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NOTICES.

Registration—Registration Certificates have now been issued for all Companies and Packs whose Registration Forms have been received to date at Headquarters. Any Companies or Packs which have not been registered yet should therefore send in a form at once.

Concession Fares on Trams.—The concession of half-fare for Guides in uniform applies to Rangers, but not to Guiders. This concession is available on cable and electric trams, but does not apply to buses.

"Guider" Subscriptions.—Owing to the increased cost of postage, due to heavier weight, the subscription to "The Guider" has had to be increased to 6/- per year (posted).

"Guide" Subscriptions.—If two copies of "The Guide" are ordered from the same address, postage will be charged on only one subscription.

Exchange.—Exchange should be added to country cheques; receipts are not posted for amounts under 5/-.

Guide News.—Will Guiders note that Guiding news is published in "The Argus" on Tuesday morning, and in "The Age" on Wednesday morning? The news includes all Training Class notices.

Contributions.—Guiders are reminded that contributions for the JULY number of "Matilda" should be in not later than June 21st—afterwards third Friday of each month so that "Matilda" can appear regularly on the 15th of the next month.

EDITORIAL.

Guiders, "Matilda" is setting out on a great adventure and, as you know, adventures can be of two kinds—perilous ones and joyous ones. We are sure that you will all want hers to be of the joyous variety, so you'll be glad to hear that it is in the power of Guiders to make "Matilda's" adventure a perfectly splendid affair.

For six years "Matilda" has been appearing quarterly. Perhaps that is why it has been a little diffi-

cult to get to know her really intimately. Now she will come to you every month! That IS exciting, isn't it? But that isn't all. She will be a little smaller than formerly, but she will cost only 3/- per year, or sixpence (6d.) per copy. The reason why we must charge more for single copies is that we don't always sell all the unordered copies, so we must make some profit to cover the loss on the unsold ones. But if you order "Matilda" for a year, and of course you will, this price will not affect YOU.

Now we must bore you with some facts and figures to show how we need your co-operation. At present there are 665 Guiders in Victoria, and there are 242 regular subscribers to "Matilda." Of course, lots of people buy their copy at Headquarters, but that method is rather uncertain, and you will realise in view of the new price that it is much better to pay a yearly subscription. In short, we want at least 500 regular subscribers to "Matilda."

If you want to do your bit towards making the adventure a joyous one, ask every Guider you meet this month—"Do you subscribe to 'Matilda'?" If she says "No," then you will say "But you really must! It's so much cheaper than buying it occasionally, and 'a Guide is thrifty,' you know. It will be so useful to have a monthly paper which will be a record of all the things that have happened and are going to happen in the Victorian Guide world, and there are all kinds of interesting articles in it beside." With this kind of propaganda we hope that people who have been oblivious of the existence of "Matilda", if there are any, will not only be subscribers, but will be contributing articles on all their pet subjects in no time.

Now that we have much more space at our disposal we will be only too glad to hear all sorts of items of District and Company news. Tell us about your next display, bazaar, party or hike. Rangers will have a page to themselves, and we expect them to fill it with all sorts of interesting notes. In fact, shortly, we feel sure that no Ranger Company will feel satisfied until it is getting its monthly copy of "Matilda." Brownies, Lones and Extensions will all tell you their news each month.

Our final appeal is—Captains, tell your Lieutenants; Brown Owls, remind your Tawnies and Ranger Captains talk to your Rangers about the necessity of having "Matilda" on your visiting list. Ask her to come to see you regularly!

STRADBROKE CUP.

The long and difficult task of choosing a Company to hold the Stradbroke Cup for one year has at last come to an end. A standard of general, all-round efficiency was expected, and the six Companies in the finals were awarded points, and placed as follows:—

- 1st Port Melbourne.
- 1st Malvern (Toorak College).
- 1st Hampton.
- 1st Echuca.
- 1st Kyneton.
- 1st North Fitzroy.

The Cup was presented to 1st Port Melbourne by the Deputy State Commissioner, Lady Chauvel, on 16th May.

THE "COMING-OUT" OF THE GIRL GUIDES.

(Copy of letter from the founder, Sir Robert Baden-Powell.)

This year the Girl Guide Movement has reached the age of eighteen years—the age for "coming out." She is a well-grown girl for her age; indeed she is, in the United Kingdom, bigger than her twenty-one year old brother—the Boy Scout movement. She numbers 475,353, against his 370,256.

Both of them are still growing rapidly. But just as young people outgrow their clothes, so this brother and sister, who have so far lived together in the same house, have now outgrown their accommodation, and find themselves handicapped in their development by want of room.

So the Girl Guide movement is sending forth her S.O.S. call for help. She wants to come out. She wants to get a separate house of her very own.

Fortunately she has been able to secure a site next door to her present home. She has raised sufficient money to keep her house going when she has got one; but the house has yet to be built, and that is going to cost money. Hence this appeal to the sisterhood. She doesn't want to go cadging among the public. On the contrary, knowing the keenness and team-pride and the jolly spirit of helpfulness among the Guides, she also knows that she will not appeal in vain, and that in the sisterhood and among its friends funds will be forthcoming.

(Sgd.) **ROBERT BADEN-POWELL,**
 Founder.

(Copied from the March "Guider.")

Just as a child grows out of its clothes, Guiding has for some time been growing out of all efforts to house its organising staff. The Guides have now definitely outgrown the building they have shared for so long with their brother Scouts, and the exciting moment has arrived when they are to have a separate Headquarters of their own.

The site is found, a long building lease has been arranged; plans are ready. Now comes the task of building, and this is where we—the Commissioners, Guiders, Rangers, Guides and Brownies—come in. If it is to be our own Headquarters, then we must help to build it. True, we might appeal in the public Press for funds, but would it then be our OWN Headquarters? What about that little clause in the Book of Rules to which we have clung with such pride and tenacity for so long. "... money should be earned and not solicited"! Are we to go back on that now? We are sure your answer would be "Never! as long as Guides are strong enough to carry their own load." And we ARE strong enough if the will is there. Were it not so, the plans would never have been made, nor this appeal sent out.

It will take £74,500 to build and furnish our house. Does that figure daunt you? It certainly does look rather big, but there are over half a million Guides to help. In this great total are included Guides in the Overseas Dominion, and in every part of the Empire. For, of course, we are asking them to contribute. The new Headquarters is to be theirs as much as ours. Indeed, perhaps its value will seem ever greater to Guides visiting the Motherland. We want them to have here a real home, where they will always find a friendly welcome.

You will see that, like all difficulties, this problem of raising £74,500 does not look so formidable when it is squarely faced—indeed, the task already seems lighter. What we suggest is this—that every member of the movement should contribute some part of the building material.

BUY A BRICK FOR HALF-A-CROWN.

It will be possible for individual Guides to buy one brick, or Companies, Packs and Districts may arrange to buy a piece of a wall, part of the staircase, a window, door, pillar, etc. In order that those who come after us shall know how the Guides of 1929 helped to build the great Imperial Headquarters, a Roll will be made on which will be inscribed the names of all those who helped to build it. This Roll will be kept at Headquarters, but Companies and Packs who buy bricks will receive a certificate signed by the Chief Scout himself, for display in their own Club room.

Should there, by any chance, be friends of the Movement, within or without, who would undertake to provide one room in the new building, completely equipped, £500 upwards would cover the cost of this, and the room would be named after the person or locality providing it, or by any other name suggested by the donor.

Let us all build together and look forward to seeing this splendid new building rising before our eyes as a result of our own efforts.

PRACTICAL FACTS AND FIGURES.

Nearly 800,000 bricks will be needed. There will be 200 corner stones, 150 windows, 115 doors, 166 staircase steps, and 212,000 wooden floor blocks.

PRICE LIST OF BUILDING MATERIALS.

Bricks	2/6 each.
Staircase Steps	£2/10/- each.
Windows	From £5 to £50 each.
Doors	From £5 to £50 each.
Corner Stones	£10 each.
Pilasters	£100 each.
Rooms	From £500 to £1000 each
Council Chamber	£2,000.

Which would your Company or Pack prefer to do? Contribute the amount for a brick or stair, etc., or give to one general sum from Victoria as a whole? Please let your Commissioner know which you want to do.

GUIDE AND SCOUT HALL.

At the end of November, 1928, the combined Guide and Scout committees decided to purchase a disused building from the Methodist Church for the use of the Guides and Scouts of Stanhope.

In February the building was moved about twenty miles, from Waranga to Stanhope, and placed on land kindly leased to us by Mr. Lloyd. The site is ideal. There are about two and a half acres of ground with shady trees and a large water-hole, so there will be no danger of fire when we do our fire-lighting tests for Second Class.

After some alterations had been made the official opening was fixed for April 27th, 1929, Miss Hoffmeyer kindly gave us a week of her time, and came

all the way from Melbourne to speak on behalf of the Guides. Mr. Youles came from Bendigo to speak for the Scouts. There were 50 Guides from Shepparton and about 26 from Kyabram, so that altogether there were about two hundred people present.

Miss Hoffmeyer opened the Hall. There were several other speeches, followed by the National Anthem. Then everyone played games till about 5 o'clock, when the visitors were given tea. As soon as it grew dark we all gathered round a huge camp-fire and sang and listened to stories till 8.30. We concluded by singing "Taps" and the National Anthem.

OUR BROWNIE PAGE.

"Something old, something new,
Something magic, something true,
Singing in plenty, a story to tell,
And something to make you happy and well."

For those who cannot carry away "tunes in their heads."

As the music to the following singing games may be difficult or expensive to obtain, and as it is too expensive to publish music in "Matilda," a Brownie Guider has kindly copied the notes of these tunes, with the words, into the Music Book in the Brownie Library at Headquarters, where any one can easily make a copy.

Country Brownie Guiders can be sent a copy of any of the tunes on application to Miss L. Hooper, Bathwick, St. George's Road, Toorak.

May I remind those who avail themselves of this opportunity to send a stamped and addressed envelope.

Contributions to the Music Book may be sent to Miss Hooper, and will be very welcome.

Contents.

In our large round ring.
Cut Capers.
Fairy Dance.
Bimble Bamble Bundle.
A Tune for a Pow Wow Ceremony.
The Bear Went Over the Mountain.
Four and Twenty Tailors.
There Was a Crooked Man.
Ten Green Bottles.
John Brown's Baby.
Under the Spreading Chestnut Tree.
Early in the Morning.
The Book is not to be taken away.

"MATILDA" ONCE A MONTH.

Brown Owls are invited to send in contributions to "Matilda." Every Pack likes to hear about the other Packs; how this Pack spent its third Birthday Party; what is that Pack's favourite game; and what another Pack saw in its travels through the country at its last picnic.

Be sure and send in something soon!

WHERE'S THAT SMILE?

Visiting B.O., testing a recruit: "And how, for instance, are you going to try and do your duty to the King?"

Enthusiastic Brownie: "If I lived near I'd look after him and take his dinner up!"

BROWNIE GUIDERS' POW-WOW, APRIL 6th.

A day fit for the ducks! But not even the rain could damp the enthusiasm of the few Guiders who did come!

From the tram shed at Park Street Miss Paling watched anxiously, as one tram after another passed. At last one Guider arrived, equipped for the worst, and they set out for the Kiosk. There they eventually met a few other Guiders who, like John, had put their "great big waterproof coats" on, and decided that the weather did permit!

When everyone was consoled with a cup of tea and "the bun" which we had brought with us, we settled down to listen to Miss Paling's description of some extremely interesting Nature games for Brownies, which quite compensated us for our dreaching. In spite of the weather conditions, the six Guiders who were there quite enjoyed themselves (the walk through the wet gardens was beautiful), and one and all are looking forward to the next Pow-wow, when I am sure many more will turn up.

PACK NEWS.

1st TOORAK.

On May 11th the Pack had a "Fruity Party" in honour of Miss Nancy Stokes, who is leaving to be married in June. She was Brown Owl all last year during Miss Paling's absence abroad, and we are most grateful to her for keeping the Pack together so splendidly.

When Miss Stokes arrived she found, instead of her Brownies, a magic orchard, with many kinds of trees bearing fruit (each Brownie representing a fruit, and belonging to a tree). Being magic fruit, they could speak, and Miss Stokes visited each tree.

An Apple Pie game caused much excitement, as each Brownie rushed to find the ingredients needed, which were scattered about the room. Then two Brownies told us a "Fruity" story.

Three cheers for Miss Stokes, and taking with her the best of Brownie wishes, she said Goodbye to each Brownie. Again the magic orchard appeared, and Miss Stokes went away amidst the waving of all the fruit trees.

AUTUMN LEAVES.

All the Autumn leaves are falling.
Russet red and bracken brown;
From the Oak and from the Elm tree
They come flying, fluttering down,

And the merry winds so madly
Twirl and twist them as they blow
Down the yellow-winding high-road
To the township, just below.

There they paint the dusty footpaths,
Gleaming heaps of brown and red,
Ever dancing, laughing, leaping,
Fancy driven, Fairy led.

—Brown-Cote.

NATURE PAGE.

It has been thought that Guiders would appreciate a Nature section in "Matilda." We will aim at publishing one main article on a Nature subject each month, and will be delighted to have Guiders' observations on any outdoor topic. We would also like to print extracts from your Guides' Nature Diaries, as this should be very valuable in helping to develop a love of Nature in Guides.

The writer of "The Open Aviary" has very kindly offered to write for us short sketches of the bird inhabitants of the aviary each month. Guiders will realise our good fortune in securing the help of such an enthusiast.

THE OPEN AVIARY.

By "Bird-Lover."

"Hast thou named all the birds without a gun?
Loved the wood-rose and left it on its stalk?"

O, be my friends, and help me to be thine!"

This aviary is no erection of posts and wire netting, with half cocoanuts hanging from dead boughs. Its limitations are the garden and grounds of one's home, be they small or large, with trees, shrubs and flowers and, for the rest, God's blue sky and an allowance of love and sympathy for all His creatures. Few spots, whether in town or suburb, are without their regular bird inhabitants, even though seldom seen by the unobservant, while in more rural districts their numbers and varieties are, of course, more numerous.

A sense of security without any of the loss of freedom which wire-netting involves is soon cultivated in the quick-witted little brains of our native birds, and when once their feathered breasts cease to palpitate with fear at the approach of man, they rapidly give their confidence and friendship. There are few things in life capable of giving greater satisfaction and unalloyed gladness than the intercourse, on friendly terms, with these dainty wild things, which the exercise of a little patience and thoughtfulness makes possible. The fact that to the brain and timorous breast the easiest, and perhaps the only, approach lies through their little crops cannot be denied, but the epithet of "cupboard love" detracts no whit from the pleasure to be experienced when they alight fearlessly beside you, or when their little feet cling in confidence to your outstretched fingers, and

the tickling tongue searches your palm for preferred dainties.

The best means of introduction is a roomy bath of shallow water placed in the shade of some bush or tree. Small birds are fond of their daily splash, but are shy of too deep water. They know too well their inability to take wing from it, and, for this reason, the bath must be shallow and, if large enough, should contain a stone or two on which the bird can alight. Near to this bath some suitable receptacle for their food should then be arranged—a flat slab of stone or an old board fixed a foot or so above the ground will serve the purpose, and yet not be alarmingly conspicuous. Two such banqueting boards are desirable, placed somewhat apart, one for insectivorous birds, and the other for honey-eaters. As to menu, the first may consist of small pieces of cooked meat and scraps of plain cheese, and the second of sugar or a flat tin of honey. Wrens, yellow-robins, tits, warblers, grey-thrushes and, in fact, most insectivorous birds, whose natural food consists of worms, grubs, beetles, and spiders are, strangely enough, more partial to cooked meat than to raw, and still more strange, they at once take to cheese!

These preparations having been made, we must now await the guests, and here begins the necessity for patience and perseverance. When the bath has been discovered and made use of by a bird or two a beginning may be made some morning by placing a very little food upon the respective receptacles. Needless to say, all cats and noisy little dogs must be religiously excluded from the sanctuary.

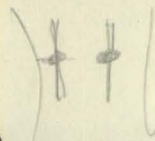
It is well to invent a distinctive call or whistle to be invariably used when depositing the fresh food or, later on, when throwing it quietly down to entice a closer approach. It is wonderful how soon the birds come to recognise such calls, and from what a distance they will hear them. When some measure of success has been attained with one or two of the more trustful birds, others will see them and become emboldened. So the first and most difficult stage will have been accomplished in what will thereafter prove an ever-growing confidence and mutual attachment.

In course of time it is not difficult to notice many interesting traits and differences of habit in various species, and even to identify peculiarities of character in individual birds. The why and wherefore of many curious actions of our little bird friends must always remain a mystery to us, but that need not debar our imaginations from weaving around them little histories, comedies and tragedies, nor deny the assurance that such biographies are probably as true as most human ones, while the subjects of them, at least, are every bit as real.

THE RANGERS' "SATIABLE CURTIOSITY."

Once upon a time, O Best Beloved, you must know there were some Rangers who were filled with "satiabile curiosity." They asked their astute aunt, Miss Cameron, if they could learn of some interesting places, and their astute aunt, Miss Cameron, answered that she would consider the question. They

Fangs - 5 inch -
Ligature on within 3 minutes must



asked their tall aunt, Miss Barfus, what interesting places they could learn about, and their tall aunt, Miss Barfus, almost squelched them with the hard, hard subjects she thought of. It was all their "satisfiable curiosity."

Now, O Best Beloved, these "satisfiable" maidens, together with their astute and tall aunts, arranged to meet at the P.G.A. room on May 18th, to learn about some places of interest. Most interesting information was imparted by and to these maidens filled with "satisfiable curiosity." Flinders Memorial, North Melbourne Methodist Church, Flagstaff Gardens, St. Kilda Road, St. Kilda Foresnore and the Fire Station were the subjects chosen. A very interesting paper relating to the early history of Melbourne, which Miss Swinburne had written, was read by Miss Barfus.

Now, O Best Beloved, the Rangers were well satisfied, and spent the remaining time together visiting nearby Gardens, the Cathedral, Fountains and monuments, feasting in true Ranger fashion, and participating with great energy and enthusiasm in the past-time of Country Dancing.

stop the pulse, and quite a good idea after knotting it is to place a piece of stick through a knot and then twist the stick till the ligature is sufficiently tight. Ligatures are only of use if the bite is on a limb. The ligature is put on round the limb between the place bitten and the heart on a part of the limb which contains only one bone. It is no good putting a ligature round the forearm or leg, because each of these parts contains two bones, and the artery running between them has the pressure kept off it by the bones.

For the lower limb, therefore, the ligature should be put on above the knee and for the upper limb above the elbow. If a finger is bitten a ligature should also be placed round the base of the finger.

The ligature should be put on at once without any delay, and it is a good rule NEVER to go out into the bush without a stout piece of cord long enough and strong enough to serve as a ligature, and a very sharp, clean knife. The next thing, having applied the ligature, is to wash any venom off which may be on the surface of the skin near the bite. A little potassium permanganate (Condy's Crystals) in the water is useful, as it destroys venom with which it comes in contact. A wet handkerchief could be used for this, or if no water were at hand, the handkerchief could be wet with saliva. The next thing to do is to cut out the bite. This is done with a very sharp knife, the area of flesh in which the bite is being cut out cleanly by cutting round about 1/4-inch outside the punctures, and about 1/4-inch deep. The wound may then be sucked by someone with a mouth free from wounds, sores or cracks, and can be washed out with a weak solution of Condy's Crystals dissolved in water to make a dark pink fluid. The patient should be kept quiet—not walked about—carried—not allowed to walk, and a doctor obtained as soon as possible.

The snake which caused the bite should be killed and kept for identification.

Hot coffee is a good stimulant, and the patient may have that if it is available. It is important to get the patient in bed and at rest as soon as possible.

If the doctor cannot be got for one or two hours, the ligature should be left on until then. The pain from the ligature is very severe, but it is wiser not to release the ligature till the doctor comes. If there is further delay in getting a doctor, after two hours the ligature may be released for 30 seconds and then reapplied, being released and reapplied every few minutes during the next two hours. After that it may be wiser to dispense with the ligature though some doctors leave it on much longer without releasing it at all.

The ligature should be tight enough to stop any bleeding from the wound. A bandage placed round the limb from above downwards starting below the ligature and bandaging tightly is sometimes a useful way of squeezing out blood which was on the limb when the ligature was applied, and so washing out some of the venom with blood.

The patient should be reassured, and not allowed to become unduly frightened. The great majority of snake-bitten persons recover—particularly if they are bitten through clothing.

In the event of the bite being elsewhere than on a limb the only thing to be done is to wash the skin, cut out the flesh round the bite, and suck the

THE TREATMENT OF SNAKE-BITE.

BY Dr. C. H. KELLAWAY

(Director of the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Research.)

The danger of being bitten by a snake is fortunately not a very serious one, even when camping in the bush, since our snakes are, generally speaking, rather shy, and far more anxious to get away than to bite. Possibly an exception may be made in the case of the tiger snake, which will often strike at the intruder before retreating.

Excepting the death adder, our venomous snakes have short fangs, and are not able to deliver much poison through thick cloth. Dr. Fairley's experiments have, in fact, shown that two thicknesses of puttee form a good protection, and in the case of the death adder stout leggings should be sufficient. In the ordinary way a bite on the legs protected in this way would be harmless, as the fangs are hardly long enough to penetrate. Bites in the unprotected skin may be very serious. It is therefore important to avoid placing one's hand or arm in places where snakes are likely to be—for example, holes in logs or rabbit burrows. Should any one in a party be unfortunate enough to be bitten by a snake, the first thing to do is to decide whether the snake causing the bite is venomous or non-venomous. The bites of venomous snakes are distinguished from those of the non-venomous by the fact that, instead of two, three, or rarely four, puncture marks in the case of venomous snakes, the non-venomous snakes give numerous puncture marks. If the snake is venomous, or if there is any doubt, a ligature should AT ONCE be applied. For this purpose a good piece of thick rubber tubing is the best, but a stout cord covered with handkerchiefs to stop its cutting into the flesh is the next best. The ligature must be put on tight enough to

*Precautions -
woollen stockings -
over legs -
hands in holes legs -
puttees best -
beware nightfall -
near water -
near milk -*

*cord
Pad with
handkerchief*

*- sub volatile
Near school*

wound in the hope of getting out as much of the poison as possible.

It is hoped by the end of the year that some anti-venine will be available—this, however, will be given by doctors, as its most satisfactory and rapid action is obtained by injecting into a vein.

In Victoria there are four common venomous snakes—the tiger snake, the copper head, the brown snake, and the black snake. In bites by any of these the measures described above should be carried out. The bite of a black snake is very unlikely to be fatal. That of the tiger snake is the most dangerous, but even with this snake more people get better than die if the measures described here are adopted. Of course, with anti-venine given early enough, nearly all bitten persons should recover.

It is very easy to recognise the different kinds of snakes. The black snake is black above and red underneath. Some of the scales under the tail are single, but those nearer the tip are paired. The tiger snake is obviously banded with transverse bands, and can always be readily recognised in Victoria, though in Tasmania they are much darker in colour, and the bands are indistinct. The brown snake and copper head are narrower in the head than the tiger snake. The copper-head is usually coppery colour above and dark red on the sides. The subcaudal scales are undivided.

The brown snakes are of three kinds in Victoria, but are fairly difficult to recognise from each other. They are brown above and yellowish grey on the under-surface, sometimes mottled with pink. The subcaudal scales are undivided in all of them.

Though a number of deaths have been caused by bites of this last snake, the bite is not so serious as that of the tiger snake or copper-head.

The most dangerous common snake in Australia is undoubtedly the death adder, which is found in Western Queensland, in parts of New South Wales, and in South Australia. It is a short, thick-set snake with a very wide head and fat body, which it flattens out when angry. It has a tiny worm-like tail. It lies coiled up in the daytime, and only moves about at night. In districts where it is common it is wise to carry a lantern or torch at night to avoid stepping on one.



(All correspondence should be addressed to Miss E. E. Moran, Winter Street, Malvern, S.E.4.)

LONE GUIDERS' CONFERENCE.

A Lone Guiders' Conference was held from 12th-15th April, 1929, at the Y.W.C.A. Holiday Home, Seaford.

All the Guiders arrived on Friday afternoon or evening, feeling very excited and rather shy, and

were greeted by Miss E. E. Moran, Head of Lones, and introduced to each other, but it was not until Saturday morning that names really "penetrated." Miss Morton was there, and Misses N. Pearse, E. Sydes, H. Branton, E. Gillett, J. Macneil, Z. Jermyn and E. Weller.

The first session was held on Saturday morning in a sunny spot amongst the ti-tree, well protected from the wind, and from then on there were very interesting discussions on all the subjects that worry Lone Guiders—Finance, Company Letters and Organisation, Magazine, Test Work, What to do with Lones who won't answer letters, etc. Some sessions were held on the beach, and at night round the fire in the big sitting-room, and in between there were walks, swimming (for the very hardy), and country dancing.

Ideas were exchanged and systems discussed, and the Head of Lones made very helpful suggestions.

On Sunday morning the Guiders attended church, and in the afternoon Mrs. Leggatt (formerly Head of Lones), Miss Cameron and Miss Irving came to the Conference, and Miss Cameron gave a very interesting talk on the Ranger branch.

At night there were further discussions. Company Letters and magazines were exchanged and compared, and systems explained.

A Guides' Own was then conducted by Miss Moran and, as this is always an impressive service, the Conference ended on a solemn note.

In the morning all was bustle and excitement, as the Guiders hurried off, each one anxious to put her new ideas into practice, and all hoping they would meet again before very long at another Conference.

—E.K.W.

CHIQUITA.

It was Lieutenant, touched by the clamours of isolated Lones waiting to be tested in Second Class work, who conceived the brilliant idea of having a Company doll with which to test Sprained Ankle bandaging and Snake-bite treatment.

Accordingly, Captain set out to buy "a small unbreakable doll with nice legs." For the best part of the next fortnight she scoured Melbourne's toy shops, only to find that any dolls with the slightest pretence at shapely legs were expensive, imported models, whose china faces would smash to atoms on their first journey by post. At length perseverance was rewarded, and, for a comparatively modest sum, we became the owners of a sturdy doll of rather vacant expression, but with legs that would be an asset to any beauty ballet.

It was unanimously decided that the doll should be dressed as a 6th Victorian Lone, so, while the Company busied themselves making her uniform, Lieutenant once again came forward with a "Name Competition." Each Member of the Company was invited to send in her favorite name, written in Morse. Needless to say, suggestions were many and varied, ranging from foreign-sounding titles made famous by popular songs, to the name of the latest calf, and when, at the end of the month, they were all put in a hat, Captain drew out "Chiquita."

At the time of writing, Chiquita, snake-bitten on the left leg and with a sprained right ankle, is on the eve of departure for South Gippsland for her first treatment. "Au revoir," Chiquita; may you hold together till the entire company have passed their First Aid, and by that time our ever-useful Lieutenant have thought out some equally bright way of testing Fire-lighting and Signalling by post.

—E.J.M., Acting Captain, 6th Vict. Lones.

DIVISIONAL GUIDERS' CONFERENCE.

A Guiders' Conference of the South-Eastern Suburbs Division was held on Saturday, May 4th, at St. Matthew's Hall, Prahran, and was attended by about 50 Guiders from all parts of the Division.

The Divisional Commissioner, Mrs. Faulkner, opened the Conference, and in welcoming the Guiders explained that the object of such a meeting was to enable them to get to know one another, and to hear each other's views and experiences in regard to the questions which had been sent in for discussion.

Mrs. Faulkner appealed to the Guiders to do what jobs they undertook with all their might, but on no account to undertake more than they could accomplish without giving all their spare time to Guiding. She suggested that if the Guiders were the bricks that were to help to build up the world the Guiders were, perhaps, the mortar, and mortar was made of several components and depended for its strength on this variety of composition. As a Guider gives a balanced programme to her Company, so she must lead a balanced life if she is to give her best to the movement.

Amongst the questions discussed were:—the patrol system, and to what extent leaders should teach their patrols; how to make Nature more interesting in Company meetings; should the tenderfoot test be oral or written; in what way could Brownies, Guides and Rangers combine in doing good turns outside the Company. These and many other matters were fully discussed.

An adjournment for tea and free time was followed by Country Dancing and a helpful talk by Miss Brown on the treatment of snake-bite. There was special discussion on how singing might be improved throughout the Division.

The Captain of 1st Prahran was thanked for her help in presiding over the tea arrangements, and asked to convey the thanks of the Guiders to Mrs. Brady for her kindness in allowing the use of the hall.

PRESENTATION AND DEDICATION OF COLORS.

Saturday, May 11th, was a great day in the history of the 2nd Heidelberg Company and Brownie Pack. This was the day chosen for the presentation and dedication of their Union Jack.

Long before 3 o'clock, with uniforms spick and span, and badges polished to the last degree, the Guides and Brownies were ready to be taken to the

big hall where the ceremony was to take place. It was a perfect sunny autumn afternoon, with the English trees all yellow and golden in the valley, and the view from the hospital across to the blue ranges looking its best!

About 2.30 the visitors began to arrive, the guests of honour were, of course, the Captain and three Guides from the 1st Derrinallum Company, who were presenting the Colour to 2nd Heidelberg. There were also members of the hospital committee, friends of the Guides and Brownies, some of the older patients, Miss Irving, the State Secretary, Mrs. Faulkner and Mrs. Edmondson, Divisional Commissioners, Miss Campbell, Head of Extension Guides, and Guides and Guiders from the 1st Carlton, 1st St. Kilda, 2nd East Malvern, 2nd Ivanhoe, 2nd Malvern, 1st Elsternwick and 1st Hawthorn Rangers.

The 2nd Heidelberg Company were in Company formation in the centre of the hall, some in beds—some on chairs, with the Colour Party sitting in front; the visiting Guides formed a horseshoe round the Heidelberg Company, and the Brownies were grouped at one side, where they could see all that was going on!

The ceremony began by the 1st Derrinallum Colour Party bringing the Colour to their Captain, Miss Maconachie, who handed it to the Rev. Mr. Nasmith to be dedicated. After the dedication it was given back to Miss Maconachie, who presented it to the 2nd Heidelberg Colour Party. Mr. Nasmith spoke on the very beautiful meaning of the Colours.

The President of the Hospital, Mr. Greenwood, in speaking to the Company, stressed the value of the Guide training and thanked the Guiders for the work they are doing. Miss Campbell responded on behalf of the Guides, thanking the hospital committee, the Matron and Staff for their help and kindness.

Miss Embling, Captain of 2nd Heidelberg, seconded this, and told the visitors a little of the work of the hospital company.

When the Horseshoe had been dismissed tea was very generously provided by the Hospital Committee and, judging by the chatter, everyone enjoyed themselves thoroughly. The visiting Guides were real Brownies and "lent a hand" with the washing up, leaving the hall looking as though no one had been there at all.

The Extension Branch would like to thank the Matron and her staff for a very happy afternoon, and wish the 1st Derrinallum and 2nd Heidelberg Companies every success, and "Good Guiding."

EXTENSION NOTES FOR "MATILDA."

All Guiders are intensely interested in the doings of Companies and packs in the Extension Branch, and are always anxious to hear, and tell their Companies, how Guiding is helping girls who are handicapped physically to enjoy a fuller life. "Matilda" has now given us a page for Extension Guide news and notes! Captains and Owls of Extension Companies and Packs, please send along accounts of your activities! Hints for games and competitions for Extension Guides will be greatly appreciated also.

ALISON A. McA. CAMPBELL,

Head of Extension Guides.

TENDERFOOT BADGES.

The following paragraph appeared in the November, 1928, issue of "The Guider":—

"When a Secretary or Guider complains of the Tenderfoot badge pins breaking, Headquarters invariably writes and asks her to return any which have broken soon after being given out. In spite of this the number of broken badges returned is infinitesimal; perhaps half a dozen in a month out of the thousands which are sent out. It is, therefore, naturally difficult to convince the manufacturers that their badges are not satisfactory.

"If Guiders would return defective badges to their County Secretaries, it would be a real help, and would enable Headquarters to find out which of the many possible types of pins is the best."

We should be glad if Secretaries here would return to us any such badges, with details, so that we may forward them to England.

SYBIL H. IRVING, State Secretary.

EQUIPMENT DEPOT.

The Executive Committee are glad to be able to inform Guiders that Mrs. Evan Pearse has been appointed Head of the Equipment Depot, and took over her responsibility last month. Mrs. Pearse would be glad of any suggestions from Guiders in regard to the Depot.

Packing Depot—In response to many requests from country Guiders, we have recently instituted a system of packing slips, but would be very glad if Guiders would regard these only as "slips" for checking purposes, and not as accounts—otherwise it complicates our book-keeping very much. Accounts are sent out at the beginning of each month, and are payable monthly.

Shoes.—We now stock black lace-up shoes in box calf (24/) and glace kid (25/); they are a plain shape with flat 1-in. heel, and made by J. H. Sharwood. These shoes are stocked in half-sizes, in both D (narrow) and E (broad) fittings.

Magazine Subscriptions.—Three months' notice must be given for discontinuance of subscriptions to any magazine. Guiders will understand the need for this, as we have to pay all the subscriptions in advance.

Registered Equipment.—Will Captains please note that the Guide Equipment Depot will not supply any registered equipment (i.e., belts or badges, G.G. or Ranger hatbands, either worked or unworked) without a written order from the Captain?

Brownie Rush Hats.—The shape and size of Brownie hats is being changed slightly, at the request of Brown Owls, and the new shape will shortly be available, when the old shape will no longer be stocked.

Guide Uniforms.—No alteration is being made in the style of either Overalls or Hats until we receive samples from England.

TRAINING.

TRAINING CLASSES.

Guiders should communicate with their Commissioner before attending classes, and every one who

has not previously been nominated must bring a Nomination Form signed by her Commissioner.

A charge of 3d. per night is made, to cover expense of lighting, etc.

Notices of Training Classes, etc., are published in Tuesday's "Argus" and Wednesday's "Age," and are posted on the Headquarters notice board.

Training Classes are held, unless otherwise notified, at Girl Guide Headquarters, 60 Market Street, at 7.45 p.m.

GUIDE TRAINING.

The Fourth Course for 1929 will begin on MONDAY, 10th June; Guider in Charge: Miss Thewlis.

FIRST-CLASS TRAINING.

13th May—Compass; First Aid.

20th May—Heights, Numbers, Time; Compass Games.

10th June—Weights, Distances, Scouts' Pace; Mapping and Knowledge of Neighbourhood.

17th June—Half-Day Hike; Origin and Development of Movement; Traversing.

24th June—Badge work; Health Rules; Games thereon.

TRAINING WEEK.

It is hoped to hold a Training Week in the September School Vacation, and a Week-End of Brownie and Ranger Training. Further details will be announced later.

MERLE BUSH, Head of Training.

CAMPING.

CAMPCRAFT WEEK.

There will not be a Training Camp until January, 1930.

SEAFORD HOLIDAY HOME.

Arrangements have been made with the Young Women's Christian Association so that Guiders, with or without a Camper's Licence, may take their Guides to "Myoora," the Y.W.C.A. Holiday Home at Seaford. **Special Camp Permission Forms must be filled in for every visit. Permission Forms and other information should be obtained from Headquarters before Guiders make any arrangements.**

PEGERSHAM, HEALESVILLE.

Miss White, of "Pegersham," Don Road, Healesville, has very generously offered her home for the use of Guides and Guiders, and we are very grateful indeed for her splendid offer.

The house is conveniently situated as regards Doctor, Post Office, and tradespeople, and is very easy to run; and most Guiders know the splendid opportunities the Healesville district gives for delightful walks and for nature study.

Besides giving Licensed Guiders a chance to take their Guides away to these surroundings, the house is available for Warranted Guiders who would like to spend some days there with friends.

If Guiders are taken they MUST be in charge of a Guider holding a Camper's Licence.

Any Warranted Guider may take a party of friends.

Licensed Guiders taking Guides must fill in Application Forms. They should first ascertain from Headquarters whether the house is available on

the dates they wish. Guiders going with friends must have word from Headquarters that the house is available.

The house will hold eight people. The list of kit necessary to take, and other details, including expenses for lighting, cleaning, fuel, etc., must be obtained from Headquarters.

We are very appreciative of Miss White's kindness in offering us the use of her home free of charge, and trust that Guiders will make careful and considerate use of this privilege.

MERLE BUSH, Head of Camping.

APPOINTMENTS.

Division Commissioners—

Ararat, Stawell, etc.—Mrs. T. C. Maidment, Barton Estate, Moyston.

Camperdown, Derrinallum and Terang—Mrs. Edward Manifold, Wiridgil, Camperdown.

Mortlake, Caramut and Warrnambool—Mrs. Walford Manifold, Mortlake.

District Commissioners—

Kew—Mrs. Frank Tate, 54 Harp Road, East Kew, E.5.

Omeo—Miss Isla Pearson, The Pines, Omeo.

Sale, Stratford and Maffra—Mrs. C. Dennis, Illawong, Nambrok.

Stawell—Mrs. Winfield Williams, Main Street, Stawell.

St. Kilda and Caulfield—Miss Lyell Kelly, Moorakynne, Glenferrie Rd., Malvern, S.E.4.

Beaufort—Miss Jean Russell, Langi Willi, Skipton.

Geelong (2)—Miss R. McKellar, Bell Park, Geelong.

Captains—

1st Ararat—Miss F. Millman.

1st Beac—Miss J. E. Lang.

2nd Brunswick—Miss D. Paton.

2nd Colac—Miss M. B. Brown.

1st East Doncaster—Miss E. Raisbeck.

3rd Geelong—Miss R. M. Purnell.

13th Geelong—Miss E. Ashworth.

1st Mitcham—Mrs. Haddy.

1st Murrumbena—Miss F. Piesse.

3rd Northcote—Miss E. Winter.

1st Oakleigh—Miss A. Lee.

3rd Preston—Mrs. Quinton.

1st St. Arnaud—Miss B. Morgan-Payler.

1st West Melbourne—Miss K. Sheppard.

Lieutenants—

1st Cheltenham—Miss E. H. Edmonds.

3rd Northcote—Miss I. Warren.

1st Stratford—Miss S. Reeves.

Brown Owls—

1st Casterton—Mrs. Finlay.

Chilwell Free Kindergarten, Geelong—Miss H. Cotton.

2nd Heidelberg—Miss M. O. Brown.

Tawny Owl—

1st Kallista—Miss C. Wigmore.

District Secretaries—

Kew—Miss N. Gawler.

St. Arnaud—Mrs. Richards.

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Girl Guides' Association, Victoria, was held on 15th May, 1929.

Present: Lady Chauvel (in the Chair); Mrs. C. H. Edmondson, Mrs. F. Faulkner, Miss Bush, Miss Swinburne, Miss Purnell, the State Secretary.

It was agreed that "Matilda" should be published monthly.

The date of the Guiders' Conference was fixed for 13th July, in the afternoon and evening.

A letter was read from Dame Katherine Furse, asking for suggestions and help with regard to "The Council Fire," the international Guide magazine. It was decided that for the present 12 copies should be taken by Victoria, with the prospect of more as the paper becomes known among Commissioners and Guiders.

It was decided that Guides in Victoria be encouraged to contribute to the appeal for funds for building the Headquarters of the Girl Guides' Association in London, and it was decided that Companies, etc., should be asked whether they wish:—

- (a) to contribute to a general fund from Victoria;
- (b) to make individual contributions for bricks, stairs, etc. (see March "Guider.")

It was decided that all contributions should be sent through Victorian Headquarters, so that a record may be kept. A notice was to be inserted in "Matilda" and sent to Commissioners.

The draft Constitution of the Cadet V.A.D. was considered, and it was agreed that Miss Swinburne and the Secretary should consider with the Cadet V.A.D. Committee the details of affiliation.

It was decided that if Companies wish to wear gloves, they may wear navy blue instead of tan gauntlet ones.

The resignation of Mrs. Norman Brookes from the Finance Sub-Committee was received with regret. Mrs. Edmondson was appointed temporary Chairman of the Sub-Committee.

Routine and financial business was transacted.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Wednesday, 19th June.

COMING EVENTS.

Divisional and District secretaries are asked to send in dates and particulars of any fixtures connected with their Division or District which they would like to have brought under the notice of other Guiders. Please state if Guides may come also. Look for the Calendar of Events in next month's "Matilda"!