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LETTER FROM THE CHIEF GUIDE
TO THE STATE COMMISSIONER.

April 16th, 1931.

My dear Lady Somers,

I want to send you again, in writing, my very warm thanks for the perfectly wonderful time you and your Guiders and Guides have given me during our most happy visit to Victoria.

I cannot tell you how immensely I have appreciated the kind welcoming friendliness that has been shown to me, but I hope that you and everybody will realise how very much I have enjoyed my time in your midst.

It is simply splendid, too, that you have got such a fine united team at Headquarters, and there is no doubt that running your Committee on the departmental system is a very wise plan, and I do think we are lucky indeed in having such keen Heads of Departments.

Each one is so important in its own way, and I thought they seemed all to be splendidly alive and energetic, each in their own special niches.

Then may I say that I was much impressed by that evening meeting, when so many members of Local Associations were present, for that showed that there are a large number of thinking women working "behind the scenes" and this must make for good solidarity of the movement.

If the Local Committees, for Companies or for Districts, are already enthusiastic, it must make for progressive work, and I just wondered whether perhaps these might all be urged to make some big push just now towards gathering in more helpers, on the strength of the interest that has been aroused through our visit. We should have a pretty wide net to spread if your Commissioners all got their Local Association members to each make a special effort at this juncture.

Then I did so much enjoy meeting all your Guiders that evening, in that informal way, and what a jolly keen lot they were!

They seemed to me to be an exceptionally fine lot of young women, and this holds enormous promise for the whole future of Guiding in Victoria. There was evidently no doubt about their enthusiasm when we met them, and this must most certainly be spreading into the ranks of the Guides themselves, who are, as we know, always ready to follow an example.

As regards the Rally, and those thousands of Guides who assembled in Melbourne, I was impressed by the numbers and by the smartness of all I saw. It was indeed a most inspiring sight to see that mass of keen Guides marching on the ground, and, as far as one could see in that cursory glance, they seemed to me to be as fine a lot as I have seen anywhere at any time, well turned out, alert, responsive, sensible and well disciplined, and their whole bearing and behaviour was good, both on parade and off.

All the organising of that big Rally was, I thought too, most extraordinarily well done. For I know it is no small matter to marshal numbers of Guides like that, and make arrangements which will work out smoothly when the time comes! It was just first rate—both the March Past, and also the International Pageant.

I thought the dresses of the Guides of the

different nations were most effective, and it was most spectacular and delightful, as well as being most useful and educative to the public as to the extent to which Guiding has advanced in other lands.

Then may I also offer warm congratulations on that charming and original Pageant of the history (and geography!) of Australia. It was most unique, and beautifully carried out.

It is always difficult to find a display in which many Guides can take part without previous rehearsals, and this just met the case, and was quite delightful and well done.

I was tremendously impressed, too, with the way the work of transporting, meeting and billeting the visiting Guides was done. Your Commissioners and organisers of that department must have done their work quite admirably beforehand, as well as at the time, and am sure that this side of the week's doings will have a very big and lasting good effect. Those country children will never forget that experience they have had, and it will have done immense good in bringing the town and the country Guides into closer touch.

It was to me quite inspiring also to see the way in which the general public flocked to the Rally, and though this may have been, of course, partly to see the Scouts, the Guides will have come in equally for their support and approval.

This is a most hopeful sign, I think, and I trust that this interest already shown will also be followed by some action, and that more people will come forward to "lend a hand" as Guiders, badge instructors, examiners, secretaries, etc.

May I, in closing, send through you my very deep and sincere gratitude to your Committee and all your Commissioners and workers for their more than kind welcome.

I have appreciated more than I can say the friendliness they have shown to me from the moment I arrived, and I am carrying away with me the very happiest impression of the good and flourishing state in which all Guiding is being carried on.

It has been so very enjoyable meeting everybody, and I do thank you and all your co-workers for giving me such a very delightful time in Victoria.

Yours very sincerely,

(Sgd.) OLAVE BADEN-POWELL.

ROLL CALL DRILL.

The form of Roll Call Drill is optional. Captains may invent their own, use one that has gradually been evolved in the Company, or use the following form, which is the one most frequently used as a preliminary to Horseshoe formation.

The Captain stands facing the left wall of the Hall; the top of the Hall which she intends her Company to face is thus on her left.

Leaders, Fall in. The Patrol Leaders fall in, standing at ease in single rank facing the Captain, the first Leader being straight in front of her, and about two paces away, and the others on the left of the first Leader.

Leaders—'Shun.

Leaders—Number. Leaders number from right to left without turning their heads.

Two Paces Left, Extend. No. 1 turns to right, the others turn to left, march cor-

In the Boy Scouts we teach boys to be brave and not afraid of adventure; but we have also a law known as "The XIth Law", it is not written but a Scout understands it; it is this —

"A SCOUT IS NOT A FOOL"

Therefore he does not do foolhardy things but is cautious as well as courageous.

Fool-boys run into danger from stupidity, and they deserve all the death or injury that they get in consequence

Naden Powell of Gilwell

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(Lent by Safety Council of Victoria).

rect number of paces, and all about turn together when the last Leader reaches her place.

(Note.—To extend two paces, each Leader doubles her number and subtracts two, which will give her the number of paces to take. Thus No. 2 takes two paces, No. 3 takes four paces, and so on.

The Captain now moves to the top of the hall, and turns to face the Company as they fall in.

Company, Fall in. Each Patrol will fall in on the left of its Leader, the Seconds at the left end of the Patrol. Each one stands at ease as soon as she has taken up her dressing. (The Leaders simultaneously stand at ease when the above order is given).

Right—Dress. The marker stands steady, looking straight to her front; the remainder take a short pace forward with the left foot, turning their heads smartly over their right shoulders, and moving back into line with Leader, in very short quick steps with the weight on their toes.

Leaders, Call the Roll. Each Leader takes one pace forward, turns left, marches to middle of Patrol, turns left, and gives the command: "— Patrol, stand at ease." She

then calls the roll, and collects the subscriptions. Each Guide, as her name is called, comes to attention and says "Present, Leader," and immediately returns to the stand-at-ease position. The Leader then inspects the Patrol. When she is satisfied that all is correct, she herself falls in, in front of the Captain, with the other Leaders.

Leaders—'Shun. The Captain then says the name of each Patrol in turn, the Leader saluting and saying "Eight present, Captain" (or 5 or 4, as the case may be).

Leaders, Right—Turn.

To Your Patrols, Quick—March. The Leaders march back to their positions on the right of their Patrols, and stand at ease. The Captain then inspects the Company, each Leader calling her Patrol to attention as the Captain approaches, and standing them at ease when she has passed on to the next Patrol. The Leader follows the Captain during the inspection of her Patrol, and any errors in uniform, etc., are pointed out to her. When all the Patrols have been inspected, the Captain returns to her position in front of the Company.

Company, 'Shun.—The Captain then gives

either of the following commands:—

Company—Dismiss. Each Guide turns to the right, salutes, and breaks away;

or

Right turn—to Patrol Corners, Quick—March.
M. E. BUSH.

GIRL GUIDING AT GROOTE EYLANDT, N.A.

North Australia (formerly the Northern Territory) has been the last of the States to be invaded by the Girl Guides. The Church Missionary Society now boasts of a Company of Guides and Brownies among the Euralians (half-castes) on their Mission Station at Groote Eylandt, in the Gulf of Carpentaria. It is the largest island in the Gulf (about 1000 square miles in area) and until the C.M.S. went there, the only inhabitants were natives. The Euralians were all brought from the mainland by the Mission in 1924, under Rev. H. E. Warren.

At the time of the introduction of the Girl Guides about four years later, the only two white women on the island were missionaries, one of whom trained for Guiding while on a well-earned furlough in Victoria.

She saw great possibilities in Guiding for those girls whose home is so isolated, by adding more pleasant interests to their lives.

There have been many and varied difficulties to be overcome. The Patrol spirit was something entirely new, and one meeting at least had to be postponed on account of a quarrel.

Lack of a suitable room to hold meetings in, bad lighting (hurricane lamps) and the difficulty of getting sufficient length of time for the meetings each week were some of the troubles.

There are no Commissioners whatever in N.A. to look to for advice, no Local Committee, no Lieutenant, and the Captain has to assume the office of Brown Owl when the Brownies have their meetings. On special occasions they combined into one Company.

As there are no other Guides in North Australia, Groote Eylandt Co. is registered under Queensland. The nearest Company is in the Torres Strait Island, about 500 miles away by sea, so that Guides have no chance of visiting any of their comrades, or of being visited by them. Two of the somewhat infrequent visitors have, however, been ex-Scout-masters, and they formed a link with the outside world.

The Guides have all been educated at the Mission School, and the Brownies still attend there. Miss Cross, the Captain, was agreeably surprised to know that the girls seemed to find their various tests to be very little trouble to them. Her chief difficulty was to find time to examine those who were waiting to gain their Second Class badges.

Guiding on the island was introduced mainly to assist the Christian training which the girls receive on the Mission Station, and there are many evidences that it is helping to mould their character in the right direction.

These Girl Guides wear a distinctive uniform, the material being given by friends in Victoria and New South Wales. Special permission to wear it was granted by London Headquarters. It consists of white drill with navy blue collar and cuffs and pale blue tie. The dresses, which were all made by the Guides themselves, look

very effective. Already a number of Guides in Victoria claim pen friends among these Guides in the North.

The girls are very capable at cooking and sewing, and are always anxious to learn something new, and also to have an opportunity of putting into practice what they have learned.

Some of them hope soon to be proficient enough in "Morse" to be able to operate a small "sending" wireless apparatus, which the Mission hopes to get shortly, through the generosity of friends and well-wishers. There is a receiving set on the station by which Melbourne and other places can be heard distinctly under good weather conditions.

But the only means of communication for mails, etc., is by the Mission auxiliary ketch "Holly," which travels to the Roper River Aborigines' Mission (also C.M.S.) about once every three months. With a small wireless sending apparatus, it would be possible to send away messages, or even telegrams.

The girls are very clever with their fingers, and their red seed necklaces are very much sought after. They also do very fine raffia mats and baskets and fancy needlework.

C.M.S. office, Cathedral Buildings, Swanston Street, Melbourne, will be very glad to receive orders from friends who are anxious to help and encourage these girls, who are doing all they can to help themselves to become useful citizens (they have the franchise, on reaching the age of 21). The boys on the station are not fortunate enough to have a Scout Company, but it is noticeable that the high standard of Guiding has not been lost on them, and they are quick to notice any unguidelike conduct among the girls.

OWNERSHIP OF BELTS.

During the busy shopping season before the Rally we noticed that many recruits were paying for their belts.

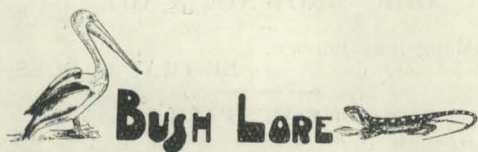
We wonder if all Guiders realise that belts, being registered equipment, should be the property either of the Company or of the Local Association? This makes it certain that belts are returned whenever a Guider has to give up active Company work, and also it is a help to the Recruit when buying her uniform, that the belt should be "loaned" to her while she is in the Company, and that she should not have this extra expense.

THE WORLD FLAG.

"It was agreed, at the Sixth World Conference, held at Foxlease in July, 1930, that a Flag should be adopted as the Symbol of the world-wide Movement, and that this could be used with the National Flag of any country, or instead of the National Flag, or as Company Colours, or in any other way desired by the Guide or Girl Scout Organisation in any country."

The design for the World Flag is now available, and may be seen at Headquarters, where it is on the notice-board. It is a "Guide blue" rectangular flag with a large gold trefoil. A copy can be sent to country companies on request, and we hope shortly to have the Flag available for purchase. Details of cost, etc., will probably be published in the next issue of MATILDA.

—SYBIL H. IRVING.



WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN THE AUTUMN. In the Town.

The speckled thrush will be commencing to sing now, and by the end of the month its song should be almost perfect. In the same way that an orchestra tunes up before a performance, so the thrush's song is at first harsh and broken. The English thrush is brown, and its white breast is speckled with brown. Male and female are alike. The usual singing place is the top of a tree or wireless pole, and sometimes a chimney. The song is heard in the early morning and again in the late afternoon. Both thrush and blackbird have recently moulted, and during that period were hiding and skulking among the garden shrubs.

Be on the lookout for the first robin. Flame and scarlet-breasts will be seen throughout the winter, in suburban parks and gardens. Only the male has the brilliant color; the female is brown with just a faint tinge of pink on her breast. Other Autumn visitors include the butcher bird, grey thrush, grey currawong or bell magpie and spinebill honeyeater.

Swallows that have been gathering daily on telegraph wires in the street will be on their way to the north, but some remain here throughout the winter. Magpie larks have congregated into flocks, and these graceful black and white birds may be seen in most suburbs. The loud guttural scream of the red wattle-bird is a common sound in many a garden. This large bird favours gums and wattle trees as a rule, and can be distinguished by the two naked red wattles that hang from either side of the face. Its plumage is brown, streaked with white, and the abdomen yellow.

Deciduous trees are dropping their leaves, giving an opportunity for studying the different patterns of branching in various trees. The plane tree is one of the last to lose its leaves, and the swollen hollow end of the leaf stalk covers next season's leaf bud. This can easily be seen by carefully pulling off a leaf. Note, too, when the tree is bare, the large number of balls which hang from the twigs. These are composed of hundreds of feathery seeds which will be eaten in the winter by many a city bird. Goldfinches, shrike-tits and parrots have been observed feeding on them. While garden shrubs bearing scarlet berries will be visited by black-birds and little silver-eyes.

In May the lovely constellation of the Scorpion is visible above the eastern horizon, early in the evening. In shape it resembles a question mark lying on its side, and is further recognised by the shining red star, Antares, near the head of the group.

In the Country.

Autumn in the bush is heralded by the flute-like call of the butcher-bird, which is heard at its best at this time of the year. In fact, many of our birds which have been quiet since summer-time seem to acquire a new richness in their voices at this season. This applies especially to the magpie, butcher-bird, curra-

wong or bell-magpie and grey thrush. The flame and scarlet robins will be missed from their haunts in the fern gullies, but will be found in the open country and about the outskirts of the town. They will not return to their forest gullies to breed until August.

A plentiful supply of bright-hued fungi compensates for the lack of summer wild flowers, and a ramble will reveal a quaint collection of toadstools and "pixie caps" of varied shapes and colors, adorning tree trunks, old logs and patches of leaf-strewn earth.

Look, too, for the shining purple fruits of the appleberry, a dainty creeper which climbs round tree trunks. Heath is already in flower, both the pink and white varieties, and a frequent visitor will be the spinebill honeyeater—a study in black and white, brown and chestnut. It is the only bird with a long enough bill to drink the honey from the heath bells. The correa, or native fuschia as it is sometimes called, also flowers about May, and its pretty green bells are much sought after by these slender billed honey-birds.

Perhaps it might be as well to remind Guiders that correa is now on the list of protected wildflowers, and may not be picked. This applies also to orchids, a few varieties of which are in bloom in the Autumn. Watch also for the first white blossom of early Nancy, a small winter wildflower which also bears the name of Harbinger of Spring.

Along the Coast.

On the heathlands about Black Rock, Frankston and Cheltenham, the Banksia trees, commonly known as wild honeysuckle, are in flower now, and provide a rich feast for a host of honey-eaters. There is plenty of heath and correa, too, to attract these nectar-loving birds.

At night, perhaps the keen observer may hear the cry of wild swans as they make their way overhead to their feeding grounds on the shallow marshes of the sea. While along the coast many sea birds can be seen feeding along the shore, including cormorants, silver and Pacific gulls, terns and others. J.H.

TRAINING.

Brownie Training.

Two Courses are being held on Wednesday evenings. Miss Hill is in charge of a Class at Headquarters; this began on 15th April. Another Course began on 6th May at St. Margaret's School, Malvern, with Miss M. O. Brown in charge.

General Guide Training.

Classes are being held on Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning. Miss Bush is in charge of both; the TUESDAY evening Class is held at Headquarters, and the Wednesday morning one at the P.G.F. room, Presbyterian Girls' Hostel, Gipps Street, East Melbourne.

A Friday evening class will begin shortly. Details about dates and places will be published in the press.

Ranger Training.

A Course of Classes for Ranger Guiders is being held at Headquarters on Thursday evenings, with Miss Barfus in charge.

M. E. BUSH.

CAMPING.

Indoor Camp Test Certificate.

A Course of Lectures for the Indoor Camp Test Certificate will be held at Headquarters in July. The actual dates will be published later.

Any Guiders may attend the Course, but only those eligible under the following conditions may sit for the Test:—

A Guider—

- (a) must be a Warranted Captain;
- (b) must be recommended by her Commissioner, who will do so after consultation with the Head of Camping;
- (c) must have attended a Victorian Training Week or Training Camp;
- (d) must have attended a complete Training Course in Indoor Camps by the Head of Camping or Guider appointed by her.

RANGERS.

Rangers always have something to talk about when they meet other Rangers, and those who haven't tried will find that they have lots to WRITE to other Rangers. We hear from overseas that there are many English Rangers who would like a correspondent in Australia. Here is an opportunity for us to increase our knowledge of "the wider world"—as there are DOZENS of British Rangers on the waiting list you need not fear that there will be any delay in finding a correspondent.

If any Rangers who are interested would send in their names to Miss Elaine Moran, Winter Street, Malvern, mentioning if they have any special interests, they will be put in touch with a suitable correspondent overseas.

TO GUIDERS.

47 Princess Street, E.4,
14th May, 1931.

Dear Guiders—

Matilda was too occupied with the Chiefs' Visit last month for me to even think of asking her to give me a wee corner to say how glad I am to be back with you all, and to thank so many of you for the welcomes which were awaiting me when I returned in March.

I do so appreciate the holiday that I have had, and it really was rather hard to leave England, everyone there is so good to us overseas Guiders. Besides going to Training Weeks at Foxlease and Waddow, I met many Guiders in other parts of England and Scotland, and by the way, quite a number of the Guides and Rangers whom I met would like to correspond with their kind here. Do let Mrs. Sleigh, who looks after the Post Box in Victoria, know if you have anyone in your Companies who would like to be linked up in this way.

I was very lucky in seeing the new Guide Headquarters just finished, though the final move into the new building has not been made; it was tremendously interesting being there and watching it grow, everything is so well-planned, and one really does feel that Imperial Headquarters belongs to all of us.

Best ever to you all.

SYBIL H. IRVING.

OUR BROWNIE PAGE.

Anything may happen,
And let each one of us SEE THAT IT DOES.

PEDLAR'S PACK.

Although the response to the appeal for ideas was not as great as we expected, quite a number of good entries were received, the fees for which amounted to £1/9/7.

All the entries which came after April 28th were too late for the competition, but we were glad to have them to add to the list to be sent round.

In some sections, especially Games, it was difficult to compare different types, so a prize was given for a singing game as well as an ordinary game.

Following is the prize list:—

Prize: Inspection and Pennies, 1st Yallorun Pack.

Special Prize: Inspections by a Brownie, Handcraft—1st Geelong Pack.

Games.

Singing Game—1st South Yarra Pack.

Hopping Game—1st Bendigo Pack.

Ceremonies—1st Elsternwick.

Special prize, 1st St. Kilda.

SALMAGUNDI.

The Salmagundi evening, which was held on April 22nd, was not as well attended as was hoped it would be, but the sum of £1/7/- was realised for General Brownie Funds.

BROWNIES.

I saw some Brownies dancing
Amongst a forest tall.
In their midst a toadstool bright,
With magic there for all.

They danced around and sang their songs
Of happiness and love,
And as I watched it seemed to me
Like Messengers from God above.

What though they lived in cities,
The forest but a church hall bare.
The toadstool didn't even grow.
The message still was there.

And if we who older are
Would see through Brownie eyes,
The way would be more easy
That leads up to the skies.

L. KING.

EXTENSION ECHOES.

8th APRIL.

On Wednesday, 8th April, the Chief Guide came to see the Rangers, Guides and Brownies at the Austin Hospital. It was a dull, drizzling day, but the dullness of it only made our flowers, our badges and ties, our smiles, happily ready to greet the Chief at 12 o'clock, look and feel so much brighter by the contrast of the grey outside.

Certainly, when Lady Baden-Powell came suddenly into the midst of the Ranger Company, round a corner of the verandah, she found no trace of a hospital ward, or a dull

day. There were red flowers everywhere, fern baskets, a huge red trefoil in the centre of the semi-circle of beds, blue uniforms and red ties, and over all a happiness and excitement that alone would have been decoration enough.

"I hadn't expected anything like this," said the Chief, "and you're all in uniform!"

Upstairs on the balcony the Guides were waiting. They were almost glad the sky was grey, because the blue of it, had it been blue, would have been nothing to the blue of their ties, and their blue; blue flowers.

The Chief spoke to each one; noticing Second Class badges, and service stars; three years' stars some of them were, a three years spent lying on that balcony.

But most glad of all that the day was dull were the Brownies. It was such fun to see the Chief come up the path under Matron's big umbrella!

This 8th April was almost the Pack's third birthday, so after the Fairy Ring, the Chief Guide presented service stars to the Brownies.

The very fine bear who settled himself beneath the Pack's toadstool not long ago, and means to stay there always, did not bring a name with him, so we asked the Chief Guide what could be done about it.

"Peter," said the Chief. "Call him Peter"

So Peter he is, very happily.

That 8th April was six weeks ago now.

"We're not going to have a meeting to-day, Brown Owl," announced the Pack last Friday, "we're going to talk about the time the Chief Guide came to see us."

And so we did, and so we shall many, many times, Rangers, Guides and Brownies. Almost we will think, later on, that the Chief came to see us, only in our imaginations, time and the distance will make it hard to believe. But she did come, really, and the memory of her visit will turn many dull drizzling days into bright days, almost as bright as Wednesday, 8th April, 1931.

KNITTER—PROFICIENCY BADGE.

One Pair of Socks or Stockings. ("A.B.C. of Needlework," by Betsy Blackmore—3/6.)

CHAPTER VII.

This book is the standard text book for Needlewoman's Badge.

No work knitted in class or under supervision may be brought to the test; the socks must be knitted from memory and entirely by each Guide herself. It is not necessary for the socks to be full-sized for a man, but calf-decreasings must be shown.

Second Article.

Printed directions may be used for second article.

Work for Knitter's Badge Should not be pressed.

Training.

Ask someone really good at knitting to criticise work that the Guides have done before they begin the articles for the test.

Obtain for them the best advice concerning wool and needles and books of directions.

Prepare samples of various processes sewn on cards:—

- 1.—worked with coarse wool and big needles to show the stitches clearly;
2. worked with the wool and needles that

would be used to show the actual result.

Give the Guides simple short printed directions that they may practise following them. Directions should concern:—

1. manipulation of plain knitting such as making a button-hole;
2. fancy stitches.

The Test.

Usefulness and neatness are the essential considerations. If the second article is made from printed directions which are sent in with it, the Examiner may at her discretion dispense with the third section, but it is usual to give to each Guide, at the time of the test, directions which may be worked in half an hour to an hour.

PEEPS AT THE "BOOK OF THE WORDS." Warrants.

It is interesting to note how few Guiders seem to have looked up R.P.&O. for the rules governing the issuing of Warrants. Guiders often write to us asking for their Warrants, or asking for their Warrants to be transferred when they change to another Company.

Rule 21 states that:—"When a Guider ceases to have charge or joint charge of a Company, her warrant lapses, and must be returned to Headquarters through the proper channels."

The "proper channel," is, of course, the Commissioner—or, if there is none, the Secretary of the Local Association.

Then there is Rule 23, which requires all warrants to be returned "at the request of the Council or its representative on demand. . . ." This is because the warrants are, like the Guides' Badges, the property of the Association, and not of the holders. A little thought explains the reasons for this rule.

Then there is 63, about Transfers:—

"When a Warranted Guider takes up work with another Company or Pack, or in another Local Association, the appointment is to be treated as a NEW ONE, and her old warrant should be returned by the Secretary of the Local Association, from which she resigns, to Headquarters for cancellation"

It may cheer Guiders who have to send their warrants in for cancellation to know that, if they particularly wish it, they may have their Warrant back, after it has been cancelled, if they ask their Commissioner to arrange this. But the Warrant Badge must be returned with the warrant, and will be kept by the L.A.

A Warrant entitles a Guider to test and enrol "her own lieutenants and Guides." Sometimes one forgets that one goes to test Guides from other companies at the invitation of the unwarranted Guider, who will have asked her Commissioner's permission to obtain this help from the Warranted Captain.

A Captain's Warrant does not entitle her to test Brownies, nor can a Warranted Brown Owl test Guides; this applies also to Ranger Captains and Rangers.

Also, a Lieutenant's Warrant does not entitle her to test and enrol. F.V.B.

VICTORIA'S PIONEER COMPANIES.

We have been compiling, from the Headquarters Records, a list of the oldest Companies in the State (that is, the oldest still extant),

We should like Companies who are able to prove any discrepancy in the list to let us know; the very early records are not really complete, and we do want to have a reliable record of the early history of Guiding here.

Companies, in Order of Formation:—

Company.	1st meeting
1st Heidelberg	30th March, 1920
2 1st Skipton	24th May, 1920
3 1st Malvern (Toorak Coll.) Nov., 1920	
4 1st Geelong (C.E.G.G.S.) 10th June, 1921	
5 3rd Malvern	March, 1922
6 1st Hawthorn	8th May, 1922
7 3rd Camberwell	July, 1922
8 1st Bendigo	22nd August, 1922
9 1st Essendon	Sept., 1922
10 2nd Ballarat	4th Oct., 1922
11 3rd Ballarat	Oct., 1922
12 1st Fitzroy	19th Feb., 1923
13 1st Carlton	16th March, 1923
14 1st St. Arnaud	May, 1923
15 1st Mildura	July, 1923
16 1st St. Kilda	July, 1923
17 1st Toorak	August, 1923
18 1st Sale	28th Aug., 1923

SYBIL H. IRVING.

APPOINTMENTS.

Division Commissioner:

Burwood and Camberwell: Miss L. M. Andrews, Hethersett, Burwood.
 Eastern Suburbs: Mrs. C. H. Edmondson, 46 Kooyongkoot Road, Hawthorn.
 Mornington Peninsula: Mrs. Norman Brookes, Cliff House, Mount Eliza.

Resignations—

Dr. Florence Cooper, Eastern Suburbs.

REGISTRATIONS.

Packs.

2nd Carnegie.
 2nd Hawthorn.
 3rd Malvern.
 9th Malvern.
 5th St. Kilda.

Companies. —

7th Ballarat.
 1st Edithvale.
 1st Glenroy.
 6th Kew.
 9th Malvern.
 1st Wedderburn.

Ranger Companies:

1st Ararat.
 1st Berwick.
 2nd Prahran.
 1st St. Kilda (All Saints').
 5th Victorian Lone Rangers.

WARRANTS.

Captains—

1st Binginwarri—Miss E. F. Goulden.
 1st Coburg—Miss Edis A. Campbell.
 1st Elsternwick—Miss A. Grace Camm.
 12th Geelong—Miss J. V. Watson.
 1st Hampton—Miss A. D. Mitchell.
 1st Maryborough—Miss E. D. Wallace.
 2nd Northcote—Miss M. V. Curtiss.
 1st Queenscliff—Miss Z. Jermyn.

Lieutenants—

1st Belgrave—Miss E. Simmons.
 2nd Bendigo—Miss M. Welch.
 2nd Bendigo—Miss L. Kosko.
 3rd Bendigo—Miss N. Bulley.
 1st Daylesford—Miss H. Grant.

1st Daylesford—Miss V. Outtrim.
 14th Geelong—Miss B. Kernot.
 1st Hampton—Miss E. M. Jackson.
 1st Oakleigh—Miss E. Denton.
 3rd St. Kilda—Miss M. Hitch.

Brown Owls—

1st Ararat—Miss L. Cooper.
 1st Bendigo—Miss O. Wright.
 4th Bendigo—Miss M. Henderson.
 3rd Hawthorn—Miss I. Masters.
 5th Hawthorn—Miss C. Mills.
 1st Murrumbena—Miss N. Sunderland.

Tawny Owls.

4th Malvern—Miss D. McDonald.
 3rd Northcote—Miss R. Hawkesford.

District Secretary.

Brighton—Miss M. Millikin.
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 Tallangatta—Mrs. Renfree.

KATE AND HER MOTHER.

This little story might be helpful to Brownie Guiders as a suggestion for a Pow-Wow at a Pack Meeting:—

Kate had just heard her father and mother discussing accounts which had to be paid. The thought came to her to make up such an account to HER mother for all the little services done for her during the day. So, one day, mother found a little slip beside her plate, with the following account:—

“Mother owes her daughter Kate—

For fetching vegetables at the greengrocer	2d.
For washing up	1½d.
For taking letters to the post-box	1d.
For fetching bread	1½d.
For being kind and good	1d.

Total—7d.

Mother said nothing, but at the evening meal Kate found beside her plate, seven pennies which she joyfully put in her pocket. But, beside the pennies she also found a little account from her mother:—

“Kate owes her mother—

For 11 happy years with her mother	Nothing
For 11 years' food and drink	Nothing
For mending clothes and darning socks	Nothing
For nursing during her illness	Nothing
For always having had a good mother	Nothing

Total—Nothing

Kate blushed as she read the slip and was very quiet. After a little while she crept with a beating heart to her mother's side, and hiding her head in her lap, secretly slipped the seven pennies into the pocket of her apron.

—(A Translation.)

METROPOLITAN HOSPITAL FLOWER LEAGUE.

The Metropolitan Hospital Flower League has been doing excellent work by distributing fresh flowers to the hospitals. The Committee is anxious to have extra helpers so that the scope of the League may be increased, and it has been suggested that it would be a splendid “good turn” for Guides to help by growing or distributing flowers.

Any further information may be obtained from Mrs. Horan, c/o. 3 D.B., Melbourne.