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to give Captains a general standard and direction—is to narrow our outlook and our point of view. Let the children try to find their books, or let the Captain find them for the Company; ask an expert to certify them, and see what a library we can build up: a library of good variety that all may use for work and play, a library to refer to if we want a new line, or new advice on an old one. The less expert a teacher is, the more does she require a full and interesting book, and even more so do her pupils require it. Let the Guides have a copy of the syllabus from rules, policy and organisation, to suggest new subjects and new ideas. They will love to find out for themselves what they want—and then, hey presto! here is a new book for our library, or two, or even three!

The Guides respond to definite work, definite achievement, and the exercise of all their powers. Let them have them to their hearts' content, and Good Guiding to them all! We Guiders know that all these things are good, but we know above all that it is the training that counts, for Guiding is a tool.

IMPERIAL CAMP.

Princess Mary—Visit to Girl Guides at
Foxlease Park.

Display in Camp.

The Prince of Wales, who goes into camp this summer with the Welsh Boy Scouts, is only following in the footsteps of his sister, who, for some years, has closely identified herself with the kindred movement of the Girl Guides.

Princess Mary Viscountess Lascelles travelled down on Saturday afternoon to visit the Girl Guide Imperial Camp at Foxlease Park, where two hundred and fifty Guiders are living under canvas. One hundred of these have travelled from the Dominions overseas to be in England for this special week, from such varied parts of the world as Africa, Canada, India, Australia, the West Indies, Ceylon, Malta—fifteen different countries in all. The remainder are made up of representatives of the British Isles.

It is four years since the Girl Guide Association became the possessors of the house and estate, when Mrs. Archbold, of Washington, so generously gave the place to the movement, "in honour of the marriage of our beloved President," and, it was owing to further generosity on the part of the Princess herself that the Association has been able to maintain and equip it.

The Princess was received at Brockenhurst Station by the Chief Guide, Lady Baden-Powell, and the Chief Commissioner, Lady Delia Peel. Preceded by a Guide car, she drove to Foxlease, the long avenue being lined by the campers in their blue linen uniforms, who gave a rousing cheer as the Princess passed by. At the house were assembled Mrs. Houson-Crawford, Scottish Chief Commissioner; Mrs. Fisher-Rowe, honorary secretary of the Imperial Council; Mr. F. E. Powell and

Mr. P. W. Everett, trustees to the Foxlease estate; Mrs. Lytle and Mrs. Everett, Miss Hannah, Guider-in-Charge of Foxlease; and Miss Montgomery, general secretary of the Association.

A move was then made to a group of camps on a big sloping field. Here the Scottish and Welsh flags waved proudly over their respective groups, and a camp, known as the Cities, flew a flag of their own special device. Games were here in progress, hardly concluded before an alarm whistle sounded, and a most realistic bucket drill took place at a point where a large fire was suddenly discovered to be flaming heavenwards. This was speedily and effectually put out, but not before the Princess had started off to the scene, and watched operations from close quarters.

Story-telling in a ring under the trees followed, and then the Princess was invited to visit the outdoor camp canteen, where, in the shade of an immense haystack, she was regaled with raspberries and cream. Continuing her inspection of the various camps, Her Royal Highness attended a First Aid lecture and demonstration that was going on in England's group, looking at the hospital tent close by; watched country dancing to the accompaniment of an energetic mouth organ under the giant oaks in Ireland's camp, and a Brownie display on the Isle's slopes. After tea, in the Sussex barn, everyone gathered under the circle of trees for a camp-fire sing-song.—"The Morning Post," July 19, 1926.

Extract of letter from Miss M. Shanks, who was in New South Wales all last year, and was Commandant 1st Inter-State Camp—

Denfield House,

Arbroath, Forfarshire,

August 4, 1926.

I did mean to write to you for last mail to tell about the Imperial Camp, but did not get it done.

We had a splendid week, the weather being very kind, and I think everybody enjoyed it. There were four of your people there: Miss Moore, Miss Purnell, Miss Salmon, Mrs. Knight, and I think for a few days there was another (Miss Mills—Ed.), but I did not know her name. Doubtless you know it, and have already heard all news from Miss Moore and the others.

The camp was divided into the following groups: England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland (comprising Ulster and the Free State), Isles, Cities and Staff. This last was much the biggest group. Some people lived in the village of Lyndhurst, and the House was also quite full. Every group was a mixture of peoples, the names only meaning that they were "staffed" by these various spots.

The first meeting of the day was the Commandant's and Trainers' meeting at 9.30; I was intended to go to this, but only got there once, as I was in charge of the Parade and Colours, and was always rehearsing this up to the last moment—or so it seemed. Parade

was at 9.45, and after this and notices were given out—we had prayers in two lots, one taken by the Chief, and the other—the R.C. one—by the G.B.O., Miss Chilton-Thomas. There was then a small interval, giving us time to get back to groups and collect note-books, etc., and repair to sessions, which were as follows: Company Management, Brownie Work, Rangers, Campers' Licence, Campcraft Badge, Woodcraft, from which one chose what one wanted and followed same course. I was in charge of Campcraft for the Ranger Badge—you know—that nice thing with about 20 items in it, and it was a job to try to fix them all in to the time; but it was all fun and nice people came.

After canteen and free-time and group hikes occasionally, and after tea—came other shorter sessions—continuation of some of the morning ones and extra times for games and country dancing. After supper, campfire, which was with one exception a combined one for all groups—no there were two little ones—not one, I remember; one of these each group was alone, and for the other we met with one other group.

The special speeches were H.Q. Organisation by Miss Montgomery, Extensions by Lady Helen Newcome, Posts and Lones by Miss Raxworthy, "The Good Ship Guiding" by Dr. Henderson, one of the Chief Scouts' Commissioners—a most excellent address—in which we were bidden be all the more careful of how we did as Guiders now that the trial mile were over and people spoke well of Guiding; and we are to be worthy members of the crew, passengers perhaps, but not stow-aways! "The Empire" was the title of Lord Forster's address, and he was simply splendid. (On the last day but one the Australian and N.Z. Guiders were invited to go to Lepe to tea, and the Chief went too and took me also. Lepe is a lovely place, and we had a good time. Some of the Guiders bathed. The house is a very, very attractive one, being at one time an old inn. The garden is so pretty and really they are absolutely in the country there, being 12 miles from the railway—Brockenhurst. They are right down on the coast of the Solent overlooking the Isle of Wight, and Lord Forster's yacht was lying near by. There were also Open Sessions included in the morning Sessions, and a meeting of the Imperial Council. Lady Forster is now President of the London-Australian Association, and is so keen to see and know about the Australian Guiders who come over here. Miss Bewley took the Guides' Own, and the Chief Scout also came down to speak to us on Sunday.

Princess Mary's visit was the greatest success and she seemed to enjoy it too, and towards the end especially was very gay and chatty. Her arrival was heartily cheered by us all on the drive assembled to meet her, then she partook of coffee in the House while we hastened to our groups. Then came her visit to each group, where she was "entertained" by different things—and every Guider and Guide was presented to her.

The big Camp-fire on the last night consisted of group efforts and was very amusing, each group doing well and caused, in many

cases, much merriment. It was all great fun and a very nice camp. It is sad when they come to an end.

I hope you are well, and that things are going well with you all. You must all have enjoyed Miss Behren's visit, which will be over long ago now.

Please remember me to all your Guiders I know.

THE COUNTRY DANCE OF ENGLAND.

Every race and every nation has danced since ever history could tell of it, and, perhaps, for long before. Some have danced in terror, and some in awe and reverence; some express in the dance the passions and emotions that can scarce be told in words. But the happy nations—the people who have conquered fear, and have learned to delight in achievement—dance for the joy of life, and the pleasure of a holiday for all.

In this way did the folk of Merrie England dance—on the village greens and in the forest glades. For hundreds of years the dances have passed from father to son, from mother to daughter. Some are known best to one county, and some to another, but all are in accord, for they belong to the people—to the peasants and the yeomen—the open-air folk, who have the spirit of the nation,

"by the ruddy tan
God's air may give a man,
Cool'd by the winds that fan
The broad breast of England."

These dances were passing away in the stress of factory life, and the whirlwind of the war, but, just in time, Cecil Sharp has rescued them for us. Often, when Cecil Sharp came to a village, he found that the old folk remembered songs and dances, of which the young generation knew nothing. Old men of eighty would dance for him, while grandmother hummed the air.

So our country dances are a great inheritance—a true inheritance, for they are really ours. Our responsibility is to pass them on unchanged, in the spirit in which they have come to be. Country dancing should be fun, but more than fun. A dance is a whole—a unit—and each dancer must feel that he (or she) is part of the pattern; for each part is essential to the unity of the whole.

When we have learned one or two dances, we often must rely on the directions in the book for others we may wish to know; and from the book only it is difficult to learn the correct style and rhythm with which the movements should be performed. The directions given below will perhaps be of use to Guiders who all wish to have the extra polish which makes the joy of dancing with a first-rate team—which, indeed, makes a dance so different from a romp.

Leading Up.—Is really leading: right hands across at shoulder level, the man ever so slightly ahead of the woman, and looking towards her. Leading up is not really four steps—it is three steps and feet together. Dancers should stand with the weight rather more on the left foot than on the right, so that they are ready to step off with the right; and should do the same when the feet come together, so that they are ready to step back with the right.

Hands Across.—Always at shoulder level; when given during a dance, they should be joined rhythmically with an almost circular movement. For slipping up and down (as in Black Nag and Picking Up Sticks), and for swinging, arms must be absolutely straight.

Swinging.—Arms straight at shoulder level; partners face one another, and lean ever so slightly back. Always use skipping step.

Arming.—Arms should be joined at the elbow; partners lean slightly towards one another. Two steps to come together—four steps round—two steps back to places. Always use running step.

Siding.—Always running step. Three steps past partner, turn on fourth step and face partner. Lines must be kept straight in the longwise dances, and distances even in square or circular dances.

Turn Single.—Four steps running round in a small circle—not a pivot turn on a threepenny bit.

Hey.—In any circular movement, such as Turn Single or Hey, the body should lean as the dancers run the curves, so that every part of the dancer is moving naturally and in rhythm.

Arms.—Should hang loosely and swing slightly when not in use.

Honouring.—On the last beat of every dance partners face one another, and "honour." There must be no hint in this of the courtly bow and curtsy. The woman makes a "bob curtsy"—left foot behind right, right heel against left instep—knees bend in bobbing movement and head inclines slightly. The man nods slowly.

Music.—A Country Dance includes both music and steps. It is wrong to use the music of any dance to steps other than those for which it is intended.

Naming.—The dancers are always called Men and Women.

Introduction.—Before beginning to teach Guides a Country Dance, test the Company by games which introduce running and skipping steps to music. Always teach siding and arming carefully, and separately, before beginning a dance in which they occur.

The first part of Mage on a Cree might be used as follows for a preliminary exercise. All run forward at double to the centre and back to places, arms swing forward and upward, as they advance, and downward and backward, as they retire—set and turn single for the repeat, men only forward, and as they retire, change places slightly, so that they set and turn single with the woman who was originally on their left. Repeat from beginning until men have completed the circle.

Think ahead, so that one movement is finished in time to begin the next exactly on the beat. On the other hand, no pause should occur; the steps should take the whole time of the music.

Morris Dances are distinct from Country Dances. The Morris was performed by men only, and bells were attached to wrists and ankles. Bells may not be used in the Country Dance.

And so a merry dance to all!

G. H. SWINBURNE.

"THE LONE LOOKOUT."

A few words of greeting to Lone Guides, from Miss de Bavay, Head of Lones. (An extract from her letter to "The Lone" Magazine):

"It gives me great pleasure to take this opportunity to write a few words of greeting to you. I know most of you by name only, or through your Captains, who keep me in touch with you all.

"Doesn't it make you very happy to know, that, even though Lones are scattered over the whole of Australia, you need never feel lonely. We are all members of a very large family of Guides, trying to do our 'bit'; making Australia and our homes happier and lovelier places for others and for ourselves.

"I believe you are very keen about 'Guiding.' That is splendid. We cannot amount to much in anything, unless we are keen to improve. With God's help, let our ideal be high."

The Head of the Lones is—

MISS DE BAVAY,
"Glencara,"

Studley Park Road,
Kew.

The names of all Lone recruits should be sent to her.

The Lone Companies of Victoria.

1st Lones—Western, Wimmera and Mallee—M. Maconochie, Captain.

2nd Lones—Gippsland—D. Morton, Captain.

3rd Lones—Melbourne and Suburbs—E. Lamb, Acting-Captain.

4th Lones—Gippsland—E. Moran, Acting-Captain.

5th Lones—Northern, Nth. East, Central, Nth. Central—S. Hawkins, Acting-Captain.

6th Lones—Gippsland—J. Harper, Acting-Captain.

1st Lone Ranger Company—Victoria—G. Nethercote, Acting-Captain.

"Lucy, the Link of the Lones."—She is at present very shy, not many of us have met her yet. But we hope every Lone will have become acquainted with her before very long. She is our Lone Magazine, and has made only one appearance. September will be her next.

"Lucy, the Link of the Lones,"

Appeals in her liquid tones:

"Oh, won't you fill my pages

With good news that amazes?

There's something you all can do, do, do, do

There's something you all can do, do, do, do

I worry! Oh, hurry!

I worry! Oh, hurry!"

Tune: "There was a young lady of Crewe."

LONE GUIDING IN VICTORIA.

There is a vast scope for Lone Guide work in Australia, as there are many girls who live in the bush, miles from any towns or stations, and whose lives become very monotonous and uninteresting. But what a difference Guiding has made to them, and how eagerly they look forward to this work which brings them into closer touch with the Guides of the cities! This Guide work helps them to study new activities of life, gives them higher ideals and a feeling of comradeship with all their sister Guides. Other Lone Guides are more fortunate in having near neighbours, and to them the thrill of Guiding is just as great as it is to their more isolated sisters.

Guide work is often quite a hard task for many of the girls as they live extremely busy lives, doing mostly heavy out of doors work, but yet the amount of Guiding they do is wonderful. Perhaps one of the most interesting parts is the delivery of letters. In inland districts, letters are only delivered two or three times in the week, and, in many cases, they are posted in boxes, attached to giant gum trees, by the roadside, where they remain for several days. Very often the Guide has quite a long and rough ride in order to reach her letter box either to post or collect the mail. But nothing will daunt her, not even the thought of the bad weather or the appalling condition of the roads.

Occasionally several girls from one district will join a Company, and some of them will ride long distances on horseback to have an occasional meeting. In winter time, it is almost impossible for even a horse to get through, the roads get into such a bad state.

The chance meeting of another Guide, a Guide Rally, and the invitation to a Guide Social in the nearest town, form great events in their lives.

Thus Lone Guiding must mean a great deal to these country girls; must play a great influence on their lives, and perhaps they grasp the real spirit of Guiding better than their more fortunate town sisters as they go through so much more for it's sake.

J. HARPER.



CAMP SCENES.

To go to camp is the greatest desire of every Guide's heart, and the sight of the tents pitched on the green hills of Ravenswood filled with joy the soul of every Guider who travelled there on August 28, 1926.

The merry arriving throng had little time, however, to stand admiring; there were jobs to be done in the short hours before nightfall, and everyone went to work with a hearty good will.

The first night in camp—how often one has pictured it—the snug little tent, the calm, starlit night, the wonderful peace of it all! How different to the reality—the blustering wind, the angry rain, and strangely clad figures dashing in and out of the tents, tightening and loosening guy-lines in frenzied haste. Finally, with a resigned sigh, the novice decides to mount guard over her "dear little tent," and take its pulse at regular intervals, envying the few lucky souls who have drifted off to sleep lulled by the rhythmic sound of mallet on tent peg.

Next morning the merry faces gathered round the breakfast table banish the thought of a sleepless night. After the meal, the joyous crowd is divided up into Patrols and sent off to the real work of the day.

One Patrol sets out in quest of wood and water, another to run messages, the third to erect screening and dig pits, while the fourth is handed over to our Q.M. She grimly leads the way to the Cook-tent, from which shortly many are seen to emerge sobbing bitterly—either smoke or the severity of the Q.M.—one tactfully refrains from asking which.

Every hour is filled with work and fun. One never forgets the day of striking and pitching tents; having made the effort, the Guider stands in rapt admiration before a tottering canvas erection, which she fondly imagines is a perfectly pitched tent. Alas, a C.A. arrives, and her dreams are shattered ruthlessly. Nothing daunted, however, she starts again, held fast in the grip of tent fever.

After orderly jobs are ended, the Commandant calls the Patrols to the marquee and keeps them intensely interested with talks on "Care of Tents," "Stores," "Sanitation"; each day had its own special discussion.

The crown of the day was the Camp-fire, when the evening hours passed joyfully by in song and story. As the glowing flames leapt upwards, the heart of every Guider expanded in the warmth, and little secret resolves were made to carry that glow out into the everyday world to make some life the brighter.

—J. T.

LONE RANGERS.

The 1st Victorian Lone Ranger Company was started at the beginning of the year to meet the needs of the older girls in the Lone Companies. The work is still in its infancy; Miss Nethercote is Captain, and the Lieutenants are Miss Lee, Miss Sheppard and Miss Russell.

Each Guider has a certain number of Rangers, who are in her charge, and once a month we hold a meeting, at which the Company programme is made out, and all items of news are discussed. Each Ranger gets a copy of the programme, which is opened on a certain day at a certain time, so that each one knows that she is working with others, although they are some distance apart; and it is good to know, when they write back, that they are so excited they can scarcely wait until the time comes to open their Company letters. We open their letters all on the same day.

Their letters are very interesting, and, compared to town girls, their hours of work on the farms are very long; others teach in schools in outlying parts, their Company letter-making a pleasant break in the monotony of their lives.

Rangers take trees as their Patrol Emblems; in one programme they were asked to describe and draw the tree they would like best as an emblem—some of the drawings were beautiful.

We hope very much to be able to camp early next year; our idea of a camp for them is—a long week-end in the country near Melbourne, a few days in Melbourne itself, consisting of visits to the Picture Gallery, Mint, Parliament House, etc., with, perhaps, some theatres in the evenings.

Alfred Street,
Upper Ferntree Gully,
17/8/26.

The Editor of "Matilda."

Dear Miss Irving,—I thought I would like to talk to you about "Matilda," as I have been poring over the last copy (June) again.

Your editorial and Miss Swinburne's letter both touch on the fact of the very poor response to her request for "Inventions for Field Days." Miss Swinburne also asked how "Matilda" could help most. I think a good many would say: "By appearing more often." Three months is such a long time between issues, though, certainly, the weeks pass quickly enough, and I expect each issue makes work enough. It can be read through in half an hour, and yet it will be October before another one really arrives. When comes the half-promised time that it shall be a monthly bulletin? As such it would be a very much bigger help than it is now, and would better fulfil the purpose expressed by Miss Hogarth in 1923: "to let every Guider know what is going on, and what is coming in the near future." Such a lot may crop up in between issues, e.g., the Campcraft Week at Ravenswood. Could you let us know in next "Matilda" just what support is required to make a change to a monthly booklet possible? It is my opinion

that it is because "Matilda" appears only four times a year that contributions are so lacking. When Guiders receive their copies, they think, "O, it is ages till the next; plenty of time to send in notes of interest; Field Day suggestions, etc.," and the date for contributions slips by. "Too late now!" though still seven or eight weeks till publication.

"To vary the form of Company Notes" was an excellent idea—they were becoming stereotyped. When we can exchange ideas, plans for testing, plans for good turns, tell how a possibly common difficulty has been overcome, we shall all be helped. You say we can do it now. Yes, but . . . ! Greetings from—Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) BESSIE SPICER,

1st Ferntree Gully.

Melbourne,

July 2, 1926.

Dear Miss Swinburne,—We have read "Matilda," and are very sorry to see that you were disappointed over the number of answers to your request for "Suggestions" for Field Days.

I am afraid we belong to the culprits, because we have nothing worth relating as yet, but, then, we have not found any very exciting ground yet for adventures.

But what we do want to ask you about particularly is this. Do you really mean you are wanting a job? Because if you are, we have a lovely one for you. Do you think you could persuade "Matilda" to give us an Open Page? We know she is terribly busy, but that is just the point. There are so many things we would like to ask, but, sometimes they are too small or unimportant for a paragraph in "Matilda." Then again, there are some little things one Guide might be able to tell another if she sees an enquiry on the Wanted to Know page.

I'll just quote one or two little things which have cropped up to give you an idea how we would appreciate a kind of "Mentor":—

1. Would like to know some of the games in the Team Games Book that have been tested and found really good. It is such waste of time wading right through the book when someone can put you on the path right away.

2. Would like to have a complete list of things anyone is permitted to buy to stock a medicine chest for a bachelor Girl Guide.

3. Would like to know of any little play for Girl Guides actually performed with success by some Company.

One could almost go on indefinitely, for things will always crop up, as the months and years go on!

There was just one little thing more. Something came into my mind when I read in "Matilda": "perhaps you do not read 'Matilda'" I tried to think when I first heard of the magazine, and I remember that I came across it quite by accident, lying on a table, and was quite surprised to know it was for all the Guides. Well—how about the "way-backs"? Have they all heard of "Matilda"? If you can

give the name of a way-back Company not subscribing to it, I'll undertake to post an introductory copy. And I guess you'll have a new subscriber and ever so many correspondents, right away. For the further the Company is from Melbourne, the more welcome would "Matilda" be. Surely that goes without saying. We city Guides don't depend on such mediums so much. I think that is all.—Yours sincerely,

CONSTANT READER.

[We will be glad to have a "Wanted to Know" page. Guiders may remember that last year we started "Ask Matilda"—but no one seemed to "Want to Ask!"—Ed.]

COMPANY "INVENTIONS."

A little imagination goes a long way. Coupled with youth and the spirit of adventure, you have a delightful trail! Thrills abound. So did hardships, and the temperature was about 104 degrees, but we cared little so long as we reached our destination.

"Captain Thompson" comprised the advance party, and the rest of us were to follow the trail in two relief parties with provisions, etc., within a few days. Our way lay through great sandy wastes, when the water supply ran very low, but the trials we endured only served to enhance the joy of plunging our parched, weary bodies in a lake farther on. Even snakes in our beds failed to mitigate that exhilarating joy! The merest trickle of water became a mighty river in which pack-horses and provisions were swept away! Then followed shortened rations; and Thompson (who dearly loves a square meal), became ill! Days of enforced progress followed, and the carcass of a pack-horse was left by the way. (Captain isn't an artist, but—"A Guide is courteous, and they **didn't** find a pig!").

By and by, the sandy wastes gave place to swamps, and here there was more trouble with pack-horses. A few days later, there ensued a fight with blacks, in which Thompson was badly wounded. (Said Thompson: "I'm getting the worst of it—I suppose it's because I'm little") The wound became worse, and Thompson's heroic sacrifice in refusing to hinder the progress, by insisting on being left behind, perhaps to die by the way before the relief parties arrived, goes down to posterity as a noble example of the stuff of which the pioneers of our Company were made. She was eventually found by the first batch, who, when they found she was still not well enough to travel, left her **alone** for the second batch to pick up—which only goes to prove how fascinating the trail was! Many miles farther on, Captain left a message to say her strength was failing fast, and from thence on had only sufficient strength to discard every little while a piece of clothing! But, alas! though she **heard** relief, and **saw** relief, and **called** for relief—none come! They passed by! Thompson endured the same feelings of despair when the second party passed her by, but, fortunately, they observed the flagging footprints and found clues—and

Captain! And very soon her feeble cries of "Water! Water!" gave place to hearty laughter. Strength returned, and we all set out in search of Relief Party No. 1, just as Thompson came up smiling as usual with the information that "They missed me!"

N. OLDFIELD,

2nd Bendigo.

A GUIDE HIKING PARTY.

My idea of a hike is that the Guides should first of all select a day, making it convenient for all the Company to take part in it.

Choose a spot first of all that is not too far from home, that is in a nice locality, preferably in the country. Also arrange it so that the whole day can be spent not returning until the evening.

On reaching the place, where you intend to spend the day, it is very nice if you split up into Patrols and each make your own Patrol fire and cook the Patrol dinner, the Patrol Leader should arrange that every girl does the same amount of fagging for the Patrol, such as fetching water and wood for the fire. The Captain could arrange a competition amongst the Patrols to see who could cook the best dinner; this would help girls who are going to try for the Cook's Badge.

After dinner, and all the crockery or rather enamelware has been washed up, the Guides could go into the bush and study the habits of the birds, or collect wild flowers, if it is spring, of course, if it is autumn, the different coloured leaves look just as pretty in an album, and they also make a pretty remembrance of a hike if they are mounted nicely. The Guides could have a nature competition, and it would count towards making them proficient for their Nature or Bird Lovers' Badges.

After tea preparations should be made for the return home, and the Guides should see that everything is left tidy in the camping site before leaving the ground. Fires should be carefully extinguished so that there is no danger for the sparks flying about and causing bush fires. There should also be no bits of paper, scraps or tin cans lying about, because it will at once stamp the Company as a disorderly one.

This method of hiking is, I think, very good, because it provides a healthful pastime for the girls, and one which they will appreciate thoroughly as members of a Guide Company.

AUDRIE PICKSTON,

Patrol Leader, 1st Yallourn.

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 Urquhart, M., 1st Richmond.

CAMPCRAFT WEEK.

Preliminary Notice.

A Campcraft Week will be held from about 20th to 27th January, 1927. This Camp will be open to any Guiders who wish to attend for Campcraft Training.

A limited number of Guiders, with previous camping experience, will be tested for the Camper's Licence, on the recommendation of their District Commissioner.

Lieutenants and Owls are not eligible to hold Camper's Licences, but, if recommended by their Commissioners, may enter for the Camper's Certificate. Although this Certificate does not qualify them to run Camps, holders of the Certificate can be of great assistance to Licensed Guiders.

Further details re the Campcraft Week will be sent to Commissioners later.

Guiders interested in Camping are advised to read Rule 68 (R.P. and O., 1926), and to note that a Victorian Rule states that only the holder of a Camper's Licence may take her Guides to a Holiday Home or Indoor Camp.

M. HERRING,
 Head of Camping.

CAMPING.

The 3rd Victorian Campcraft Week was held at Ravenswood, from August 28 to September 6.

The following Guiders have qualified for the Camper's Licence:

Miss M. Sinclair	Miss S. Cameron
Miss G. Swinburne	Miss D. Morton
Miss D. J. Thewlis	Mrs. Munro
Miss L. Button	

Camper's Certificate:

Miss M. Maconochie.

Quartermaster's Test:

Miss S. Cameron.

We were very fortunate in having Miss Gwen D. Pitman, County Camp Advisor for Hampshire, as Commandant, and we are very grateful to her for all the help she gave us.

EXAMINATION DEPARTMENT.

At the June meeting of the Victorian Executive Committee the following resolution was passed:—

"All alterations in requirements for Proficiency Badges, as published in Rules, Policy and Organisation, shall take effect in respect to entries for Tests lodged after 30th June of each year."

GWEN, H. SWINBURNE,
 Head of Examinations.

TRAINING DEPARTMENT.

A Training Week for Guiders will be held from December 30, 1926, till January 6, 1927, inclusive. The place will be announced later. The fee for the week will be 30/-, of which 5/- should be sent as a deposit fee when application is made. Applications should be sent to the Secretary, Training Department, at Headquarters, not later than November 24. The Week is intended to provide training in general Guide work for those who have not yet had any opportunities for attending such a course, and preference will be given to Country Guiders.

MONTHLY LECTURES FOR GUIDERS.

The last monthly lecture for 1926 will be held early in November.

The subject will be—

Health and Diet.

The Committee of Training will be very glad to receive from Guiders suggestions for lectures for 1927. Suggestions may be sent to Miss F. V. Barfus, at Girl Guide Headquarters.

F. V. BARFUS,
Secretary Training Dept.

Go forth my soul another day,
Go forth upon thy pilgrim way.
Remember thou art not thine own,
Remember thou art not alone,
For God to thee thy being gave
And Jesus died thy life to save;
And all around are those who need
Thy love in thought, and word, and deed.
Thou hast a place in Heaven's plan—
Bring praise to God and good to man.
—(From the Christian Year Calendar)

GIRL GUIDE HEADQUARTERS.

Books.

(Postage extra on all orders).

Price List

Basket-making at Home	2/-
Birthday Books—G.G. (Suede)	5/-
" " " (Cloth)	2/6
Book of Prayers for Guides of the Church	1/6
Brownie Games	1/3
Brownie Handbook	8d.
Brown Magic	2/6
Calendars—G.G.	9d. & 1/-
Brownie	9d. & 1/-
Camp Book—Boy Scout	2/-
Campercraft for Girl Guides	3/6
Company Roll Books	9d.
Cub Games	2/6
Diaries—G.G.	1/-
Drills for G. Guides	1/3
Extension Branch	1/-
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
G.G. Prayers and Hymns	9d.
Guide Law—Illustrated Wall Card	1/6
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/-
Lefax Looseleaf Notebooks	2/9
Lefax Refill	1/9
Lefax Inset: Knots, Hitches and Bends .	4d.
Indoor and Outdoor Games	4d.
Route Sketching	4d.
Camp Fires and Camp Cookery	1/6
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 Tenderfoot and 2nd Class	9d.
Lone Guide of Merfield (Mrs. Lilian Pyke)	5/-
Membership Cards (with Law and Promise	5d.
More Hints to Commissioners	6d.
Pamphlets on Guides, Brownies, etc. (for propaganda) each	1d.
Patrol System	9d.
Pow-Wows for Wolf Cubs	1/3
Parents' Consent Forms, per book	10d.
Patrol Roll Books (pocket size)	4d.
Post Cards—Princess Mary	5d.
The Chief Guide	5d.
Proficiency Badge Certificate Booklets (to District Secretaries only)	4d.
Report of Headmistresses' Conference ..	6d.
Rules, Policy and Organisation, 1926 .. .	1/3
School Companies and Cadet Corps	6d.
Tenth Annual Report	9d.
Scout as Handyman	2/-
Six Plays for Girl Guides	2/-
Steps to Guiding	9d.
Surveying and Mapping	1/6
Training Girls as Guides	1/6
Transfer Forms, per book	2/6
" " single	1d.
Union Jack Saints	2/-
Wigwam Papers (Scouts)	2/-
Wolf Cub Handbook	2/6
World Camp Book	3/6

Magazines.

G.G. Gazette, for Guiders and Commissioners, 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.
The Guide, last year's 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) large variety	1/-
Country Dances (bound), Introduction to C.D.	6/-
G.G. Prayers and Hymns (Tunes)	2/9
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.

Equipment.

Bandages, plain white triangular	7½d.
Belts—Brownie	1/6
Guide	2/-
Guider	4/-
Buttons—Black, per dozen	5d.
Brown, per dozen	6d.
Campbeds	22/6
Chinstraps	4d.
Cockades—Brown Owl	1/9
Captain	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	22/6
Complete	42/-
Carrier for Colour (leather)	4/6
Cord for Knotting (coloured blue or red), 2 yards for	3d.
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 £1/1/-	
First Aid Outfit (in tin, for pocket)	2/6

First Aid Emergency Dressing, "Sanax,"

for the pocket	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/-
Guider, large or small shape	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—G.G.—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	

Overalls—Brownie	6/-
Overcoats—Prices on application.	
Patrol Flags, plain	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/-
Signalling Stick—Blackwood, Tapered	1/-
Plain, Tapered	9d.
Shoulder Knots, all colours	2½d.
Stripes, P.L. or Second, each stripe	1d.
Swivels	6d.
Ties—Guider's (navy, brown, green, pale blue, red)	2/6
Guider's (saxe)	3/-
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	1/-
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	6/6
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.

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, Vol. IV.

FOR SALE.—Guider's Uniform, slightly used.

