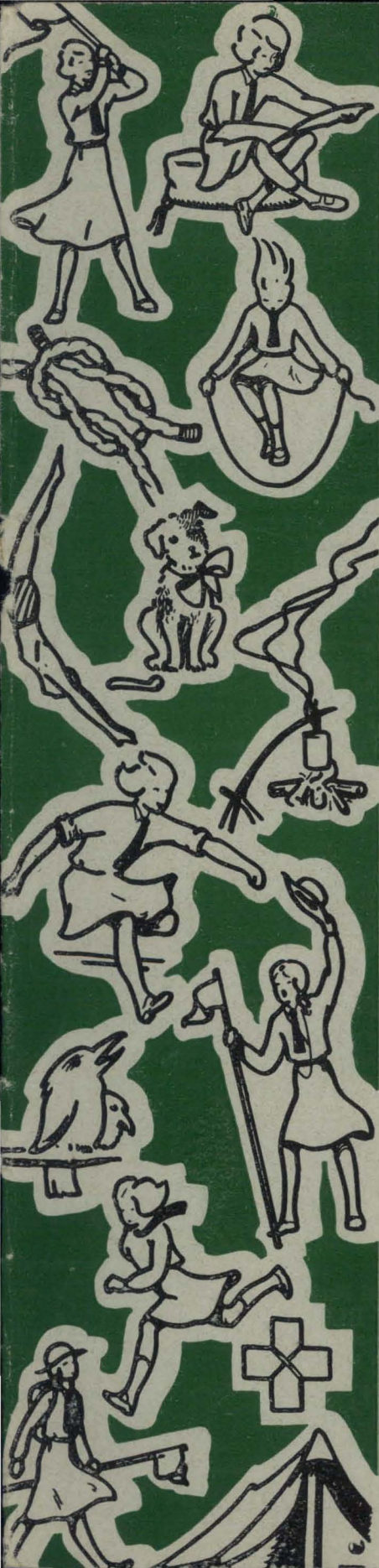


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THE CHRISTIAN PACIFIST MOVEMENT.

(TO THE EDITOR).

Madam,—The Council of this organisation directs me to seek the favour of a space in your columns to inform those of your readers who accept the Christian Pacifist position that a Christian Pacifist Movement has just been established in Victoria. We are aware that several other organisations which aim at the promotion of peace are already in existence, and it is our desire to work in close co-operation with them, but we feel that there has been an urgent need for a movement which will afford those whose Pacifist convictions have an essentially Christian basis the opportunity of pooling their endeavours and their resources, and we believe that most Christian Pacifists will welcome the invitation to link up with such a movement.

The aims and objects of the movement, as set out in its Constitution, are "to unite for mutual education and practical action" those who desire "by serious and constructive effort to replace preparation for war by preparation for enduring peace, and to change the prevailing faith in the protective power of armaments to faith in the protective power of intelligent goodwill and co-operation."

At the inaugural meeting of the movement, officers and executive were chosen as follows:—President, the Rev. H. Palmer Phillips; Vice-Presidents, the Rev. J. T. Lawton and Mr. F. W. T. Norris; Treasurer, Mr. G. E. Barratt; Secretary, the Rev. W. O. Warnock; Assistant Secretary, Miss Catherine Baker; other members of Executive—the Revs. P. W. Baldwin and W. Bottomley, Pastor R. L. Williams. Messrs. Hector Crawford and A. E. Horsburgh. The Council of 30 members includes adherents of nearly all the denominations.

We urge all Christians who hold definite Pacifist convictions to link up with the movement at once, and to forward their names, with postal note or stamps for the annual subscription fee (which has been fixed at the nominal amount of 1/-) to me at the undermentioned address. Donations for the work of the movement will be gratefully received. We would welcome the enrolment of Christian Pacifists living in the country, and steps will be taken to keep them in close touch with the activities of the movement.

Yours, etc., W. O. WARNOCK.

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EDITOR'S NOTES.

The Committee is rather worried about the number of Guiders who have let their subscriptions lapse this year.

Would you who read this ask the next Guiders you meet whether she has paid her subscription or not, and also mention we are anxious to keep "Matilda" financial.

You will notice the long list of districts where Guiders are not getting the magazine. How, then, do they get any Guide information?

One Guider, writing this week, said that her district news would not be of any interest to anyone else. This idea is a mistake which a number of districts make, because Guiders at the Conference asked especially for district news each month.

Would the editors of the pages send their copy, typed if possible, to the Editor, by the 22nd of each month, so that in future we may avoid sending circulars with the magazine and also avoid blank pages in the magazine.

If the Editor does not receive the copy, WHO is to know whether or not there is enough news for the magazine?

GUIDERS' COMMITTEE.

At the committee meeting on Friday, March 31st, all branches and Metropolitan Divisions except South Eastern were represented.

Conference plans were discussed and correspondence received from Guiders read.

"If you have any ideas on this subject (and we feel sure you have) would you send them in, either through your Divisional representative or to the Chairman, Miss Ina Watson, 1 Charles Street, Jolimont, or Secretary, Miss Mary Newell, 520 Punt Road, South Yarra" ?

The next meeting will be held on May 5th, at 8 p.m.

MARY NEWELL, Secretary.

GUIDERS' CONFERENCE.

The Guiders' Committee is already occupied with plans for the Conference in September.

We want it, as far as possible, to fulfil the requirements and wishes of the Guiders, but to do so we MUST have your suggestions and ideas. We need names of speakers for Saturday evening and Sunday; subjects for discussion; ideas for Saturday evening; suggestions for altering the programme.

Particularly are we anxious to know what country guiders want, and we do hope as many as possible will come down for the Conference itself. Details of accommodation will be arranged later.

[Local associations—here's a chance to do your good turn!—why not make sure at least one Guider from your district attends the Conference!]

Following is an outline of the suggested programme:—

Friday.—Evening Group Sessions—Guide, Ranger, Brownie and other Guiders meeting separately for discussions, training, or both, as required. Places of meeting will be decided later, when approximate numbers are known. **Saturday.**—Morning free. Afternoon, at University, official opening. Discussions and summing up. (This will be the time for discussion of general subjects. Guiders will again be grouped according to the Branch of the Movement to which they belong, so that, in summing up, it will be the opinion of the Branch on the question. Any subjects discussed on the Friday evening, and needing decisions, etc., will be summed up and (we hope) finalised). Tea at the University. Evening, either singing and learning new songs. Talk of general interest; or both. Picture or theatre night. (Please note that the latter suggestion would entail a little more expense).

Although Guiders will have been keeping more to their own branches, the evening is the time for general meeting and re-union.

Sunday.—Afternoon, Guiders' Own. Site to be chosen—either short drive and afternoon tea; long drive and no afternoon tea; launch trip from Studley Park to Rudder Grange.

Guiders—this is YOUR Conference! Help us to make it what you want. Send us your suggestions, ideas and criticism—constructive, if possible.

HELP US TO HELP YOU!

For the Guiders' Committee—

INA WATSON, Chairman.

THINKING DAY PENNIES.

Although no special appeal was made by the World Bureau this year, many of the Companies and Packs of Victoria, remembering past contributions, have collected pennies on Thinking Day, and we have already received the sum of £4/6/-.

We shall hold this money until 30th June, before sending it to the World Bureau, so any outstanding contributions should be sent before that date. If you have not had a Thinking Day meeting yet, there is still time; it is a chance to start overseas correspondence through the Post Box, and to bring World Guiding into the consciousness of the Pack or Company.

F. V. BARFUS

ST. GEORGE'S DAY SERVICE.

On Saturday, 22nd April, 1200 Brownies, Guides and Guiders and 1000 Scouts and Cubs, assembled in St. Paul's Cathedral for a St. George's Day Service. The Lieut.-Governor, Sir Frederick Mann, and State Commissioner Lady Chauvel were also present. Preceded by Bishop Booth and choir, the Union Jack and St. George's flag led the colours to the altar. Forty-nine Union Jacks, twenty-two Australian and sixteen World flags were carried by the Guides. In his address Bishop Booth told the congregation that there were only three movements which had achieved world fame during the life of its founder; they were the Salvation Army, Guiding and Scouting, and Rotary. He also reminded those present that loyalty to God and his laws makes loyalty to all other laws. After the service the Bishop joined with forty Extensions at their party in the Chapter House. These included fifteen from the Deaf and Dumb Company, 3 Rangers in Chairs, and 5 Brownies in prams.

DEPARTURE OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR AND LADY HUNTINGFIELD.

During the morning of Tuesday, 4th April, Guides and Brownies came in great numbers to say good-bye to their State President, Lady Huntingfield.

There had previously been some anxious moments wondering just how many guide people would be present, as it was not a school holiday, but with the co-operation of the Director of Education, the school principals and the parents, nearly a thousand lined the drive at Government House. Lady Huntingfield made time to walk the whole length of the lines of Guides and Brownies and to inspect the Colour bearers, and then a Scrap Book made up of pages which had been illustrated by Guides of all the divisions in Victoria was presented to her. Those who made the presentation were a Guide from the Brighton Orphanage, a Brownie from a Richmond Pack, and a Guide from the Toorak College Company, the last representing country districts.

When Lady Huntingfield learnt that she was to receive the gift she sent instructions that all the Guides and Brownies were to be moved up in front of Government House, so that all could see the presentation.

As their Excellencies passed down the drive in the State carriage for the last time, every Guide and Brownie person cheered lustily to bid farewell to them who had endeared themselves to us all and who we hope will come back again some day. —F.E.B.

KOALA PRESERVATION SCHEME.

The Assistant Chief Inspector has written as follows:—

"I was pleased to hear that the packet of seeds which we sent you in connection with the Koala Preservation Scheme arrived safely, and to know that you had given publicity to the scheme in your magazine, "Matilda." I trust the Guides will take up the matter enthusiastically, for it does seem to me to be a valuable piece of public service. Later on, if you wish, I can send you a copy of our plan for forwarding the seedling trees to Phillip Island. You will be interested to hear that, to date, we have distributed 2500 packets of seed. If germination is good, 500,000 trees may be available for Phillip Island."

GUIDE WEEK

The Ring of Adventurers.

It has been decided that the Ring of Adventurers should take place at 6 o'clock in the evening of Saturday, 13th May, and it is, of course, desirable that it should be held in the open air. Commissioners of Districts where Rings are being held are asked if they would make arrangements for the use of a hall in the event of wet weather, as we do not wish to cancel the Ring unless absolutely necessary. We also ask that the District in question should be responsible for the preparing of the fire, supply of wood, location of Ring, and marshalling of Guides into position.

Rings will be held at the following places, and metropolitan divisions will attend the ones indicated:—

METROPOLITAN.

South Yarra.—Southern suburbs, Richmond and East Melbourne, South Yarra districts. Sills Bend, Heidelberg.—North-eastern suburbs.

Oakleigh.—Outer southern and south-eastern suburbs.

Footscray Park, Footscray.—Outer western and western suburbs.

Camberwell North District Guide Hall.—Blackburn and Croydon, outer eastern suburbs, Hawthorn and Kew districts.

COUNTRY.

Bendigo, Ballarat, Geelong, Hamilton, War-ragul, Wangaratta, Frankston. Districts should refer to Division Commissioners for further local details.

PROGRAMME.

There will be a short ceremony at the beginning of the Ring, when the Guider in charge will light the Camp Fire with a special piece of wood, brought from the Guide House, and then each Company will send its representatives into the Ring, one bringing a log of wood to the fire, standing for their particular contribution to Guiding, and the other bringing the pennies her Company has collected during Guide Week. After the ceremony, the usual form of Camp Fire sing-song will be carried out, using the special songs selected, and also any particular songs the Guides may choose.

We have several suggestions which might prove helpful:—

1.—This is a golden opportunity for Posts

and Lones to meet their sister Guides. Could some arrangements be made for them to attend the Rings?

2.—A special box or other receptacle might be provided for the receipt of pennies. This could be original in design, and kept for use on similar future occasions.

3.—In the case of districts where there are many Companies, it is thought advisable that the district should send its pennies in one contribution rather than each Company separately.

Do send in any queries you might have, because we are very anxious that the Rings should go through without a hitch.

M. E. ALFRED, Hon. Secretary.

414 St. Kilda Road,
Melbourne, S.C.2.

Church Parades and Guides' Owns.

Divisions are making their own local arrangements for church parades on Sunday, 7th May, and Guides' Owns on Sunday, 14th May. With regard to the church parades, Guiders might get in touch with clergymen beforehand, informing them of Guide Week and giving them any other helpful details with regard to special prayers, etc.

Window Display.

A window display is being designed and will be on view in the window of Newspaper House, Collins Street, from 1st to 6th May, by courtesy of the proprietors. This will act as a forerunner to Guide Week, and we expect it will arouse considerable public interest.

Film Night.

A Film Night will be held on Friday evening, 12th May, at 8 p.m., at St. Peter's Hall, Eastern Hill. This will be one of the most exciting events of Guide Week, so don't miss it.

The pictures shown will include one of Their Royal Highnesses Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret Rose, taken at Windsor Castle, when they attended the Church Parade there.

You will also have an opportunity to see films of Guides and Scouts in other countries, and Sea Rangers training on the old wooden battleship "Implacable."

Admission will be sixpence for children and Guides and Scouts in uniform, and ninepence for adults.

Guiders! This can be excellent propaganda for our Movement—encourage your Guides to bring their parents and sisters and brothers. We want to see St. Peter's Hall filled with Rangers, Guides and Brownies—AND their friends and relations!

WALKABOUT ! WALKABOUT !

The Committee is hoping that all Divisions will have sent in their decisions regarding their display, by 1st May. Full particulars were given in the circular enclosed with the April "Matilda."

For your interest, a list is given below of those Divisions that had made up their minds when this report went to print:—

South Western Suburbs.—Yarraville: Sugar factory; they will make sweets. South and Port Melbourne: Biscuit factory; will make home-made biscuits.

Note.—Only 15 x 20 is allowed for each Division.

Barwon Division will portray Salt; they will sell anything salty, such as salted almonds and peanuts.

North-eastern Division will portray Wool; they will sell wool in all its forms.

Southern Suburbs will portray a sea-shore, and will sell all seaside equipment.

Berwick will do a Rock Garden, and will sell rockery plants and seedlings.

Lones will do a Relief Map of Victoria and will mark on it every place where there are Lone Guides and Rangers. Each place will be marked by a small model of the principal industry or item of interest in that place. They will sell whatever they are able to send down.

The Committee is still hopefully waiting for offers of entertainment from Divisions or perhaps Districts in this case. They can be in the form of pageants, miming, historical sketches or anything else you may think of. In the last report, it said that a sub-committee would be formed to deal with these offers, and Miss Cynthia Sutton has agreed to be Convenor of this. All correspondence on this matter must be sent to her, c/o Guide Office.

Miss Dorothy Coles has agreed to take charge of Publicity, so we would be very thrilled if chatty bits of general interest could be sent in at odd times, just to give her material to work on. Thank you, if you would.

In the last circular, it was stated that we hoped the Walkabout would be an opportunity for Badge work in the Company. Some Guiders have asked, "What about 2nd Class? This Badge work interrupts it so badly!" This has been discussed, and we say quite definitely that a Guide can work for badges before she gains her second class, and, if she fulfils all requirements, she passes the Badge, and it is then held until her second class is gained. This should

actually be a spur and an incentive for her to finish her second class as quickly as possible. We hope you agree!

Below, there is given full particulars for the Poster Competition mentioned last month. The winning design will be printed and copies will be sent to all towns in which there are Guides, if we receive written applications for them. As the Walkabout happens in Show Week, the sight of the Poster in your town will be a reminder for all people going to Melbourne for that week, to "walk in to the Melbourne Town Hall and see for themselves."

Just one last reminder! Please would you hurry and send in your decisions for your display, as we are so anxious to give you more particulars and to supply you with a plan of the Town Hall to show you where you will be.

WALKABOUT POSTER COMPETITION.

A prize will be given for the best design for a small poster, 12in. x 18in., in three colours, suitable for reproduction by silk screen process.

CONDITIONS FOR COMPETITION.

- (a) All designs to be sent to the Girl Guides' Association, 7th Floor, 60 Market Street, before 14th July.
- (b) Size of poster to be 12in. x 18in.
- (c) The poster to contain the following wording—
Victorian Guides Go Walkabout.
Walk in and see for yourself.
Melbourne Town Hall, 25th-30th September, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.
- (d) Entrance fee of 1/- to accompany each entry.
- (e) Each entry to bear the competitor's name and address clearly written on the back.

A prize of £3/3/- will be given for the winning design, which will become the property of the Girl Guides' Association, who reserve the right to reproduce it as they wish.

So that posters can be displayed, all entries will be held until 1st September, after which they may be collected. Any posters not collected by 15th September will be destroyed.

The decision of the judging committee will be final.

K. BENNETT,
Hon. Sec., Walkabout Committee.

NATIONAL EMERGENCY REGISTER.

Miss P. M. Russell (Nangkita, Woodend), who is the recorder for the register, as far as Guides are concerned, is having some difficulty, owing to mistakes in filling in forms.

She asks us to draw the attention of Guiders and Commissioners to the following points:—

- 1.—The most common mistake is not answering EVERY question on the form.
- 2.—Commissioners should not initial any form that is not filled in correctly, but should return it to the Guider; otherwise Miss Russell has to return the form to the Guider, sometimes after the Commissioner has written her little extra bit on.
- 3.—Forms MUST be sent in every case through the Commissioner, and not direct to Miss Russell.
- 4.—Commissioners are reminded that the forms they send on should be initialled as well as marked with the rating number.
- 5.—Commissioners should confine their comments at the foot of the form to the line classification No., and not fill up also the rest of the space marked "for office use only."

The compiling of the record is a tremendous task which Miss Russell squeezes into a busy life; we are grateful to her for this, and should like to feel that we are making things simpler for her by doing our part accurately. Apart from the trouble caused by wrong filling in, a large sum goes in postage when extra letters have to be sent with enquiries.

F. V. BARFUS,
Asst. State Secretary.

RED CROSS EMERGENCY SERVICE.

Mrs. Disher (Chairman of the Executive Committee of the proposed Girl Guide Company of Red Cross Aids) reports that the forms are slow in coming in, and this makes it difficult to arrange Classes in the varied subjects for which provision is made by the Red Cross.

Commissioners and Guiders who wish to apply for the training courses are asked to obtain forms as soon as possible from Mrs. Disher (8 Toorak Road, Camberwell, E.6), and return them to her without delay.

DISTRICT NEWS.

Lilydale District.

1st Lilydale Guide Company is in recess at the time of writing.

1st Woori-Yallock company, though small in numbers, are progressing well and happily, with their captain, Miss Zoe Jermyn—all their meetings are held out of doors, after school, weather permitting. For Guide work this is ideal, as the open air plays such a large part in our curriculum. This company is "getting busy" over the Walkabout preparation. Lilydale District are working with Kallista and Pakenham for the Walkabout as Berwick Division. We are planning to have a rock garden and to grow seedlings.

Korumburra District.

The ninth outdoor rally was held at Poowong on the Recreation Ground on Saturday, April 15th, 1939. About 80 Guides from Poowong, Krowera, Lang Lang, Drouin and Warragul and 50 Brownies from Poowong, Lang Lang, Drouin and Warragul competed in races and games.

The programme commenced with a march of Guides from the centre of the arena to the flagpole near the grandstand, where the "Colors" were broken and the National Anthem sung, after which the District Commissioner (Miss L. E. Salmon) welcomed the visitors.

The events were run without a break, due to the good work of the organisers, Miss V. McCord and Miss Grace Adkins (Poowong Brown Owl and Captain). Eight teams competed in the Guide events. Poowong, Lang Lang and Warragul entered two teams each, as they had bigger companies, and the judges—Messrs. Davidson (Krowera), Henberry (Caldermeade), W. Acherley (South Poowong) and W. Moore (Poowong) had an unenviable task.

Afternoon tea, arranged by the members of the Local Association, was served in the Public Hall, after which Miss Salmon announced the points gained by the winning teams and Mrs. W. Adamson, District Commissioner of Warragul, presented the winners, Poowong Guides and Brownies, with suitably inscribed books. Marjorie Richards received the prize on behalf of the Guides and Margaret Hilberg for the Brownies.

Miss Hazel Porter (Drouin Captain)

thanked Poowong Guiders for the enjoyable afternoon and "Taps" concluded one of the best rallies held in this district.

—L.S.

Camperdown District.

Last year the polio epidemic compelled the Camperdown Division to remain in recess until the end of May or early June. Companies and Packs held meetings into Xmas Week. In consequence they are only commencing again. Several Guiders received long leave to work in the Clinics. Several Guiders were transferred to other places as school teachers; three Guiders have left to train as nurses.

Camping season was looked forward to with much excitement, for many it would be the first experience of life under canvas; three members of the Division went to Britannia Creek. The thrill of being on our own Guide home, the experience of meeting other Guides from many parts of Victoria. The camp site could only be imagined, owing to the smoke of the surrounding tragic bush fires. While awaiting the train to Melbourne, the milkman arrived with gallons of milk which was thankfully drunk by all the Guides. Everyone had a thirst that day. At Melbourne many kind volunteers met the train and took the Guides to their homes, and many country Guides wish to thank their generous hostesses who took care of them until they could go home. One Guider (Miss Joyce Carson) attended a camp at Ocean Grove.

Guides from Camperdown, Choclyn and Terang joined the combined camp at Warrnambool from 11th Jan. to 18th. It was all a great adventure and many happy expeditions were made to surrounding spots. An all-day trip was made to Thunder Cave. It was a happy time sharing camp duties and meeting so many fellow-Guides and so making new friends. An Appeal for the bush fire sufferers was made and the camp raised £1/11/4, which was taken to 3YB, where it was duly acknowledged. The visit to the Radio Studio was considered a most interesting conclusion to the camp.

A Guides' Own will be held at Camperdown on May 14th.

GUIDE CAMP

From the 11th to 18th January, a Guide Camp, conducted by Miss Ling, assisted by Miss Morris, was held in the Warrnambool

Show Grounds. Guides from Apollo Bay, Colac, Camperdown, Choclyn, Terang, Ellerslie, Warrnambool, Koroit, Casterton and Portland attended, making a combined camp of fifty-two Guides and Leaders. The Guides were divided into five groups, namely—Lend a Hand, Cook, Mess, Wood and Water, and Health Patrols. Each day the name of the Patrol was changed and different duties again performed. Each morning Reveille sounded at 6.30 a.m., when the Cook Patrol would rise in order to go to the cook-house and assist Q.M. and Assistant Q.M. to prepare breakfast. Mess Patrol arose next to set the tables. Three persons from L.A.H. Patrol were chosen each morning for a Colour Party. They were to be present at the flag-pole by 7.44 a.m. The Camp assembled for prayers at 7.45 a.m., then followed Colours. After breakfast, before washing up, a quarter of an hour was allowed for health-time. During this time any person needing attention was able to visit Sister. Our different duties, such as washing-up, cleaning, and chopping wood, were then performed. At 10 o'clock we were given time to prepare our tents. Following this, tent inspection took place, points being awarded for neatness, cleanliness, gageets, etc. To the occupants of the winning tents ribbons were given; at the end of the camp a big ribbon was awarded for the gainer of the most points. Court of Honour was held next to discuss the day's programme, the Patrol Leader of L.A.H. patrol taking the minutes. Several excursions were made to the street, gardens and beach. A day's excursion was made to Thunder Point. On Sunday morning girls attended their various churches; at night a service was held at camp. Every evening a camp fire was held, followed by Taps. During the Camp a collection was held in aid of the Bush Fire Appeal, £1/11/4 being raised on behalf of the Guides. This was taken to 3YB Warrnambool, where it was duly acknowledged. We accepted it as a most interesting and satisfactory conclusion to the camp.

DO YOU KNOW.

That Pen knives were so called because they were used for making and mending quill pens? The knife used to shape and slit the pen. When the quill pens were superseded by steel pens, the pen knives gradually altered in shape and purpose. The name persisted, and is now applied to a small knife carried in the waistcoat pocket.



Editor: Mary Butt.

"I believe that human personality has the power to triumph over the heritage of its own folly, and we must go back to our own countries and teach, not to the children who were reared to antagonisms of hereditary suspicion and jealousy, but to the sons and daughters that shall be born to us; the lessons that our own mistakes have taught us. More and more am I convinced that it is in the education of children, not in the councils of Statesmen, however wisely they may work, that the future is to be made for good or evil.

WINIFRED HOLTBY, Geneva, 1924.

Brevities.

(1) Brown Owls, have you ever thought of a Pack Garden? Your Brownies will love looking after it; besides, what marvellous opportunities for Nature observation.

(2) Do you ever have six competitions, not lasting for very long though? They are marvellous for creating enthusiasm, keenness and Pack spirit.

Observation.

I do not know whether any Brown Owls had the reader that I once had. In it was a story of "Eyes and no eyes." There was a family of two girls and a boy, and I must admit that I cannot remember the detail, but I can remember the moral and the last part of the story; this so impressed me that I think Brown Owls might find it useful as an introduction to training in observation.

One day Mrs. X came to visit her sister, Mrs. Y. Mrs. X was wealthy and very fond of travelling; in fact that very year she was going abroad and there was a feeling in the Y household that she might take one of her relations. The Y's were poor, and the three children had to assist in many of the household tasks. Like all other children they did their jobs very frequently with speed rather than thoroughness. Mrs. X stayed with them, but nothing was said by her about taking any of the Y household away. One night after she

had left, Mrs. Y said to her eldest child, "Mary, have a look and see if the table is set properly." Mary went in and came out again, "Yes, everything is right," she said, and she quickly sat down and went on with the book she was reading. Then Bob came home, his mother too, asked him to see if the table was right and he too reported that it was, and went on with the hobby in which his interest was centred. Finally the youngest child came home; her mother asked her to see if the table was right. Almost immediately she noticed that the plates were the wrong way up; she set them right and found under one a letter. The letter was from Mrs. X, inviting the finder to come with her to Europe.

Of course the trouble with this is that the reward element comes into it. Still, it is a reward for faithfulness; the other two just could not be bothered giving their minds to their jobs. Still, you could adapt the story, and play a game using the story.

During this time of wars and rumours of wars, some people may prefer to introduce the war-time element, or you might like to come all over American pictures and be gangsters and have thrillers with secret signs introduced by the alteration of furniture in the room. "Robbers and Police" seems to be a game that has persisted for years—if it is a favourite with your Brownies, turn them into young police undergoing their training and set them all sorts of tasks for promotion. The police could be taken for an expedition, and on their return one should describe something "he" saw, the other police try to guess what it might be. Or else each policeman must be able to tell of something blue seen on the route.

Another idea might be to have a shop in which the Brownies are the assistants. Brown Owl comes in to buy, say, a flower; she goes to the appropriate counter but cannot think of the name of the flower. However, she describes it till a smart assistant can guess what she wants. Later some of the Brownies can take it in turns to do the "shopping." —L.T.

Two Hopping Games.

Tune:—Little Brown Jug.

“Blackbird Blackbird hop with me
Through the branches of this tree
Then we'll sit on the topmost branch
And sing while the bright leaves gaily
dance.”

Brownies stand in two lines facing each other and well spaced out. Top pair bow to each other as the tune begins and hop in and out in between Brownies of their own line until they reach the end. On the last three notes both lines jump three times sideways towards the head of the line. Repeat until each pair has hopped.

Tune:—Jingle Bells.

“Hop along, hop along
Hopping in and out
Turn and face your partner
And swing yourselves about.

Brownies in circle. One Brownie starts hopping in and out of circle. At third line of song faces a partner and swings with her. Song commences again and partner lead and swings with another who, in turn leads, until all Brownies are in line. —L.N.

Good Turns.

I once heard a Brownie describe a good turn, as “doing something you don't want to,” and I believe that quite a number of children share this outlook.

I try to compare doing good turns with giving presents, which EVERYONE enjoys doing. To carry out this idea let Brownies write good turns on little cards, and address them to the person whom they would concern, then let the Postman collect them, and Brown Owl will read them out. Tawny and Brown Owl should join in this game, because they can then suggest things which might not occur to Brownies, notably helping each other! —P.M.N.

Stars and All That.

This actually took place when some Brownies and Brown Owl discussed Australia's flag—

Mary: That's the Australian flag.

Brown Owl: Yes, and what's this in the top corner?

Chorus: The Union Jack.

Brown Owl: And why do we have a Union Jack on our flag?

Well, who's flag is the Union Jack?

Lois: England's. No. Britain's.

June: Because we're in the British Empire.

Brown Owl: That's right, and we're so proud of being part of the British Empire that we

have the Union Jack in the top of the part near the pole, because that is the last part of a flag to wear out. Who knows what these stars over here are? Well, where else do you see a group of stars like this?

June: On your hat, Brown Owl.

Sheila: On Pack Leader's shoulder.

Mary: In the sky; and it's the Southern Cross and I can pick out the pot and the Seven Sisters too!

June: It isn't much like a cross is it? What's this little star for?

Brown Owl: Well, that star is there in the sky, and you wouldn't expect it to look exactly like a cross when its made of stars.

Mary: The Pot looks just like a pot and it's made of stars.

Brown Owl: So it does, but do you know why the Southern Cross is on our flag? You can only see it well in the southern part of the world and it's the brightest group of stars in that part of the sky, so it shows that we're a southern country.

And why do we have this big seven pointed star under the Union Jack?

Lois: For the Seven Sisters.

Brown Owl: No! What have the Seven Sisters got to do with Australia.

Sheilah: Seven States—Victoria, Queensland, Western Australia, South Australia and Sydney.

Brown Owl: No, not Sydney, that's a city like Melbourne. What is the State called? You know the name of the State between Victoria and Queensland, don't you?

June: New South Wales, and there's one point for Tasmania and one for New Guinea and those places.

Brown Owl: Yes, we call them Federal Territories, because they haven't State Governors—there's Northern Territory, Canberra and some Islands as well as New Guinea.

Mary: It's called the Federal Star.

Brown Owl: And where else do we see a Federal star?

Well, what's on the new pennies?

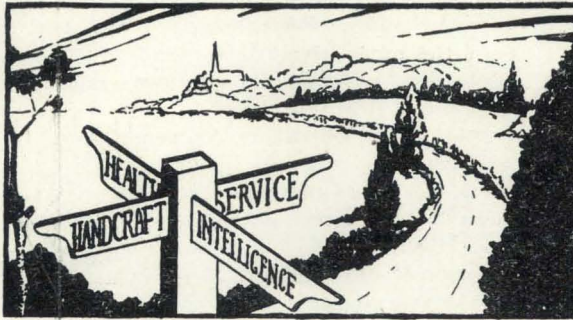
Lois: The King's head and a kangaroo.

Mary: And a star with seven points, and it's the Federal Star.

Brown Owl: And what does it show the world?

June: That Australia is made up of seven States.

Brown Owl: That's right. Now will you go and ask Tawny and Pack Leader if they'll be finished in a minute. —H.G.



THE SIGN POST

Editor: Elizabeth Alfred.

GUIDING OUT OF DOORS.

To some of us, Guiding out of doors is an unexplored territory, yet if we read "The Story of the Girl Guides," we find that Guiding was nothing but out of doors, and the Guides met indoors only when forced to do so by inclement weather. What has happened to us that we seem to fit in only an occasional hike or outdoor game?

Here in Victoria we have a glorious opportunity to make Guiding the thrill that it can be. Even in the city, we have parks and gardens where we can play woodcraft and observation games, and lay exciting trails (even though passers-by DO kick our signs away, and small boys steal our treasure!). And how I envy the country Guides, who, in many cases, meet on Saturday afternoons, and spend the afternoon entirely out of doors, playing long-distance signalling games, making a map of the surrounding district, or courageously coping with "accidents."

Now, I am going to assume that you are determined, with me, to go outdoors, and we are taking our Guides with us. Just how are we going to begin? I think if we first tackle some of the literature at our disposal, our job will be easier. Let us read "The Story of the Girl Guides" again—what grand fun those early Guides had! We MUST give our Guides something of that fun. In the personal accounts of some Companies' activities, we are actually told HOW to give it to them! So even if we have no imagination ourselves, we can begin on our quest.

I know we all have copies of "Girl Guiding," but do we re-read it periodically? And what about "Scouting for Boys"? On the shelves at Guide Headquarters are at least a dozen different books of games, and every one of these books contains outdoor games.

Cheers! Now all we have to do is to go out

and enjoy ourselves! If we Guiders are filled with the joy of adventure and the love of the open road, we can't help but infect our Guides with that same enthusiasm. Let us lead them to the thrill of discovery—why do some birds hop and others run? Why do cows get up hind legs first and horses front legs first? We've got to make sure they do these things, before we can find out why, so we must keep our eyes open and watch for them.

Perhaps we can turn our Patrols into fierce aboriginal tribes, or even kookaburras and snakes—it would take a pretty slippery snake to escape from the watchful kookaburra! What possibilities open up before us as we step outside our clubroom door, and look at the wide heavens, and the green of trees and grasses. We can't possibly deny our Guides this joy once we've discovered it ourselves—so let us take them out of doors, play wide games with them, cook our meals over an open fire, watch the birds at their work and play—always remembering that we are preparing them for camp in the summer, which is the greatest thrill we have to offer the girl "who has passed her Tenderfoot Test and wishes to become a Guide."—M.E.A.

WOODS FOR HIKE FIRES.

When we are looking for wood for our hike fires, we have several things to consider—kindling, quick and slow burning woods, and woods which form coals. Let us consider the kindling first.

Try round the lower edges and in the centre of grass tufts—you will find some dry dead stuff there that lights well. She-oak needles will catch from a match and flare beautifully. Collect them from under bushes near the trees. Shredded ti-tree bark and dead bracken are good, but want breaking up well and using with a little finer stuff to start them.

Collect your fine twigs from standing trees—wattle, she-oak, and ti-tree are all good, and will catch more quickly than gum twigs.

Now for the heavier woods. Wattle will make a very hot quick fire and catches easily, but is hard to cut, and does not make good coals, as it goes to ash as soon as it burns down. I would use it for a quick fire to boil a billy. Ti-tree is also very hot, but is even harder than wattle, and does not catch as easily. Try to mix it with other woods if you have to use it. She-oak is good burning wood if you can obtain it.

For coals for a grilling fire, try to find some peppermint gum, it is easily the best. It has a dry crumbling bark about a-quarter of an inch thick, and small fine leaves that smell very strongly when crushed; the young branches have also quite a roughish bark, light brown in colour. Avoid the tree with thick stringy bark that comes off in sheets—it will just char and probably go out.

And now a little bit on telling the difference when woods are lying on the ground. Wattle should be quite smooth and brown in colour under the bark which strips off in hard pieces. She-oak had little dints and marks all over it under the fine bark and is a reddish brown. Most of the gums peel cleanly, but the bark is brittle and crumbles—the wood dries a grey colour.

Whenever possible mix your wood—get your fire going with the quick-burning stuff and keep it going with the slower burning charcoal forming varieties—Z.J.

HIKE RECIPES.

Kabobs.

Cut slices of onion, potato, tomato, bacon and steak; thread these alternately on a green stick and cook slowly on coals. This makes an excellent grill, but, of course, salt is necessary to make it really tasty. Slices of apple and carrots may be used also if desired.

Little Pig Potatoes.

The ingredients required are a potato and a sausage for each person. Cut out the centre of the potato, stuff a small link of sausage in the hole and close both ends with pieces of the potato. These pieces may be removed toward the last if you want to let the sausage brown a bit. Bake in ashes.

Roasted Apples.

An apple, a marshmallow or raisins are necessary, and, if you like, brown sugar. Core the apple part of the way through. Thrust one end of the stick into the remaining sec-

tion of the core, and rest the apple so that it is near the fire and will roast very slowly. Turn the apple from time to time. When partly roasted, fill the hole with marshmallow or raisins. This is delicious.

Angels on Horseback or Galloping Guinea Pigs).

For this you will need cheese, a slice of bacon and a roll. Cut the cheese into small cubes. Wrap around with bacon and, if necessary, tie with grasses. Then run it through with a sharp-pointed stick and toast quickly over a hot fire. Have ready a split roll and a piece of lettuce to hold the "angel" when it is ready to unhorse, or if it seems likely to fall off.

—B.M.

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE.

To attract the attention of the present-day girl to Guiding, and to go on from there and make it part of her life, is rather a heavy task. I think you will find, though, that where there is something new going on there you will get the girls. They become interested, get their Tenderfoot Badge, sometimes their Second Class, and then they seem to fall away. This is why I like to have a change of programme. Sometimes letting the leaders take the whole evening, making their own programme and running it to suit their own ideas. The seconds then take over the Patrols for the night. I also like to get the leaders to choose a Legend Law or Rule, talk this over with her Patrol, and then make up a sketch to fit in with her choice. We then get them all together one night and each Patrol puts on their sketch. These are rather amusing, but very good at times.

To look upon the more serious side of things, I introduce a circle talk. Choose a couple of Guides to take the subject on Guiding and its principals, and how this plays such an important part in our lives and characters. If we base our lives on the Guide Promise and Laws, we know we are endeavouring to make the best and do the best with this life of ours which, after all, is only ours while we are on this earth. By doing this, we not only help ourselves, but others around us—those who come in contact with our personalities. Everyone is far happier and we are preparing ourselves for the time when we will be Empire builders the same as our parents before us. Every Guide is absolutely loyal to her country, and I think they love these talks on how to use their Guide training to its fullest extent.—

—B.C.

THE RANGERS' PAGE

Editor: ELSIE COUTTS.

Isn't it strange that princes and kings,
 And clowns that tumble on sawdust rings,
 And common people like you and me,
 Are builders for Eternity?
 To each is given a bag of tools
 A shapeless plan and a book of rules,
 And each must fashion ere life is gone
 A stumbling block or a stepping stone.

RANGER JUNE WEEK-END.

The Ranger June week-end holiday this year will be from 10th to 12th June, and will be spent at "Rosebank," Upper Macedon. The total cost will be 17/6. Will all Rangers wishing to apply for the week-end, please send their names and 5/- deposit to the Ranger Secretary, Jean Eades, 33 Milroy Street, North Brighton, S.6, before 1st June.

SONG OF A RANGER CAMP.

"What care we for wind or for weather," was certainly the theme song of the Rangers who attended the Easter Camp at Britannia Creek. On Thursday, a lucky few arrived and after lunch some had the fun of harnessing Dolly (I think she remembered the 8th Guide Law) and driving the equipment to the big site. With the willing help of the Star Boarders (Gardeners) tents began to spring up like mushrooms.

That night came the first car load of Rangers, so after a mighty tea, palliasses were filled, and the Camp settled down to a peaceful night.

Next morning, "Down Came the Rain-drops," however, all rose to the occasion—our Q.M., Ruby, nobly paddling round in mud, stuck grimly to the cooking, stopping only every hour to change coats.

"What cared she for wind or for weather,
 Who crouched round the Cook's Fire?"

Through an impromptu Concert in the marquette, to which anyone who came in for shelter was forced to contribute an item, much new talent was discovered. One Company was surprised to find that it possessed its own Gracie Fields.

Then, to the Guide House to give the new arrivals a rousing welcome. There we sang "Rule Britannia" with much enthusiasm.

After dinner we were entertained by two members of "the Rushing Ballet" (Yabinga and Ngamma), who gave a very fine demonstration of the latest steps in appropriate costumes.

That afternoon, we pitched the remaining tents and realised just how a "half-drowned rat" feels.

Tea at the House, and then wearing any dry (?) garments we possessed, Yabinga took the lead in a sing-song round the fire.

Leaving the new campers high and dry, "the old 'uns," donning rain coats, ground sheets, and "bag hats," returned to hold the fort.

Saturday was spent hiking, swimming, etc. Were the views beautiful?—and was the pool cold?

Sunday was a special day. After Colours we had three Enrolments, and then many attended the local Church services.

Long walks in the afternoon, and the Naturalists' hearts were warmed by the great variety of fungi found.

Miss J. U. Boyes, Commissioner for Rangers, conducted a very inspiring Rangers' Own.

On Monday we had the honour of a visit from Miss Elsie Smith, Assistant State Commissioner, N.S.W.; Mrs. M. R. Fairbairn, Mrs. Bracey and Miss S. H. Irving. They planted two trees as a donation from the Camp. We sang "The American Tree Song" with great feeling.

After the departure of our visitors we gathered for farewells.

First of all, cheers for Yabinga and her staff, and then the presentation of Easter eggs. One to our Q.M., "Ruby," in appreciation of much hard work, and the other to "our Bertie" to remind her of her last Camp before going into double harness.

That afternoon most of the Camp departed very reluctantly back to the big city, leaving a few very lucky ones to strike Camp.

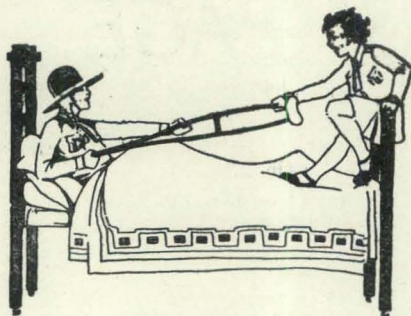
What a Camp fire we had that night! What toast—what cocoa!

"In the weather wet and fine

We did have a jolly time

And were sorry when our camping days
 were done!"

—G.T.



Editor: Joan Alston.

April 22nd, 1939.

This was an eventful day for the Extension Branch.

WHY?

BECAUSE there were over 40 Extension Rangers, Guides and Brownies at the St. George's Day Service in St. Paul's Cathedral.

BECAUSE the whole Deaf and Dumb Company was able to be present for the first time.

BECAUSE the Extension "colours" were carried in the procession with the others.

BECAUSE of the annual Extension tea-party afterwards.

BECAUSE there were two enrolments and a presentation of service stars and badges at the party.

And we do want to say "thank you" to all the people who made this possible—the transport people, the Church Missionary Society who lent us their room and kitchen, and all the people who helped with the tea.

The day's only disappointment was the fact that Bill, the Scout from the Sunshine Troop, whose pram's position in the Cathedral is near ours, wasn't able to come this year because he was ill. We all hope he is soon well again.

—J.A.

Everyone! Please Read This.

You will have already read that the Deaf and Dumb Guides' Company was present at the St. George's Day Service.

Naturally, owing to their disability, these children feel shy, and rather cut-off from mixing with other Guides.

At the party after the Service, there were about 60 people present and in all that number, only two could talk to the deaf Guides.

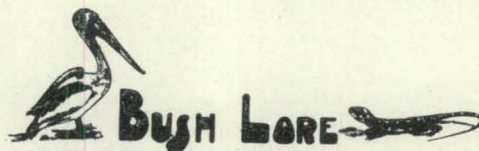
I wonder how many Guiders know that there is an "Interpreter to the Deaf" badge? It is a very simple one and even if only one Guide in every Company did the test, think what it

would mean to these deaf children.

Couldn't you introduce this alphabet and "speech" to your Guides as a secret code? All children love a "mystery language" known only to a few.

Please Guiders, do think seriously about this—put it to your Companies, and so help to increase the number of people these very keen Guides can feel they can talk to, and mix with, easily and without shyness.

—JOAN ALSTON.



Editor: ELSIE SYDES.

"Out of doors all of our senses are fully rewarded. Our eyes are grateful for the long view and for the color and beauty of growing things, for clouds, rocks and earth. Ears are filled with the enchantment of small sounds and songs instead of with harsh noises, and the nose wrinkles with delight at the smell of pine needles in the hot sun, sweet earth and moss, grey sage. All the time our feet are carrying us forward, our senses of sight and hearing and smell are lingering along the way, holding fast to the picture, making it into a memory."

—Girl Scout Handbook.

Bagheera—The Grey Currawong.

(Continued from last month.)

Playing.—He loved to play with the pet magpie, but the latter was afraid of him, as Bagheera was much bigger and had a formidable beak about three times the length of the magpie's. This made the games rather one-sided. A favourite trick was to follow the magpie up the clothes prop, where he would be happily ensconced. The next minute Bagheera would be in proud possession with poor magpie on the ground beneath. Sometimes his games consisted of lying on his side and poking at small pieces of rag and such like, holding them in his good foot. Or else he would hide behind a post and poke his beak round the corner at the magpie or a duck, or even a fowl.

Songs.—He had two distinct songs—one the loud whistling which included the ordinary "spring creek," another ear-splitting "spring creek" and also a funny loud whistle often used. This was his public repertoire, which in-

creased in length and volume when rain was about, hence he is known as the "rain-bird." His other song, his private performance, was a delightful soft warbling. He would sit under a tree and perform this soft warbling, all down in his throat with an occasional louder whistle. It is similar to the magpies', but softer, and is very charming to listen to.

Intelligence.—I am hoping to hear a wild one in the bush warbling like this; has anyone? The currawong is very intelligent, as I can vouch, and at times almost human. Sometimes Bagheera would escape and have to be caught and carried home. His cries of fear were like a child's and he would keep them up until he was released. Once he had recovered from the fright of these events, he seemed tamer and more trusting.

When me moved to the town again, we had to kill him, for he could not look after himself and would not have been happy in a small yard.

At the Guide House.—There are several of these beautiful birds, two kinds, near our Guide House and they visit the grounds and camps, so I hope you will all notice his beauty, his striking yellow eye, his intelligence, his songs, and perhaps be a good enough stalker to get close and hear that private warbling.

Weather Signs.

The newspapers carried on a busy time with this topic, but I didn't see any mention of the stars? Have you noticed that they don't remain constant, but some nights are steady, other nights twinkling a little, and at other times twinkling very wildly. Before the first rain that was really the breaking of the drought I couldn't help noticing them, they were twinkling so wildly. The next time they twinkled though, we had all the signs of rain and cloud and humidity, but the rain passed away. The amount of twinkle must be affected by the humidity. Does anyone know anything further on this subject?

More Weather.

And while we are on the weather, I had further proof of the sign, "clear Visibility" on Saturday last. We were in some flat paddocks with pines along the fences. They appeared to stand out very dark and clear. Then on the way home we noticed a distant Mount

looking very dark and near, yet the weather seemed fine enough, the sky filled with broken, fine weather-looking clouds. However, it rained quite a lot on the Sunday afternoon and Monday.

The Busy Little Ant.

Weather Prophet or Not?

And that brings me to the part ants played in the weather signs quest. If I remember rightly, it was agreed that they are not too reliable, because they are generally on the move and full of business. Have your Guides noticed how they always greet one another as they pass along the track? My story tells of how busy they were before the heavy Easter rains. They were streaming out of the garden into the wood-shed, up and down the gate-post, carrying babies and generally seeming very busy. On watching them I discovered that some were going into hollows in a post, while others were going into the shed and into sort of nests they had made along small ledges against the uprights of the walls. These nests are a small mass of tiny pieces of wood and other dry sort of vegetable matter and reminded me of the "cow-sheds" described in "Insect Wonders of Australia."

Ant Cow-Sheds.—These "cow-sheds" are built and used by the ants, and if you want to read a most interesting chapter on "Ant Pastoralists and Dairymen," get this book. I'm going to write away to see if my ants are ordinary garden ants who have sought shelter for the winter or if they are wood-dwelling ants who build these nests. I forgot to say that the pieces of debris are held together with cobwebby stuff, and that the ants disappear beneath, through a small hole against the wall. I also found the same collection of debris covering the end of a hole in a piece of wood and on removing it could see one black ant sitting there. Perhaps your Guides could look in their woodsheds for these nests?

Garden Spoils.

The other afternoon in quite a small area of garden, but a piece that hadn't been dug for some time, the spade disturbed the following:—Black cricket, mole cricket, wire-worms, slugs, snails, black beetles, spiders and ladybirds.

CAMPING and TRAINING

Guide Indoor Camp.

The Guide Camp in the Guide House announced last month will take place from 22nd to 29th May. The Guider-in-Charge will be Miss Hazel Porter, Captain of the 1st Drouin Guide Company. Preference has been given to those Guides who were to have attended Headquarters Camps during the summer, which were cancelled because of bush fires.

Pioneer Badge.

The H.Q. course for this badge will be taken by Miss Freda Gross, Captain 2nd Richmond Guides. Guides from Richmond, Ivanhoe and Hawksburn have applied.

Guiders' Week-ends.

Three week-ends at the Gipton camp site, Frankston, will be held for Guiders with little or no camping experience if there are enough applications. Guiders will sleep in tents and cook meals out of doors, but the washing arrangements and sanitation are under solid shelter; there is also a one-roomed cottage for shelter in wet weather. This is a great opportunity for novices to start camping under gentle conditions! The dates are 3rd-4th June, Miss Zoe Jermyn in charge; 5th-6th August, and 7th-8th October. Fee, 9/- for each week-end, which includes return rail fare, Melbourne to Frankston. APPLICATIONS should be sent to the Camping Secretary, Miss Harrison, 126 High Street, Glen Iris S.E.6. Two and six-pence deposit should be included with each application. Applications for the 3rd-4th June close 8th May, 1939. Kit Lists and further details will be sent to successful applicants.

Easter Camps.

Many happy camps were held in spite of the rain. The 1st Black Rock Guides spent all Friday in the hall at Mount Evelyn waiting for the rain to cease, and ended by sleeping there also for one night! 1st Box Hill P.L.'s and Seconds camping at Blackburn went home for one night and arrived back at 7.20 next morning. 1st Pascoe Vale and 3rd Geelong were able to sleep every night under canvas at "Bungarra," Ocean Grove. The Rangers (two lots) at the Guide House divided up for one night, half remaining under canvas, the others

camping temporarily indoors, and 6th Kew Guides had a good time at "Gipton," Frankston.

Further Plans for Miss Martin's Visit.

Training at Wagga, N.S.W.—Victorian Guiders from the North and North-eastern parts of Victoria are invited to apply for the training taken by Miss Martin at Wagga, 2nd to 15th June. Applications should be sent immediately, to Miss E. Moran at the Guide Office, when further details will be sent.

Commissioners' and Guiders' Welcoming Party.

Will be held near Melbourne on the evening of 19th June. The Guiders' Committee is making the arrangements and planning the programme. It will help considerably with catering arrangements if all Commissioners and Guiders who hope to attend notify their Division representative to the Guiders' Committee by 1st JUNE. Place and cost will be announced in daily papers later, and in June "Matilda."

COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE at the Guide House, 22nd to 26th June, circulars will be sent.

INTER-STATE DIPLOMA'D GUIDERS' CONFERENCE at the Guide House, 26th to 30th June.

RANGER GUIDERS' TRAINING WEEK-END at the Guide House, 30th June to 3rd July. Fee according to the number of applications, about 15/-, plus fares.

GUIDE AND BROWNIE GUIDERS' TRAINING WEEK at the Guide House, 7th-14th July. Applications have already begun to come in for this training. It is some years since we had the benefit of training by a Guider sent from Imperial Headquarters. Every Guider who is free will want to make the most of the opportunity to hear the latest news from abroad and get new ideas. Fee, 30/-, plus rail fare, 5/9 return, bus 1/3 return. Applications for this and for the Ranger Guiders' Training Week-end accompanied by deposit of 5/-, and 5/9 for rail ticket if desired, should reach the TRAINING WEEK SECRETARY at the Guide Office not later than 8th

JUNE. Full details, kit lists, etc., will be sent to successful applicants. Deposits will not be refunded if withdrawal is made after 16th June. Any Guider who has not previously attended H.Q. classes or a Week, nor been nominated for Correspondence Training, should send a signed nomination form from her Commissioner with the application.

WIMMERA DIVISION TRAINING at Donald, 21st to 24th July. A limited number of Guiders from other Divisions is invited. A number of Guiders will be accommodated at Richavon, Donald, others will be billeted in the district. Applications accompanied by a deposit of 2/6 should be sent to Mrs. Guthrie, Division Commissioner, Richavon, Donald, and further details will be sent.

TRAINING CLASSES in Melbourne, 20th June and 18th July, place announced later.

OUTDOOR TRAINING near Melbourne; 15th and 29th July. Details announced later.

RANGER DINNER AND CAMP FIRE, 15th July.

COMMISSIONERS FOR DEPARTMENTS; morning tea, 19th July.

EXTENSION GUIDES, Orthopaedic Hospital, Frankston, Saturday morning, 29th July.

In addition, arrangements are being made so that members of the State Council, Local Association members, Headmistresses and School Guiders may have the opportunity of meeting Miss Martin.

ELAINE E. MORAN.

EASTER CAMP AT BUNGARRA, OCEAN GROVE.

Guides from 3A Geelong and 1st Pascoe Vale Companies spent a very happy Easter at "Bungarra," Ocean Grove. We arrived in pouring rain, and there was much scratching of heads, and "We'll see later" among the staff in answer to the Guides—"Oh Cap.—can't we get our tents up—it's much more fun sleeping in tents!" It was thought at first that half of us would be packed off to Captain's Father's place at Barwon Heads, and the rest sleep in the Mess Shelter on the first night. However, after dinner the sun shone brightly, the ground dried up, and the Guides all helped to put up their own "homes." What a thrill!

This was just the beginning of a marvellous holiday. The Guides from both Companies were represented in each patrol, and many friendships have been made.

Our activities consisted of afternoons at the beach, games, a Treasure Hunt for Easter Eggs, and Church on Sunday. On Saturday the Patrols cooked their own dinners on their own patrol fires. (Chops, potatoes, beans, followed by banana fritters). In the evenings we had Camp Fire, Stunt Night, Guides' Own, and Country Dancing and Singing Games.

We also found time to work for Camp Badges (Camp Cooks, Friendship, Entertainers' Nature Museum, and Gadget-making). These we painted on Calico Patrol Flags with Poster paints. Ribbons were won for best tents, and cords were given for orderly work well done. These we used to decorate our Patrol Flags.

The "eating" department was well catered for. Our Q.M. (Cap's mother) was famous for puddings and soups. Several small guides were known to ask Captain to "let out my belt please." First Aider (Miss Woodford) was a great favourite and was in great demand to fix up mosquito and bull-ant bites.

For most of us, it was the first time we had camped "under canvas," and we want to repeat the performance again soon, please Cattie and Captain!

CATH. POLLOCK,
Kingfisher P.L. 1st Pascoe Vale.

GUIDE HOUSE NOTES.

WORKING BEES.

Did you perch precariously on ladders and dabble with paint pots and brushes, while the Guide House was being painted? All those who did were very thrilled with it and extremely proud of their work, so if you have not had the thrill of being able to say, "I helped to paint that wall"—NOW IS YOUR CHANCE! The Brownie Cottage interior is to be painted, working bees are to be held throughout May, so that the cottage will be spick and span for Miss Martin's visit. You know, of course, that the House and Cottage will be in continuous use from 23rd June to 14th July for Training? Perhaps you didn't! But as the Brownie Guides are having sundry repairs made to the Cottage, the verandah, etc., it would be a thrill to have the painting done, too—Brownie Guides, Rangers, Guides, Guide Patrol Leaders, can you paint? If you feel nervous at the thought of painting, there are other jobs you

can do, so please send your name into Miss F. V. Barfus, Girl Guides' Association, 60 Market Street, and give the dates of the week-ends in May that suit you best. Cost will be kept as low as possible, there will be no limit to numbers now that the bushfire danger is over, and parties of six can get fare concessions on trains—so roll up, volunteers!

GUIDE WEEK ENDOWMENTS.

We were looking at the calendar record in the Meeting Pool and made the exciting discovery that some days in Guide Week have not yet been booked. So if you, or your Company, or District or Division, want to leap in and endow a Guide Week Day you can have your choice from the following:—7th, 8th, 9th and 11th. There are some other dates in May, too, so if these are booked by the time you enquire about them, just see what other days are left, and if you are lucky you might be able to get a "May date" if not a "Guide Week date."

DONATIONS.

The Rangers are going to furnish the North Bedroom!! It is a lovely big room with five beds in it, cream walls, dressing tables, and little bedside tables to match.

Yarraville District have given a copper which is going to be very useful for bath parades, and Mr. C. O. Fairbairn sent up a ton of super. for the garden, which reminds us—Have you applied for one of the Gardening Week-ends advertised in last "Matilda" yet? Mr. Thompson, of the Cyclone Fence and Gate Co., has sent up baskets for litter for the grounds, so there will be no excuse for Minty papers!!!

GUIDE HOUSE FEES.

As the result of the Christmas and Easter Camps, the Camping Department has revised the charges for the hire of equipment at the Guide House as follows:—

General Equipment—

For camp of 15—15/- per week or Easter;
For camp of 20—20/- per week or Easter;
For camp of 30—30/- per week or Easter,
and so on.

Tents—

5/- per tent per week or Easter, including poles and pegs, with the proviso that not more than 3 Guides in each tent.

Week-ends—

Over-all charge of 1/- per head.

The above charges do not include site hire, which is 6d. per head per day, or 2/- per head per week or Easter, or for week-end 6d. per head.

"SNAPPY LINES" TO HELP THE GUIDE HOUSE FUNDS.

I have about 12 sets of "The Guider," each a complete year, ranging from 1927 to 1938. They are available at 6d. per set, plus 1/2 postage.

I have also many odd copies of "The Guider" from 1922 onwards; this is an opportunity to fill the gaps in your volumes. They are going at 1d. each, or 1/2d. if you take a number.

The leaflet containing the Kookaburra round and three other rounds by Miss Sinclair are now going at 1d. each; plus postage. Apply quickly to F. V. Barfus.

The Brownie Guiders' Committee is holding a concert on Thursday, 18th May, at Firbank Girls' Grammar School, Middle Crescent, North Brighton. The admission is 1/-; children 6d. The proceeds go to the College Fund at the Guide House, so help us to make this an outstanding effort by giving us your support; we promise you excellent entertainment for your money.

NOTICE.

60 Market Street,
Melbourne, C.1.

Dear "Matilda"—

Would you ask all Guiders, to please cut out the "Guide House Notes" column each month for their notice boards, so that the "Rangers, the Guides and the Brownies" can be kept in touch with, and know just what is happening at our House?

Yours sincerely,

"The Publicity Committee."

EQUIPMENT DEPOT.

This month a change will take place in the staff of the Guide Shop. Miss Mary Lambert who has been the shop assistant for the last six years, will be leaving us in order to get married. Most Guide people are acquainted with Mary, either by personal contact or by correspondence, and will agree that she is a cheerful person and ever ready to help—this should be a useful attribute towards a happy married life! So, I am sure that all her friends and acquaintances in Guiding will join

in wishing her the best of luck, and will send her the best of wishes for a happy married life. We will miss her very much in the shop; but we feel sure that she will always keep a very special interest in the Guide Shop.

Her place has been filled by Miss Gwen Thurgood. Gwen is both a Brown Owl and a Ranger, so possibly Brownie and Ranger people will receive special attention! ! But she has also promised to be a friend to all, so all will be well! She has our good wishes, too, in her new occupation.

CLARA BROADHURST.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS.

31st March, 1939.

Present.—Lady Chauvel, Mrs. Littlejohn, Misses Broadhurst, Boyes, Cameron, Coles, Moran, Russell, Swinburne and the Secretary.

Business.—Reported that Walkabout would be held at Melbourne Town Hall from 25th to 30th September; Organiser, Miss Broadhurst; Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Bennett, with Miss H. Alexander as Assistant; Honorary Treasurer, Mrs. C. W. B. Littlejohn. Space available, competition basis, and prizes proposed, were reported.

Miss Moran reported scheme proposed for Guide Week—approved.

Correspondence from Federal Council was received. Revised syllabus for Signaller Badge had been approved for Australia.

Routine and financial business was transacted.

19th April, 1939.

Present.—Lady Chauvel, Mrs. Littlejohn, Mrs. Tate, Misses Broadhurst, Bush, Cameron, Moran, Russell, Swinburne, and Assistant State Secretary.

Business.—The Report on Drop in Numbers (England) was considered, and several items recommended for inclusion in agenda for Commissioners' Conference.

Miss Broadhurst gave a progress report on the Walkabout plans.

Miss Moore (by invitation) attended to report on enrolments for Red Cross Emergency Service, and to discuss plans for formation of Guide units.

Progress in Guide Week plans was reported.

It was agreed that the Association lend the Guide House Sub-committee £150 for the pur-

pose of installing a telephone and new septic tank system, two urgent items of expenditure which could not for the present be met by the Guide House funds available.

It was reported that Miss G. Thurgood had been appointed to take the place of Miss M. Lambert when the latter left at the end of April.

Items for the Federal Council agenda were proposed; the Federal Council meeting takes place in Melbourne on 30th and 31st May.

Correspondence was received from the League of Youth; the World Bureau re a Round Table Conference of Trainers; Hungary re the PaxTing; the Australian Broadcasting Commission, and the Federal Secretary.

The awarding of Thanks Badges to Mesdames MacLeod, Oddy, Ramsay and McCall was approved.

Further correspondence was held over till the next meeting.

Routine and financial business was transacted.

F. V. BARFUS, Asst. State Sec.

APPOINTMENTS.

District Commissioner: Mrs. Grant Coutts, Eildon, Waubra.

District Captain: Hamilton, Miss Ruth Abbott.

REGISTRATIONS.

Guide Companies: 1st Ringwood and 1st Lascelles.

Local Association: Yarragon.

WARRANTS.

Captains: 1st Burwood, Miss Margaret Black; 1st Echuca, Miss Margaret Evans; 15th Geelong, Miss Gwen Evans; 1st Hartwell, Miss Gweneth McBain; 6th Malvern, Miss Elsie Furlonger; 1st West Melbourne, Miss Linda Niquet.

Lieutenants: 4th Brighton, Miss Jean Eades and Miss Gwen Jeans; 1st Dimboola, Miss B. Stubbs; 2nd East Malvern, Miss Valerie Dobbie; 1st Waubra, Miss Reta Goldsmith.

Brown Owls: 5th Kew Pack, Miss Jean McMillan; 1st Sunshine Pack, Mrs. Shields; 1st Warragul Pack, Miss Dulcie Harris.

Tawny Owl: 1st Swan Hill, Miss I. Willson.

CHANGE OF GUIDER.

1st Elsternwick Co.: Miss A. Davis (resigned); Miss B. Meades, 7 Foster st., St. Kilda. 1st Rupanyup: Miss J. Greer (resigned); Acting Captain, Miss G. Kendall, Bryntirion, Rupanyup.

SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE.

The following Divisions and Districts have overdue subscriptions:—

Metropolitan.—Northcote, Essendon, Box Hill, Camberwell, Hawthorn, Heidelberg, St. Kilda, Hampton, Brighton, Sandringham, Kew, Caulfield, Elsternwick, Ascot Vale, Malvern, Parkville, Burwood.

Country.—Birchip, Bena, Alberton, Bendigo, Colbinabbin, Clunes, Currajong, Camperdown, Daylesford, Donald, Echuca, Geelong, Hamilton, Horsham, Kerang, Korong Vale, Koroit, Mildura, Morwell, Murtoa, Mornington, Maryborough, Minyip, Nhill, Molesworth, Moe, Portland, Portsea, Rainbow, Rosedale, Nambrok, Stawell, Swan Hill, Warragul, Werribee, Warrnambool, Warracknabeal, Terang, Tarrenlea, and Trafalgar.

DUE IN JUNE.

J. Alston, Mrs. Angus, J. U. Bayes, Mrs. Bakewell, Mrs. Black, M. Blackwood (Tasmania), Mrs. Blair, Mrs. Buckley, Mrs. Byrnes, E. Couch, R. Keays, Mrs. Edmondson, M. B. Freeman, N. Freeman, Mrs. Freshwater, N. Dickson, M. Merrylees, D. Gillett, R. Abbott (Hamilton), L. Hooper (Toorak), M. Jones, Mrs. Law Smith, E. Moran, Morey, D. McDonald, McKellar, Mrs. McLaren, J. Stephens, E. O'Donnell, Mrs. Officer, Miss J. E. Mafie, Mrs. Pollard, M. White, Mrs. Gordon Procter (N.S.W.), Mrs. J. M. Rayner, Mrs. Rutter (Seymour L.A.), Mrs. Sinclair (Rupanyup), Miss Smith (South Africa), and G. Smith (Mildura).
