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## NOTICES.

According to the Annual Registration and Report Forms for 1925, the total number of Guides, Brownies and Rangers in Victoria is 3411.

Guides in various parts of the State are "listening-in" to the Girl Guide Bulletin, which is broadcast from Headquarters, through 3AR, every Wednesday, at 4.45 p.m.

Guiders will notice that any alterations or additions to the price list are printed in black type.

Captains are reminded that, before deciding to hold any entertainments, Church parades, or field days, the permission of the District (or Divisional) Commissioner must first be obtained.

Acting-Captains and Lieutenants, who are without Divisional or District Commissioners, should apply to Headquarters for a paper to do for their Warrants. Those with a Commissioner, apply, of course, to her.

Credit accounts may be opened by country Guiders. The accounts are sent out at the end of the month, and prompt payment is appreciated. Exchange should be added to country cheques. Receipts are not sent for amounts under 5/-.

If Guiders would write orders for equipment, etc., on a separate sheet, instead of including them in the body of a letter, it would simplify, and thus hasten, the filling of the order.

For the next issue of "Matilda," District and Company news, and any literary contributions, should reach Headquarters by February 8, 1926.

## VICTORIAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee, it was decided that:—

(1) The proposed **Gift for Foxlease** be altered to a carved wooden letterbox for the Hall at Foxlease, instead of a picture, as originally intended. Guiders are asked to send subscriptions, however small they may be, so that the box may really be from all Victorian Guides.

(2) The Guiders of Victoria be allowed to decide whether they prefer to wear **white or blue blouses**. Captains of Companies are asked to send in their own vote, as well as those of the other Guiders connected with their Companies (including Owls) to Headquarters before December 12, so that the matter can be settled at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

(3) **Brownie Holidays** (Rules, Policy and Organisation, Rule 30, 1925 edition) may not be held in Victoria for the present.

## INTERSTATE GUIDE CAMP.

From January 8 to 16, 1926, the first Interstate Camp will be held at Camden, N.S.W.

The Camp is being organised by New South Wales Headquarters, to whom the other States are indebted for the idea of this first "Australian" event in our Guide history, as well as for hospitality so generously offered the visiting Guides.

The Victorian delegates have been chosen from all divisions except the Mallee, which was not able to send a nomination. In addition to the following twelve names, Miss Bush is to act as Assistant Commandant to Miss Shanks (Commandant), and Miss Blackwell (1st Kallista) as a Camp Cook.

Division:	Delegate:
Melbourne and Suburbs . . . . .	Enid Bunning, 2nd Kew. Miss Marion Sinclair, 1st Malvern. Miss F. V. Barfus, 1st Melb. Rangers.
Central . . . . .	Shirley Bechervaise, 2nd Geelong.
Western . . . . .	Miss Pearl Scoullar, 2nd Hamilton.
North-Eastern . . . . .	Mary Butt, 1st Tallangatta.
Gippsland . . . . .	Ethelwyn Leonard, 1st Traralgon.
North Central . . . . .	Miss K. Stredwick, 1st Kyneton.
Wimmera . . . . .	Sophie Wheeler, 1st St. Arnaud.
Northern . . . . .	Olive Wright, 1st Bendigo.
Lone Companies . . . . .	Miss M. Maconochie, 1st Victorian Lone Guide Company. Miss S. H. Irving, State Secretary.

## THE SECOND VICTORIAN RALLY.

On December 12, 1922, the first Victorian Guide Rally was held on the croquet lawn at State Government House, when between two and three hundred Guides took part in a March Past, the State Commissioner, the Countess of Stradbroke, taking the salute. On that occasion, the country Guides were represented by parties of Guides from Skipton and Daylesford.

On October 3, 1925, the second Victorian Guide Rally was held on the huge lawn at Federal Government House, when nearly 1700 Guides, from all parts of the State, marched



past the saluting base, and to see these hundreds of happy Guides filing past her must in some measure have repaid our State Commissioner for all she has done for the Guide Movement during the three years that have passed since that first memorably rally. This time the country Guiding centres were represented by well over 500 Guides, from such distant parts as Mildura, Hamilton, Sale, Swan Hill, Wonthaggi, Derrinallum, as well as from many towns within a somewhat lesser radius.

The above statistics alone prove conclusively that Guiding is not a passing fad, but that it has come to stay in Victoria as in so many other parts of the world; and the displays in just a few branches of the Guide work—Ambulance, Country Dancing, Team Games, Physical Exercises—gave to the uninitiated some idea of the excellence of the training provided by the Guide Movement.

But to us, as Guides, the most thrilling and memorable part of "our" rally was the more vivid realisation of the meaning of the "sisterhood" of Guides. One could not see hundreds of Guides, all wearing the same Trefoil—emblem of the promise they, too, had made—sparkling on ties of varying hue, and almost out-sparkled by the beaming smiles on their owners, without feeling a "something" about Guiding and its meaning to us, that just had not come to our realisation before.

This feeling culminated when the Guides, marching four abreast, formed a huge horseshoe, the fifty Colours—Union Jacks, Australian Flags, and Company Colours—making an inner horseshoe. It was in this, our special ceremonial formation, that the State Commissioner handed to Jean Kelso, Lieutenant in the 1st Wannon Company, the Silver Cross which had been awarded her by Imperial Headquarters "for gallantry" in saving the lives of two companions from drowning. To the recipient of the Silver Cross, this moment of presentation was, no doubt, an ordeal; but to her fellow-Guides it was surely an occasion for thoughts of pride and thankfulness that one of our Victorian Guides had been able to carry out the motto of preparedness in a moment of emergency.

After the presentation the State Commissioner spoke to the assembled Guides, expressing her appreciation of the successes achieved throughout the State in the way of training, as evidenced in many ways that afternoon, and commending to them as a thought to take away with them the habit of thinking kindly of others, which resolves itself finally into courtesy of thought. Lady Stradbroke has herself shown us an excellent example of this courtesy in her own constant thought for the happiness and welfare of the Guides throughout the State, and we realise with deep gratitude how much she was, both directly and indirectly, responsible for the success of this "epoch-making event," the Second Victorian Rally.

#### Programme.

#### March Past

The State Commissioner, the Countess of Stradbroke, taking the salute.

#### Order of March.

**Group I.**—1st Malvern, 4th Malvern, 1st Geelong, 1st East Malvern, 3rd Malvern, 8th Geelong.

**Group II.**—1st Armadale, 1st Gardiner, 2nd Bendigo, 1st Yallourn, 1st Toorak, 1st Derrinallum.

**Group III.**—2nd Kew, 3rd Kew, 1st Kew, 1st Hawthorn, 2nd Hawthorn, 3rd Hawthorn.

**Group IV.**—1st Heidelberg Rangers, 1st Melbourne Rangers, 1st Moonee Ponds, 1st Wonthaggi, 1st Victorian Cadets, 1st Essendon, 1st Ascot Vale, 1st Ivanhoe, 1st Wannon (Mounted), V.H.Q. Training Classes, Geelong District Training Class.

**Group V.**—1st Fitzroy, 2nd Fitzroy, 3rd Fitzroy, 1st North Fitzroy, 2nd Geelong, 1st Colingwood, 1st Richmond, 2nd Richmond.

**Group VI.**—1st St. Kilda, 2nd St. Kilda, 1st Mornington, 1st Auburn, 1st Kooyong, 1st Kyneton, 1st Seymour.

**Group VII.**—3rd Camberwell, 1st Canterbury, 1st Bendigo, 3a Geelong, 1st Surrey Hills.

**Group VIII.**—1st South Melbourne, 7th Geelong, 3rd Victorian Lones, 1st Northcote, 1st City of Melbourne, 1st Middle Park.

**Group IX.**—1st Caulfield, 3rd St. Kilda, 9th Geelong, 2nd Victorian Lones, 1st and 2nd Swan Hill.

**Group X.**—1st Carlton, 2nd Carlton, 2nd and 3rd Hamilton, 1st Monivae, 1st Moreland, 5th Geelong.

**Group XI.**—2nd Brunswick, 1st North Melbourne, 2nd North Melbourne, 6th Geelong, 1st Traralgon, 1st Sale.

**Group XII.**—1st Hampton, 1st Kallista, 1st Belgrave, 1st Monbulk, 1st Upper Ferntree Gully, 1st Sandringham, 2nd Brighton.

Inspection of Companies by the State Commissioner.

#### Displays of Guide Work.

**Ambulance.**—By members of 1st St. Kilda, 1st Carlton, 1st and 2nd Fitzroy, 1st Surrey Hills, and 1st Heidelberg Rangers—Fractured leg and crushed hand; head wound and fractured arm; sprained ankle and knee wound; fractured shoulder-blade and haemorrhage from popliteal artery. Two stretcher parties.

**Country Dancing.**—By members of 1st and 4th Malvern, 1st St. Kilda, 1st Toorak, 3rd Hawthorn: Black Nag, Gathering Peascods, Sellenger's Round, Picking up Sticks.

**Physical Exercises.**—By members of 1st Armadale, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Kew, 2nd and 3rd Hawthorn, 1st Gardiner, 1st Toorak.

**Team Games.**—By members of 1st, 3rd and 4th Malvern, 1st Armadale, 1st Caulfield, 1st Hampton: Morse Signalling Relay, Message Relay, Motors, Ball-Passing Relay.

Free Time for Guides to meet Members of other Companies.

#### Horseshoe.

Presentation of Silver Cross to JEAN KELSO (1st Wannon Company), for gallantry in saving two people from drowning, at considerable risk to herself.

National Anthem.

Dismissal.



## THE CAFE CHANTANT

### For G.G.H.Q. Funds.

The second State Rally was, as it were, a public presentment of facts that those closely connected with the Guide Movement here had known for a long time past. It showed the tremendously rapid growth of the Movement throughout the State, and, in more than one way, indicated what, till then, the public had probably not realised—or perhaps even thought of—namely, that the growth thus started is going to continue.

All organisations with such extensive scope as Guiding must, of necessity, have a centre, or headquarters, to act as the hub joining the spokes, whose firmness and strength make "the wheels go round." Of course, the upkeep of this central office requires money, and, in the case of the Guide Movement, it is interesting to note where the money must come from.

Under the heading "Finance," we find that Rule 5 (b) of the Girl Guides' Rules, Policy and Organisation runs as follows:—

"Apart from any profit made on the sale of Badges and Equipment, the Girl Guides' Association depends on public support for the expenses of its central office and staff and organisation throughout the Empire."

"Companies and Local Associations are not required to contribute to Headquarters Funds."

In contrast to the above part of the Rule, it is significant to note that paragraph (a) of the same Rule runs:—

"The spirit of the Movement is that, on the part of the girls themselves, money should be earned, and not solicited;"

and in Rule 27 (f) we read further:—

"Each Company must manage its own funds. Its members should earn what funds they require, by means of work or performances which deserve money in return. No begging for money is allowed, either for their own or for any other fund."

The above rules are quoted because we have been several times asked by members of the public why we needed money, "as each Company is self-supporting"? But, when it comes to the point, the existence of the central organisation, with the conveniences it provides for the Companies in the way of obtaining equipment, literature, etc., goes a long way towards helping the Companies themselves to be self-supporting.

Much of the progress of Guiding in Victoria has been due to the State Commissioner, the Countess of Stradbroke, whose interest in the Movement first set Guiding on its feet here, and the latest proof of this interest was her determination to see Headquarters established in a central and adequate office before she leaves Victoria. For this purpose she organised a Cafe Chantant, which was held at Federal Government House on October 15, to raise the necessary funds to cover the extra expense of a central office.

From the first the success of the fete was a foregone conclusion, but the many ladies who did such splendid and untiring work for months

beforehand must have been more than satisfied when the result was announced as £2700, with the probability of a further sum at the final count. Endless work and thought were put into all the arrangements, but it was felt by all the workers to be in a worthy cause, and we feel that the public who so generously supported the fete will see ample return for their money in the affirmation and extension of this Movement throughout the State, for the better training of its future citizens.



ON SALUTING.

We of the Guides regard the Salute as a sign of Sisterhood among ourselves, and of respect when given to the symbols of our country. In a way, too, it is always a sign of respect, for we respect one another, or else there is no true sisterhood.

In full uniform, we give the full salute, the hand raised to the hat brim.

Out of uniform, or without a hat, the salute is less ostentatious, to the shoulder only. But always between Guides, whether one is a Commissioner and the other a newly-enrolled Tenderfoot, or both Guides of a Company, the salute is a sign of greeting, and of sisterhood, and may be used in public if desired. Thus, we use it when we meet for the first time in the day. It is thus that we greet the Commissioner or other visitor whom we welcome officially, and also when we take our leave.

At Guide functions we salute the Colours and the National Anthem, reminding ourselves of the promises we have taken of loyalty to our country. We use the salute according to our dress—full if in uniform, half if without a hat or not in uniform. This is wholly a convention which has arisen for convenience sake.

At non-Guide functions, not wishing to attract attention to ourselves, we simply stand in the attitude of respect—at attention—for both the Colours and the National Anthem.

Children at the State Schools salute the Flag on Monday mornings. This is practically the only occasion when civilians salute. Guides may, if they wish, use the Guide salute in this case—the half-salute, as they will not be in uniform.

D. M. ANDREWS.

## GUIDING IN AUSTRALIA.

The following letter, from Miss Gwen H. Swinburne, Blue Cord Diploma, dated London, July 29, 1925, arrived just too late for insertion in the last "Matilda." Miss Swinburne has just returned to Melbourne, and is full of enthusiasm about all she saw and heard on the other side.



December, 1925.

MATILDA.

"The June Matilda has just arrived, and I have been most interested in it, especially in the letter from Miss Armstrong, because it expresses in one particular an idea about which I have been thinking hard during the past few weeks—that is, the adapting of the details of the Guide Movement so that it shall become a really vital part of the life of Australia, and a force in developing our Federal consciousness and individuality.

"One memorable day I heard the Chief Guide speak on International Guiding; the most interesting part of all was to learn how every country—Denmark, Poland, Czecho-Slovakia, and all the others—had adapted Guiding to its own conditions, and now was able to bring back to the Movement as a whole a contribution of fresh ideas and experience.

"Since I left Australia, I have realised the continent as a whole in a way that I had never done before, and I have found, too, how other people—both foreign and British—look to Australia as one complete unit. The Commonwealth is only twenty-four years old, but surely we can bring the younger generation to feel that Australia has a worthy place as one of the 'great assemblage of free nations known as the British Empire.'

"Conditions in England—climate, density of population, even hours of meals—are very different from ours; these things influence very greatly the details of the Company programme and make a certain amount of adaptation desirable; but, apart from the details, we do want the Australian girls to feel that the whole atmosphere of the Guide work is familiar and natural to them.

"The wonder of England herself—truly the 'Little Treasure Island' in art, history and tradition, has shown me what an inspiration it can be to live close to great memories, and beautiful things, and it has convinced me that we need most urgently to awaken in our own children the sense of the romance and heroism of Australia.

"In England the children can see the 'Victory' of Nelson, the great castle built in the days of the Normans, the stone marked by chariots when Roman trumpets roused the guards along the wall, and we of the older generation, who have still 'learned from our wistful mothers to call Old England home,' are inclined to still look to these things for our stories and sense of adventure.

"To-day, 95 per cent. of Australians are Australian-born, and each generation is further from the direct and personal touch with the atmosphere of English life which make her romance and history natural to them, so, unless we can give the children the story interest of their own country, we shall leave them stranded, and neglect a great opportunity. The history of England is the possession of every Britisher, and should be a great bond of Empire, but, side by side with Imperial history, we have the records of Australia, the work that has been done under the conditions the children know, the deeds of their own people, the discovery of their own wide lands. The interesting personal parts of our history are still largely hidden among the great volumes so seldom taken from the shelves; but they are there to be discovered whenever we realise that we need them.

"When the Guide Movement was planned in

England, the leaders went to every useful and healthy activity to find out what was being done, and what the girls could do; they sought out songs and verse and stories to serve their purpose, and we, too, can find what Australians have written and done for our country.

"We are expected to interpret the details of Guiding in the broadest possible way. We have no manors, historic churches, or ancient guildhalls for our Rangers to visit and study, but we have our shearing sheds, whence the wool is sent to the factories of the world; and irrigation system, which is respected by other countries, and libraries and social halls in tiny townships built by the pioneers of the back-country. We do not know the thrill and excitement of awakening Spring after four months of bare trees and no flowers, and we cannot expect our children to take the intense interest in the things which the English children love; but we can learn which butterflies should be killed; we can watch the wheat grow, and know which kind is best for our district; why our native shrub is called Banksia, and which beetle is the parent of the borer that kills our gum trees. These things are not in handy compendiums, but we can find them if we work, as the Guiders of England have worked before us.

"There is something about the Guide Movement in Australia which the Guides of England do not understand, and for this reason. The Guides of England are waiting to welcome the Guides of Australia to full and equal membership in the Movement, and they look to us to bring our contribution of new knowledge and new ideas, won by our own efforts from the conditions and experiences of our country; instead of this we are still following too closely every detail that has been found suitable for the Mother Country. I cannot emphasise too strongly that I refer to practical details only. The great principles of public policy, our own ceremonial, so full of meaning, and our signs of sisterhood, and, above, all, the great ideals of life to which we are pledged, are the unbreakable bond between every Guide and every nation; but surely our Guides in Australia should sing, among the old favourites, Australian songs—particularly our national song—and most of all they should know the meaning of our Australian Flag, and how it should be used with the Imperial Flag. Then, there may be ways of firefighting, tracking, camping, horsemanship, care of animals, which are the best for us in Australia, and which will be useful for Guides in other countries. Our native sign language could be our introduction to the codes, our native corroboree the beginning of fun night in camp. The whole question is not one of altering the details and requirements of Guide work or tests, but of adapting our outlook, finding the emphasis which will be best for us, assimilating the spirit of Guiding from the wisdom and experience of those who have worked for us, and expressing the whole in a way that makes it vital to our own national life.

"If we can do this, we shall win a higher self-respect in the Movement, we shall bring our full contribution to those who are waiting to hear of our success, we shall serve our Commonwealth of Australia, and, through Australia, our Empire."



## THE SECOND HAMILTON, COLERAINE AND DISTRICT TRAINING WEEK.

Friday, September 18, dawned at last, after much patient waiting on the part of many Guiders. Will it be fine? we wondered. It was! Fate sent us fine weather for the whole week. Twelve o'clock at the Hamilton High School. What a scene of hurry and bustle! Schoolboys rushing out with true holiday vim, and Guiders struggling in under "baggy, beddy burdens." But soon out of chaos comes order, for our Commissioner (Mrs. Winter-Cooke), Commandant (Miss Irving), Trainer (Miss Andrews), and, most important of all, the Q.M. (Mrs. Abbott), arrive. As if by magic, the whole scene changes. The High School is no more—gone are the desks and blackboards, dreary reminders of cramming and exams. In their places we have diningrooms, kitchen, pantry, bedrooms (5), and bathrooms (3 red ones), our Trainer's special contribution to our happy home. Soon we were settled in our respective dormitories, "Yarra Yarra," "Zoo," "The Nursery" (No. 13, Commandant and Trainer slept here; we hoped they like the nice dado. Perhaps they didn't notice it in their hurry), "Behind the Scenes," "The Wide, Wide World" and "I asku." And which was the noisiest bedroom, 'I ask you'? Not the Zoo, as one might imagine from the monkeys and parrots that lived there, but "I asku."

"Guides, get up! Guides, get up! Guides, get up! Do-o-o" woke us from our dreams at 7 a.m. Colours and prayers at 7.45 were followed by Breakfast at 8, and orderly work until 9.45. Then we drilled, roll-call, signalling and company marching. We practised each in turn—and what a difference in our work in the beginning and at the end of the week.

After morning tea we did Test work, and our Commandant and Trainer solved many of our Company problems for us. Two to three p.m., rest hour, and then Bush Craft, perhaps the most popular and fascinating of our Second-class work. Map-making, tracking, stalking, and firelighting were all part of our programme. Afternoon tea, and then Company Meeting from 4.30 to 6. Here, we were just Guides; we played games, danced country dances, and practised for Second-class. Time always sped only too quickly, and before we realised it, tea was upon us.

At sing-song, after tea, "Sir Eglamore" was first favourite, while "A-Roving," "Dashing Away with a Smoothing Iron," and "Green Grow the Rushes, O" held high places in our hearts.

Taps, and lights-out at 9.45 p.m.; then sleep and silence until 7 a.m.

We worked in four Patrols—"Blackbirds," "Thrushes," "Owls," and "Magpies." Patrol-Leaders and Seconds were changed twice during the week, to enable us all to have the opportunity of attending Court of Honour, and understanding the duties of a Patrol-Leader.

On Sunday morning our District Commissioner visited us, and after enrolling Guiders from Melbourne and Warrnambool, gave us an inspiring address. Fortune favoured us; warm and brilliant sunshine flooded the whole day. "Guides' Own," a wonderful and truly

Guidey hour, we spent together. Such hours are hard to describe in words, but live in one's memory for all time.

We visited the 2nd Hamilton Company meeting on Tuesday evening. Such a joyous time we had. It was hard to tell whether the entertainers or the entertained enjoyed it the more. We certainly enjoyed the supper.

A whole-day hike sounded too good to be true, but it was. On Wednesday we went to the Reservoir. Cooking one's own dinner out in the open is ever so thrilling, particularly when the eggs burst into smithereens, instead of cooking in the coals. Flag raiding and message relay are famous games to play in the open country.

Tired, but, oh, so happy! we trooped homewards, and were thankful that our tea was prepared for us. On Thursday, Visitors' Day, our Commissioner came and inspected us. Guides, Brownies, parents and friends arrived in full force to watch our Company meeting.

For one blissful hour, we were all changed into Brownies—Commandants are delightful as Brown Owls!

What pleasant evenings we spent, and how quickly we fitted into things, and learned each other's ways (pet aversions). At last the all-too-short week drew to a close, and it was with mingled feeling of joy and sorrow that we met for our last camp-fire. The most wonderful things in life are inarticulate; if we could only transmit our impressions by wireless it would be so much easier.

Our Trainer gave us a very helpful and inspiring talk, and made us feel the need for seeing life fully, and seeing it as a whole, and for striking the common chord with vigour after the intensive training week was over. She likened Guiding to the opening of doors; we cannot make or give solely, we can only lead the way and show what lies beyond. When lights were out on this last night, our Commandant told a wonderful fairy story, and we just hated to go to bed then—but in this life we are never satisfied.

All the Guiders in the district, and those from further afield, have been inspired to further effort, and gained more confidence and a greater sense of responsibility from the wider vision and higher ideals which the training week has opened out to them.

We are all very grateful to our Commandant and Trainer for opening new doors to us, and showing us new stars, new paths to follow, new hills to climb. For giving us faith, hope and courage to play our own parts in the great game of life.





## HAMILTON, COLERAINE AND DISTRICT RALLY.

The first combined Rally of the Hamilton, Coleraine and District Guides took place on October 23, in the Hamilton Botanical Gardens. Guides and Brownies formed a Guard of Honour for the reception of the Countess of Stradbroke at the gate. A march past of Guides of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Hamilton, 1st Monivae, and 1st Wannon (Mounted) then took place, the State Commissioner taking the salute. The State Commissioner was accompanied by The Lady Helena Rous, Miss S. Irving and Mrs. Winter-Cooke (District Commissioner). Miss Scoullar, Captain of 2nd Hamilton, and District Captain, was in command of the combined Companies. After an inspection of the Guide Companies by the State Commissioner, about 60 Brownies gave the Grand Salute.

During the afternoon the shield given by the Hamilton branch of the Hamilton and Coleraine Association of Girl Guides was competed for. The events were roll call drill, first aid, knots, physical exercises, flag race. Previously the Companies had prepared Nature Log Books, and written essays on the flag, health and Guide law. 1st Monivae, a small but enthusiastic Company, carried off the shield for one year. After the presentation of the shield, and the dismissal from horseshoe, the Captain of 1st Monivae could not be seen; she was mobbed by a seething mass of Guiders and Guides. She came through the ordeal of congratulations hot but smiling.

Several hundred people looked on, and were much impressed, as most of them had never seen so many Guides together before. The next Rally is going to be far better and much bigger!

Members of the Executive and friends sold refreshments, produce, cakes and sweets. The funds will be handed over to the Companies of the District.

## DISTRICT NEWS.

**Hamilton and Coleraine.**—In September there was a Guiders' Training Week at the Hamilton High School. Several of the old Guiders of this District attended, and several prospective Guiders. We were pleased to have four prospective Guiders from the newly-formed Association of Warrnambool, also Guiders from Melbourne, Geelong and Bendigo. Miss Irving was Commandant, and Miss Andrews the Trainer. The week was a very happy and most successful one.

The District Rally on October 23 went off well; we were all pleased to see our State Commissioner. This was her first visit to the Guides of the District, and it made all the difference to our Rally having her with us. Lady Helena Rous was with her, and Miss Irving kindly came up to judge the competitions for the shield.

Unfortunately, owing to dwindling numbers of Guides (mostly left the district), and lack of a Guider who can give the time necessary to the study of Guiding, we have had to disband the Company at Coleraine. The Brown Owl of Wannon is, for the present, keeping on the Coleraine Brownie Pack, and we hope one day to build up a Guide Company again.

M. WINTER-COOKE, D.C.

## COMPANY NEWS.

**1st Canterbury Brownie Pack.**—The Pack have nothing very thrilling to report for the year. Our numbers have varied from 16 to 18, and at present promise to reach 20 before the end of the year. Our chief excitement was our first Birthday Party, held at Brown Owl's home on September 26, our actual birthday being on September 13. We invited the 3rd Hawthorn Pack, and had games together on the lawn. A coming excitement is the Camberwell annual meeting, when the Pack are to make their first appearance in public.

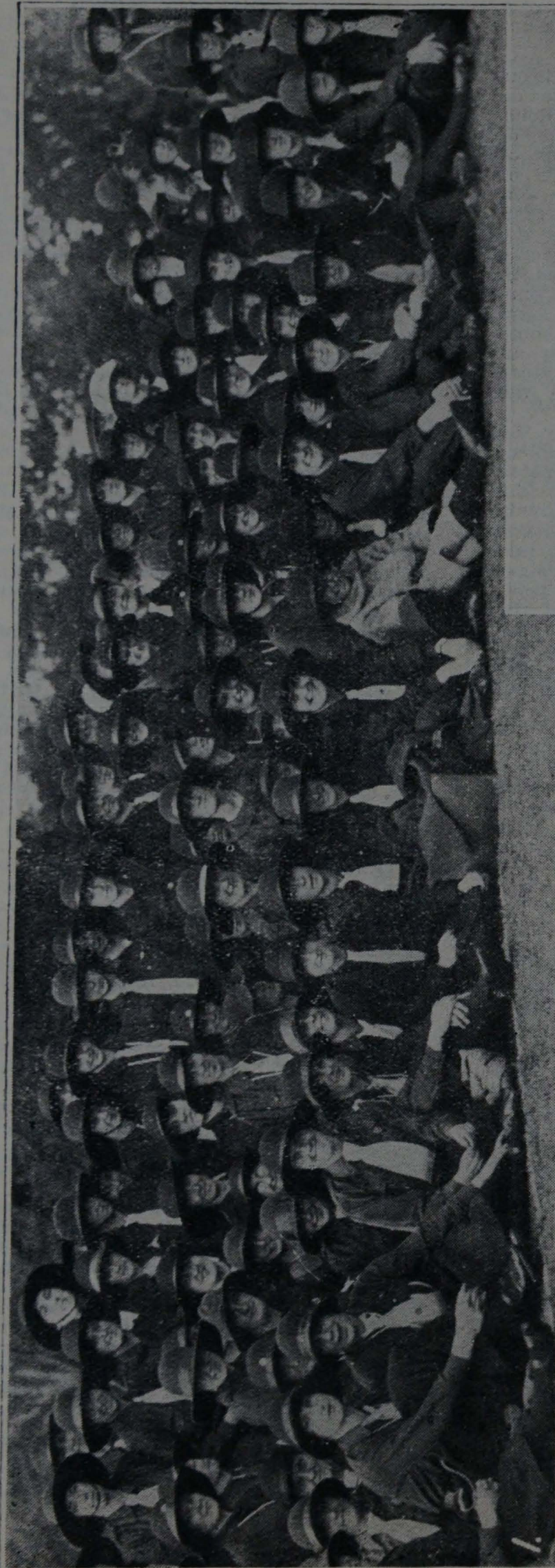
For the winter months we had to meet once a fortnight—on the Saturday afternoon, at Brown Owl's home. The Brownies enjoyed the games out of doors on the lawn, but now we are back at our own home in the Presbyterian Church. Some of the Brownies say they will get their Second-class before the end of the year, and we hope it will be true; and very soon some of them will be wearing a star on a brown background.—M. Moore, Brown Owl.

**1st Carlton.**—We were delighted to have another visit from our Commissioner, Mrs. Ferguson, on September 10, the special object of her visit being to enrol four members of the Skylark Patrol. As it was the last practice before the Rally, we had a very busy time, but all agreed it was a very happy evening. At the State Rally on October 3, twenty-six of our Guides were able to attend, six of them forming two ambulance squads. On October 17, we took toys and scrap books to the Children's Hospital, and the pleasure our gifts and visit meant were shown in the bright smiles on the children's faces, so that we were amply repaid for our work. On November 4 we held our first bazaar, the proceeds of which were £47. Our special thanks have been earned by our Commissioner, for the great help she has been to our Company.—I. L. Wilson, Captain.

**1st Caulfield.**—We are getting on very well with Second-class work, and quite a number of left arms are now adorned with the coveted badge. We wish that we could go for Proficiency Badges a little oftener, as it seems ages until next April. We are celebrating our second birthday on November 23, when we hope to have with us the State Secretary, our District Commissioner, and district Guiders and friends. We went to Greensborough for a Field Day on November 3, which was most enjoyable. We have been busy for weeks now, collecting clean brown-paper bags and old clothing for the Melbourne City Mission. We have not yet decided on our Christmas good turn. We are very, very sorry to be losing 1st Lieutenant at Christmas, and we know we shall miss her very much, especially at the piano for country dancing. The St. Kilda Companies kindly donated some of the proceeds of their recent display to our Company, for which we are extremely grateful. Each Patrol in our Company is arranging a "stunt" to raise Company funds before Christmas. At the beginning of our new year, we hope to make a larger effort to replenish our funds. Wishing every Company a Merry Christmas and Happy and Guidey New Year, we conclude our news.—I. Ward, Captain.

**1st Ferntree Gully.**—The Company has made very good progress in spite of an awkward break and some lost time during their first year.









2nd VICTORIAN STATE RALLY, HELD AT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HOUSE ON 3rd OCTOBER, 1925.

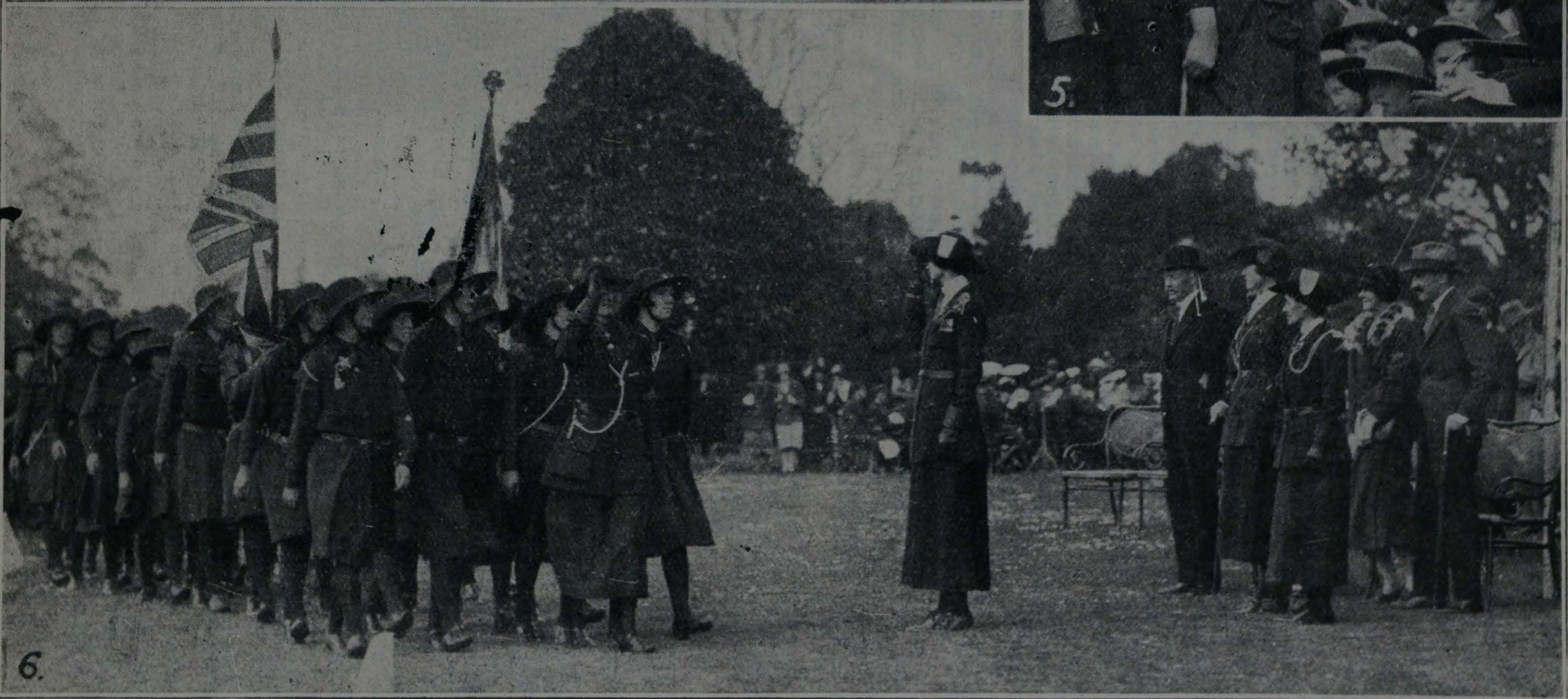


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2nd VICTORIAN STATE RALLY, HELD AT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HOUSE ON 3rd OCTOBER, 1925.



They celebrated their first birthday in November, and hope to have as guest Miss B. Armfield, who was Acting-Captain for several months. Rounder practice is the favourite activity at present, as the Guides hope to challenge other teams in the district very soon. Lately they have entertained two small parties of visiting Guides from 2nd Carlton, when town and country met and learned quite a lot from each other. The link was strengthened by meeting again at the Second Victorian Rally.—E. S. Spicer, Captain.

**1st Fitzroy.**—Most of us were able to go to the Second State Rally in October, and we enjoyed ourselves very much. Some of us were in the Ambulance squad, bandaging a broken collar-bone, and stopping bleeding by pressure on the popliteal artery. Some of us entered for Proficiency Badges in October, health, athlete, knitter and milliner being among the subjects tried for. Next week-end our Patrol-Leaders have been asked to stay with the Woodend Guides, and are getting very excited about it.

**2nd Hamilton Company.**—Since last report our District Rally has come and gone. It was most successful, and the town and district have been quite thrilled about it. They had never seen Guides en masse before, and, after seeing some of our work, and how smart we can be, they have begun to realise that there is something more in us than they thought.

We were very pleased that Monivae won the shield. They are only a small Company, but so keen. They sort of belong to us, as they were Lones connected with our Company until the beginning of this year.

We have enrolled five recruits this year, and have promises of about seven more since the Rally. Seven girls have passed their Second-class, and most of the others are ready for it. The feeling of unity among the Companies is very great, and we are holding a combined picnic of 1st, 2nd and 3rd Hamilton on November 14. In conclusion, we wish all the Guides and Guiders a very happy Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year.—Pearl Scoullar, Captain.

**1st Hamilton Brownie Pack.**—Unfortunately, this year our Brown Owl has been away quite a lot in Melbourne. We hope soon that she will be so well that she will never have to go away. Miss Scoullar took us while she was away. We had a very nice American Tea one Saturday afternoon in August, and made quite a lot of money for our Pack funds. We gave a concert, and the people seemed to enjoy themselves very much. At the Girl Guide Rally, we gave Lady Stradbroke our Grand Salute, and sang our Brownie Song. She said she was so pleased to see us looking so bright and happy. Brownies are always like that. At Christmas time some of us are going down to Portland with Brown Owl and other Guiders, and we are looking forward to a nice time. We wish you all a Merry Xmas, and a Happy New Year.—Pearl Scoullar, District Captain.

**1st Hampton.**—Our biggest piece of news is that we now have a District Commissioner, who has already endeared herself to our Company. We have received several letters from other Companies this year, two from the White Rose Patrol at Fulham, England, who corre-

spond with our Wattle Patrol, and one from Mornington Swallows to our Swallows, and others from Caulfield and Armadale. We enjoy this correspondence, as it gives us new ideas, and we would like to write to other country Companies. We have just finished a wild-flower competition, for the best book of mounted wildflowers, and we are sending the winning book to 1st Wannan, to let them see what kind of flowers grow near the beach. Some time back we had a motor trip to the Cheltenham Benevolent Home, where we took scarves, mittens, and other useful articles, and gave a concert to the inmates in their concert hall. Several of the Second-class Guides go to the Children's Convalescent Home at Hampton on Sunday afternoons, and help the nurses by taking the little ones to the beach, and telling them stories. At present we are eagerly looking forward to our long-delayed birthday party. It is on November 21, and we are going to spend the afternoon in sports at Picnic Point, with Armadale and Sandringham Guides to help enjoy the fun.

**1st Melbourne Rangers.**—We have had two enrolments lately, which bring our number up to 12, of whom five are wearing uniform. We are getting rather interested in badges, and have started marking off on our lists which items we are going to do for our Ranger Test, while some of us are even secretly deciding on the Proficiency Badges that are most interesting, and looking longingly at the Ranger Star Tests, and wondering whether we should ever be able to pass them. Most of us were able to attend the Second Victorian Rally, and though we did not meet many fellow-Rangers, we were very much interested in the Guides from so many different parts of the State. We are having a Christmas party for ourselves and some friends on December 10, and on December 16 we follow our custom of giving a Christmas treat to the children in one of the Mission Homes; it is quite exciting planning novelties to give the children pleasure.

**1st Moreland.**—On September 24 we had a surprise visit from the State Secretary, Miss Irving, who gave us a nice talk, and taught us "Taps." About 30 of our Company went to the Rally, that day of days, which will always be a happy memory to the Guides. On Cup Day a picnic to Greensborough was organised by the Leader of the Wattle Patrol, when about 60 Guides and friends spent a very enjoyable time together. Our Building Fund benefited by the proceeds. During the last month we had a visit from Miss Marshall, Brown Owl, of Hamilton, who taught us the Enrolment Hymn; we are looking forward to seeing her again. Miss Booth, Captain of 2nd Brunswick Company, is kindly taking our recruits for their Tenderfoot Test. Many of our Guides entered for Proficiency Tests last month, and we are hoping they have been successful.—D. Maddison, Company Secretary.

**1st Sandringham.**—This is our first appearance in "Matilda," for we are quite a new Company. Our District Commissioner enrolled the first ten Guides on August 28; now we have 22 in the Company, and one Lone Guide, who can only come occasionally. On October 17 we joined with 1st Richmond in a hike to Beaumaris. We found a great variety of wild flowers, and played scouting games in the bush.



and we felt that we were very fortunate in having the country so close at hand. We had a combined Church Parade with the Scouts on November 1, in the Presbyterian Church, when the minister preached a sermon which had a special appeal to Scouts and Guides. The next thing to look forward to is the 1st Hampton Birthday Party, on November 20. We all hope that the weather will be fine.—D. Hayman, Acting-Captain.

**2nd St. Kilda.**—Our enthusiastic little company of sixteen comrades are looking forward to our birthday at the end of the month, when our Union Jack will be dedicated, and we will have a small party. Five have nearly finished their Second-class, and the Patrol-Leaders have entered for some of the Proficiency Badges. We had a thrilling time at the big Rally, and at the Brownie evening with the St. Kilda District, and are now busy preparing for our cake stall at the forthcoming bazaar.

**1st Woodend.**—This Company is now starting parades again after a recess of three months, owing to the absence of our Captain, and on account of the bad weather. We are very pleased to be able to write to "Matilda" again, as it is such a long time ago since we have done so. We think we are a very lucky Company, because we have a little bush paddock of our own to hold our hikes in. Three of our Guides have their Second-class Badge, and five have passed for their Ambulance. A shield was awarded by our Commissioner for Patrol Competition, and is held for the first time of competition by the Kookaburra Patrol.—Jean F. Anderson, Captain.

### MRS. MALAPROP'S ACCOUNT OF THE HAMILTON DISTRICT RALLY.

Oh! Sir Anthony, we had, yesterday, one of those ceremonial, symbolical, physiological displays of Girl Guides, and I have not yet recuperated my abnormal equinox. It gave me hydrostatics to such a degree that I had to be conveyed to the infernal regions of the house. And, would you believe it, Sir Anthony, that obstinate, self-willed hussy, Lydia, desisted in going out to watch the profusion on parade? Such things do not become a young woman, but she wouldn't listen to my premonitions. I'm sure when I was a young girl I was the very pineapple of obedience.

But, to precede with my narrative—From the top lawn we could decipher the Guides falling in, all colours of the rainbow, "as thick as leaves in the Alhambra." The similitude struck me immediately, in spite of my cogitation. It is strange how the ineffectual qualities in a woman triumph over intrepidity, and, after a while I volunteered forth to get a closer vista.

For the period of twenty minutes the Guides waited at the gates of the horticultural gardens for the band to make its serenade, which it did with anything but military incision (punctuation), while I, with my usual recourse, subtracted the attention of the spectators with entertaining antidotes.

When the trumpets pealed forth, eventually, the Guides moved forward at a brisk pace, with pennants flying and eyes fixed ahead in a glassy stare. I really cannot construe what they saw, and I emphatically had no antipathy

with their distress, when a small portion of the band which arrived somewhat in the rear of the drum, and appeared to be slightly detached, completely demobilised the front rank. In fact, the Bombardier General who led the panorama became almost purple with asphyxiation as they encroached the saluting box.

At this point I was quite overcome with nervous debility and humidity when I perceived this outrageous army of girls turning their heads in my direction, staring me out of countenance, and tilting hats over their right eyes and actually winking at me! Never did I feel so engrossed. At this breach of impropriety I returned to the afternoon tea stall, and immediately liquidated myself with four cups of tea to restore my equilateral.

There I found that thoughtless little hussy, Lydia, who had no antipathy with my imperturbability, and actually agreed with this modern method of salubrication.

She gave me, too, so cohesive an account that I am absolutely opinionated that she had succumbed to the wiles of that persuasive State Secretary, and intended to become detached to the rebels. Yet, to be sure, it is not everybody who has my affluence of language and nice derangement of epitaphs.

I am informed, on the best autocracy, that the immaterial result of this ceremonial champagne is tremendous, and the Companies are full of recruits.

If I were Premium not a day should elope before severe reprimands were afflicted on the trainees of these girls to improve their impropriety and deportment, but the Government do not reprehend the advantage of conciliatory treatment.

After reviewing this regimental display of the daughters of Eve, I percolated sadly homewards, and bethought myself that it is indeed true, as our immortal poet, Banjo Patterson, I think it is, says—

"Oh! wad some power the giftie gie us  
to see oursels as ithers see us."

### APPOINTMENTS.

#### District Commissioners.

**Footscray, Yarraville and Spotswood.**—Mrs. Knight, 66 Napier Street, Footscray.  
**Oakleigh and Murrumbeena.**—Mrs. Springthorpe, Tuckett Street, Murrumbeena.  
**Shepparton.**—Miss Kendall, Shepparton.  
**State Camp Advisor.**—Miss M. E. Bush, 251 View Street, Bendigo.

#### WARRANTS.

**Captains:** Nethercote, G.  
Abbott, Ruth. Tubb, D. E.  
Andrews, D. M.  
Ball, Mrs. **Lieutenants:**  
Moore, M. Stokes, Ella.

### THE FIRST-CLASS TEST.

Rules, Policy and Organisation, Rule 34 (p. 40—1925 Edition)

The First-Class Badge is more than a mere Proficiency Test. It is also a test of character and leadership. As there has been some vagueness as to how one should set about qualifying, the necessary procedure is set out below.



The first qualifications are that a candidate must be a Second-Class Guide, and have a good influence in her Company. Later qualifications mentioned are the holding of the Cook, Needlewoman, Child Nurse, and Ambulance or Sick Nurse Badges. Candidates will either be (a) Warranted Guiders, (b) Guiders in preparation for Warrants, (c) Guides.

(a) The holding of Warrant (Captain or Lieutenant) in itself satisfies the character test.

(b) In the second case, a written recommendation should be obtained from the District Commissioner, or, if there is none, from the Guider sent by Headquarters to inspect the Company, or from the Trainer of the Class the Guider attends.

(c) Guides who are Patrol Leaders thereby satisfy the character test; in other cases the Court of Honour should decide if a Guide be allowed to do the Test.

It is strongly advised that notice be taken from time to time by Commissioners or Courts of Honour, of unwarranted Guiders or Guides who have passed their four Proficiency Badges, and permission granted them to enter for the First-Class Test as they appear worthy of it. Instruction in the technical details can be carried out at any time, but it should be understood that permission to enter for the test marks a definite step in a Guide's career—one which she should surely take in time, but one which the Court of Honour, or, in the case of Guiders, some outside authority, judges if she is ready to take.

In view of the fact that a candidate must take three other Guides out for a half-day, a sense of responsibility is essential in the character test. Once the character of the candidate has been recommended, she may proceed with her leadership test. The first part is instructing a recruit for the Tenderfoot Test, and a Tenderfoot in the Health Rules. These must be vouched for by the same authority as the character recommendation. The candidate may then make arrangements for her half-day hike, taking "three other Guides, and interesting them in outdoor things." She should draw up a programme and forward it to her District Commissioner, or, if there is none, to the Divisional Commissioner; if she approves she should endorse it, and the Guide should show it to the mothers of the Guides she wants to take, and get their endorsement of her plans. An account of the hike—a "hike log"—should be written up by the Guides taken, read and signed by the Captain, and countersigned by the District Commissioner or District Captain.

Application should then be made to the Head of Examinations for a Test, the application to be accompanied by her membership card with:—(1) Recommendations for character, and training of Recruit, and of a Tenderfoot in the Health Rules, signed as described above; (2) The Hike Programme and Log, signed and countersigned; (3) The required Proficiency Badge certificates; (4) Her map of her District—the result of "traversing" at least the boundary lines; (5) A Field Notebook showing at least three traverses and their maps, if not part of her District Map, and evidence of field practice with triangle methods for heights and widths; (6) Holders of the Swimmer's Badge or the Elementary or any higher certificate of the R.L.S.S. should forward this.

At the Examination, she will be required to judge heights, distances, weights, numbers, compass directions, answer any questions on her map, show her bankbook, and walk two miles in half an hour. She may also be asked any questions on Second-Class work, as it is important that she has not let slip her Morse and Knots.

With regard to heights and distances, it is essential that Guides should know measurements on themselves personally; the most useful are height, armspan, handspan, length of foot, and of stride. It is very hard to get an average for the latter over a short distance; Guides should practise this frequently over distances of 50 or 100 yards, noting the difference when they walk slower or faster, up or down hill, and try to evolve a regular pace for measuring. Over short lengths it is better to put one foot immediately in front of the other.

If the practical work is all satisfactory, a written paper on the history and development of the Guide Movement will be given. By "development" is understood the organisation of the Movement, duties and distinguishing marks of Commissioners, etc. A candidate should know the names and addresses of her State, Divisional and District Commissioners, and Secretaries (where such exist), and of Headquarters Office.

By fulfilling the conditions beforehand, the standard of the First-Class Badge will be kept up, and a more satisfactory grasp of the work for the Badge as a whole will be obtained.

D. M. ANDREWS.

#### HEADQUARTERS—CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

From January 18, 1926, the address of the Guide Office will be 4th Floor, Colonial Mutual Life Building, Collins St. We shall all appreciate the more adequate accommodation provided by the new Offices, and it should be much simpler henceforth to cope with the ever-growing correspondence, and the large number of orders for equipment, etc., which come daily from all parts of Victoria, as well as from other States.

As two definite enquiries have already been received as to "what we can give the Guide Office as a present," it has been thought that the following list might provide ideas for anyone who would like to help furnish our new quarters. If such there be, it might be advisable to communicate with Miss Irving, beforehand, in case of the risk of duplication of gifts.

The Office has already several such gifts, which were made at the beginning of things, when Miss Hogarth first started the Guide Shop and Office; these are a roll-top desk, blackwood inkstand, perpetual calendar, clock, and letter-scales; and quite lately we have had a silver tea-strainer given us, which has been very useful.

Some things which would help the Office to Be Prepared are another pair of scissors; bookshelves to hold the reference library we hope to have available for Guiders; any number of petrol cases, preferably stained brown (Condy's makes an excellent stain); a few chairs for the use of Guides and Guiders who have to wait at the Office and for meetings; one or two wire or wicker letter-baskets; one or two waste-paper baskets.



**EXAMINATION DEPARTMENT.**

It has come under my notice twice during the last set of Proficiency Tests that candidates have not seemed to realise the necessity of treating these Tests as a serious thing. I am quite confident that this has been done without any intention of discourtesy, but it must not happen. There must be an entire absence of that casual attitude towards the Tests that makes such a bad impression on the Examiner, and entirely defeats the object for which these highly-trained ladies and gentlemen willingly and graciously give their services, namely, to help Guides to make themselves more and more proficient, and thereby more useful to the community in which they live.

Might I ask Captains if they would remind Guides before entering for the Tests to be very careful about their behaviour.

ROBINA HAMILTON,  
Head of Examination.

**DIVISION MELBOURNE AND SUBURBS.**

Table of Proficiency Badge Tests held October, 1925.

Badge	Entries for Tests	Attended Tests	Passed	Failed
Ambulance . . . . .	29	17	9	8
Athlete . . . . .	10	6	3	3
Clerk . . . . .	8	6	1	5
Child Nurse . . . . .	25	17	15	2
Cook . . . . .	24	12	8	4
Domestic Service . . . . .	38	26	26	—
Entertainer . . . . .	10	7	3	4
Fire Brigade . . . . .	5	1	1	—
Gardener . . . . .	2	2	2	—
Health . . . . .	41	24	9	15
Home Maker . . . . .	5	5	4	1
Horsewoman . . . . .	5	1	1	—
Interpreter . . . . .	7	5	2	3
Knitter . . . . .	54	37	25	12
Laundress . . . . .	17	10	6	4
Milliner . . . . .	17	12	11	1
Musician . . . . .	5	3	1	2
Needlewoman . . . . .	20	7	2	5
Naturalist . . . . .	1	1	1	—
Sick Nurse . . . . .	25	8	7	1
Thrift . . . . .	11	9	9	—
Toymaker . . . . .	8	7	2	5
Writer . . . . .	9	4	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>77</b>

The above table is very interesting from several points of view. The 23 badges entered for in this Division alone show a wide scope of interest in the various branches of Guide work; and the results achieved seem more and more satisfactory. It is noticeable that in most cases quite a good percentage of the candidates gain the Badge, probably because only those who have a fair chance of passing, i.e., those who really are "proficient," finally enter for the Test. But it is rather startling to compare the figures in the first two columns. When

one Guide in a Company finds herself unable to attend the Test through illness, that is, of course, justifiable; but it is obvious that illness is not likely to have been the reason for 151 Guides not having presented themselves at the Tests, for which they had entered two months previously. Some certainly drew out with adequate excuses before the Tests took place; but in most of the Tests provision had been made by the Examiners for the testing of nearly twice the number that arrived! The Needlewoman Test was a particularly flagrant case, which would have had more dire consequences if we had tested this time on the same system as last. It is rather embarrassing to have to explain to a new Examiner why there are only five sets of work to examine, when she booked a whole Saturday morning in order to have time to go through 17 sets! It seems to come under the Fifth Law of Courtsey, which is, after all, merely the science of seeing things from the other person's point of view—in this case, the Examiners'.

And then there is the motto: Be Prepared! Surely this applies to Proficiency Badge Tests, too. It happens in too many cases (which appear as Failures in the above table) that the work presented for Tests shows not only a lack of proficiency in the subject, but an absence of even rudimentary knowledge of it. Apart from the bad impression the Examiners of such work must gain, if they think that is our standard in Guide work, it is surely bad training for the Guide candidates themselves, if they have a feeling that "anything will do." It is palpably not fair that a Guide should be able to win a Badge for work in a subject that she has never touched before she started to "cram" the work (perhaps from one book only) for the Test, starting any time between the sending in of names for Tests and the date of the Tests itself. That is not "proficiency."

In this connection it should be noted that "no time to finish the work for the Test" can never be an adequate excuse for a Guide whose motto is Be Prepared. Although the actual dates of the individual Tests are often, through force of circumstances, not available until quite close to the Tests themselves, the month in which the Tests will fall is always known beforehand, and it is not to be wondered at if the Examiners, who, it must be remembered, see us to a large extent as outsiders, consider the Guide Movement distinctly lacking in "system."

Certainly for the sake of public opinion, but most certainly for the sake of the Guide training involved, Guiders are urged to help to rectify these irregularities by starting with the Companies themselves, straight away, and not even waiting till the next entries for Tests are due.

Guiders should know the quality of the work of any Guide who enters for a Badge—either by inspecting samples of work already done (e.g., toys, sewing, knitting, etc.), or making enquiries re previous study, and present proficiency (e.g., Interpreter, Artist, Writer, Clerk, Cook, etc.). If Guides have thus to prove proficiency before entering, and are to use the interim period merely for extra practice or preparation of set work, it will surely not happen that such a large percentage drop out just before the Tests, either because they "have not finished the work," or because they do not feel that they know it sufficiently.



For the April, 1926, Proficiency Badge Tests, entries should be sent to the District Commissioner, or to her District or Examination Secretary, from all the Companies within the District.

In Districts which have at that time no Commissioner, entries should be sent to the Examination Secretary, Division Melbourne and Suburbs, at Headquarters, not later than March 1, 1926. Entries are to be accompanied by 6d. to defray postage expenses, and should mention:—

Names of Candidates and Company.

Badges entered for (not more than three), with choice of alternative where these exist. (Please refer to latest edition of R.P. & O.).

Name of the teachers of the candidates in subjects entered for, if the candidate is attending, or has recently attended, a Technical or Domestic Arts School within the Division. (Refer to R.P. & O., Rule 36e.).

F. V. BARFUS,  
Exam. Sec., Div. Melb. and Sub.

### TRAINING DEPARTMENT.

Training Classes are held weekly in Melbourne as follows:—

**Mondays.** 8 p.m. 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.

**Fridays,** 8 p.m., at Y.W.C.A. Hall, Russell S., Melbourne.

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 as soon as possible 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.

Two Training Weeks for Guiders and prospective Guiders will be held at Government Cottage, Upper Macedon:—

1. From **Thursday**, January 21, to **Thursday**, January 28, 1926.
2. From **Friday**, January 29, to **Friday**, February 5, 1926.

As far as possible, it will be arranged that Guiders who have not previously been at a Training Week will attend the first Week, and those who were at any previous Week attend the second one.

The **Second Week** will consist of **Two Courses**, running partly in conjunction, for:—

- (a) **Brownie Training**, to include 2nd Class as well as Brownie work.
- (b) **Advanced Guide Training.**

The **Training** at both Weeks will include Company Management, Guide Games, Drills, Ceremonials, Specimen Guide Meetings, Badge Work, etc.

**Fees** for either Week will be 30/-. The reduced fare for Guiders travelling in a party from Melbourne to Macedon will be 6/10 return; the transport expenses average 2/- each way per person for cab, and 6d. for each item of luggage.

MERLE BUSH,  
Acting Head of Training.

### INVESTITURE OF PATROL LEADERS.

Patrol Leaders do not wear their Stripes or their special hat-badge until they are Second Class Guides, till when they are only Acting P.L.'s. Patrol Seconds do not need to be Second Class Guides before they wear their Stripe, but it is usual for Seconds not to wear their Stripes until the P.L. has been invested with hers.

The ceremony for Investiture of P.L. is given below; it may be either simplified or elaborated, according to circumstances; but it is always impressive, and marks an epoch in the life of the Patrol and of the Company.

The Company will be in Horseshoe formation, which we like to use only for special occasions, such as this, and Enrolments.

Patrol Leader comes forward to Commissioner or Guider.

Commissioner: Do you realise your responsibilities as a Patrol Leader?

Patrol Leader: Yes, Madam.

Commissioner: Are you willing to undertake these responsibilities?

Patrol Leader: Yes, Madam.

Commissioner: Can I trust you to do your best for your Company and your Patrol?

Patrol Leader: On my honour I promise to remember my responsibilities as a Patrol Leader, and to do my best for my Company and my Patrol.

Commissioner then invests the P.L. with the Trefoil above the Badge on her hatband, and pins on her left pocket the two white braid stripes. She will then shake hands with the Leader (unless she has done so after the promise). P.L. will then salute, and be sent back to her patrol by the Commissioner.

Any extra ceremonial that might add to the dignity and solemnity of the occasion might be introduced here. In some Companies the Second steps forward to welcome her newly-invested P.L. as she returns to her Patrol, salutes and shakes hands, and then the rest of the Patrol in turn do likewise.



In one Company the whole of the Patrol came up silently and stood behind the Patrol Leader as she was being invested with Badge and Stripes, so that they were then near her when she turned to go back to her Patrol. In this case the Second was carrying the Patrol Flag, and at this moment handed it over to the Patrol Leader.

At some stage in the ceremony the Commissioner or Guider will probably say a few words to the Company about the responsibilities of a Patrol Leader, and how the Patrols must back her up—on Patrol Spirit, in fact. This might come either before or after the Investiture itself, according to circumstances.

### GIRL GUIDE HEADQUARTERS.

#### Price List

(Postage extra on all orders).

#### Books.

Ambulance Badge Booklet .. . . .	5d.
Basket-making at Home .. . . .	2/-
Birthday Books—G.G. (Suede) .. . . .	5/-
"    "    "    (Cloth) .. . . .	2/6
Brownie Games .. . . .	1/3
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Bandages, plain white triangular .. . . .	7½d.
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Guide .. . . .	2/-
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Campbeds .. . . .	22/6
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Captain .. . . .	1/9
District Captain .. . . .	1/9
District Secretary .. . . .	1/9
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Divisional Commissioner .. . . .	2/3
State Executive .. . . .	2/3
Colours—Brass-jointed Pole .. . . .	11/-
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Guide, transfer . . . . .	1d.
First Aid Outfits, for Patrol or Company, in brown canvas case, for carrying	£1/1/-
<b>First Aid Emergency Dressing, "Sanax," for the pocket</b> . . . . .	3d. & 6d.
Gloves, brown gauntlet, all sizes . . . . .	13/6
Hatbands—Cadet . . . . .	9d.
Guide (official G.G.) . . . . .	2/6
Plain Silk . . . . .	6d.
Ranger (official Trefoil) . . . . .	2/6
Hats—Guide, linen, stitched . . . . .	4/-
Guide, felt . . . . .	8/-
<b>Guider, large or small shape</b> . . . . .	8/-
Brownie (rush) . . . . .	2/-
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Hat Securers—Patent . . . . .	1/6
Haversacks . . . . .	3/6
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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
<b>Overalls—G.G.—All sizes below:—</b>	
<b>Sizes. Neck. Slve. Lgth.</b>	
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 . . . . .	
<b>Overalls—Brownie</b> . . . . .	6/-
Overcoats—Prices on application.	
<b>Patrol Flags, plain</b> . . . . .	6d.
Patrol Flag Poles, 6ft. . . . .	2/-
Patrol Flags, transfer for emblem . . . . .	2d.
Paper Patterns, all sizes—Overalls, G.G.	1/3
Brownie Overalls . . . . .	1/-
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Jumper . . . . .	1/-
Guider's Uniform . . . . .	1/6
<b>Pouches</b> . . . . .	9d.
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Semaphore Scouts . . . . .	1/3
Shirt Blouses, navy munition cloth . . . . .	5/6
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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/-
<b>Transfer Forms</b> . . . . . each	1d.
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Writing Pads, with Badge . . . . .	9d.

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Brownie Recruit . . . . .	6d.
2nd Class . . . . .	6d.

1st Class . . . . .	6d.
Proficiency . . . . .	4d.
Wings . . . . .	9d.
Committee, silver . . . . .	4/-
Committee, German silver . . . . .	9d.
<b>Cords—Divisional Commissioner</b> . . . . .	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/-
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Ranger Test . . . . .	6d.
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Sash—President's . . . . .	4/-
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<b>Thanks Badge</b> . . . . .	6/6
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Warrant Brooches—Brown Owl . . . . .	1/3
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Lieutenant . . . . .	1/-
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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.

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.

