

sun is hidden by trees or other buildings. They carry well (particularly in the paper containers we spoke of, not just loosely thrown together and wrapped in newspaper); in fact, I had sent me from Balmoral, Scotland, a clump of fern, last August, which a friend lightly dug from the bracken in which she was walking. Placed in a small pot it is growing and looks very fresh indeed, sending up new shoots all the time. It had no especial care in packing for its long journey and looked and felt pretty withered and dry when I received it. However, a night's soaking in water and immediate planting, soon had the effect of bringing back the dormant life. Roots of wild flowers are more attractive than cut ones, too, although in this regard one must be careful not to deplete the already diminishing supply in our woods. Carefully dug with a trowel, however, no harm need be done, in fact, perhaps not as much as by careless plucking. How attractive looks a root of hepatica in full bloom, and how it would be snapped up! One has in mind a small city garden about 9x9 in a poor street, which has nothing in it but hepaticas and other wild flowers. It is a thing of beauty and certainly a joy to passers-by who look over the neat two foot high fence into this little bit of country.

SO, HAVE we convinced you of the utilitarian value of your garden? And remember that a garden, to bring you in returns of culture or money, must be planned. The biggest part of the actual work in a flower garden is done in July and August when the children are home from school and when they can soon be enthused to take an interest in flowers and plant life. In fact they could plan worse things than a career tied up with flowers. There is constant demand by nurseries, floral magazines (for edi-

torial work) and Government departments for young people who will make the study of plants their life work, and especially if they can tie up their academic knowledge with practical knowledge too. We heard of a horticultural magazine which found it difficult to replace an editor (who had been absorbed by a Government department), one who could combine the practical knowledge with an ability to write about it. Here is a field your young people could cultivate while cultivating your flower garden. It is something to think about in these times when office positions are at a premium and business courses are leading many times to dead ends. A practical knowledge of the land in all its phases is something that will tie up with a real future to many young people in the years just ahead.

As we say, to turn your garden to practical value to you needs some planning, but that you can easily do with the help of magazines, horticultural societies, and a study of the seed and nursery catalogs.

*"There's not a pair of legs so thin, there's not a head so thick,
There's not a hand so weak and white,
nor yet a heart so sick
But it can find some needful job that's crying to be done
For the Glory of the Garden glorifieth every one.*

*"Then seek your job with thankfulness and work till further orders,
If it's only netting strawberries or killing slugs on borders;
And when your back stops aching and your hands begin to harden, . . .
You will find yourself a partner in the Glory of the Garden.*

*"Oh, Adam was a gardener and God who made him sees
That half a proper gardener's work is done upon his knees,
So when your work is finished you can wash your hands and pray
For the Glory of the Garden that it may not pass away."*

—Kipling.

WITH THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

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"We wish that wilfulness and selfishness, culminating in 'man's inhumanity to man' were passing away from the world more speedily, but everywhere 'men of good-will' have the same wish and that influence does spread itself. Meanwhile let us be thankful that we have gone—by God's help—even thus far towards the 'peace on earth' which is one of the Christian's goals in his march towards perfection.

"When all the rulers of the world come to the place of being willing and able to confer together about their problems—as some have already—then will humanity have risen above the barbarous way of war to settle differences.

"Very many examples could now be cited of individual friendly contacts of people from one country visiting and helping people in another country. Our missionaries sent to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to illustrate it in their lives of loving service and self-sacrifice, are most significant of these examples of true brotherhood. It is interesting to find Kagawa of Japan and natives of other countries returning to express appreciation and desire to now help others in return. A good part of Christianity is forgetting of self in care for others.

"Isabel Ingles Colville in her 'Remembrance Day' article in the Newmarket Era last November, wrote, 'Have we insisted that the children in our schools should be instructed as to the true meaning and beauty of peace and how it can be brought about among nations as it is exemplified in the lives of each one of that nation's citizens?' She says, 'If the churches had spent these seventeen years since the great world war in preaching "Peace on earth, good will to men," "Love your neighbor as yourself," and "God is love," surely men would have listened and realized that a country where every man respects his neighbor's rights is a great country, and that country to country should be the same as neighbor to neighbor.'

"Rose Henderson says, 'The world is now a commercial brotherhood, let us

now make it a spiritual brotherhood.'

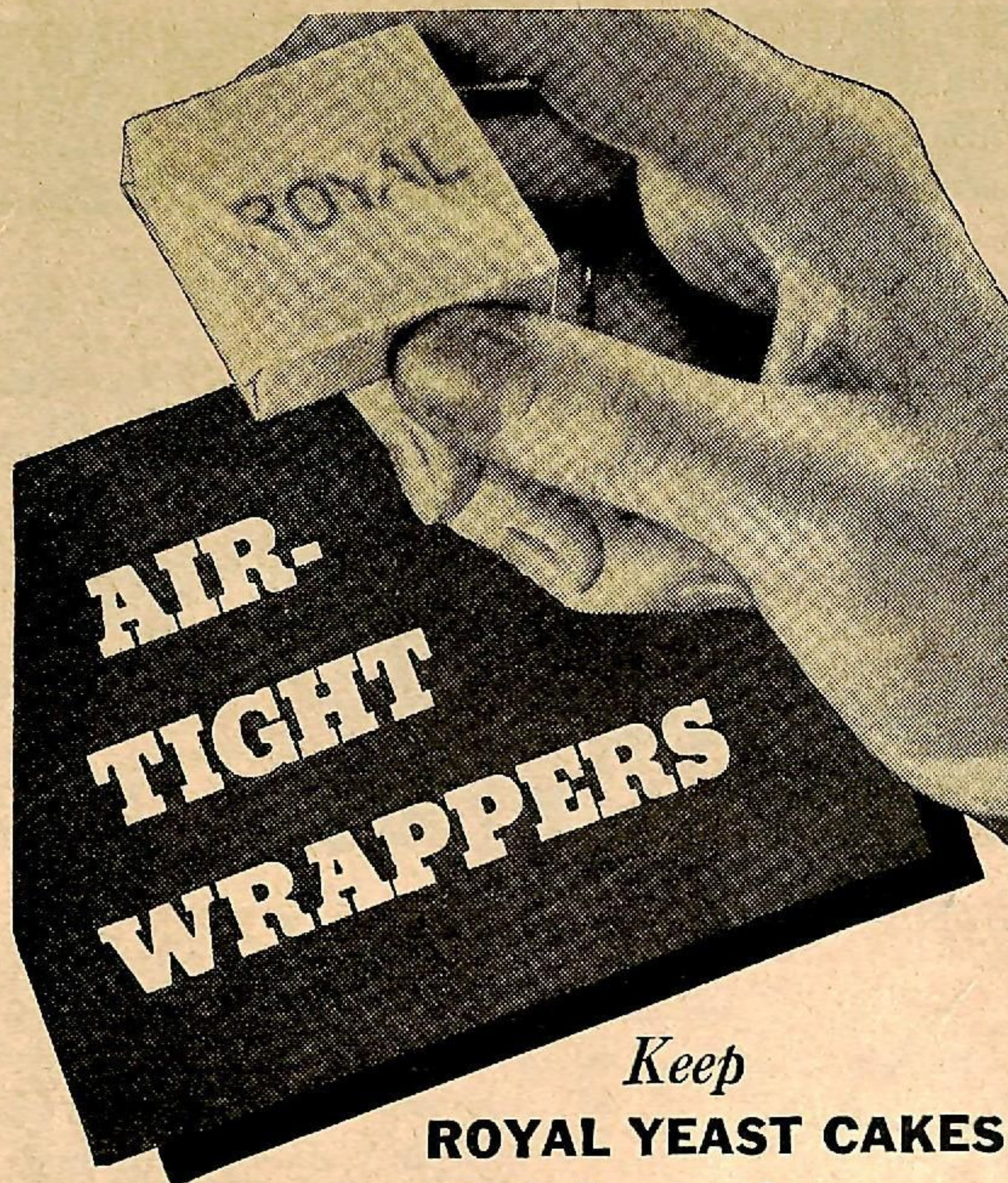
"King George V in his last broadcast, made on Christmas Day, 1935, said, 'In Europe and many other parts of the world, anxieties surround us. It is good to think that our own family of peoples is at peace in itself and united in one desire to be at peace with other nations—the friend of all, the enemy of none.'

"Edward VIII in his first radio address to his people after becoming king said, 'May we have peace and prosperity and be worthy of the heritage which is ours.' As when prince, so now as king, he is deeply interested in the best welfare of all."

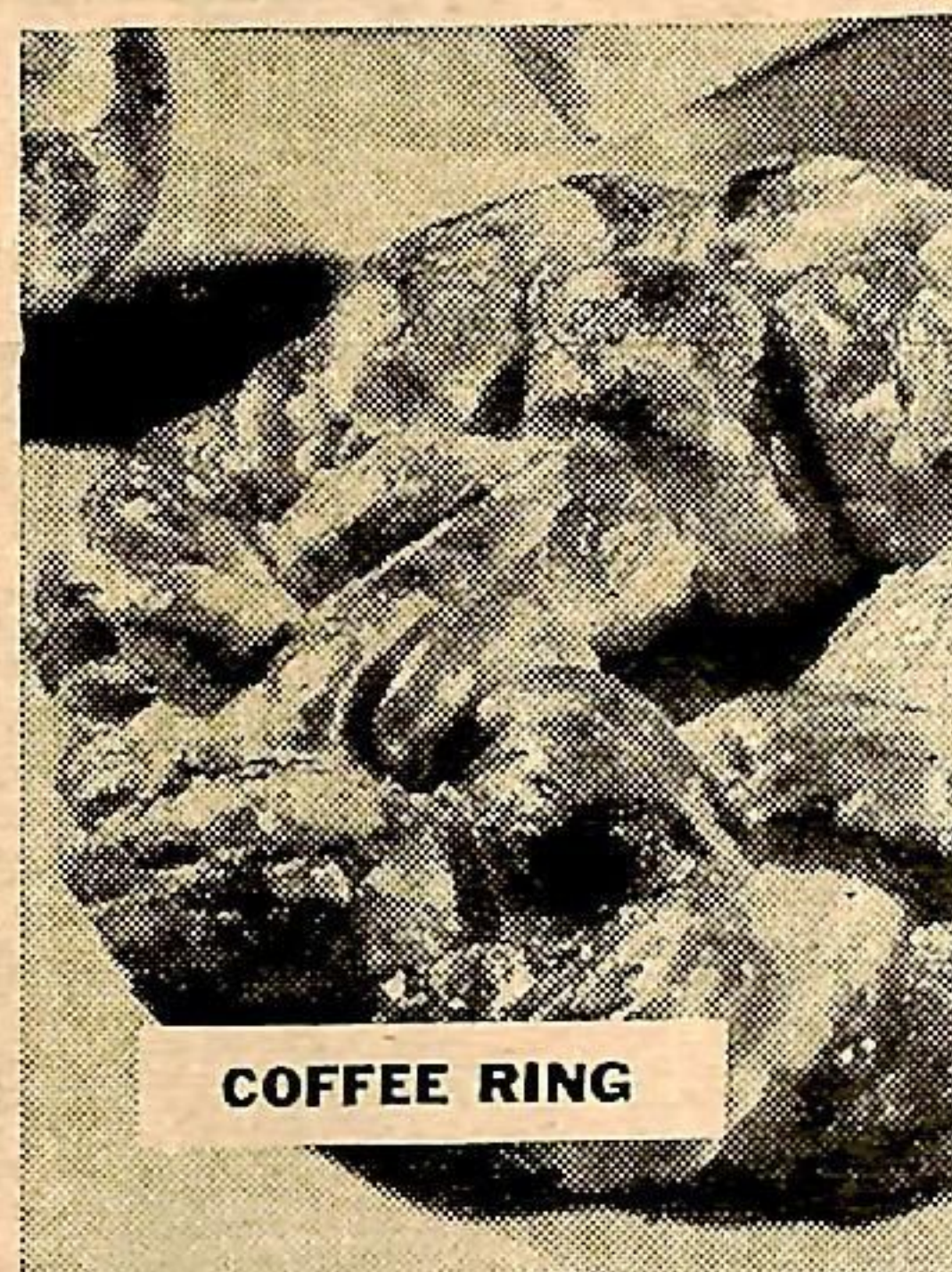
Institutes and Girl Guides

MRS. MABEL SECORD, the institutes' representative to the Canadian Girl Guide Association, in her report of what has been done and the progress made, particularly in the last few years, adds this note:

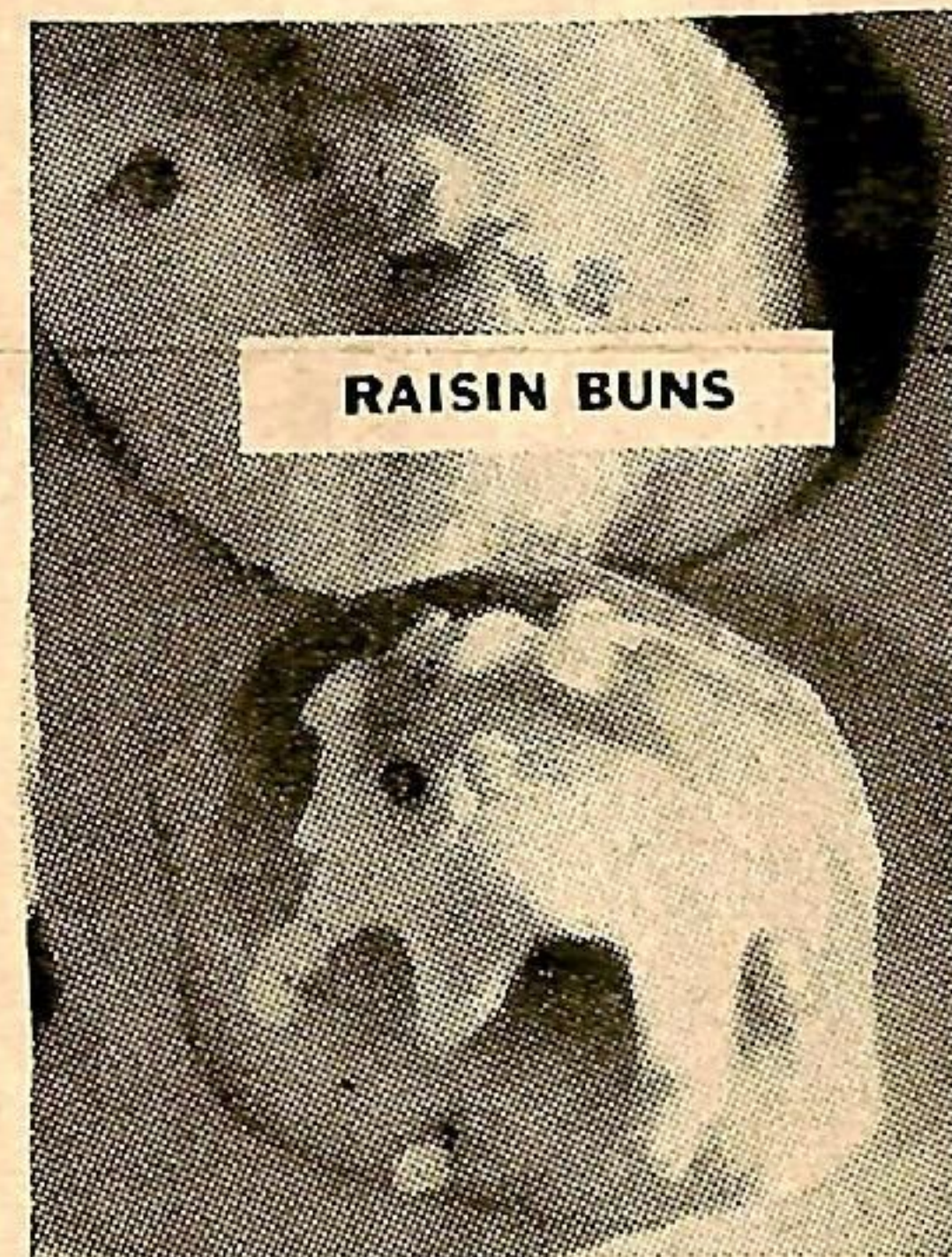
"I feel, however, that our women's institutes still need more enlightenment on Guide work, for I find sometimes that our institute women rather look upon the Guide organization as one in "competition" with our own, but since I have had the privilege of closer acquaintanceship with Guide work, I find there is very much in common between our two great organizations, and there is no reason whatever why there shouldn't be the happiest spirit of co-operation existing between us. They, like we, take in every class and creed and try to instill in them principles of loyalty, discipline, homemaking and community service, and all that goes to make up a good standard of citizenship. The only difference is that we work with girls and mothers over 16, while they take girls from 8 to 11 in the Brownie Packs and from 11 to 16 in Guide companies. They work with the girls while they are in the plastic stage of development, when life habits are forming and when character training is most effective and helpful."



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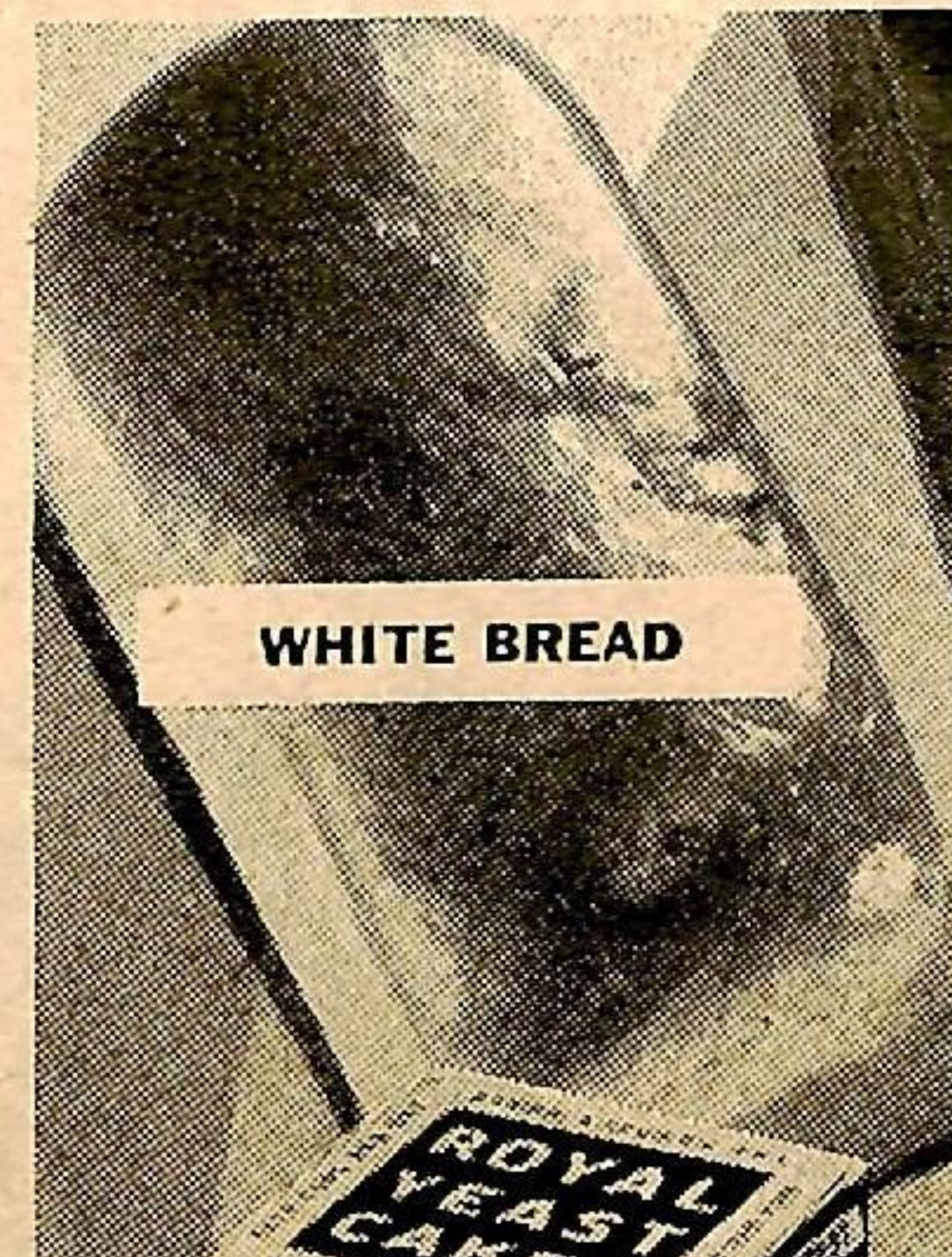
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