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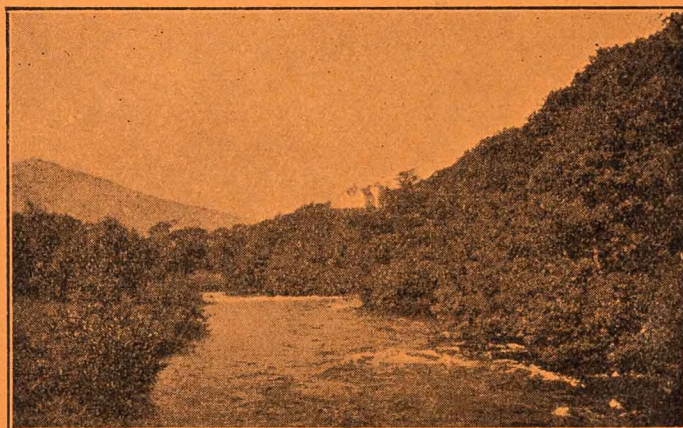
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**THE WORLD AT LARGE.**

The world at present seems as unsettled as the weather. The Ottawa Conference has come and gone. To discuss the decisions arrived at would infringe so much on the sphere of Party politics that we are unable to do so. The Disarmament Conference is in the words of Mr. Henderson "Nearing the cross roads." At home the total of employment is lower than it was a year ago, this diminution being partly due to the Cotton stoppages, now fortunately at an end, as is the Milk War and Mr. Ghandi's fast. The most inspiring bit of reading in the papers this month has been the description of the rush at the risk of their own lives, made by airmen of four or five different nationalities to the rescue of "The Flying Family." These men did not stop to ask "Why should I imperil my security for a foolish foreign rival?" but showed in practice the spirit that is so well portrayed in the Film "Kameradschaft." The death of Sir Ronald Ross reminds us that our greatest scientists also have worked in this spirit. Sir Ronald Ross by his discovery of the cause of malaria, in the words of the Poet Laureate, "Cut the Panama Canal and made a third of the world habitable," and not his own nation alone, but the whole of the human race is in his debt.

**SHORTER HOURS.**

On September 21st a special meeting of the Governing Body of the International Labour Office of the League of Nations met at Geneva to discuss the proposal made by the Italian Government for a universal reduction of working hours to 40 per week. Whilst there was warm support for the proposal from many Governments it was vigorously opposed by the British Government and British employers. The Governing Body, however, decided by sixteen votes to seven to

hand over to a preparatory technical committee the study of the technical problems arising out of the proposal. This committee is to meet at Geneva in January. The Governing Body also passed, by sixteen votes to four, a resolution put forward by the French Government urging Governments to ratify the Washington Convention for a 48 hour week but the British Government also voted against this resolution.

**THE MAYORALTY.**

Three Lancashire towns will elect women to the chief civic office on November 9th, and in two places women will hold the position of mayor for the first time. Lancaster, which only last month conferred its freedom on a woman for the first time in the seven hundred years since its incorporation, has invited Mrs. Croft Helme, J.P. to accept nomination. Mrs. Helme has been a member of the Lancaster Council since 1919, and is a member of the Lancashire Committee for Mental Welfare. For Batley, Miss Elsie Taylor has been nominated. Miss Taylor has been actively connected with the town's public work for some years and was elected to the Council in 1927. Mrs. Gillett, who was elected Mayor of Chorley last November, has consented to serve a second year. Outside Lancashire, Cambridge and Stafford so far, have nominated a woman as mayor.

**THE SCOTT CENTENARY.**

Sir Walter Scott died at Abbotsford on September 21st, 1932: In September, 1932, therefore, we have turned our minds again towards this giant of the nineteenth century. The old-fashioned way to study an author was to begin with his life and when the young student had got thoroughly bored by this, to pass on to his works. Sir Walter Scott, however, survived even this treatment. For the student who began with the life of Scott found there a life lived on the same broad, generous and romantic lines as were those of many of the characters in his novels. Some of us who read Scott in our youth would be hard put to it if we had to answer an examination paper on him now. Yet we feel that there is a residuum of our reading worth having still in our minds, for he did, in the words of John Buchan 'charge the world for us with new and deeper values.'

## CADBURYS MILK CHOCOLATE

#### MATERNAL MORALITY AND THE MIDWIFERY SERVICE.

Following the issue in August of the final Report of the Departmental Committee on Maternal Mortality the Midwives' Institute 12, Buckingham Street, Strand, W.C.2. has published some *Suggestions for Inclusion in a National Maternity Scheme*. In view of its source alone this leaflet is to be regarded as a valuable contribution to a very pressing subject. It suggests co-operation and co-ordination of the work of midwife, doctor and local authority, urges the provision of a qualified midwife for every maternity case, the importance of ante-and post-natal care, and adequate hospital service. It also suggests means of improving the status and remuneration of the midwife.

#### A PRIVATE EFFORT TO REDUCE MATERNAL MORALITY.

The Worcestershire Federation of Women's Institutes decided two or three years ago to do what they could to reduce the Maternal Mortality in their own county. They raised a fund from the sale of 'silver paper' which is used to help maternity cases in any suitable way. The form this help most usually takes is the provision of a 'home-help' while the mother is away from her duties. A suitable woman can be found for about twelve shillings a week. Thus for a comparatively small sum a mother and her family are kept comfortable in mind and body over a very critical period. Sometimes also means of transport to hospital is provided by this useful fund. In the last collection of 'silver paper' one large bundle was sent in from a grateful mother who had received help from the Fund.

#### THE WOMEN'S ENGINEERING SOCIETY.

The Women's Engineering Society is very up-to-date. Some of the proceedings at its 10th Annual Conference at Southampton, September 16th to 19th, make other Societies' doings sound a little trite and old-fashioned. What Society before this for example has thought of giving as a wedding present "a Rotax Navigation Set complete with Generator, Batteries and Landing Lights." This is what the W.E.S. gave to Miss Amy Johnson, (Mrs. Mollison, C.B.E.) What other society's report has such remarks as "in spite of the weather many famous Pilots flew down, including Mr. and Mrs. Mollison, The Hon. Lady Bailey, and Mrs. Victor Bruce."!

The new President of the W.E.S. for 1932-33 is Miss E. M. Kennedy, Managing Director of J. B. Stone & Co. Ltd.

#### TRUE NEIGHBOURLINESS.

The Birmingham Citizen Society and the Birmingham Settlement have together helped to put in practice the scheme of Mr. S. B. Meyer for entertaining the wives of unemployed men at Fircroft College, Bournville. Four parties, each consisting of thirty women, have spent a week's holiday at Fircroft, where they have had entire freedom from domestic worries and have enjoyed the unexpected experience of being waited on, parties of Bournville ladies having gone in each day to do the waiting and washing up. The Scheme has been a complete success.

#### EDINBURGH WOMEN CITIZENS.

We contemplate the autumn programme of the Edinburgh Women Citizens' Association with a respect that is tinged with awe. In variety and comprehension in its programme the E.W.C.A. runs the B.B.C. very close. There are study circles for national and international affairs, Parliamentary, dramatic and musical, handicrafts, sewing, social and junior sections. Four important public meetings are arranged for the winter, and in addition each division of the City has its own programme.

#### ALUMINIUM AND FOOD.

We are indebted to our contemporary *Housecraft* for some useful information regarding the contamination of food by aluminium cooking vessels—we quote:

Foods cooked in glass and in aluminium have been analysed for aluminium and the average increase has been calculated. Clean aluminium utensils are attacked to an insignificant degree by foods of neutral reaction. Acid foods or foods to which baking soda has been added dissolve small amounts of aluminium from utensils. Dark utensils yield more aluminium to foods than bright ones. The few experiments with and without sugar indicate that sugar decreases corrosion of aluminium utensils. In every case the amount of aluminium added to foods by utensils made of it has been found to be small and far below that necessary to produce phosphorous starvation and its sequelae, the only abnormal conditions which the authors were able to cause by administering to experimental animals excessively large doses of aluminium. An average daily intake of aluminium in case all foods are cooked in aluminium is estimated at 12 m.g. of which less than half, about 5m.g., is derived from the utensils."

#### COMPETITIONS.

Our Circulation Competition continues until after the November issue of "The Woman's Leader." We offer a prize of 25/- to the Guild or Society who can show the greatest number of subscribers in proportion to its membership. Full particulars will be found in recent issues of "The Woman's Leader."

Our October Competition is the Children's Competition to be found on page 134.

Our November Competition is THE BEST SUGGESTION FOR A COMPETITION IN "THE WOMAN'S LEADER." Entries should be sent in on or before December 16th. We reserve the right to make use of all or any of these entries and to withhold the prize if no suitable entry is forthcoming.

No coupon is necessary for these two competitions.

#### FROM OUR SCOTTISH CORRESPONDENT.

An interesting model house has been on show this month in Glasgow. In planning this, their newest and most original house, Messrs. Mactaggart & Mickel went to the housewife for their inspiration. Through a canvass, they asked over 5,000 Glasgow women to give their views on what features made up an ideal home—and they built the house according to the housewives' demands!

Dr. Joan MacDonald's trousseau was made by "Dryad" of Kensington. This name hides the identity of Miss Enid Docker Drysdale, whose family comes from Perth, and who has been a friend of Miss MacDonald since they were children, playing together during their school holidays at Lossiemouth.

Plans are being prepared in Scotland by the Catholic Land Association for the establishment of a Farm Training Colony exclusively for women and girls. It is hoped that this will be a contribution to the permanent solution of the Unemployment problem. Scotland has at present two of these centres, England one.

Women and girls, who will be under the direction of a matron, are to receive instruction in the essential duties which devolve upon women in the farm, household, dairy-keeping, poultry-feeding, and so on.

The Townswomen's Guilds Movement has been taken up so enthusiastically in Buckie that 138 members formed a branch at the first meeting presided over by Provost Metson.

#### MANY THANKS.

We are very much obliged to all those Secretaries of Guilds who have sent for copies of "John and Pam at the Sea." We have just gone into a second edition, so please do not hesitate to send for more!

#### BINDING CASES.

With this issue "The Woman's Leader" Volume 1, New Series, comes to an end. We have prepared a binding case in orange, either with or without lettering, which we can supply to those needing it. We have also a few back numbers of most of our issues. Guilds and Societies will find a bound volume of "The Woman's Leader" a very useful book of reference. Full particulars of the cost of these binding cases are to be found among our advertisements. The cases can be seen at our Office, 4, Great Smith Street, Westminster, S.W.1.

#### AN INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR.

Something new in illustrated Annuals is promised in the Women's International Calendar, to be published towards the end of the year. It is, we are told, to be conceived on somewhat novel, literary and artistic lines. The literary part is to throw a strong light on the question "Are women wanted as legislators and administrators?"

The artistic part contains many illustrations, including wit, humour, truisms, aphorisms, etc.

Any suggestions from men and women alike as to desirable items to include in the Calendar, or any other points, would be gratefully received by the Editor, and may be written in any language, though preferably in one of the European group. Address: Women's International Calendar, Rossiana, Pine Avenue, Hastings, England.

Mrs. C. H. Leach, Vice-President of Darlington T.G. has recently been made a magistrate for the borough. She has done splendid work for the Maternity and Child Welfare Centre and is a most useful T.G. member.

#### CO-OPERATION OF WOMEN IN THE ORGANISATION OF PEACE.

BY

M. I. Corbett Ashby.

On the 11th of September, 1931 the Spanish delegate presented to the Assembly of the League a resolution begging the Council of the League to examine the possibility of studying the methods of securing to the work of the League the direct and effective co-operation of women.

The resolution was passed unanimously and sent to the Third Commission which was much bothered by it and finally decided to ignore the two burning and practical aspects of the case. Firstly, that tho' the covenant lays it down that all positions in connection with the League are open equally to men and women, there is now no woman in a position of authority in the secretariate and secondly that after 14 years less than 1 dozen countries out of over 50 send a woman in their delegations.

However the Commission decided to ask for suggestions from women's organisations as to *unofficial* co-operation.

The replies have been printed and circulated to all Governments as paper A. 10. 1932 and are most interesting as showing the unanimity of women's opinion and the immense change in outlook. After a polite remark appreciating the resolution of the Assembly, the Women's organisations ignore the trepidations of the Third Commission and point out that if the League wants the best co-operation of women it must make use of them officially, women must be given better posts in the secretariate, must be invited as experts on Commissions and tho' the League cannot make Governments include women in their delegations it could at least remind them that they should be included just as the International Labour Bureau reminds Governments to include women when industrial questions concerning women are on the programme.

On the other hand the women's organisations will prepare and keep lists of suitable women of all countries, and beg the League to give them the agendas of all conferences and meetings so that they may be able to give reasoned and considered opinions on the subjects; they further request the League to consult officially those organisations which specialise in any question under discussion.

The whole paper is most interesting as showing the deep interest of women, their sense of responsibility, their self-confidence and dignity and their desire to help in the most direct and effective manner.

## THE THEATRE.

BY  
Gervase Hughes.

By the death of Ronald Mackenzie in a motor accident on the 12th August at the age of 29, the English stage loses one who seemed destined to become a great playwright. With the possible exceptions of "Journey's End" and "Young Woodley" no first play of recent years has had or deserved such a success as "Musical Chairs." I recommended this play to London readers when it was first produced, and not only does it well repay a second visit, but there is also now a very efficient company touring the country. Several members of the cast give performances which are quite up to the standard of those in the London production.

There is a dearth of really good plays in London at present, and for the occasional visitor to town who wants to see a show it is hard to know what to recommend. The new Noel Coward revue, "Words and Music" at the Adelphi is Noel Coward at his wittiest; Ivor Novello's "Party" at the Gaiety is pleasant light entertainment (this play is also touring); "Evensong" at the Queen's serves to show how much Edith Evans can still teach to nearly every other English actress; Anny Ahlers is quite the most vivid personality on the musical comedy stage at present and makes "Dubarry" at His Majesty's well worth seeing; and of course there is "Too True to be Good" at the New. The craze for "non-stop shows" is still obsessing managers and public alike, and there are now eleven theatres in the West End alone devoted to revue or variety in some form or other. The new farces at the Aldwych, the Strand and the Shaftesbury are none of them up to the usual standard, and several theatres are closed pending new productions.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## HOME DECORATION.

With reference to our article on Home Decoration which appeared last month, a correspondent writes to say that from practical experience she would make the following suggestions:—

- (1) For filling in holes in walls previous to papering, plaster would be better than putty, as putty being oily would stain.
- (2) The edge of the paper should be cut away on both sides.

A new definition of an optimist:—

One who begins to do a crossword puzzle *in ink*.

## The Children's Corner.

Children have now all gone back to School and some of them may even be turning their minds towards Christmas and Christmas presents. THE book to ask for this Christmas is "THE CHRISTOPHER ROBIN VERSES" by A. A. Milne, (Methuen, 8/6). This book comprises in one volume the verses and illustrations of the two previous volumes, "When We Were Very Young," and "Now We Are Six." In addition, however, it contains twelve delightful coloured plates by Ernest H. Shephard and a preface for parents. Any child who wants this book for Christmas would be well advised to ask for it *now* in order to give the donor (parent, uncle, aunt or godmother) time to read not only the preface, but the verses themselves and to give the illustrations all the time that they deserve, before handing it on to the lucky final owner. I used to think that Mr. Shephard's bears were drawn from a Teddy, but just back from a visit to Whipsnade, I am forced to the conclusion that the American black sloth bear there must have sat to Mr. Shephard, unless, indeed, the sloth bear has had a copy of the book and modelled his appearance and behaviour on Mr. Shephard's bears, so exactly do the two coincide.



From "The Christopher Robin Verses."  
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## CHILDREN'S COMPETITION.

We offer a PRIZE for the best painted or coloured copy of our booklet "Pam and John at Sea." Competitors must be under 14. They should state their age and send their efforts to The Competition Editor, 4, Great Smith Street, S.W.1. on or before November 16th, enclosing ½d. stamp for the return of their booklets.

Each child should get a grown-up to certify that the work is the child's unaided effort.

No coupon is needed for this competition.

## HOW TO BECOME A USEFUL CITIZEN

II.

By A. R. Caton.

## What a women's society can do.

There is practically no limit to the useful work which a women's society can do in its own locality. Some societies have brought about reforms which have been of great benefit to the citizens of their localities. But before a society can become a force for progress and efficient administration it must set itself to the task of educating its members as citizens. How is this to be done?

There are roughly four ways and all of them are valuable and necessary to each other:—

1. Meetings and discussions.
2. Study circles.
3. Making an enquiry into local administration.
4. Visits to institutions.

## Education in citizenship.

1. *Informal meeting and discussion.* In order to arouse general interest it is well to begin with a comparatively elementary address from someone who has studied local government from the human point of view and who brings this aspect of the subject home to the audience. An informal discussion should follow at which members should be encouraged to air their views. Everyone, however unaccustomed to speaking, will have views worth hearing about such matters as the local scavenging system, or the planning of the new Council houses, e.g., whether the larders are in the hottest part of the house and the shelves all out of reach, etc.

2. *Study Circle.* After this preliminary meeting a group of those interested should form a study circle and set themselves to read certain pamphlets or books which deal with definite subjects and meet periodically to discuss them. They should make a point of studying questions both from the general aspect and from the local point of view. A leader should be appointed, if possible someone with some practical experience of social work. She should be willing to give time and intensive study to the questions selected for study, should guide the discussions and sum up the conclusions. She should consult by letter or by interview the Librarian at the Women's Service Library, 29, Marsham Street, S.W. 1., about suitable books and leaflets for her circle and should plan the subjects for future study.

3. *Making an Enquiry.* After preliminary study of this kind the next step of the society should be to make an enquiry into the activities of the Council. At the Annual Council Meeting, 1931, it was suggested to Societies that a Local Government "Survey" would be of value as a basis for active participation in citizenship. A questionnaire was drawn up, dealing in detail with the following activities of Councils:—Maternity and Child Welfare, Housing, Public Health, Education, etc.

A large number of Societies have undertaken the Survey; some of them have confined themselves to the section dealing with Maternity and Child Welfare, and others have completed the whole questionnaire. All have found that it has greatly added to their knowledge of and interest in local conditions. The detailed frame-work of the questionnaire makes it a comparatively simple matter to collect the information, all that is necessary is careful accuracy in stating facts, and to quote in each case the source from which the information is obtained.

4. *Visiting Institutions and the study of publications.* The Secretary, or whoever is responsible for the enquiry, should write to the Town Clerk asking for copies of the Annual Reports of those departments of the Council

whose work comes within the scope of the questionnaire. The questions can be filled up to a large extent, from these reports, but to supplement the information gleaned in this way, it will be necessary to obtain permission to visit institutions, and to ask questions of officials. Careful notes should be kept of any information received in the course of conversation, or of conditions observed in institutions. The publications of the Ministry of Health and of other Local Authorities should be studied as far as possible, so that local conditions may be compared with those in other parts of the country.

5. *Meetings.* When the investigators and members of the study circle have completed their enquiry and their studies, they should make the results known to a meeting of members and answer any questions that may be asked about local facilities. It is most important that any knowledge gained should be shared with other members of the Society. It is also of vital importance that the investigators should keep a critical attitude of mind and should not accept too unreservedly the official point of view. They should seek the advice of non-official workers of all kinds and collect constructive suggestions from every possible source.

Finally, when the interest of members has been aroused in local conditions and a ground-work of knowledge has been laid, a leading official, such as the Medical Officer of Health, should be asked to address the Society. Discussions and questions should follow. Councillors and other experts should be also asked to address meetings from time to time, and a careful record made of any useful information which is obtained.

## Constructive Citizenship.

The Secretary and the investigators should welcome any constructive suggestions made as regards local needs or defects, such as a shortage of maternity beds, condition of insanitary houses, uncovered dust-carts, mistakes in planning of new houses, etc. A file for suggestions of this kind should be kept and the complaints, when verified, should be brought before the Committee in order that action may be taken. In this way, and after careful preparation and study a society may become a real power for progress. Its members will be well-informed citizens and it is to be hoped that a number of them will decide to devote themselves to local government administration and will come forward as candidates for the councils.\*

The urgent need for efficient women members of Councils cannot be exaggerated. The work of such bodies includes to an ever increasing degree personal and domestic matters, such as housing, maternity and child welfare, care of the destitute and sick, management of hospitals, etc. which cry out for the service and co-operation of women. In the past a long and arduous fight was fought by women to secure for their sex the rights of citizenship. These rights involve important responsibilities. Let us show that we are worthy of past championship of our rights by shouldering our new duties.

\*A leaflet dealing with this subject may be obtained from the Secretary of the National Union of Guilds for Citizenship.

## A NEW "GOODNIGHT" DRINK.

A "good-night" drink to help women to build up energy for the next day is the latest product of Cadbury Bros. Ltd. Bourn-Vita, as it has been called, is a new drink designed to meet the pace of modern life by speeding up both the taking and assimilation of nourishment. The new drink which is a complete food in itself, combines the vitamins and other dietetic properties of all its ingredients, the chief of which are milk, malt, eggs and cocoa. It is made entirely from home and Empire produce.

## WE ARE FRYING TO-NIGHT

Lorna Rea.

(Author of the "SIX MRS. GREENS.")



Wood Engraving by Betty Alldridge.

Old Molly Harris was cleaning fish. Through the little window above the sink at which she was working, she could watch the endless succession of dripping umbrellas whose owners were hurrying home to tea.

It had been raining all day; steady rain with nothing in it of sweetness to clear the muddy Glasgow streets. Even the small grimy children, whose custom was to float their paper boats along the swelling gutter stream, had been driven indoors by the murk and dreariness of this November afternoon.

But Mrs. Harris found nothing depressing about the outlook.

The window was shut, and if the outside panes were streaked and sullied with rain, the inside glass was pleasantly bloomed with warm steam and stuffiness.

Besides Mrs. Harris was busy. Her movements were economical and mechanical. With left hand outspread she pinioned on the slab the head and glutinous tail of one stark haddock after another, while her right hand wielded the stub of an old knife with which she deftly slit each fishy stomach so that her practised thumb could sweep out entrails and offal.

Her apron was stained and discoloured with excrement and old blood; her hands and wrists were mottled blue and slimy; but when she raised her forearm to wipe the sweat from her forehead no faintest wrinkle of disgust touched her face.

For in her mind the smell of fish was sweet. Fish and scented geranium, these were the treasures hoarded from her youth that lived on with her yet, and kept her company in bed at night and while she worked by day.

Before she fell asleep, lying in the little back room upstairs that opened on to a railway goods-yard, violent with noise and reeking of smoke, sometimes her nostrils would lift and quiver in pure delight as she smelt again in memory the scented geranium that stood by the door of the cottage where she had lived till Jim came courting her.

She remembered how he would stand there hot and half unhappy, and pick a leaf, and roll it in his hands and the smell would rise warm and aromatic from his dear flesh until her bones dissolved with tenderness and her throat was choked by the heavy beating of her heart.

And sometimes, mostly by day, it was the other smell that came to her, pungent with a tang of salty winds and waters that brought before her eyes the sight of glittering heaps of fresh mackerel or herring, and filled her ears with the brisk slap of the fish as they were tumbled out of the nets on to the little quay beside her home.

Strange that her early life should have been spent among men whose trade it was to take their boats out over the midnight seas and bring their rich harvest in the morning, and all her middle and later years in this small shop, which trafficking in fish and chips had given a living to three generations, herself and Jim, her son dead ten years ago, and now her granddaughter Molly whose husband, Alick, had stepped into the shop like a consort to his wife's kingdom.

Her thoughts drifted off to young Alick. She remembered his face as she had seen it that morning across the kitchen table; red, ingenuous, faintly puckered with anxiety. Now she came to think of it Alick certainly had seemed worried of late. Molly, too, for that matter. But it was Alick who had a guilty look about him; a guilty, almost hostile look, as if he were planning something that he knew would not be to her liking.

"I doot the laddie's plotting something," she decided; "Mebbe he wants a bit o' holiday, but he'll just ha'e to bide his time till the Fair. Trade's too guid to lose the noo."

Mindful of the fine drawerful of silver that she had counted so carefully last Saturday night, she fell to dreaming of the days in her old home when silver had been scarce. Her hands stopped working and she gently stroked the poor stiff scales that once had been so pliant.

Young Molly coming in saw that her granny was far away.

"Hullo, Granny," she said. "A penny for your thoughts."

Her accent was much less marked than Mrs. Harris's, but her voice had the same intonation; rising, falling monotonous and soft; and the brown eyes set above her hearty young cheeks were no brighter than the brown eyes that lit up her granny's small face.

Mrs. Harris stretched her cramped muscles and sat down on an upturned barrel.

"They're forty-five years behind me," she said. "Back in Stonehaven. I mind the fuchsia flower that grew alongside the fine-smellin' geranium bush at the corner o' the hoos. When the wind blew, my, yon fuchsia 'ud crack on the window panes the way you'd think the little hangin' flowers 'ud be off any minnut. But they wouldna. They were fine sturdy blossoms for a' the tender wee legs that held them to the boughs."

She smiled at Molly.

"It was a gey pretty wee hoos," she added. "I often think back to it."

"Would you not like to see it again, Granny?" asked Molly; and the uneasy eagerness in her voice betrayed her.

Mrs. Harris looked at her sharply.

"What d'ye mean, Molly? What's in yer mind, my girl?"

"Well, it's this way," began Molly, and then paused.

"Och it 'ud be better for Alick to be talking to you himself," she added helplessly. "It's not for the man to be seeking shelter behind the woman's petticoats."

"Fine sentiments these," agreed Mrs. Harris suavely. "But since Alick's no' here let me be hearin' it from yersel' whatever it may be."

"Well, it's like this, Granny. The shop's been doing well—"

"Ay, I could almost ha'e tellt you that mysel'," Mrs. Harris interposed, covering with fierce irony the wild throb of apprehension that had shaken her at the thought of an attack on her beloved shop.

Molly stumbled on. "Anyways, we've got a bit put by, and we don't doubt but that you've got a bit too."

She stopped interrogatively, but Mrs. Harris only nodded non-committally and folded her hands the tighter.

"Well, we were thinking, Alick and I, at least I should say it was Alick and his friend Tom Anderson was thinking an' they've got it all planned out like, only that Alick was afeared to tell you, thinking mebbe you'd take it to heart."

She stopped again and stood fidgetting with a corner of her sacking apron, not looking at the old woman who confronted her.

"Molly Macpherson," said Mrs. Harris, and though her voice was quiet, her eyes were blazing. "Tell me here and noo jist what yer drivin' at."

Molly burst into tears and flung her apron over her face.

"It's Canada," she sobbed. "It's Canada, Granny. Tom's goin' to make a forchin and Alick wants him and me to be goin' along with him, an' he can sell the shop to the man down the road, just beyond the Cowcaddens near the Station, and it's a good price we'll get for it. So he was thinking mebbe you'd be happy to be back in Stonehaven again, for there' be no place in the shop for you an' it belonging to strangers."

Her broken sentences, the fruit of so much anxious talk and discussion, died away.

The old woman was standing very still. Her back that had been bent for years was upright. On her face was the expression of one who had judged and found wanting, the quality of the unhappy girl before her.

"I see," she said slowly. "Ay, I see."

Her colourless lips were fumbling for words. She sucked them in, and gently blew them out again. A small bead of saliva formed at the corner of her mouth.

"You'll be wantin' to go?" she asked at last.

"I want to go where Alick goes, but I don't want to leave Glasgow and go traipsing off to foreign parts. An' I don't want to leave the shop, I love the shop; indeed it'll be a sore day for me when we shut the door on it."

Her sobs broke out afresh; but Mrs. Harris's face had changed.

"Ye care for the wee shop then?" she asked.

"Aye I care for it. My heart's breaking in me to think on leaving it. I love the shop."

"And I love the shop Molly. Ye'll no have ta'en the trouble to be thinking on that. It was Jim's shop and mine before ever you were born or thocht of and now it's yours and Alick's an' you're but a poor weak critter to give up the thing that's near your heart to please your man with his whims and fads. Alick's but a bairn, aye wantin' somthin' new, but the shop's your ain, Molly, an you'll no treat it like a toy that a child's got tired of."

Mrs. Harris's face was pinched and grey but her voice deepened majestically as she drew on to her conclusion.

"If yer mind's set on Canada, to Canada ye'll go, the pair o' ye. But ye'll leave the shop to me. I've lived among the fish and when my time comes I'll die among the fish."

She turned abruptly to her work but as she mechanically picked up a haddock, a sudden deep tremor shook her small figure and with a sign she crumpled over the wet slab, her head that sank on to the shining pile of fish, pushing them to right and left over the slippery marble. As one slipped off the edge and fell with a gentle flap on the floor, Molly screamed and ran from the back shop.

"Quick, Alick. Come here. Granny's dead. Come here."

But Alick was out and the sound of her own unanswered scream rang in her ears and calmed her. Slowly she walked back to the sink, carefully lifted the small body that leaned so lightly on the familiar slab, and carried it up to lie once more under the black and crimson patchwork quilt.

For a time she sat there thinking, and as Molly Harris' face relaxed and softened in death and her mouth drooped open, Molly Macpherson's young blurred features sharpened and hardened, and her lips were pinched into a rigid line of determination.

Later, when she heard Alick moving below, she went downstairs tearless and implacable.

As he came to meet her, she stopped on the bottom step one hand leaning on the banister.

"Alick," she said quietly, "Alick, Granny's dead. I told her about Canada and she's dead. I'm not thinking that we've killed her exactly but none the less she's dead. And I am thinking this, that we'll bide here in Glasgow and mind the shop."

"D'ye mean to tell me the old leddy's dead?" Alick asked stupidly. "Eh, well, I'm sorry for that, I'm right sorry for that. Ye'll miss her."

He came to Molly and put a kind clumsy arm round her as she stood on the step that brought her level with his broad shoulders.

"Yes, I'll miss her, Alick. But what I say is that there'll be no Canada now. We'll stay at home and keep shop."

Alick shifted his weight from one foot to the other and looked thoughtful.

"I canna leave it now," Molly went on; "I'll stay here with the fish as ma mother and ma granny did before me."

"Oh, aye, very well," said Alick at last. "Mebbe it 'ud be all for the best to stay. I wasn't altogether set on Canada. Mayhap it was more of a fancy like. We'll do very well as we are."

"Ye'd better go up now and take a look at her and then ye'll have to go out and make some o' the arrangements before it's time to open for supper. We'll give her a good funeral. I know she always had a fancy for a fine cak coffin."

"Ye'll not be open the night?" Alick asked incredulously. "It 'ud hardly be decent an' the old woman only gone this afternoon."

"Indeed an' we will be open. Granny'd be the last to be wishful for us to waste the fine creel she cleaned for us to-day."

As she spoke, Molly stepped from the circle of Alick's arm, took from her desk a cardboard placard, and hung it in the window for all to see the red chalk lettering: "We are Frying To-Night."

THE END.

## THE PROGRAMME PAGE.

## BULBS

BY

Dorothy Grey.

Once more the National Gardens Guild have generously given us a quantity of hyacinth bulbs. The members of those Guilds who have received bulbs in the past will know the very high quality of the bulbs and the beautiful blooms that result from them.

These bulbs are given to us in order to stimulate interest in the delightful hobby of bulb-growing in pots and bowls and to give pleasure and joy to our members. And what a joy growing beautiful flowers is! But it is strange how even lovers of flowers do not know quite simple facts about their growth. I always remember when I first became enthusiastic about my garden planting dozens of bulbs only to discover some weeks later that I had planted them all upside down. So if you want to know something about bulbs be sure to go to your Guild meeting when the lecture-demonstration on this subject is being given. Many members who have never thought of growing bulbs before have, after hearing a lecture at their Guild meeting, proudly brought beautiful healthy plants to the competition in the following spring.

For the benefit of Guilds that have formed since our last distribution of bulbs it might be well to explain what fun and pleasure is enjoyed by a bulb competition. A demonstration lecture is given at a monthly Guild meeting after which any questions may be asked; and much information is gleaned. In this connection care should be taken to procure a really good lecturer, as even the most fascinating subject—and a bulb growing lecture is fascinating—can fail to create interest if badly presented by a lecturer. Sometimes the Secretary of the Local Horticultural Society proves helpful.

After the lecture the bulbs are distributed to the members to take home and are grown for the competition in the Spring. As far as possible the bulbs distributed are exactly the same kind and generally the same colour, so nobody has any advantage of any kind. In order that the bulbs should bloom more or less at the same time they should be planted immediately they are received by the members. Each day delayed lessens the chance of the bulbs being ready at the time of the Exhibition. So be sure that your "sins" will find you out when your plant is placed beside your competitor on the day of the Show.

The conditions of the competition are left to the Guild Committee to decide. It is possible to have different classes for:—

- A. Single blooms grown in fibre, in pots.
- B. Single blooms grown in water.
- C. Three or four bulbs grown in a large bowl.

Awards may be for quality of bloom and colour, or separate prizes for each qualification. In class C arrangement would be taken into account. Here, again, care should be taken to find a competent judge. Sometimes the Committee of the Guild acts as adjudicator but this is not so satisfactory as procuring the services of an expert.

The National Gardens Guild are giving certificates to the winners of competitions. The Secretary of the Guild should therefore notify us at Headquarters of the name and address of the winner to enable us to arrange for the distribution and to notify the National Gardens Guild as to the total number of certificates required.

Federation Competitions are sometimes arranged. These are most enjoyable events for they arouse a spirit of friendly rivalry in the Guilds and give an opportunity for members of different Guilds to meet. As a rule the first

two or three best examples in each class from each Guild within the Federation are sent to the Federation competition. The Federation committee of course makes all the arrangements and is responsible for seeing that they are carried out, the Secretary notifying us of the name and address of the winner of the competition.

The bulb competition is perhaps one of the most satisfactory of all competitions. It is intensely interesting to watch the growth and development of the bulb, it requires care and attention but very little skill. Success is assured if simple rules are followed and the results always give pleasure even if the flower does not prove to be a prize-winner. Last, but not least, it is inexpensive.

### CONDITIONS of Bulb Competitions, 1932.

**Certificates.** The Secretary of each Townswomen's Guild should notify the Organising Secretary the name and address of the winner in the competition to enable her to inform the National Gardens Guild the total number of certificates required, and arrange for distribution.

**Lectures.** Arrangements for lectures (only if required) to be made by each Townswomen's Guild direct with the National Gardens Guild, but lecturer's fees and expenses to be paid direct to the Lecturer.

**Correspondence.** All correspondence respecting the Bulb Competitions, except arrangements for lectures, to be done through the Headquarters Organiser, Mrs. Dorothy Grey, N.U.G.C., 4, Great Smith Street, London, S.W.1.

### HANDICRAFT EXHIBITIONS.

*The announcement on another page of the National Handicraft Exhibition, will be turning the thought of Guild members to Handicraft, and to help those who think of exhibiting there, as well as those who are organising Guild, or Federation Exhibitions we intend to publish notes, on various kinds of work.*

### RUG-MAKING.

Colour, design and good workmanship, are all important features of a well made rug. An original design is best if it is a good one, but if the worker is unable to make her own design, she should take some trouble in the selection of a good design originated by someone else.

It is well to study oriental rugs and they can be copied in a simplified form. A visit to a museum will often suggest ideas.

Canvas must be suitable for the thickness of wool used; if thin wool is worked into a large mesh canvas, the result is a limp, untidy rug. The ends and edges of rugs are the test of good workmanship. The cut ends of the canvas should have a turning of about three inches on to the right side of the rug, this must be tacked in place and the knots worked through both thicknesses of the canvas. The selvage edges should be neatly covered with the same colour wool as the border by button-holing or double crochet. If thick wool is being used, oversewing will serve the purpose. Rugs should be unlined.

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### THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING, 7th—9th MARCH, 1933.

Please note now that the dates of the Annual Council Meeting this spring are 7th—9th March. It is to be held in exceptionally interesting surroundings, at the Imperial Institute, South Kensington. The meeting will open on the afternoon of Tuesday, 7th March, and will close at mid-day on Thursday, 9th March. The experiment of holding an exhibition of handicraft work by members will be repeated. Societies should begin straight away to consider what subjects they wish to put forward for discussion at the Council Meeting. Nor is it too early to look round for suitable candidates to nominate for election to the Executive Committee which will be responsible for carrying on the work of the National Union in accordance with the policy laid down at the Council Meeting.

### WORK FOR THE HANDICRAFT EXHIBITION, MARCH, 1933.

Advantage will be taken of the opportunity afforded by the Rally to discuss the Schedule of classes in which work may be submitted for the March Exhibition. The following is the draft schedule prepared at the request of the Programme Committee. The final schedule together with the Rules for the Exhibition will be published in the November number of the "Woman's Leader" after the draft has been discussed at Malvern.

### DRAFT SCHEDULE OF CLASSES FOR HANDICRAFT EXHIBITION, MARCH, 1933.

1. Embroidery General: (a) White, (b) Coloured.
2. Embroidery worked by the threads of the material.
3. Canvas work and Tapestry. 4. Smocking. 5. Plain Sewing: (a) Sampler—at least 6 stitches must be shown, (b) Any garment all hand work. 6. Patch work.
7. Quilting. 8. Machine work: (a) Man's Shirt, (b) Baby's Garment, (c) General. 9. Knitting and Crochet: (a) Socks and Stockings, (b) Baby's Garment, (c) General.
10. Lace—any lace including crochet. 11. Rugs.
12. Leatherwork. 13. Gloves—hand-made. 14. Toys: (a) Soft, (b) Hard, (c) Thrift. 15. Basketry and Raffia: (a) Pulp Cane, (b) Coiled Basketry, (c) Willow, (d) Rush, (e) Raffia work—pochettes and shopping bags. 16. Stool seating—any make. 17. Articles made from waste—(including papier mache). 18. Weaving. 19. Metal work. 20. Co-operative exhibit to be worked by at least 12 members if the membership of the Guild is over 50; and by 8 members if the membership is under 50.

### HANDBOOK FOR TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILDS.

The handbook for Townswomen's Guild members is now ready, price 6d. (or 7d. post free). As far as possible it should be in the hands of every Guild member for it concerns individual members very closely. It has been written especially for members of new Guilds, but it is hoped that much will be found of value in it to all members,

however experienced. It contains suggestions on programme planning, the business of Guild meetings and Annual Meetings, the place of the individual member and officers duties. One free copy is being sent to each Secretary who is asked to make the necessary arrangements for the sale of copies which should be ordered from 4, Great Smith Street, S.W.1.

### THE GROWTH OF THE TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD MOVEMENT.

In spite of the holidays, when most activities are quiescent, six Townswomen's Guilds have been formed, four of these in Scotland, at Banff, Buckie, Macduff and Turiff, one at Bullingdon, near Oxford and one in Bloomsbury in London. The total number of Guilds is now 129. Preliminary work is in hand, more particularly in Devon, Northumberland and Surrey. Readers are invited to put us in touch with any people living in districts where a Guild is likely to be welcome. It is up to all within the National Union to help to extend the Townswomen's Guild movement by making it known wherever they go.

### BULB COMPETITIONS.

The generous gift of bulbs from the National Gardens Guild has now been divided. We were very sorry that a number of Societies had to be disappointed, the applications exceeding the number of bulbs at our disposal. In an article in this month's "Woman's Leader" are given brief particulars regarding the award of certificates by the National Gardens Guild.

### YOU WILL BE WELCOME.

The first little tea-party at the office will be held on October 20th, at 3 p.m. If you find yourself in London on that date we shall be very pleased to see you. Individual members as well as officers will be welcome.

### T.G. BADGES.

There has been so great demand for the original badges that our stock has been completely exhausted. Will Guild Secretaries who still have any, in hand, unsold please return them to us immediately?

### PROBLEM OF HOUSING.

The arrangements for the series of lectures on Housing which it was proposed to hold in London, beginning on 20th October, unavoidably have had to be altered. There will be no lecture in October. Further plans will be announced as soon as possible.

GERTRUDE HORTON,

October 1st, 1932.

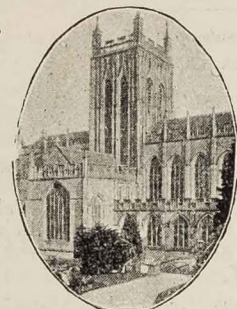
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## Townswomen's Guild Rally

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### Friday, 7th October.

Afternoon Arrival.  
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### Saturday, 8th October.

Morning 10 a.m. Lecture. "Local Management and Ourselves." *Speaker:* Miss Bright-Ashford (St. Marylebone Borough Council).  
11.30 a.m. Discussion. Officers' Duties—Led by your own Officers.  
Afternoon 2 p.m. Motor Drive—Wye Valley and Symonds Yat.  
Evening 8 p.m. Theatre Party. "New Laws," Ronald Frankau and Ralph Wright. Preceded by "Bad Penny" by Ronald Frankau.

### Sunday, 9th October.

Afternoon 2 p.m. A ramble on the hills. Conducted by Arthur Bennett, Esq.  
or Visit to Davenham Gardens, by kind permission of C. A. Dyson Perrins, Esq.  
5.15 p.m. Public Meeting—"The Real Peace Problem." *Speaker:* Mrs. Corbett Ashby.  
Evening 8.30 p.m. Concert.

### Monday, 10th October.

Morning 10 a.m. Lecture—"Our Homes and Our Health." *Speaker:* Miss Wilson (Birmingham City Council).  
11.30 a.m. Discussion—Ideas on Programmes. Led by Mrs. Ryland.  
Afternoon 2 p.m. Motor Drive—Worcester, Tewkesbury and Deerhurst.  
5.15 p.m. Ourselves by Ourselves.  
Evening 8.30 p.m. Whist Drive and Games.

### Tuesday, 11th October.

Morning Departure.  
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## "WHO'S WHO" OF THE RALLY.

In addition to the people about whom particulars have already been given in the "Woman's Leader" members of Townswomen's Guilds attending the Rally will have the opportunity of meeting:—

(a) Mrs. Adrian Corbett, Chairman of the Executive Committee, and of the Townswomen's Guilds Appeal Committee who is very well-known to Guilds, especially in London and the South.

(b) Mrs. Ryland, Joint Honorary Secretary, who is also very well-known to Guilds in all parts of the country. In addition to her absorbing work as Secretary of the N.U.G.C., Mrs. Ryland is also Chairman of the Warwickshire Federation of Women's Institutes.

(c) Miss Alice Franklin, Joint Honorary Secretary of the N.U.G.C., who is also Honorary Organiser of the Society for Oversea Settlement of British Women.

(d) Mrs. Hornabrook, Chairman of our Local Government Sub-Committee, who was formerly City Councillor of Plymouth and a member of the Devonshire Board of Guardians.

In addition, other members of the Executive Committee hope to be present.

## ABOUT MALVERN.

While visitors to the Malvern Rally will no doubt enjoy the longer excursions planned for them it would be a pity if they left the town without seeing the principal features of Malvern itself, some of them within a stone's throw of the Abbey Hotel.

The chief of these are:—

The Priory Church, with Norman and Perpendicular architecture, fifteenth century tiles and glass; the Abbey Gateway, remains of an old monastic establishment; Rosebank Gardens; Priory Park and Winter Gardens, with Jacob Memorial Fountain, Concert Hall, Theatre and Picture House; Public Library and War Memorial; Malvern College; Malvern Girls' College; Aucott House unemployed training centre; School of Arts and Crafts and Technical School; Pickersleigh Close and Barnards Close bungalow flats for women workers; Manor Park for outdoor games; golf course; Malvern Link and Malvern Wells Commons. The chief industries of Malvern are Burrows' Table Waters, "Leathercraft," Morgan's Runabout cars, and stone quarrying.

A representative selection of local firms have advertised in our paper this month. We hope that visitors and residents will patronise them where possible.

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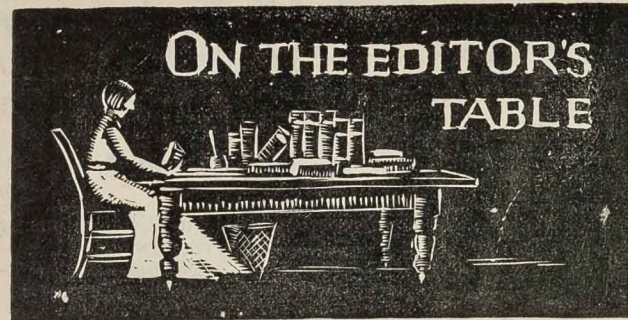
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It is a good plan to have on hand against the dark days of November, some book calculated to remove depression. For this purpose I can recommend "**Benefits Received**" by Alice Grant Rosman, (Mills and Boon, 7/6). The well thought out plot, the delightfully witty and pointed conversation and shrewd judgment of character in this story, would all persuade the reader that Miss Rosman is an old hand at novel writing, even if there were not on the dust cover a long list of novels to her credit. In this story, as in her others, Miss Rosman looks critically but not unkindly at the world. Her nice young things are very, very nice, and her bad, young and middle aged ones, not too horrid, for she does not harp over much on their faults, though she knows all about them. She knows also about cats and plane trees and how a tale grows in the telling of it. The result of all this knowledge and observation is a book which enables us to class Miss Rosman among the authors who are new fashioned enough not to mind giving us a book old fashionedly pleasant, yet modern in material and incident.

Messrs. Longmans are publishing at 7/6 Sylvia Pankhurst's "**The Suffragette Movement.**"

The reader of the opening chapters may perhaps be tempted to ask whether the title is not stretched a little too far when it is made to cover such information as "Our (the Pankhurst's) plain, two-course dinner on week-days always included milk-pudding," or "Harry's bottle did not agree with him."

Many of our younger readers know very little of the Suffrage struggle, some of them have avowed that they are tired of hearing about it. To each generation its own "Causes." (Doubtless the descendants of Noah, hard at work on the Tower of Babel, switched off instantly when anyone began to talk about the good old days when the Ark was being built). Sylvia Pankhurst's book is none the less an astonishingly frank, revealing and absorbing record of the whole militant movement. Read it side by side with Ray Strachey's two books, "The Cause" and "The Life of Millicent Garrett Fawcett," and if you do not even then understand "How the Vote was won" you will at least realise that the oil and water of the constitutional suffragists and the militants respectively, could not mix.

"**The Lost Generation,**" by Ruth Holland, (Gollancz, 7/6). The life of the heroine of this story will awaken a response in many of my readers, since the generation referred to is that which was either grown up or nearly grown up at the beginning of the war. It is difficult to do justice to this beautiful temperamental story without quotation, for which, unfortunately, we have no space. The intensely sympathetic descriptions of the heroine's Welsh childhood, her love for, and understanding of the boy cousin with whom she grows up, his death, and her subsequent marriage give many opportunities for a revelation and understanding of the brooding poetic temperament usually ascribed to the Welsh. It may or may not add to the attraction of this book for the reader that though the general tone is sad it has a conventional happy ending.

*The Secret International.* Armament Firms at Work, published by The U.D.C., 34, Victoria Street, London, S.W.1., price 6d., makes out a compelling case for the cessation of Armaments production by private firms and for making it a state monopoly.

*Disarmament and the Displaced Worker,* (L.N.U., 15, Grosvenor Crescent, S.W.1., price 4d.), Capt. Stephen Saunders, C.B.E., shows how alternative work or maintenance could be provided for the men displaced by the 25% cut in expenditure on Armaments spread over 5 years, which is advocated by the League of Nations Union.

"*Hats off to the past, Coats off to the future.*" (Women's Freedom League, 144, High Holborn, W.C.1. price 3d.) gives a sketch of the history of "The Women's Freedom League," women's achievements in recent years, and some of the objects for which it is still working.

"The Pit Ponies' Protection Society" sends us a leaflet urging the advantages of mechanical haulage in Mines. 520 Mines in this country and 1,500 Mines in the United States have already dispensed with animal haulage underground and the Society makes a strong appeal to mine owners to put in practice the recommendation of the Chief Inspector of Mines in favour of Mechanical haulage.

"The Anti-Steel-Toothed Trap Committee, 36, Gordon Square, W.C.1. sends a leaflet giving the following ways in which humane people can help to abolish the terror which rabbits suffer from the use of the Steel-toothed Trap and Wire Snare:—

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2. By urging your M.P. to support a Bill to prohibit these cruel methods.
3. By circulating our literature and our Petition to Parliament.
4. By sending a donation, or taking a collecting-box, to help the funds for this Campaign against the use of the steel trap and wire snare.
5. By becoming an Associate of the A.S.T. Committee, the minimum subscription being 1/-.

"*Women and Smoking*" and "*Should a Woman Smoke*" are the titles of two pamphlets which come to us from the National Society of Non-Smokers, 20, Essex Street, Strand.

The Association for Moral and Social Hygiene has reprinted in pamphlet form from "The Shield" of April, 1932, their article on *Sexual Offences against Young Children, A Call to Action.* We commented on this informative article on its publication.



### THE GUILD CALENDAR

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### REPORTS FROM SOCIETIES.

#### Essex Federation of T.Gs.

The meeting of the Federation held on September 19th was attended by Miss Franklin and Mrs. Grey from Headquarters, and by representatives from Romford, Becontree, Westcliff and Highlands. Reports of Guild activities showed that all Guilds had held busy and successful sessions. Mrs. Grey outlined a scheme for training bands of voluntary helpers attached to Federations. It was unanimously agreed that a two days' school be held in Southend and another in the Greater London area.

Hon. Sec.: Mrs. Heanley, Belfairs, Belfairs Close, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex.

#### Sussex Federation of T.Gs.

The Sussex Federation, on September 9th held a one-day school for officers at Plumpton Agricultural College, where they were welcomed by the Director. After the opening speeches by Lady Monk-Bretton and Mr. Lewis, Chairman of the East Sussex County Council, the morning session (when Mrs. Corbett Ashby presided) was taken up with discussions on the duties of officers. A sandwich lunch was provided, and in the interval the grounds of Plumpton Court and of the College were explored. In the afternoon interesting talks were undertaken by officers on: The year's programme, the monthly meeting, programme making, etc. and the Guilds of Sussex. The school was brought to a close by tea.

Hon. Sec.: Mrs. Moojen, Lyndhurst, Hayward's Heath, Sussex.

#### Ashford T.G.

The Ashford (Mddx.) Guild held a very successful Garden Party on August 15th. Mrs. Ryland opened the proceedings with an interesting speech on Guild work. An Exhibition of handicrafts was arranged, and the other Guilds of the Thames Valley were invited to take part. Other attractions included a mannequin parade of the best dress for 5/-, an American tennis tournament, and an amusing sketch by the Ashford Dramatic Society, entitled "The Buggins' Picnic." The weather was delightful throughout, and everyone spent a thoroughly good time. Last but by no means least, the Guild exchequer benefited by a clear profit of £4 10s. 0d.

Hon. Sec.: Mrs. Webb, East Dene, Clarendon Road, Ashford, Middlesex.

#### Downham T.G.

At the August meeting the Guild was addressed by Miss Hamilton-Smith on the subject of coupon trading. An interesting discussion followed the lecture.

Hon. Sec.: Mrs. James, 168, Southover, Bromley, Kent.

#### Banff T.G.

On August 30th the Formation Meeting of the Banff T.G. was held at the Town Hall, when there were over eighty present. Miss Bury addressed the meeting, and also gave a demonstration on wool-rug making. It was unanimously agreed to form a Guild, and sixty-eight members were enrolled.

Hon. Sec.: Miss Adam, 42, Carmelite Street, Banff, Banffshire.

#### Belper T.G.

"If women set their hearts and souls to achieve any object, there is nothing in this world that will stop them from achieving it," said Mrs. Lewis, who opened the first handicraft exhibition held by the Belper T.G. in September. The Chairman, Mrs. Gamble, welcomed the visitors. There was an excellent display of handicrafts and home-made articles and produce of all kinds. There was a stall of articles given for members to be sold in aid of Guild funds.

Hon. Sec.: Mrs. Haynes, Manor View, Park Side, Belper, Derby.

#### Littleover T.G.

The Littleover T.G. held its second annual Garden Party in July at the house of the vice-chairman. Nearly a hundred members and visitors were present. Lively games and competitions were organised by the secretaries, and were very much enjoyed. After tea Mrs. Gamble, the Chairman of the Derbyshire Federation, gave a short address on the value of the recently formed Federation. She said that by linking the Guilds together it helped them in the way of speakers and demonstrators for their meetings, and it helped also to link them with the Executive Committee in London. The Federation grouped eight Guilds and hoped that twenty more would be added, filling all the urban gaps where Women's Institutes are not in a position to work and where Guilds could and should be formed.

Hon. Sec.: Miss Robotham, the Knoll, Littleover, Derby.

#### Southend T.G.

The July meeting of the Southend T.G., which was to have taken the form of a garden party had, owing to the weather, to be held indoors. The members were addressed by Mrs. Ryland upon the aims and objects of the Guild, and the enthusiasm of the audience showed how greatly her talk was appreciated. After tea Mrs. Ryland judged a competition for the best dyed article, and an entertainment of dialogue and singing was given by Mrs. Lewis and Miss Denham.

Hon. Sec.: Mrs. Kavanagh, 10, Browning Avenue, Prittlewell, Essex.





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