsley.	White sauce.
	Seasoning.

**Method.**—Mix together all the ingredients with sufficient white sauce to make a soft mixture. Roll the pastry into a square, and cut off a small edge. Spread the mixture in the centre, damp the edges of the pastry and fold the corners to the centre. Close the edges firmly and decorate with leaves of pastry. Bake for 30 minutes with the "Regulo" at mark 7.

"Peace at Eventide" by Helen Keller, (Methuen & Co. 1/-). This little book shows the philosophy and faith underlying Helen Keller's steadfast and inspired career.

AFRICA, a Book of Verses by ETHEL CAMPBELL. (Simkin, Marshall Ltd. 1/9).

These verses have two main characteristics:—They reflect the realisation of itself as a national entity which is in process in South Africa, and they portray melodiously and vividly the beauty and glamour of the South African landscape.

*I know in part how the new-come heart  
Must yearn for the wild primrose,  
For I've been a lonely exile flown  
From the veldt where the arum grows.*

We have also received:—

GOD AND THE WORLD THROUGH CHRISTIAN EYES. (B.B.C. 4d.)

Another of the B.B.C.'s excellent illustrated synopses of lectures. This summarises the lectures to be broadcast on alternate Sunday afternoons in 1933.

AN EARLY KNITTER?

Henry VIII. made Wolsey a cardigan.—Schoolboy.





THE NEW YEAR PARTY

### THE GUILD CALENDAR

January						
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## NEWS FROM GUILDS & SOCIETIES

### Guilds and the Unemployed.

The Belper Townswomen's Guild launched an appeal for Christmas Puddings which they distributed to the Unemployed married men so that the children were not without a Pudding for Christmas Day. Each one sent out was accompanied by a Christmas label which expressed Greetings and carried the name of the Donor, so that they became a personal gift. Clothing was also given as far as possible and gifts were distributed on December 21st.

The Romford T.G. having in mind the large number of unemployed in the town felt they would like to help especially the women and children during the winter months, and after a good deal of discussion about ways and means decided to open a Soup Kitchen. The problems confronting them were so very large and numerous that they decided to ask for a helper from all the Churches and Women's organisations in the Town. A meeting was held in the T.G. Committee Room, on November 21st which was attended by 30 members of the various organisations. It was decided to send out an Appeal to various tradesmen and farmers, and the response was most encouraging. One farmer sent half-a-ton of Potatoes and another promised leeks and parsnips each week, and the butchers have been most generous. A house has kindly been lent by the U.D.C., the Gas and Water Companies have been most generous in supplying and fixing the necessary fittings. The Soup Kitchen was opened on Tuesday, December 13th from 11 o'clock to 2 o'clock. 120 persons were served with Soup and Bread. The tickets are distributed by the Clergy, Welfare Workers and Head Teachers and are one penny each for which a quart of excellent soup is given, with a piece of bread. The Committee are hoping to be able to open daily—should it be found necessary—at a later date. Most of those served with soup expressed their appreciation of the food for themselves and their families.

Southampton. Members are collecting and helping to distribute clothes under the Mayor's Scheme.

Eastleigh. (Hants). Garments are being made from old clothes for the unemployed and the proceeds of a Social have been given to the Funds.

Swaythling had a Christmas Sale of Work opened by Mrs. Clayre, Chairman Hants Federation.

### Thames Valley Federation of T.Gs.

This Federation met at Richmond on December 2nd, 1932. The following particulars were reported:—

Ashford had a very good lecture on Victorian England by a friend of one of the members. They are also having glove making lessons and a Dramatic Section. Tolworth reported having a Dramatic Section and invited other Guilds to their next meeting when a Play was being given. Dressmaking Classes were being formed under the Surrey County Council and any Guilds near enough was asked

to join, Malden hoped to do so. The Editor of "The Listener" had been asked to give a lecture and had sent a lady deputy who had proved most interesting. Richmond reported that their Guild did not care for demonstrations but preferred lectures and had had good talks on Art and on Travel. They were having their Annual Report printed. Malden has formed a Handicraft Section. Mrs. Cooper has given lectures on the modelling and enamelling of pewter to this section. They hope to be able to exhibit at the Handicraft Exhibition in March. *Hon. Secy.: Mrs. Cooper, Lockmager, Worcester Park, Surrey.*

### Cardiff W.C.A.

The Lady Mayoress of Cardiff (Miss M. Muriel Sanders, B.A.) opened the annual Sale of Work on November 26th. As she had been Hon. Secretary of the Association for over ten years and had only recently resigned the office, this was a specially interesting occasion. On behalf of the officers and Executive the Lady Mayoress was presented by Mrs. J. T. Richards, J.P. with a camelcon leather handbag in memory of her work for the Association.

Miss E. M. Barke, who presided at the opening ceremony, laid stress upon the new work for the Unemployed which the Association, led by Mrs. Humphreys the Hon. Secretary, hoped to do during the coming winter.

The Sale was well attended and as usual a very pleasant afternoon was spent. The proceeds were rather higher than those of last year's sale.

*M. Stainer, (Hon. Press Secretary), 35 Colum Rd., Cardiff.*

### Glasgow S.E.C. & W.C.A. (Amal).

Dr. Mary Collins, M.A., B.Ed., Ph.D., Edinburgh University, gave the second of the Special lectures (A Vision of the Future) arranged by the above Society in the McLellan Galleries on Tuesday, 13th December. Her subject was "Making the most of Life" and her address was greatly appreciated by the large audience present. Miss F. H. Melville, J.P., B.D., LL.D. occupied the Chair and introduced the Speaker and Mrs. Shepherd Dawson, Chairman of the Executive Council, at the conclusion, gave a very cordial vote of thanks. The donations to the Jumble Sale enabled the Committee to distribute at very low prices an exceedingly large number of warm winter garments, boots and shoes, etc., all in good condition, to the deserving residents in Townhead. The Cafe Chantant and Sale of Work, held on 12th December in the Highlanders Institute was a great success. The programme was excellently arranged and every item was deservedly received with great applause. All the extra work entailed in getting up these two Sales was admirably carried out by Miss Helen Tainsh the Organising Secretary. On 12th December at the New Voters Club, in connection with the Association, Miss Betty W. D. Martin, M.A., Church of Scotland Medical College, Mukden Manchuria gave an address which was well received. *Press Secy.: Mrs. Bertram, 160 Bath Street.*

### Durham T.G.

The Durham T.G. held its first monthly meeting on December 1st and to the great joy of all concerned the membership was doubled. Every section of the old city seemed to be represented and this is surely a good omen, for in Durham City, as in most Cathedral cities, society moves in sections, or rings, and there are only a few organisations which can lower the rope and permit intermingling. But in the words of the Guild Song, Durham citizens are uniting "For Christian Service and True Chivalry." Mrs. E. Potts presided and Mrs. J. Brown gave an interesting talk on houses and other buildings erected by Durham City Council. As a member of the Housing Committee it could hardly be expected that Mrs. Brown would offer any adverse criticism; we can only hope she felt that the Committee did not deserve it. A Guild Agency was instituted as a means of disposing of members' work at a profit to the Guild. "Something for Nothing" is always pleasing and each member present received a sample of a well-known food product, together with a book of recipes. As the conditions of female labour are the concern of every woman, a section of the Guild under the direction of Councillor Wilkinson will visit the Provincial Laundries Ltd. *Hon. Secy.: Mrs. Potts, 28, Church Street.*

### Hassocks and District.

This T.G. held its 3rd Annual Meeting on Friday, December 3rd. Full reports were read by the Secretary and Treasurer, both of the monthly meetings and the varied activities of the Guild. The outstanding lecture of the year was certainly one given by the Hon. Humphrey Pakington F.R.I.B.A. on "How I look at Architecture." The lecturer defined architecture as "building which impressed one either by its size, its beauty, or its symbolism." Any building might be architecture: it depended entirely what was in the mind of the architect. When looking at architecture, the worst sin was a sentimental point of view. Many people hated a modern building, and admired an ivy covered ruin. He advised his listeners to be modern in their outlook. Modern designs were going to do away with the dust pan and brush, which would then become valuable by reason of their scarcity. Simplicity was the key-note of the future. But houses should not be like hospitals. They should be inviting, and welcoming as well as hygienic. They supplied the surroundings of life, and as the surroundings were, so would their lives be. The speaker illustrated his remarks with a number of excellent photographic lantern slides. *Hon. Secy.: Miss Plowright, Holly Villa, Keymer.*

### Horwich T.G.

A large gathering of members and friends spent a pleasant evening at the annual meeting and Christmas party of the Horwich T.G. held in the Reform Club Assembly Room on Thursday last. A report of the year's work and balance sheet were read and Mrs. Fred Taylor, Chairman of the Lancashire and Cheshire F.T.G. spoke on the Constitution of the Guilds explaining the position of the finances. Then followed a short concert and dance, items being rendered by Mrs. Hulme, Miss Nora Jones, Miss Marie Clarke, Mr. Jones, and two of Miss Marjorie Davies's dancing pupils. *Correspondent: Mrs. Tickle, 174 Victoria Road, Horwich, Bolton.*

### Leatherhead T.G.

The newly-formed Guild at Leatherhead met on Thursday, December 1st, 1931, with Lady Hart Dyke in the Chair. After the singing of "Land of Hope and Glory," business matters were disposed of and followed by a Cake Icing demonstration by Mrs. Cooke of Bookham. This was greatly appreciated and the iced cake was raffled eventually. The Trading stall and the Xmas Present Stall (articles not to cost more than 3d.) were

very interesting the latter showing great skill and ingenuity. The Prize was won by Mrs. Bayle for a table napkin ring made of wood and covered with pewter. Tea was served by an excellent sub-committee. The Leatherhead Guild promises well—as this was a crowded meeting and registers already 147 paid members. *Hon. Secy.: Mrs. Meredith, Old Lane House, Tyrrell Wood, Leatherhead.*

### Wyken T.G.

Wyken T.G. celebrated its first birthday at its October meeting when 70 members were present. All members had a free tea and there was a birthday cake given by the officials. At the very successful Social in the evening friends were admitted on payment of 6d. each. The Guild has been able to buy a bath chair for the use of the members, and people in Wyken can hire it for 3d. a day. A pram cover was given to one of the members for the first baby of the Guild. At the November meeting 76 were present to hear a talk from Dr. Proctor on Health and there was a prize for the best remedy for a cold. At the December meeting we had an absorbing talk from Councillor Mrs. Hughes on Infant Welfare and Young Mothers. A prize given for the best article not to cost more than 6d. was won by Mrs. Brewster with a knitted scarf. All articles were sold for the funds. 40 new members have joined this year. *Press Correspondent: Mrs. Hayward, 21, Cowley Rd., Wyken.*

### An interesting Guild Development.

Romsey T.G. holds a Junior Guild monthly meeting for the daughters and friends of the Guild members. These meetings are largely social in character but the great feature about them is that the young people bring their husbands, brothers, finances and male friends to the meetings. They have a small orchestra and the evening usually finishes with dancing. Lantern and other lectures are usually open to the men-folk, then come refreshments and the social side. Occasionally there is a joint meeting of both Guilds when a talk is given and the young men arrive after the talk for refreshments and dancing.

### A CORRECTION.

The Lethal Chamber at Ebbwvale was given by the Members of the R.S.P.C.A. Ebbwvale Auxiliary, and not by the Women Citizens' Association. The Branch of the R.S.P.C.A. was formed as an outcome of Captain Durham's address to the Women Citizens Association.

### "FROM COVER TO COVER."

Our readers will have noticed that certain features appear more or less regularly in our paper. It would be a great help to us to know how popular these features are. Will readers therefore be so very kind as to arrange the following in the order in which they prefer them:—

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- (9) On the Editor's table. Books etc.
- (10) Notes on Theatres, Films and Music.
- (11) Notes from Guilds and Societies.
- (12) Advertisements.

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**Mon.:** 10.45 a.m. THE WORLD IN A MIRROR: Talks on current happenings.

7.10 p.m. MAN VERSUS MICROBE: How far is Man or Microbe the Victor? These talks will tell something of the story. Jan. 9th, Man v. Microbe. Jan. 16th, Tuberculosis. Jan. 23rd, Rheumatism. Jan. 30th, Rheumatism.

**Tues.:** 8.30 p.m. HOW THE MIND WORKS: III. Social Psychology. Dr. Cyril Burt—Jan. 17th, 24th and 31st.

**Wed.:** 7.10 p.m. CHOOSING A CAREER. Advice on ten major occupational groups, with an introductory talk on vocational guidance by Dr. Macrae of the National Institute of Industrial Psychology.

7.30 p.m. WHAT IS THE STATE? Professor H. Laski.

**Thur.:** 10.45 a.m. THE WEEK IN WESTMINSTER.  
9.20 p.m. LEADERS IN OTHER LANDS: Mr. Vernon Bartlett. Some European personalities of to-day.

**Fri.:** 7.30 p.m. OUR NEIGHBOURS: TO-DAY AND YESTERDAY: Russia. Jan. 20th and 27th.  
9.20 p.m. S.O.S. Some Social Schemes to Help the Unemployed.

**Sat.:** 9.20 p.m. SHOULD THEY BE SCRAPPED? A series of semi-humorous discussions.

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Annual Council Meeting will be held at Millicent Fawcett Hall, 46, Tufton Street, Westminster, S.W.1. on March 9th and 10th, 1933. The Public Luncheon will be held at the Criterion Restaurant on March 10th at 1 p.m.

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