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D.M.A.

[In the last issue of "Matilda" we asked for contributions from all Guiders and Guides in Victoria. The response so far has been very slow. We hope, however, that Guides will make their gift one really representative of the entire State and that the response, though slow, will be sure.—Ed.]

The following letter was received from the Chief Guide too late for publication in the last issue of "Matilda":—

THE GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION.

25 Buckingham Palace Road,
London, S.W.1
January 6th, 1925.

Dear Guiders of Victoria,

I have to-day received your letter of August 20th, telling me of your appreciation of the work Miss Hogarth did while in your State.

I want to thank you for your letter, and it was very good of you to write to me so fully.

I am very glad Miss Hogarth was able to help you, and I hope Guiding will rise to great heights in Victoria, and that it will be of real and lasting value to the girls who come under its influence.

With again many thanks for your letter, and all good wishes to you all for 1925,

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) OLAVE BADEN-POWELL,
Chief Guide.

STATE RALLY.

The 2nd Victorian State Rally will be held in the grounds of Federal Government House on Saturday, 3rd October. Guides will be assembled in groups composed of a nucleus of Melbourne companies to which will be attached the various country companies which are coming to Melbourne from such distant places as Swan Hill, Hamilton and Gippsland. It is thus hoped that Guides will be able to really know each other. Arrangements are being made for country Guides to stay with Guides in Melbourne who have been able to offer such hospitality.

AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

We wish to express our thanks to the anonymous donor of a quantity of "chit" paper which was left during June at the G.G. office. This is still proving most useful.

PROTECTION OF NATIVE BIRDS.

Representatives of nature-loving societies, at a meeting of the National Park section of the Town-planning Association, discussed the question of the protection of native birds, whose

destruction is going on in such a manner as to justify the belief that the laws for their protection are almost a dead letter. With the object of preventing this wasteful destruction, the meeting passed a resolution that the State Ministry be asked to initiate and carry on more vigorous measures for their protection. It was suggested that the Police Department, the Fisheries and Game Department, and the Education Department could each help in their several ways.

It was agreed that the Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, and public school children should be asked to give their assistance to the movement.



COMMISSIONERS' TRAINING COURSE.

The 3rd Victorian Commissioners' Conference and Training Course was held at State Government House from 11th to 14th August, and these four days were filled with interesting and varied discussions upon many subjects important to the furtherance of Guiding.

Unfortunately the State Commissioner, Lady Straßbroke, was prevented by illness from being present at the Conference. The course was arranged by the Acting Head of Training, Miss M. E. Bush, and was attended by the following Commissioners, Mrs. L. Lansell (Div. Commissioner Northern Division), Miss R. Hamilton (Div. Commissioner Melbourne and Suburbs), Dr. Florence Cooper (District Commissioner Richmond) Miss S. Cameron (Acting Area Director P.G.A. Companies), Mrs. Drysdale (District Commissioner Sandringham), Mrs. Edmondson (District Commissioner Hawthorn and Kew), Mrs. Hayes (Tasmania), Mrs. Keating (District Commissioner South Melbourne), Mrs. Knox-Chapman (District Commissioner, Swan Hill), Mrs. Mountain (District Commissioner, Ferntree Gully), Mrs. McLean (District Commissioner, St. Arnaud), Mrs. Rundle (District Commissioner, Kerang), Mrs. P. J. Slater (District Commissioner, Northcote), Mrs. C. H. D. Steele (District Commissioner, Camberwell), Mrs. Winter-Cooke (District Commissioner, Hamilton and Coleraine), Mrs. A. S. Woolcott (District Commissioner, St. Kilda).

VISIT TO U.S.S. SEATTLE.

On Saturday, August 1, the State Commissioner arranged that Guides should visit the U.S.S. Seattle. Over 600 Guides and Guiders were glad to have such an opportunity of seeing the Flagship, and spent a most interesting morning, being shown all over the ship.

The leaping flames died down; the fire burned low,
 Became a heap of glowing embers. Then we sang
 Our evening song, and silently we left
 The smouldering logs. The stars were gleaming bright
 Above us in the depths of the great space;
 God's beacons in a sea of purple black;
 The moon above the tree-tops peeped, a ball
 Of ruddy gold, which, as it mounted, changed
 To silver white, and smaller, brighter grew;
 Its light made dancing patterns on the ground,
 Through gum-leaves which played in the soft breeze.
 The creek was murmuring sleepily, and showed
 A thousand facets born in that pure light.
 Then to my mind the words came back: "The peace
 Of water, fire-lit trees, and glorious stars
 Be with you through the hours of the night."
 Then sleep fell on me, and the stars, the moon,
 The trees, the creek, and all were blotted out
 In darkness, slumber wrapping me around.

—N.W.

DISTRICT NEWS.

Hamilton and Coleraine.—A District display is to be held shortly. The date was to have been October 3, but owing to various difficulties which have arisen, it may have to be held a little later. The Companies are preparing for the competitions arranged for the display day. A shield donated by the Hamilton Local Association will be the possession of the winning Company for one year. The Commissioner has found that at many Guide entertainments words of plays, recitations, and songs cannot be heard. An elocution prize is therefore to be competed for, open to all Companies within the district. The two best Guides in each Company to compete will be elected by the Guiders in the Company. Any two of the following three items may be chosen:—**Recitation** of a poem. "If," by Rudyard Kipling. **Song** selected by Miss Cocks. G.G., musical badge examiner, Melbourne. "It was a lover and his lass." Morley setting. **Reading** at sight. Paragraph to be given on the day competition is judged.

The prizes (1st and 2nd) are to be books, and will become the possession of the Companies to which the winning competitors belong. (M. Winter Cooke, District Commissioner).

Ballarat.—We are very pleased to be able to report in this issue of "Matilda" that we have a new Commissioner, and would like to give Miss Montgomery the best wishes and hearty congratulations of all our Guides. We think it is especially good of Miss Montgomery to have accepted the position of Commissioner, when she knew beforehand how arduous a task it would be, having been a most enthusiastic leader in the Guide Movement since it was begun in this district.

A meeting of the Local Association was held at Bishop Court on June 16, when the President, Mrs. Maxwell-Gumbleton, welcomed the

Commissioner and several new members who have joined the Association.

It was decided that Miss Andrews should be asked to come up from Headquarters to hold some Training Classes here, which would be helpful to Guiders, in Company Management, and to the older Guides who will later become Guiders.

In order to finance the Classes, it was thought necessary to give an entertainment, but owing to the generosity of the ladies at the meeting the full amount was donated, for which we are all most grateful.

Mrs. McKenzie, one of our country members of Trawalla Estate, has kindly invited all the Companies to hold a rally early in the spring, to which the Guides are looking forward with great delight. We are very pleased that nearly all our Local Association members subscribe to "Matilda," as now we know that they really have the "treasure bag" of Guide information for Victoria.

COMPANY NEWS.

1st Ballarat.—This Company has increased its numbers to 30, five new recruits having passed their Tenderfoot test and been enrolled during the last month. The Guides are very pleased to have Miss Montgomery as their Captain still, and appreciate her having become so attached to them as a Company that she wishes to continue as their Captain as well as Commissioner. They very much regret the resignation of their Lieutenant, Miss Root, but are glad to welcome Miss Isobel Graham as acting Lieutenant until the end of the year.

Three Guides have passed their 2nd class tests and several of the Ranger Patrol have attended Miss Andrew's Training Classes. All the Guiders have found the classes most helpful, and are beginning to hope that some day they may reach the standard of 1st Class Guides.

2nd Ballarat.—Work has progressed very satisfactorily in this Company during the last three months. The Commissioner visited it a short time ago, and enrolled ten new Guides, making the numbers complete for a full company of 32.

3rd Ballarat.—The Company has been meeting regularly with a good attendance of the Guides, who are at present keenly practising for the Choir Competition to be held in October. They are fortunate in having Mr. Oats to train them, and we hear that they spend most strenuous evenings singing the Guide Marching song, Taps and others, but hope that they will not forget that there is other Guide work to be done too. Each Company is most anxious to show their ability as songsters, and to have the shield to decorate the walls of their club-room.

On Saturday, June 6, the Company had a field day at Buninyong, and spent a very jolly time climbing up the mount, at the top of which there was a lovely view of the surrounding country, and many things of interest to be seen by the Guides.

4th Ballarat.—This Company has also increased its number to 32, 5 recruits having lately been enrolled. A great deal of their

Guide evenings have been taken up with practising for a Guide display, which they gave last month, and augmented their funds by £7. It was a most creditable display, both to the Guiders and Guides, and those that saw it realised what work it must have meant for the Company in marching, singing, knot tying, signalling and first-aid work.

It has been decided to purchase Colours, and a basket-ball for Company use. (K. Must, District Sec.).

1st Bairnsdale, St. John's.—During the last few months most of our Guides have been working at 2nd class, and one of them has successfully completed the test.

We have been endeavouring to help others, and on May 2, when the local Boy Scouts held a carnival to raise money for their hall and the Rotary Club, we willingly consented to do our bit, and took charge of the bran dip, supplying all the articles for same, and helping otherwise where help was needed.

Our open night on May 14 was very successful, and we were indeed grateful to have our District Commissioner with us that night. Many who were present expressed surprise at the varied and useful instruction given at our meetings, and a keener interest in our meetings seemed to be created.

Next month a Pan-Pacific Exhibition is being held here, and we are staging a dialogue which includes all our Guides, so we are now busy practising for this, hoping to make our effort worthy of Guides. (H. Stokes, Captain).

2nd Bendigo.—The glory of the sunshine on the morning of June 27 was excelled only by the radiancy of the smiles that shone from the faces of 18 Guides—nine of them brand new (the Guides, not the faces)—and the six recruits who now comprise the 2nd Bendigo G.G. Coy. Never a sluggard was there that morning, though eager anticipation had testified to many a sleepless night. All this ecstatic, seething, bubbling excitement was because the long-for all-day Hike with which we were to celebrate our first birthday was to hand. Nothing could restrain us. The mystery of where the trail would lead shared the interest with the mystery of who were to be the surprise guests to tea, though the Patrol that lost the trail had serious doubts as to whether either mystery would be solved by them. However, we all eventually arrived, and set to with grim determination born of fierce hunger to prepare a repast which we think was unique. But, alas, the keenness of our appetites had been barely satiated when ominous clouds appeared on the horizon, and soon hid the glory of the sunshine. We began to wonder whether our interviews with Weather Clerk had been as successful as we had boasted them to be. We were not left sufficiently long in doubt to be able to clear away all traces of our camp, and before we could reach shelter many of us were drenched. And as we trudged home we just had to be "Pollyannas," and be glad of such a splendid opportunity for practising Law No. 8, and our smiles, though considerably dimmed, shone bravely.

However the Weather Clerk gave us perfect weather for our Church Parade on Sunday morning, which was our actual birthday, and we turned up with never a trace of the havoc the storm of the previous day had wrought.

Before the Parade we opened a birthday parcel from Mrs. Lansell, our Divisional Commissioner—the gift of a Union Jack, of which we are exceedingly proud, and for which we are very grateful to our Commissioner. We hope to repay her kindness by practical loyalty, and by acting on the advice she gave us on the previous Monday, when she came to enrol nine recruits to "Be thorough" in all things. The Church Parade was most inspiring, and, with the help of the message of Archdeacon Herring gave us in his sermon, we hope to fulfil his birthday wish for our new year—richer experiences, deeper training, and a more vivid realisation of the spirit of service. We were glad to have Mrs. Lansell and the 1st Bendigo Coy. with us at our Birthday Parade.

We are working very hard for 2nd class. Dr. Jacobs has been to give us two lectures on 2nd class ambulance work.

At the annual meeting of the Local Association in June, when Lady Stradbroke visited Bendigo, we gave a display of physical exercises. (N. Oldfield, Acting Captain).

3rd Camberwell.—Since last "Matilda" notices were written the Company has had a very full time. On June 19 we held a successful entertainment and managed to raise £10, which was splendid, as it was our first effort. We were pleased that Mrs. Steele, our District Commissioner, was present, also so many parents.

We have been having great luck at basket-ball (long may it last). On July 10 we celebrated our 3rd birthday. We had a quiet but jolly evening all together, and cut a cake decorated with three candles into 33 bits in honour of the event. Captain was away for three Thursdays lately, and Lieutenant took us instead. On August 1, in company with the other Melbourne Guides, we went over the U.S.S. Seattle. It was a tremendous thrill, as we were afraid such luck was not coming our way. (F. Salmon, Captain).

1st Carlton.—We were very delighted to have a visit on July 8 from our Commissioner, Mrs. Mephan Ferguson, so soon after her appointment. We felt honoured to be the first Guides to be visited. The small voice which called (acting on her own initiative) and the volume of sound which followed testified in those "three cheers" how our Commissioner has already twined herself into the hearts of the Company.

We have had a very busy time for six months past. Guides were successful in Domestic Service, Child Nurse, and Ambulance Badge exams.

On April 22 the Company were invited to a Social evening with the 4th Fitzroy Scouts. A most enjoyable evening was spent by everyone. We had intended giving our return social in May, but unavoidably had to postpone it until June, when the Scouts were loud in praises of the evening they had spent. On May 20 we were completely taken by surprise by a first visit from the State Secretary; it was also the first evening we had Miss E. Tribe with us, who is acting as Lieutenant for a few weeks. Some of us have been working hard for months making toys, scraps, and post-card books, which we took to the children of the Austin Hospital on June 6. An enjoyable picnic was spent at Greensborough on June 8; we were pleased to have three of the training class with us. On June 17 the Guides gave

an item at the Young Street Mission Concert. On June 24 and 29 we were very fortunate in having lessons in the various methods of rope splicing from Mr. Turner, Scout Master; the examples of all sent in afterwards by some of the girls were highly commended by the instructor. Twenty-one members were able to go to the Orchestral concert in the Auditorium; the offer was greatly appreciated by everyone who thoroughly enjoyed it. It was the first time that some of the Guides had ever been to such a concert, and it was a wonderful eye-opener to them. (Ida L. Wilson, Captain).

1st Essendon.—In February we held a Dahlia Show—this Show, which is combined with a sale of gifts, has become an annual festivity. This year Miss Irving kindly opened it for us; we cleared £20, which saved further anxiety for the year. In May we rendered an operetta entitled the "American Girl," the proceeds of which is put aside towards funds for a tennis court. Mr. and Mrs. Little spent much time in training the girls, so we gave them a case of stainless cutlery, which was duly handed to them by the Mayor, Mr. Mitchell. The Church has asked us to assist them at a fair which takes place in November. We have decided on a vegetable stall. We have raised money to buy our vegetables, and have now time to devote to Badge work. We did not do much at Badge work last term, as the examinations fell at the same time as our operetta. We attended a Girls' Rally during Church of England Congress, and enjoyed the service and an address by the Dean of Newcastle. We have spent some lovely Saturdays and holidays out in the paddock, and played Guide games. We have joined up with the basket-ball team; we have played five games, of which we won one, tied two, and lost two. We also had two enjoyable matches on our own ground with the Moreland Campfire Girls.

We are much interested in Mission work, and Sister Nicholson, of Travancore, India, gave a lantern lecture upon her work in hospital in India. We are now preparing a box which will be sent to her for Xmas. This box will contain presents for the children and requisites for the hospital in India.

When the American Fleet were here we joined other Guides and went over the Flagship Seattle, which was most instructive.

One of our lieutenants, Miss Ethel Glover, suffered a sad loss; her mother died, and we are very sorry for her. We made a beautiful white cross and sent it to her; this loss necessitated lieutenant leaving us and staying home to mind four brothers. She has our loving sympathy. (S. Winston, Sec.).

1st Fitzroy.—The chief excitement since last issue was having the State Secretary, Miss Irving, with us for one parade, when she gave out Proficiency Badges for Health, Milliner, Swimmer, Knitter, and Child Nurse, and invested a Patrol Leader. We also had a sing-song and learnt some very nice, new songs.

One Saturday morning 12 of us went over the U.S.S. Seattle and enjoyed ourselves very much.

On July 9 we had a most successful jumble sale, and now at last have the Union Jack, of which we are all very proud. We would like to thank all the other Guiders and Guides who sent us parcels to swell the sale.

We have all loved the fortnightly basket-ball matches and meeting other Guides, and are looking forward to the Rally in October, when we will be able to see some of them again. (A. Campbell, Captain).

3rd Fitzroy, St. Mary's, is growing steadily. On July 5 Miss Barfus came to the Company and enrolled five Guides.

We have only one 2nd class Guide in the Company at present, but we hope to have others very soon. We have joined with 3rd St. Kilda, and gone for hikes to Heidelberg and Studley Park.

We play basket-ball every Saturday, and are in the "C" grade in the competition.

7th Geelong, All Saints.—Our first meeting was on June 14, 1924, with eight recruits; since then we have been slowly but surely growing, and have now reached 18, 12 of whom are doing 2nd class. We have had several hikes to Queen's Park, which have been most successful. We challenged St. Andrew's, 9th Geelong, to a basket-ball match, of which we were the proud winners, and spent a very Guidey afternoon, finishing with a sing-song. They, in turn, challenged us, after which we spent a very happy afternoon in the Eastern Park. We have lately had a visit from the District Captain (Miss Peters), when she enrolled two Guides, and gave us a nice Guidey talk. This is our first appearance in "Matilda," but decidedly not the last, so, au revoir, until next time. (N. Dickson, Acting Captain).

9th Geelong, St. Andrew's.—This year has slipped away so quickly, leaving a host of pleasant memories in its train. We have had several half-day hikes, and are looking forward eagerly to a promised whole-day in the open, when we are going to cook our own chops and sausages, and boil our billies over our very own fires. One afternoon about half of us went to Queen's Park with the 4th Geelong Coy., and did our 2nd class fire-lighting and running tests; our morse flags are increasing in number every week, so that soon we hope to see the coveted little green trefoils adorning many a left arm there are some service stars due in a couple of months' time, and we are hoping that they won't race the badges.

We are a full Company now, and have had to open a waiting list as well. At present we have three recruits who are being initiated into the intricacies of knots and woodcraft signs, while the remainder of the Company is working hard for 2nd class as has been indicated.

This year we have been very fortunate in having two visits from our District Commissioner—one on May 1, when she came down and enrolled five recruits, and the second time on July 24, when she came with Miss Barfus and our District Captain, Miss Peters, to watch an "ordinary" Coy. meeting. Miss Barfus inspected us and found that our shoulder knots were not up to the standard of our bright and shining badges. You should see our shoulder knots now! (E. Walters, Acting Captain).

2nd Hamilton.—We were all very sorry to lose our Captain, Miss Brake, who resigned early this year owing to her marriage with Rev. Graham. We are glad she is living here, as it does not seem as if we have entirely lost her.

Our Lieutenant and 1st P.L. were appointed Captain and Lieutenant respectively, and the

Company is losing none of its keenness. We have already had five enrolments this year, and more recruits are still coming. Although we have just been given our second-year service stars, our Company is regarded as the largest and keenest in the district.

The Training Week, which will be held here during September, will be such a help to our District, as we are so short of Guiders. We are looking forward to it very much.

The District Shield competition is quickly drawing near and we are looking forward to matching our strength against the other Companies of the District.

Our Company keeps in constant touch with the 2nd Musselbrough Co. in Scotland by means of letters between the Guides. It is most interesting and gives us quite a thrill.

3rd Hamilton.—In May we were sorry to lose our Captain, Miss Mackie, but we wish her every success in her new sphere. During the winter months hikes and field days are really impossible, but last March we spent a most enjoyable field day at the Hamilton Reservoir and a camp-fire at night. When the long, warm days come again we will visit Mother Nature in her own home and watch her wonderful works.

We were pleased to welcome new recruits into our Company this year. Three of them have been Brownies, and we live in the joyful hope of perhaps getting some more Brownies as recruits. At present all our energies are directed towards work for the District Shield—the competition to take the form of a Display to be held in October. (R. M. Abbott, Acting Captain.).

1st Kew.—On Sunday evening, May 17, we had our Colour dedicated. We had a very impressive service, and were pleased that so many other Guides and the Kew Scouts were able to join with us. All the Guides who are members of our church attended the Communion Service at 8 a.m. on that day.

Our alternative Saturday afternoons are taken up with basket-ball, as we have a team in the "A" grade; up to the present we have lost one match, won two and drawn in the other.

In May a party of 16 from this Company were shown over the Herald Office, which was very interesting, and helped us to realise the immense amount of work and organisation necessary for the production of a newspaper.

The dialogue "Mamzelle," which appeared in a recent issue of the Guide, was rendered by several of our Guides at the Annual Meeting of our District Association.

A good muster attended at Port Melbourne on the occasion of the inspection of the U.S.S. Seattle.

As our church is holding a Fete on October 2 and 3, we are at present working to stock portion of a stall upon which we are helping. (M. Oliver, Captain.).

1st Kyneton, St. Paul's.—On the eve of Empire Day a pageant of Empire was given by the Guides, Scouts and Cubs for general funds. It was very well performed and staged, and resulted in a profit of £18. Much valuable help was given by the Local Association in making the costumes, which were very effective. During the evening a shield, given to the Guides by Mr. Tulloh for Patrol competition, was presented by Col. Hurry to the Magpie

Patrol, the winners of the first quarterly competition for 1925. The patrol which has the highest aggregate for the year will have the privilege of having its name inscribed on the shield. The Guides have undertaken to look after the brass in the church—two Patrols take charge for a month, cleaning it every week; a very big improvement in the appearance of the brass has resulted. A very busy scene was depicted one Friday night a few weeks ago, where seven or eight Guides were industriously cutting up melons, pineapples, and ginger, which were next day to be made into jam! In all, 15 jars were filled with jam, and the whole Company then took it up to the Kyneton Hospital, where it was very gratefully received. (K. Stredwick, Captain).

1st Moreland.—During the winter months we have had some bright, enjoyable evenings, and are working hard now for Proficiency Badges, which we hope to win in October. At the last tests we secured three cooks, eight child nurses, and one health, but we are working for greater success at the next tests. As there has been so much unemployment during this winter, we decided to help, if only in a small way, so donated £1/1/- to the Coburg Unemployment Fund. Several social evenings have been given by some of the Guides' parents to help raise money for our "Building Fund." We long for a hall of our own, and unite in working to get the necessary funds. (D. Maddison, Secretary.).

1st Monbulk.—Girl Guiding has won its way into the hearts of the hills, and already the 1st Monbulk Coy. can look back upon a whole year of interest. We find ourselves astonished at the number of things the Guides can do to justify their existence. It is rather thrilling, for example, to assist at Fetes; and great was our delight in the one organised by our Commissioner and friends at Sherbrooke in March. Apart from joining in a combined display we entered for a singing competition, with the result that Lady Forster decided that we should bring the Lovell-Mountain silver cup to Monbulk. Twenty Brownies accompanied us as a body-guard, and broadcasted the news along the roads from the sides of our motor-waggon.

Empire Day stands out as another happy event, for we were invited by the School Council to attend the evening demonstration at the Mechanic's Institute, when we sang everything we knew! The last three months have been full of the interest supplied by 2nd class work, so that when we celebrate our birthday on August 6 we hope to find at least six 2nd class badges as well as our stars. Also on the eventful night five recruits are to be enrolled by our Commissioner, Mrs. Mountain, and thus we expect to start upon our 2nd year with the strength of 27. (K. B. Armstrong.).

1st Mornington.—Our Company held a social on Friday, July 10, to say "Farewell" to the Leader of the Kookaburra Patrol—Betty Greig—who has gone to live at Wonthaggi, where she has joined the Guide Company. We have chosen our Company motto—"Steel true and blade straight."

On Saturday, July 31, we went for a Field Day to Langwarrin. We left Mornington at 9 a.m., arrived at Langwarrin at 9.20; we discovered a splendid camping-ground about a quarter of a mile from the station. After

suitable corners had been chosen, the Swallow Patrol lit the fire: Canaries went for wood and Kookaburras went for water. After Horse-shoe, games followed while the potatoes were cooking. Chops, all colours—pink, black, brown, red—together with some nice mushy-looking, well-cooked potatoes, formed our stable meal for mid-day, not forgetting some variegated dainties for second course. Then rest hour, and a Nature Study talk by Lieutenant. We had a glorious ramble through the heath before tea. After tea each patrol dramatised one of the Laws. One of the recruits produced as Pow-wow a story she had heard by wireless. A sing-song round the camp-fire closed a golden day. (R. M. Aicken, Captain.).

3rd St. Kilda.—There are now 18 in the Company, and we have a happy time together.

On July 30 Miss Irving visited our Coy., and enrolled two Guides. Heidelberg and Studley Park are proving to be very popular with us for hikes. We are going to 1st St. Kilda's birthday party; we are so glad they invited us.

On July 26 we had our first Church Parade. Our minister, Rev. H. Clark, gave a special sermon for the Guides, which we enjoyed very much.

1st Northcote, The Epiphany.—We completed our first year on August 5; we have a complete membership and a waiting list. The Patrol Leaders are just completing the work for the 2nd class test, and will soon be invested.

On the first Sunday in August we had a Church Parade, and the vicar preached to us on "Service." As a Coy. good turn we are adopting and maintaining a black baby on one of the Australian mission stations.

In April last the Executive Committee of our Local Association gave our Company a social evening, and after an enjoyable time at games and supper, our District Commissioner, on behalf of the committee, presented the Company with a Union Jack mounted on a flag-pole bearing the Girl Guide Trefoil. The Colour was dedicated on Anzac Day, when we were pleased to have Miss Irving and Miss Barfus from Headquarters, and our District Commissioner and other Guiders with us. (E. Batten, Acting Captain.).

1st Sale, St. Paul's.—The Company has settled down to steady work, and eight ambulance badges have been won. A great deal of time and work was spent in working for this badge, as one extra night each week was given up to lectures, etc. Several milliners and clerks' badges have also been won.

A library has been opened, most of the books being given by the Guides, who are making good use of the reading matter provided.

On July 25 the Company journeyed to Traralgon to attend their first birthday. After having a photo of the two Companies taken, most of the Guides went to the football match, but all returned in good time for tea in the prettily-decorated hall. The Yallourn Guides also arrived, making about 70 round the tables.

Later in the evening the Sale Guides gave a short demonstration of Guide drill with Colours, which was followed by games and songs. Everyone was sorry when the time came to leave.

A happy afternoon was spent out tracking a few weeks ago; the Forget-me-not Patrol laid the trail, and when everyone had arrived at the river bank, fires were lit and afternoon tea prepared. Tracking afternoons are very popular, and we hope to have another one later on. (Lieutenant.).

1st Toorak Pack have not been seen in print for ages—so here goes! Had our first birthday party last May. Brownie Mothers were invited, also Lieutenant 1st Toorak Coy. Unfortunately Captain was away, but fortunately she did not forget, and sent the Pack "Many happy returns" in the shape of a lovely story book! Had a Pack meeting first to give "Mother" some idea of what we did—then tea (with a vengeance), then several Brownie items, and then lots of games in which the plucky mothers joined. Each Brownie took this opportunity to present her mother with a kettle-holder which she had made. At the Christmas party she presented her with a duster, which she had hemmed.

Our three sixers think that they are ready for 2nd class. The rest of us are getting on too—very slowly, but quite happily. There are 17 or 18 of us now—quite enough, too, at times! We spent an afternoon at the Museum recently, and the Brownies have not stopped telling us yet all they saw there! There's lots more to tell, but "Matilda" might "say" something if we don't run away. (A. E. F. Paling, Brown Owl). (There has been a change of Brown Owl in the 1st Toorak Pack—Miss Giroud is now Acting B.O.—Ed.).

1st Traralgon, St. James'.—Our Company was formed 12 months ago by Miss Warren, District Commissioner for Sale. We now have 30 Guides, 15 of whom have recently gained their 2nd class badge, and two recruits, having lost two enrolled Guides through removal from the district. We are attached to St. James' Church, and have the use of St. James' Hall free of charge. We are fortunate in having four very good Patrol Leaders, who have been of great assistance in working up the Company.

During the summer we spent many pleasant afternoons out hiking and tracking. We spent the full day on Easter Monday at the Sandbank on the Latrobe River. Our members are all very keen; some are still working hard for 2nd class, others are now studying for Proficiency Badges. At our meeting on the 23rd inst. Sister Fry gave us a demonstration on how to treat and bandage simple cuts. At a meeting at an early date we hope to have a Pow-wow from Mrs. M. Grant Bruce.

Our first birthday party was held on July 25, and proved a great success. Miss Warren was present, also 20 Guides from the Sale Coy. and 21 recruits from Yallourn. In all we had 84 for tea. It was a "bonza" tea, arranged entirely by the Guides. The tables were decorated in the Patrol Colours, and the whole reflected great credit on the girls concerned. A beautiful Birthday cake, including in its decorations the Guide Badge and Motto, was presented to us by Mrs. A. Layton, President of the Local Association. During the evening Miss Warren presented 2nd class and Proficiency Badges to the Guides who had won them, and also pinned tenderfoot badges on the hats of our Patrol Leaders. (Captain E. M. West; Acting Lieutenant, Mrs. G. J. Hill.).



USE FOR COTTON-REELS.

To make a toy out of an empty cotton-reel—cut the reel in half, and sharpen down the part where the reel is cut. Then fit a piece of wood in the hole in reel. Again sharpen off level with stem of reel. Allow enough wood—sufficient to catch hold of—to come through the top of the reel. This will make a top. Two of these may be made from one reel.

—From Rosie Milne, 7th Geelong.

THE PLACE OF PLAY.

Many people have tried to formulate a definition for play. Some people hold that it is "action without serious thought." But can we, remembering our own play, take this view. To illustrate this is the example of the concentration and serious thought involved in a little child trying to fill a bucket with sand.

The second theory is, that play is an outlet for surplus energy. Children are most disposed to play when they have an abundance of physical energy. But this theory does not explain the reason for children playing when they are tired.

Karl Groos' Biological Theory is that the origin of play lies in the need to develop instincts not fully developed at birth. Instincts appear in all young animals and are developed through play, and it is true in a deep sense that all young animals are working when they are playing. The play of the kitten is the purest instinctive education. In chasing rapidly-moving objects across a room it is teaching itself to catch mice and birds, and teaching itself in the quickest way. The young lamb in its seemingly purposeless gambol is fitting itself for mountain climbing later. Similarly the human being from earliest babyhood is learning to adapt himself firstly to his purely animal needs; secondly to his environment; and thirdly to a highly complex world.

In the first years of life there is hardly a movement, no matter how random, that does not play some part in the child's progress towards a higher stage of individual development. Thus, play is the exercise of faculties and a preparation for life.

In the case of the human being, instincts are not sufficient preparation for life. Man possesses reasoning powers, and he must be trained to control his instincts when necessary. The child acquires imitatively and actively a number of powers for his individual needs, by

play. Play is therefore one of the fundamentals of life.

Karl Groos says: "We do not play because we are young, but we are young in order to play, and the higher the state of civilisation the longer is the period of play." In northern countries people grow up much more slowly than people in southern countries.

No single definition of play seems wholly adequate; there is in all a common but indefinable element, namely, the play spirit, which embodies desire, self-expression and interest.

When we play, we live fully by doing thoroughly those things we have a natural desire to do, and, when work and play are separated, the one becomes mere drudgery, the other mere pastime. Since a child's life under his own direction is conducted all in play, whatever else which we wish to interest him should be carried on in that medium. Nothing is so thorough, so natural or so earnest as the spontaneous playing of a child.

The child is essentially a restless being, itching to be doing, full of curiosity and desire to investigate, full of wonder and instinctive longing, yet he must restrain his instincts in school. His real wants are unsatisfied, and he works in defiance of spirit.

Interest must be the starting point in all we do, or we will not do well. We must bring the play spirit into all our work because it makes pleasurable pursuits valuable.

Before play can be introduced thoroughly into our work, we must have some knowledge of the play of children. The play may be divided into stages. The first stage is experimental play, which continues roughly until the age of nine. In this stage play is purely individual, imaginative and imitative. The next stage is competitive play, which appears between the ages of nine and 12 years. The team spirit has not fully developed yet; each child wants to lead in turn. In the third stage, which continues through the adolescent period, we have the team game, and esprit-de-corps is developed.

In Guiding we endeavour to meet the natural desires of children to give them pursuits which appeal to them, and which lead them to learn for themselves many useful crafts. The children are taught, through tracking practices, games and competitions. Keeness is never blunted, and the main object of all games and pursuits is to lead them to use their own intelligence, and to stimulate their powers of observation of the beauty of nature and the things around them.

NINEPINS.

This is a dance game which has proved very popular. Any air with a rhythm of eight beats will do. "John Peel," and the kindergarten tune "Oats, Peas, Beans and Barley Grow" are both very satisfactory.

Dancers are in couples, and stand in a square, each couple facing another. There is one odd dancer, the "Ninepin." A skipping step is used throughout. First figure—top and bottom couples change places (8 beats), passing by

the right, then back again (8 beats). Sides repeat.

Second figure—Top and bottom men dance to meet each other (4 beats), turn each other by the right hand (4 beats), dance on to opposite lady (4 beats), turn her by the right hand (4 beats), back to the centre (4 beats), turn opposite man (4 beats), back to their partner (4 beats), turn her (4 beats). Sides repeat.

Third figure—The "ninepin" now comes into action and dances round, turning each lady by the right hand. When she has completed the round, the men join hands with her and all dance round in a ring till the music stops unexpectedly, when all the men race for a partner, and the one left out is the "ninepin" next time.

If your company has not a musician, the music can be supplied quite well by the Guides singing the tune, and clapping occasionally to keep the time strict.

In case of clash when racing for partners, the "man" wins who comes to the correct side of the lady, i.e., the left. It is a good plan always to have the game twice, and for men and women to change places the second time.

—D.M.A.

APPOINTMENTS.

District Commissioners.

Daylesford—Mrs. H. S. Cox, Wombat Park, Daylesford.

Richmond—Dr. Florence Cooper, 86 Collins St., Melbourne.

Sandringham—Mrs. Drysdale, Fernhill Road, Sandringham.

WARRANTS.

Captains:

Armstrong, K. B.
Batten, E. F.
Dickson, N.
Engel, C. T.
Hamilton, D.
Scoullar, P.
Spicer, E. S.
Walter, E.
Ward, A. I.

Lieutenants:

Harper, J.
Witchell, M.

Brown Owls:

Hipwell, D.
Moore, M.
Williams, Mrs.

Tawny Owl:

Forecaste, A.

CAMPING.

State Rules (Feb., 1924):—"All Camp sites must be inspected and approved before a Camp by one of the State Camp advisors and the local Health Officer. Where a local Health Officer is not available, it should be inspected by the Doctor. The Camp should again be inspected by both while the Camp is standing."

(June, 1924).—"No Camp may be held by any Guider who has not an endorsed Licence, and cannot be held unless on an approved site. 'Camps' include Holiday Homes, furnished Houses, etc. Programmes of any Camps should be sent beforehand to Head of Camping for approval."

Pending the appointment of Camp Advisors for Victoria, the Victorian Executive has appointed Miss Andrews, Miss Barfus and Miss Bush as Camp Inspectors.

These Guiders will act in the capacity of Camp Advisors, and will inspect Camp Sites before a Camp is held, and the Camp itself while standing."

Guiders who have endorsed Licences and who wish to camp are reminded that, before any arrangements are made for the holding of a Camp, it is necessary for them to apply for permission to their Commissioners, who will then get into touch with the Head of Camping. In Districts where there is no Commissioner, Guiders should apply direct to the Head of Camping for permission or information.

Applications should be made on the special forms obtainable from Headquarters. In view of the fact that the Camp Inspectors are busy folk, apart from Camping, it is urged that ample notice be given of any Camps to be held. Application to the Head of Camping for permission to hold the Camp should be made at least two months before date of Camp, and as long before this period as possible, to avoid possible disappointment re inspection of site. It should be noted also that, unless under exceptional circumstances, no more than thirty Guides would be allowed to each Camp; and that those planning the Camp would be responsible for the Camp Inspector's expenses.

M. E. Bush,

Acting Head of Camping.

TRAINING WEEKS.

The State Commissioner is arranging for Two Training Weeks for Guiders to be held early in January at Government Cottage, Macedon. There will also be a short course for Brownie training.

Applications should be made to the Secretary, Training Department, 37 Spring Street, Melbourne.

District Training Week.

The 2nd Hamilton Training Week is being held at the High School, Hamilton, from September 18 to 25.

TRAINING CLASSES.

Training Classes are held weekly in Melbourne, as follows:—

The place where this Class is held is being changed. Particulars may be obtained from the office.

Tuesdays, 10.30 a.m., at Y.W.C.A. Hall, Russell Street, Melbourne. Miss D. M. Andrews, Blue Cord Diploma, Guider in charge.

Fridays, 8 p.m., at Y.W.C.A. Hall, Russell Street, Melbourne. Miss Barfus, Guider in charge.

The fee for the above Classes is 3d. per class. Visiting Country Guiders are very welcome.

State Rule.—"No Guider may start work in a Company or Pack (either as Captain, Lieutenant, B.O. or T.O.), unless she has passed through an approved Training Class.

"Guiders unable to attend an authorised Training Class must undertake a course of Training by Correspondence, and satisfy an authorised Trainer that they are capable of undertaking the general management of a Company. Such a Guider to be authorised for Correspondence Training Work by the Head of Training."

The Correspondence Training Course for Guiders has now been definitely organised. "Lessons" will be posted fortnightly, the postage being defrayed by the Trainees. This postage, and the price of a few necessary text-books, will be the only expense attached to the Course.

A large number of country prospective Guiders are now in Training by Correspondence. Any others wishing to take advantage of the Course should apply to the Secretary, Training Department, G.G. Headquarters, who will put them in touch at once with a Trainer.

Brownie Training.

Training Classes for Brownie Guiders will be held in the third week of each month, the actual dates and place being posted on the Notice Board at Headquarters, and also advertised in Tuesday's "Argus."

GIRL GUIDE HEADQUARTERS.

Price List.

Books.

Ambulance Badge Booklet	5d.
Basket-making at Home	2/-
Birthday Books—G.G. (Suede)	5/-
" " " (Cloth)	2/6
Brownie Games	1/3
Brownie Handbook	8d.
Brown Magic	2/6
Camp Book—Boy Scout	2/-
Camcraft for Girl Guides	3/6
Company Roll Books	9d.
Cub Games	2/6
Company Record Book	3/-
Drills for G. Guides	1/3
Flower Legends	2/6
Footprints—A Play for Senior Guides . .	1/6
Games—Behrens	2/3
Davidson	1/3
Trotter: Team Games	1/3
Girl Guides' Book	7/6
G.G. Book of Plays: The New Order . .	9d.
Girl Guiding—Official Handbook	2/6
G.G. Badges, and How to Win Them . .	4/6
Guide Law Cards (small)	3d.
G.G. Prayers and Hymns	9d.
Guiding Book	7/6
Guiding for the Guider	9d.
Girl Guide Movement (pamphlet)	4d.
How to Run Wolf Cubs	2/3
Health Badge (booklet)	4d.
How to Tell Stories to Children (Bryant)	6/-
Knot Book—Boy Scout	1/6
Land and Sea Tales for Scouts and	
Guides (Kipling)	6/-
Letters to a P.L. (Scouts) on 1st Class	
Tests	9d.

Letters to a P.L. (Scouts) on Scout Law	9d.
Letters to a P.L. (Scouts) on 1st and	
2nd Class	9d.
Membership Cards (with Law and	
Promise	5d.
More Hints to Commissioners	6d.
Patrol System	9d.
Pamphlets on Guiding (various)	1d.
Pow-Wows for Wolf Cubs	1/3
Parents' Consent Forms, per dozen . . .	5d.
Patrol Roll Books (pocket size)	4d.
Post Cards—Princess Mary	5d.
The Chief Guide	5d.
Proficiency Badge Certificate Booklets	
(to District Secretaries only)	4d.
Rules, Policy and Organisation, 1925 . . .	1/3
" " " 1924	1/-
Tenth Annual Report	1/3
Scout as Handyman	2/-
Six Plays for Girl Guides	2/-
Steps to Guiding	9d.
Surveying for Boy Scouts	2/3
Training Girls as Guides	1/6
Union Jack Saints	2/-
Wigwam Papers (Scouts)	2/-
Wolf Cub Handbook	2/6

Magazines.

G.G. Gazette, for Guiders and Commis-	
sioners, per year, post free	5/-
G.G. Gazette, per copy, monthly	4d.
The Guide, per year, post free	15/2
The Guide, per copy, weekly	2½d.
Matilda, per year, post free	3/4
Matilda, per copy, quarterly	9d.
Postage on odd copies	1d.

Music.

Action Song: Girl Guides Marching on	
the King's Highway	2/6
Brownies of the Wide-Wide World	2/6
Brownie Song Book	2/6
Brownie Song Book (words only)	9d.
Country Dances (single)	1/-
" " (bound)	6/-
G.G. Song Book	2/6
G.G. Song Book (words only)	9d.
Song of the Brownies	2/6
Taps	1½d.
The Children's Song (Kipling)	6d.
G.G. Prayers and Hymns (Tunes)	2/6

Equipment.

Bandages, plain white triangular	7½d.
Belts—Brownie	1/6
Guide	2/-
Guider (local make)	4/-
Guider (English make)	7/-
Buttons—Black, per dozen	5d.
Brown, per dozen	6d.
Campbeds	22/6
Chinstraps	4d.
Cockades—Brown Owl, Tawny Owl	1/9
Captain, Lieutenant	1/9
District Captain	1/9
District Secretary	1/9
District Commissioner	1/9
Divisional Commissioner	2/3
State Executive	2/3
Colours—Brass-jointed Pole	11/-
Trefoil for Pike	10/6
Australian Flag or Union Jack	
Complete, mounted on Pike	42/-

Cord for Knotting 2 yards for	4d.
Emblems—Brownie, ready worked	7½d.
Brownie, transfers for	1d.
Guide, felt with red ring ready worked	10½d.
Guide, felt, plain	2d.
Guide, transfer	1d.
First Aid Outfits, for Patrol or Company, in brown canvas case, for carrying	17/6
Gloves, brown gauntlet, all sizes	13/6
Hatbands—Cadet	9d.
Guide (official G.G.)	2/6
Plain Silk	9d.
Plain Cotton	6d.
Ranger (official Trefoil)	2/6
Hats—Guide, linen, stitched	4/-
Guide and Guider, felt	8/-
Brownie (rush)	2/-
Ranger (small shape)	8/-
Hat Securers—Patent	1/6
Haversacks	3/6
Knives, with one blade and marlinespike	3/-
Lanyards—Linen, white	9d.
Brown (for Pack Leaders)	1/-
Munition Cloth, brown or navy, 36in., per yard	1/4
Name Tapes, to order, 3 doz.	3/9
Name Tapes, to order, 6 doz	5/3
Overalls—All sizes below:—	

Sizes.	Neck.	Slve.	Lgth.	
in.	in.	in.	in.	
1	13	16½	36	
2	13½	17	39	
3	14	18	42	15/-
4	14½	19	45	
5	15	20	49	
6	15½	21	52	

Overcoats—Prices on application.	
Patrol Flags, ready to embroider	6d.
Patrol Flag Poles, 6ft.	2/-
Patrol Flags, transfer for emblem	2d.
Paper Patterns, all sizes—Overalls, G.G.	1/3
Brownie Overalls	1/-
Blouse	1/-
Jumper	1/-
Guider's Uniform	1/6
Pouches	9d.
Safety Chains	1/-
Semaphore Scouts	1/3
Shirt Blouses, navy munition cloth	5/6
Signalling Stick—Blackwood	1/-
Plain	9d.
Shoulder Knots, all colours	2½d.
Stripes, P.L. or Second, each stripe	1d.
Swivels	6d.
Ties—Guider's (navy, brown, green, saxe, pale blue, red)	2/6
Guide, triangular (pale blue)	9d.
Guide, triangular (other colours)	1/-
Brownie, triangular (brown)	1/-
Whistles	1/3
Writing Pads, with Badge	9d.

Badges.

Only obtainable through District Secretary, unless there is none, in which case they are obtainable direct from State Secretary.

Brownie Recruit	6d.
2nd Class	6d.
1st Class	6d.
Proficiency	4d.
Wings	9d.

Committee, silver	4/-
Committee, German silver	9d.
Cords—Divisional Commissioner	10/-
District Commissioner	6/9
All Round	2/6
Examiner's Badges	1/-
Guide—Tenderfoot, brass	6d.
2nd Class	6d.
1st Class	1/-
Proficiency	4d.
Hostess, patrol	6d.
Lone Guide Tenderfoot	1/-
Ranger—Tenderfoot	1/-
Ranger Test	6d.
Ranger Star	6d.
Service Stars—Brownie, Guide, Guider, Ranger	6d.
Service Stars—Five-year	9d.
Secretaries' Badges—District	1/-
Divisional	1/-
Sash—President's	4/-
Tassels—Area Director	1/-
Thanks Badge	5/6
Victorian Executive Council	4/-
Warrant Brooches—Brown Owl	1/3
Tawny Owl	1/3
Captain	1/6
Lieutenant	1/-
Ranger Captain	1/6

Registrations.

Cadet Company	2/-
Guide Company	2/-
Guide Registration (incl. Enrolment Card)	6d.
Local Associations	2/-
Lone Guide Companies	1/-
Secretaries	1/-
Study Circle	5/-
Warrant Fee—Guiders	6d.

Postage extra on all orders.

Brown Wool is now stocked at Headquarters, at 1/- per skein, for making woollen caps for Brownies for winter wear. Two skeins will make three caps. Directions for making will be found in "The Guide," No. 39.

FOR SALE.—Guider's Uniform, perfectly good; tailored at Lincoln, Stuart's; scarcely worn. May be tried on at Office; £4/10/- or offer. Apply State Secretary for particulars.

