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Although the weather was a little dismal for the Trefoil Guild weekend at Britannia Park last October, the warmth of friendship and fellowship far outweighed any inconvenience. The numbers continue to increase, showing the popularity of having a residential weekend for the Annual Meeting. There were sixty eight who stayed for the weekend, and another 46 came on the Saturday for the Annual Meeting. We welcomed our State Commissioner, Mrs Maren Chandler who opened the day's proceedings for us, and Mrs Marjorie West as Guest Speaker enlightened all those present about her involvement with Radio Station 3 RPH.

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Our congratulations also go to Miss Irene Kerry, (Kerry as she prefers to be called) who at the recent World Assembly in Coventry U.K. was elected into the International Council of I.F.O.F.S.A.G. (International Fellowship of Former Scouts and Guides).

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