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A MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY STATE COMMISSIONER.

The other day Guide Headquarters received a very welcome present of a large cupboard. Only the people who have been constantly in the office can realise just how welcome it was, because we have so few cupboards, and so many things that badly need a proper resting place. So this cupboard is now supplying a much-felt need, and I want to thank the Guides who gave it to us, and to tell them how much their gift is appreciated, as is also the kind thought that prompted it.

Now for a word to Guides about the Rally. We all want it to be a great success, and all Guides will naturally want to look as nice as they possibly can when they march past the Chief Scout and the Chief Guide. What I hope you will all realise is this—that a smart turnout doesn't mean that new uniforms are necessary. We must all feel that this is not a time for spending money unnecessarily, and the old uniforms, as long as they are clean and neat, and carefully put on, with badges shining, etc., will be just as smart as we could want them to be.

I must tell you that we have had letters from the Chief Guide, written just before her arrival in New Zealand, saying how much she was looking forward to her visit here. I know she can't be looking forward to it more than we all are to seeing her.

(Sgd.) SIBYL CHAUVEL.

POST BOX.

Mrs. Hamilton Sleigh, Head of Post Box in Victoria, has just heard of several older Guides (over 17 years) who wish to correspond with Victorian Guides. One of the girls is French, but writes English very well.

Mrs. Hamilton Sleigh would be very glad to hear from any Rangers who feel they could undertake to keep up correspondence with these overseas Guides.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

18th February, 1931.

Present: Lady Chauvel (in the chair), Mrs. Edmondson, Mrs. Faulkner, Mrs. Fink, Mrs. Littlejohn, Dr. Florence Cooper, Misses Cameron, Swinburne, Purnell.

A letter of appreciation of the work done by Miss Batten and Miss Russell in the 2nd Parkville Company was received from Miss Cornwall (Matron, Children's Welfare Department Home).

A letter was read from Dame Katherine Furse, Director of the World Bureau, stating it was agreed at the 6th World Conference that a Flag should be adopted as a symbol of the world-wide movement, and that this could

be used with the national flag of any country. A sketch of the flag was submitted, showing a gold trefoil on a royal blue background. This World Flag will be hoisted at the World Chalet, and used at International conferences.

It was proposed by Mrs. Edmondson, seconded by Miss Swinburne, that the following appointments be renewed for the ensuing year: Head of Brownies, Miss A. Paling; Head of Brownie Training, Miss M. Brown; Head of Camping, Miss E. H. Purnell; Head of Extension Guides, Miss A. McA. Campbell; Head of Lones, Miss E. E. Moran; Head of Post Box, Mrs. Hamilton Sleigh; Head of Rangers, Miss S. Cameron; Head of Training, Miss M. E. Bush.

Details in connection with the arranging of a combined service (Scouts and Guides) to be held on Sunday, 12th April, were discussed.

It was reported that Miss Irving would be arriving by the Mooltan on 16th March. Lady Chauvel invited members of the Committee to her home on 17th March to welcome Miss Irving.

At the Executive Committee's request, Miss Purnell agreed to help with routine work at Headquarters until after the Rally, so that Miss Irving might be free to take charge of arrangements for the Chief's visit.

It was decided that a letter should be sent to Mrs. Masterton, thanking her for allowing Camps to be held at Hendra; also, that a letter be written to the Council of Morongo Presbyterian Girls' College, expressing appreciation of their kindness in allowing the school to be used for Training Weeks.

The Secretary reported that a cupboard had been given to Headquarters by the Guides of Victoria. Great appreciation was expressed for this thoughtful gift. The Committee thanked Mrs. Fink for her gift of a bookcase for the Reference Library.

Routine and financial business were transacted. The Meeting then closed.

EDITH H. PURNELL,

Hon. State Secretary.

THE CHIEF GUIDE'S STANDARD.

We are soon to see the Standard which was worked for the Chief Guide by English County and Overseas County Commissioners.

Here are the meanings of the various emblems—

On the hoist is the Trefoil in gold on blue. Next comes the blue sea and silver waves and dolphins, with three ships sailing forth into the ends of the earth to carry Guiding overseas. This refers to the overseas work of the Chief Guide. In the midst of the sea is the gold fish, which she alone wears.

Then there are red motto bands—the red for cheerfulness—and the mottoes are, on the one side, "Be Prepared," and on the other the Powell motto in Welsh, which means "Where there is a Powell there is safety." Between the motto bands there is a space of green and white triangles, and they are the tents of our camps on the green grass, referring to the outdoor side of our Guide life.

In the fly are two fine lions, and these are the Baden and Powell crests.

NEWS ABOUT THE RALLY.

THE VISIT OF THE CHIEF GUIDE AND CHIEF SCOUT.

The main topic of conversation in Guide circles is THE RALLY, but there is more to it than that. The Rally is the part of the programme that is going to attract and absorb practically everyone who is in any way connected with Guiding, but it is only one of the items. The complete programme, as it affects Guides in Victoria, is as follows:—

The Chiefs arrive in Melbourne on 31st March, and on the next day, 1st April, there is to be a Civic Reception in the Melbourne Town Hall, for which invitations are being sent out by the Lord Mayor.

On Thursday, 9th April, in the evening, there will be a general meeting in the Assembly Hall, to which parents of the Guides, members of Local Associations, and subscribers will be specially invited; others interested may obtain invitation tickets through District Commissioners, or from Headquarters.

On Friday, 10th April, there will be a Din-

early to think of details, when we first heard, but the time between has flown, and we are all finding the thousand and one things that simply have to be done, and could not be done before. It is going to be a busy time, but every effort is so thoroughly worth while that we feel it quite unnecessary to remind ourselves and each other of the 8th Guide Law.

On Sunday afternoon, 12th April, there is to be a combined open-air service for scouts and guides at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Details of some of the parts of the programme are still not quite final, but circulars will be sent out as soon as all the required information has been sent in by Districts.

The programme for the Rally is as follows:

March Past—and League of Nations Pageant (Guides and Scouts).

Address from the Chief Scout.

Brownies (Singing Games).

Cubs.

Guide Pageant: Colonisation of Australia.

Scouts' Corrobooree.



(By courtesy of the Auckland "Star" through the Melbourne "Herald".)

ner for Commissioners, at the Lyceum Club, after which the Chief Guide and Commissioners will come on to the Guiders' Reception in the Upper Town Hall. This Reception is being organised by a Sub-Committee of Guiders.

It is hardly necessary to mention what is happening on Saturday, 11th April—the date has surely been written in our memories since we first knew we were to have the wonderful thrill of meeting the Chief Scout and Chief Guide in person. It seemed many months too

The Australian Colonisation Pageant sounds very exciting; every single Guide and Ranger who comes to the Rally will take part in this, but only some of the city Companies will be doing the tableaux and other items which require previous rehearsal. A number of Rangers who know all the details will be marching with the Guides who are to form the outline of Australia, and all should go well, even though it will be unrehearsed.

The League of Nations Pageant should be

most spectacular. Fifty countries are being represented, each by twelve Guides and twelve Scouts in national costume, preceded by two Scouts carrying the name-banner of the country, and three Scouts carrying its national flag, and followed by twelve Guides and twelve Scouts in their ordinary uniform. This will absorb 2650 Scouts and Guides. The last count showed that there are nearly 6000 Guides and Rangers (this does not include Commissioner, Secretaries or Guiders) in Victoria, and we are hoping to have over 4000 of these at the Rally.

It can be guessed that these large numbers need a good deal of organisation beforehand, and a number of committees are very busy co-ordinating all the plans, and getting the details ready for issue. Mrs. Faulkner and Miss Bush are responsible for the general arrangements. Mrs. Fink and Miss Swinburne are responsible for the Australian Pageant, while Miss Cameron is making arrangements for the League of Nations Pageant. Mrs. Littlejohn is in charge of Billetting, and Miss Brown in charge of Transport. Mrs. Edmondson is responsible for Finance; Miss Paling and Miss M. Brown are arranging the Brownie Display, while Mrs. Norman Brookes is responsible for Publicity. There is also a Liaison Committee, consisting of representatives of the Guide and Scout main committees. A general committee with representatives of the several committees meets every week; Miss H. Alexander is the Secretary for this committee.

CHIEF'S RALLY.

NOTICES.

Uniform.—Only ENROLLED Brownies, Guides and Rangers will take part in the Rally on 11th April. All Guides and Rangers marching must be in uniform. It will, it is hoped, be possible for Guiders to arrange for those who have not uniform to borrow it for the occasion; if any difficulty is experienced, the Commissioner should be consulted as to how help can be obtained. Uniform includes BLACK OR NAVY BLUE bloomers and petticoats, if worn, must be tucked inside bloomers.

Groundsheets.—Guiders will have already heard that each Guide, Ranger and Guider at the Rally will need her own groundsheet, 18 inches square, made of black American Cloth or other waterproof material, and lined with navy blue or black material (munition cloth is suitable, but other material will do). These Groundsheets could be bound with black tape, and must have a loop at one corner, and a tie half-way down, so that they may be rolled up and hung on the belt-swivel, when not in use.

American Cloth, 51in. wide, would cut into three strips of 17in., which would be near enough to the size required. If preferred, it is suggested that the white side of the ground-sheets should be painted with a black cold-water dye, the aim being to have the ground-sheet dark on both sides, so that there will not be a white flutter when hundreds of them are unrolled.

Transport.—The Railway Department has arranged to grant special concessions to Guides and Scouts travelling to the Rally. These have been worked out independently of the usual concession, and give cheaper fares to those who have the greatest distances to travel, to enable as many as possible to come to Melbourne.

The ticket is available from Friday, 10th April, to Saturday, 18th.

The Railway Department has undertaken to notify stationmasters in all towns where there are guides or scouts. Guiders are advised to get in touch with their local stationmaster at once, and make sure that he has been advised as to the special fare from that station.

Those who wish to travel to Melbourne before Friday, 10th, and have not already done so, should communicate with Miss C. M. Brown, c/o. Guide Headquarters, stating the day they wish to travel, and the reason they wish to come down early, so that an extension of the ticket may be applied for.

Any Guider who cannot get the necessary information at the local station is also advised to write to Miss Brown at once.

EDITH H. PURNELL,
Hon. State Secretary.

WANTED—HOMES.

There are over 6000 Guides in the whole of Victoria, and they are almost equally divided between town and country. All are keenly interested in the visit of our Chiefs—perhaps this event will mean more to the country Guide, as interesting happenings do not come her way as often as to town children. The only way that country Guides will be able to see the Chiefs is for us to give them hospitality. Girls cannot be billeted in halls as boys can, and we must be able to assure each mother that her child will be as well fared for in the home offered to her as in the home she has left. This is where we ask for HELP AND CO-OPERATION.

Hospitality will be required from Friday evening, April 10th, until Monday morning, April 13th.

During the visit of the Duke and Duchess of York town Guides gave hospitality to 115 country Guides. On that occasion we had more offers than we needed. Don't you think that we might manage hospitality for four times that number now—i.e., up to 500?

Will anyone willing to give hospitality to one Guide or more, please write at once to Mrs. E. Littlejohn, Collins House, 360 Collins Street, C.1, stating the number they are willing to take, age, religious denomination preferred and any details, e.g., P.L., Guide or Guider.

It is unlikely that Lord Baden Powell will make another World Tour, as this will be his second visit to Australia, so it will probably be the only chance many children will have of seeing this truly great man and our own Guide Chief. It should be a privilege to feel that we have, in any way, made it possible for them to do so.

STORIES TO TELL THE GUIDES.

The average Guide Captain does not tell many stories to her Company. Such a sweeping statement as this will probably call forth a howl of protest, but it is nevertheless true of many Guiders, excepting those who deal with Brownies, of course, and (sometimes) the Ranger Guider.

It would appear to be an established idea that children of Guide age do not appreciate stories, for really good literature especially written for that period of a child's life is difficult to find. Stories for Brownies abound; all the wealth of the fairy world is open for them, and some of our most distinguished novelists and essayists are writing for young children to-day. Everybody knows that Brown Owls simply have to tell stories, and of course there is the whole range of unexplored adult literature for the Rangers to sample, but in between somehow the Guide gets left out.

The Girl Guide reads to herself school stories, boys' adventure romances, and, nowadays, the books in which the virtuous Guide triumphs over the sinful leader of the gang of bad girls (not G.G.'s) in the school or district. This last series of books for girls is always a best seller, and is often harmless; though it invariably leaves one with the strongest sympathy for the bad girl, and keen disappointment when she is inevitably converted and enrolled by Commissioner in the last chapter.

But the school, adventure and "Guide" story do not lend themselves to telling at the camp fire, and it is necessary to look further afield for stories that the Guides will love and appreciate and will ask for again. We all try to give our children something of an appreciation of that which is grouped under the rather difficult name of "The Arts," but the method does and should vary. One Guider may express herself in music and the company will be wonderfully responsive; but we are not all made alike, and to many a Guider comes the sad realisation that "music is not for us." Another Guider will awaken in her children the response to beauty as seen in pictures, but this has many practical difficulties, and time is short.

Story-telling, one of the oldest known forms of entertainment, can cover so many things. It is possible to explain the inner meaning of the Law and Promise in a way that the Guides will understand and like. There are funny stories and tales of adventure which are always popular, nature myths and legends (not always accurate, and sometimes inclined to point a moral); there are mystical tales and allegories which are not usually a success at this age, and best of all there are true stories of heroes and heroines which have an appeal to every imagination.

"But," says the Guider who has not yet told stories, "This may be all very well, but my Guides do not like stories; they have said so, and they would certainly giggle at the wrong time if I started now."

How do the Guides know that they do not like stories? Does every Guide (or Guider)

come to the Company meetings for the first time already conscious that she loves drill, or Nature, or Morse? Probably not, but she may, and generally does, find something in every programme that appeals to her in some way, and often it is the pow-wow or the tale told at the camp fire that stirs her imagination. As to giggles, of course they will. Isn't the giggle the usual response of the Guide to any unusual emotional stimulus? And if new to stories, they will certainly feel the strain that is affecting Captain. But they will not giggle for ever; the best thing to do is to start on something that it will be natural for them to laugh at. "The Wind in the Willows," or "Winnie the Pooh" will make everybody chortle together, including Captain, who will begin to lose her self-consciousness in the general fun.

We do not expect our Guides to adopt immediately the right attitude to any of the Guide activities, and we cannot expect them to appreciate all stories the first time they hear them. The company taste needs educating, but once start Guides on the road to the land of romance, and they will progress along that road with very little need of guidance.

Many Captains feel that they cannot make the first big effort necessary to TELL a story in public, but it is quite possible to begin by reading to the children. All the people who teach the art of story-telling tell us that it is much more difficult to hold one's audience to a story that is read rather to one that is told. This is, of course, true, and some go farther and say that a story loses 50 per cent. of its charm if read; but we need not be unduly discouraged about that. Surely for a first effort that is not at all bad. How many of the games that we ran in the beginning of things reached that standard? To read a story that would be better told may not be ideal, but it is a beginning, and it is much more fun for the Guides than no stories at all. It is also comforting for the beginner to remember that some books are almost better if read, there are many books whose charm lies in the words that are used, and to alter the words is to spoil the story. Below will be found a list of books containing short stories that can be read as well as told. There are only a few here, and they will be known to all the Guiders who have told stories for some time, but they are all old favourites with Guides. The first on the list is as good an example as it is possible to find; pictures and explanations do help to make the child visualise the country and time, but a story read from the Authorised version of the Bible without any explanation simply as a narrative will hold an audience of children of any age.

Many stories of this description can be learnt by heart, and later on, as the Guider gains confidence in herself and her children, she will do so; but this is not for the experienced Guider who will know this already, but for the new and rather nervous person who, confronted by a circle of eager faces in the flickering light of the camp fire, is asked:

"Tell us a story, Captain."
 Stories that can be read as well as told:

The Bible.
 Book of Beautiful Legends (Chandler & Wood)
 Wild Animals I Have Known (Seton).
 Stories from Morte d'Arthur (Thompson).
 The Jungle Books (Kipling).
 Saints of the Flag (Heath) (stocked at H.Q.).
 Winnie the Pooh (Milne).
 House at Pooh Corner (Milne).
 Wattle Gold (Scott & Campbell) (stocked at H.Q.).
 Milly Molly Mandy (Brisley).
 Just So Stories (Kipling).
 Wind in the Willows (Grahame).
 Camp Fire Yarns (Lane) (stocked at H.Q.).
 Land of the Blue Flower (Burnham).
 The Second Trail (stocked at H.Q.).

METROPOLITAN RANGERS SPORTS.

"I'll sing you a song of the fish of the sea—"
 These particular "fish" are the Rangers of the Metropolitan Companies, and some of them certainly did prove to be veritable "fish." It was at the Ranger Swimming Sports at Mentone, on Saturday, 28th February—a warm sunny day, and a wind that made a decidedly choppy sea. Our "fish" didn't seem to mind being tossed about—not at all.

However, to begin where I ought, i.e., the beginning. We assembled at 2.30 p.m. (Ahem) outside the baths for games. It was fun trying to throw a tennis ball straight against a strong wind. However, we managed to enjoy ourselves quite well. Relay races were easier, of course. Some of the Rangers suggest "Hares," so quick were they.

More or less punctually at 3.15 we all went into the Baths for sports. Such a lot of babble and bustle, splashing and yelling, as the various "fish" took to the water. Result was that Hampton and Surrey Hills came a draw with 12 points, and Heidelberg and Canterbury second with 8 points.

We had tea next, on the beach, and very welcome it was, too, for by this time the wind was decidedly cool.

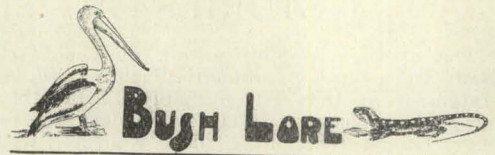
Camp-fire was long and varied. After the rendering of the well-known song, "Punctuality," for the benefit of a few late-comers, came the event—the Presentation of the Cup. In handing over the Cup, Miss Cameron remarked how nice it was that a seaside company and an outer-suburban one headed the list, and expressed the hope that the swimming next year would show the same improvement as 1931 had over 1930.

Camp songs were a feature, our "Star" turn being "Syncopated Nursery Rhymes," with the "starry" chorus ("Star of the Evening").

Miss Paling told a very amusing story about Gobble-up and Gobble-down, and the Christmas Pudding which wouldn't stop growing until—(see Miss Paling).

A "Cautionary Tale" from Miss Barfus, directed, we suppose, at the Guider-Motorists present, was another item which caused much merriment.

A few more songs, and then—TAPS.



THE RUFOUS FANTAIL.

Among our smaller birds there is none more charming or entertaining to watch than the rufous fantail in its haunts among the fern gullies of the hills. I wonder if any Guiders who were camping in the holidays came across this dainty little creature. The Rufous fantails, which may be seen in the Dandenong Ranges in summer, are not stationary, but return there every year to breed, building their nests as late as December and January. The grey fantail, commonly called Cranky Fan, is a near relation, and is better known than the rust-red species, being found almost everywhere in the bush.

In Autumn, the rufous fantail often makes long journeys, sometimes even reaching the city. Once I saw a solitary bird in our garden at Armadale, and Donald MacDonald reported its appearance at Black Rock, just recently, while another bird observer tells me that he noticed one some years ago in the porch of the Friends' Meeting House, Russell Street, Melbourne. This is one of the charms of our autumn—the bird-watcher never knows what pleasant surprise he is going to see next, especially in suburban gardens.

The rufous fantail will be easily recognised by its rust-red tail, back and forehead; its brown wings and crown; its black chest and black band on the edge of the tail; and its white throat and abdomen, the latter quaintly speckled with black. The bird is about six inches in length, the tail itself being over three inches long, and as the name implies, it can be spread fanwise. Being a flycatcher, this spritely bird is ever on the wing after prey, turning and tumbling in the air like a small acrobat.



Approaching the nest with food.
 (Kindly lent by "The Age").

The nest of both the rufous and the grey fantail is a wonderful little structure, made in the shape of a wineglass, having the base broken off. It is formed of fine grasses and rootlets, and is covered on the outside with cobweb, thus giving it a grey appearance. But the most remarkable part of the nest is the long stem which hangs from the base, and for which no one has yet discovered a purpose.



Fantail feeding young one.
(Kindly lent by the "Age.")

The accompanying photographs of the rufous fantail were taken last January at Sherbrooke, and show the parent bird feeding the young one. The nest was barely two inches across, and there were two eggs at first, but later one disappeared. When the fantails were brooding they grew very tame and showed no fear if I stood beside the nest to watch them. But it was extremely hard to obtain the photos of the parent bird feeding the youngster, as he was moving rapidly all the time.

Bird photography is most fascinating, although it demands much patience. With a portrait detachment fixed over the lens, the camera can be placed close to the subject, and thus a larger and more perfect picture is secured.

I should be very glad to hear from any country Guider who has seen the rufous fantail in its native haunts, as much has yet to be discovered concerning its movements throughout the year.
J.H.

FAREWELL AT TALLANGATTA.

More than 100 members and friends of the Guide Movement at Tallangatta joined together to bid farewell to Mrs. Butt, who for the past seven years has done valuable work as District Commissioner, and to Miss Butt, who has been actively associated with the Guide Company and the Brownie Pack since they began.

Mrs. Butt addressed the Rangers and Guides, standing in horseshoe formation, and later Mrs. McKay expressed the feelings of all those who knew Mrs. Butt when she spoke

of the impetus which had been given to Guiding in the district by her organisation, her inspiration, encouragement and example. Mrs. McKay added that it would be the aim of all to repay Mrs. Butt in the best way they knew—that is, by trying to live up to the ideals so consistently set before them.

Miss Butt also spoke to the Guides, urging them always to keep in touch with the movement in some capacity. Presentations were made by the Rangers, Guides and Brownies.

Each of the three patrols provided short items for the latter part of the programme, each one being well done, and greatly enjoyed by the audience. The evening concluded with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

Mrs. Butt and Miss Butt carry with them the very best wishes of all the Guides and Guiders, who will feel the loss of these two enthusiastic workers.

COOKS' BADGE.

Text Book: Our Cookery Book (F. Pell) 1/6 (so far as needed for the Guide syllabus).

May be ordered through Headquarters.

Alternative Certificates.—Each district is responsible for deciding the standard and value of any certificate held by a Guide—see Rule 36 (h); but it is recommended that each Guide should take the test especially for her badge unless there are circumstances which make it particularly difficult for her to do so.

The Guide test should have a distinctive nature—not necessarily higher than other tests, but different from them in the following ways:—

Responsibility.—Guides should be able to take entire responsibility for the dishes they have cooked, from heating the oven to the final clearing up. That is shown best when the test is taken in small numbers, two or three at a time.

Practical Result.—The cookery for the Guide badge should be judged on the practical result, and for this reason two attendances for practical work are better than one attendance for practical and one for written work, if it is not possible for sufficient work to be done at one time. If two practical tests are difficult to arrange, Guides could cook certain things at home and bring them with a note stating that they have prepared and cooked them entirely alone.

Diet.—Salads and oatcakes are included in the Cook's badge because they are important in a general dietary, and because they may be needed at camp. The Cook's badge may be a means of increasing the habitual use of these things.

Hay Box.—The use of the hay-box introduces the method of fireless cookery. Australian hay and straw do not conserve heat so successfully as English meadow hay. Food placed in a hay box in Australia will cook, but may need to be re-heated before use; the hay-box, however, even under these conditions, saves time and fuel for certain dishes.

Guides who have obtained the certificate of the Education Department for a cookery course covering six months or a year will have received training at a standard necessary for the Guide badge, but Captains are advised to speak to the Guides about the above points.

They are also suggested for the consideration of Commissioners who may be asked to award a badge upon a certificate without further test.

Training.—Guides may be prepared for the test by a special course, by practising at home, by cooking at the company, or at camp. Guiders can arouse interest and back up work of Guides by collecting hints, or by encouraging Guides to collect hints and bring them to the Company. Some actual cooking, cleaning of utensils, use of newspapers on tables, and methods of disposing of rubbish can be shown at the Company meetings. Guiders can enquire about the cooking that Guides have done during the week.

Cooking is an exciting item for the hike, or field day, and sometimes an outing can be arranged with cooking as its special feature.

Illustrated recipe books are great fun.

Personal cleanliness, whether indoors or outdoors, can be emphasised by Guiders.

The Test.

It is advised that Guides should prepare at least six dishes for the test (see above). A high practical standard is expected, but the effort made by each Guide should count as high a technical proficiency so long as the result is wholesome and nice to eat.

General interest and thoroughness may count to the credit of the Guides. Home circumstances should also be considered.

Use of Recipes.—Guides should be able to do general cookery without recipes, but are not expected to know a variety of puddings, etc. The examiner might ask them which boiled or steamed pudding they have learned, or prepare any particular flavoring for them, and ask them to add it to the general ingredients.

Recipe for Oat Cakes.

Put 2 ozs. of butter or good dripping into a basin with half a teaspoonful of salt. Pour over it a cup of boiling water, stir till dissolved, then add sufficient oatmeal to make a stiff paste. Shake a little meal on the board, roll out as thinly as possible, cut into rounds and bake cakes in a moderate oven till crisp. The cakes should be kept in a tightly covered tin. N.B.—1 or 2 tablespoons of self-raising flour, added to the oatmeal is preferred by some people. Real Scotch oatcake is made with all oatmeal.

WARRANTS.

District Commissioner.

Yallourn—Mrs. Robert D. Dixon, Narracan Avenue, Yallourn.

Tallangatta.—Mrs. McKay, Toorak, Tallangatta.

Fitzroy and Collingwood—Miss K. Ahern.

Captains.

3rd Caulfield—Miss M. W. Cumbræ-Stewart.

1st Cheltenham—Miss Evelyn A. Edmond.

1st Eastern Hill—Miss Nancy Ellis.

Brown Owls.

6th Malvern Pack—Miss Margaret Hesletine.

4th South Yarra Pack—Miss Freda Thompson.

REGISTRATIONS.

1st Glen Iris Pack.

OUR BROWNIE PAGE.

Anything may happen,

And let each one of us SEE THAT IT DOES.

HOW A BROWNIE GUIDER TELLS THE STORY OF ST. GEORGE TO HER PACK.

Long years ago there lived a wonderful soldier, one of the greatest soldiers that ever was, and people still think of him to-day, especially on his birthday—the twenty-third of April.

This soldier rode to war on a beautiful big white horse, and the silver and brass on his armour shone like a big white light, cheering all who saw him pass by. Every one loved him, and he had many friends, but his greatest friend was God. It was for God that he gave his life, and that is why this soldier is called the Great Martyr—though his real name was George, a good old English name, and the name of our present King. George, the Great Martyr, then became known as Saint George, and the English people are very proud of him, and look upon him as their very special saint. His banner is white (which reminds us of his big white horse) and the red cross on it reminds us of his love for God.

One day as St. George was reading outside some town he met a beautiful maiden in great distress. She told him that inside the gates of the town was a terrible dragon, who came each year to devour the most beautiful maiden in the town, and this year it was her turn to go. St. George came to the rescue, and after a great struggle he killed the dragon, and every one was happy once more.

St. George, however, did something even more wonderful. One day he heard that the soldiers were burning the churches and killing all the people who, like himself, loved God, and would not give up loving Him; so he refused to be a soldier any longer (although he had been so happy), and went to fight with all his might to protect these people from the soldiers. At last the soldiers put a stop to his interference, and took him before the Roman Emperor, who was very angry with St. George because he would rather fight for God than for him. The Emperor inflicted on St. George all sorts of tortures through which he suffered agonies, but he never gave in, and in the end they killed him.

But the people of England still fly the white flag with the red cross which helps us all to remember St. George.

GOLDEN BAR AND GOLDEN HAND.

Brown Owls please note that these badges now come out from England marked "Girl Guide." This marking is not a mistake, and it must not be unpicked.

ADRIENNE PALING, Head of Brownies.

SALAMAGUNDIE.

To augment General Brownie Funds, arrangements are being made to hold a Salamagundie evening on 22nd April.

Details have not been finally determined, but will appear later in the Guide columns of the daily papers. In the meantime, keep the fixture in mind, and be sure to come—you will enjoy yourself.

Admission will be by silver coin.