

# 1st Codnor Park Girl Guides during the 1950's & 1960's

## Codnor Park Guides 21st Birthday Party



Miss Peggy Jackson (County Commissioner) cutting the cake at celebrations to mark the coming of age of the 1st Codnor Park Guides

A delightful surprise welcomed the 1st Codnor Park Guides, when they arrived to celebrate their 21st birthday, last Thursday, in the Ironville Schools. A beautiful display of Spring flowers, with a key and 21st greeting, had been arranged by the Staff of the Junior School.

About eighty Guides and friends sat down at tables which had been tastefully decorated, and amongst the visitors present were: Miss P. Jackson (County Commissioner), Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Francis, Mrs. G. Wallis, Mrs. G. Wilson, Brown Owl, Mrs. S. Carrington; Members of the Local Association, Mrs. T. W. Hanson, Mrs. L. Hardwick, Mrs. E. T. Cox; Senior Guides' parents, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Maskery and Mrs. Balmer; also present were Guides, Patrol Leaders from Alfreton, Riddings, South Wingfield, Swanwick Hall Grammar School, Swanwick St. Andrews, and Jack-dale.

There was a splendid birthday cake with 21 candles, baked by Mrs. S. Carrington, and iced by Mrs. G. W. Pemberton, which was cut by the County Commissioner, Ann Parker, senior guide, on behalf of the Company, presented a wooden fruit bowl, and a box of chocolates from Mrs. P. Kirk, Infants' Headmistress, to the Captain, Mrs. K. Chamberlain, who

expressed her thanks.

After welcoming the guests, Mrs. Chamberlain recalled the first meeting of the Company, on March 3, 1937. Miss N. Martin, who now lives in Scotland, founded the Company, and will always be remembered for the sound foundation stones laid in the early years. Mrs. Chamberlain also thanked ex-Guides Mrs. G. Wilson and Mrs. E. Wallis, for their service to the Company in the past.

Miss Jackson spoke of Mrs. Chamberlain's 21 years' service as Lieut. and Capt., and expressed birthday greetings to the Company.

The Rev. J. H. Francis added his congratulations. Lieut. Miss Hanson thanked all who helped at the party, and Mrs. P. Tatlow, of the Alfreton Company, spoke on behalf of the visiting guides.

Arrangements were in the hands of Mrs. K. Chamberlain and Miss J. Hanson.



## Codnor Park Girl Guides Celebrate



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Formed in March, 1937, the 1st Codnor Park Girl Guides celebrated their 21st birthday in Ironville Schools on Thursday of last week. A large number of parents and friends attended, including Miss P. Jackson (Divisional Commissioner), Miss I. Clewley (President of Alfreton Local Association), the Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Francis, and past Guides of the Company, i.e., Mrs. P. Wallis, Mrs. I. Wilson, Mrs. J. Grasley and Miss Ann Parker. During the first part of the programme, the Guides gave displays of tenderfoot, 2nd class and 1st class work, and the Divisional Commissioner enrolled two new members, Carol Brailford and Maureri Cass, the colour party being, Union Jack bearer, M. Parrish, World Flag bearer, K. Trece, escort, M. Lounds, G. Beasley and E. Leighton.

The Divisional Commissioner presented third year stars to M.

Lounds and G. Beasley; second year stars to N. Davis, E. Leighton, C. Wilding, K. White, J. Walker and J. Bullock; and first year stars to M. Denton, J. Brown, M. Tapp, J. Dale, S. Whitehead and M. Burgin. The following badges were also presented: A. Stinson (cook, home-maker, hostess and laundress); little house emblem, which include child nurse, cook, home-maker, hostess, laundress and needlewoman badges were presented to M. Parrish, M. Lounds, G. Beasley, K. McKeown and K. Trece. G. Beasley obtained her swimmer's badge, and K. Trece and K. McKeown the fire brigade badge.

The Patrol Shield was presented to P.L. K. McKeown on behalf of the Swallow Patrol, who had gained the highest number of marks. P.S. E. Leighton presented a bouquet of spring flowers to Capt. Mrs. K. Chamberlain to mark her 25 years' service. The

birthday cake, with 25 candles, made by Lt. E. Maskery, was cut by Capt. Mrs. Chamberlain.

On behalf of the local association, Miss Clewley then presented the Company with a set of "billy cans" and a water bottle, and congratulated the Guides on their achievement. Mrs. Chamberlain presented an axe to the Guides on behalf of Mrs. R. Kirk, who was unavoidably absent, and announced that monetary gifts had been received from Codnor Park Brownies and Miss N. Martin, of Ayrshire, who, along with Mrs. Chamberlain, formed the Company in 1937. A telegram of good wishes, received from Scotland, was read to the gathering. The Divisional Commissioner then added her congratulations and referred to the 25 years' service which Mrs. Chamberlain had given to Guiding in Codnor Park. Refreshments followed, served by the Guides

and a catering committee, which included Guides, parents and past Guides.

A camp-fire ceremony was then held, when Guides, dressed to represent badges which they can work for, gathered round the fire and sang camp-fire songs. The evening came to a close when the Rev. J. H. Francis expressed thanks for a very enjoyable evening and personally congratulated Mrs. Chamberlain on her good work for the Guide movement in Codnor Park.

Mrs. Chamberlain suitably replied, thanking past Guiders for their help, and Lt. E. Maskery for the way she held the Company together during the greater part of last year whilst Mrs. Chamberlain was ill. To mark Lt. E. Maskery's birthday, Susan Bradley presented a gift on behalf of the Company, and the meeting closed with singing of "Taps."

