

GIRL GUIDES

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Shirley Hopkins 18, of 1057 Waterdown Road has returned home after a trip abroad, as a Canadian Girl Guide representative to the fiftieth anniversary celebrations of Guiding in England.

She was one of 24 Guides chosen from across Canada to make the trip, which lasted from mid-July to the end of August. Also in the group were three leaders.

Shirley, a lieutenant in Twelfth Burlington Guides, spent the longest part of her stay abroad at the Kent County Jubilee camp at Mersham-le-Hatch Park.

International Camp: During her 10 days at the park she met fellow Guides from all over Europe, North America, and such places as India, Pakistan and Jamaica.

The majority of Guides in the park, however, were their hostesses from Kent County, who helped the international guests in various ways. There were four Canadian Guides at this camp; the rest were scattered at similar jubilee camps in different countries in England.

Although Guides slept in tents, Shirley said, "We did not really camp because it was so highly publicized."

Besides their regular duties, such as washing dishes, the Guides help many informal discussions.

"We didn't talk about international problems, such as the Belgian Congo, but we did get many new ideas about Guiding and how to improve our program," the Burlington Guide said.

Also on the agenda were tours to places like Canterbury Cathedral and Dover, nightly camp fires and sing songs, and international demonstrations. Most groups performed folk

songs. In addition, there was a special Brownie's day, and an open day. Among the visitors was the Chief Commonwealth Commissioner, Miss Anstice Gibbs.

The Canadian Girl also spent a few days with relatives in Kent, before taking a week's bus tour of Wales. Shirley spent three days in Edinburgh, Scotland and about a week in London.

While in the English capital, they visited Lady Baden-Powell, the World Chief Guide, for tea at her home, and saw a special jubilee Guide program in Wembley Park.

Youth Hostels:

Shirley said they enjoyed their stay in a youth hostel where they paid one dollar for a bed and breakfast. Part of Shirley's trip was paid for by funds from Canadian and Ontario Guide headquarters in Toronto, and part by various organizations collected by Mrs. E. E. Bullock, Maplehurst District Commissioner, and Mrs. S. Robertson, Hendrie District Commissioner, as well as private individuals.

Shirley, who graduated with her senior matriculation from Waterdown District High School, is now in her first year as a nurse-in-training at St. Joseph's Hospital.

She has been in Guiding for 11 years.

Shirley said her trip stimulated her interest in the movement so much, that she has decided to continue as Guide Leader.

