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## GUIDERS' CONFERENCE.

We have a new editor for Matilda. I am glad to be able to tell you that Mrs. Bakewell has agreed to do this work in future, and she will take over her new responsibility next month.

You will see, further on in this issue, that the Guiders' Conference will be held on September 27th. Our President, Lady Dugan, will be present and will open the conference. There are several important things to be discussed there. First, according to an addition to the Constitution made last year, five warranted Guiders are to be chosen by warranted Captains and Brown Owls, at the conference, to be members of the Council of the Girl Guides' Association for the ensuing year. I want to tell you more about this at the Conference, but will you come prepared with nominations which can be voted on at the conference?

War work is another matter of importance which is coming up for discussion. Have you ideas on the subject, as regards Guide Companies, the adult members of the Association, or the Association as a whole? It would be a great help to the Executive Committee to get constructive suggestions on the subject, and we feel that, if you will think about it beforehand, some will be forthcoming.

—Sibyl Chauvel.

## FINAL DETAILS OF GUIDERS' CONFERENCE

This year the Conference is open to all Victorian Guiders.

*DATE.*—Saturday, 27th September, 1941, from 2.45 p.m. to 10 p.m.

*PLACE.*—St. Stephens Church Hall, in Church Street, Richmond. If travelling from Eastern suburbs or city by tram along Swan Street—alight at Church Street, walk north up hill in Church Street, or come back west to Docker Street, turn and walk north to School Hall. If coming by train to Richmond Station, walk east along Swan Street, to Docker Street, then turn north to School Hall.

*EVENING MEAL.*—Guiders remaining for Evening Session will bring their own food and may buy tea at 1d. per cup.

*SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION.*—The following is a brief summary of subjects sent in by Guiders. There are three about War Work—two about Guiding in relation to a New Order and Democracy—one about the first Promise, a recommendation that no part of Guide Week be held in school holidays, the ideal form of Conference, four questions on Training and several others not easy to classify briefly.

*PROGRAMME.*—

2.45: Guiders arrive and pay 6d. for Conference Fee and Afternoon Tea.

3.0: Opening by Lady Dugan (State President).

Lady Chauvel, State Commissioner.

3.15: General discussion.

4.0: Afternoon Tea.

4.20: Election of Guiders to the State Council.

4.30: Special Discussion about War work.

5.45: End of Afternoon Session.

Free Time.

6.15: Tea.

7.30: Evening Session—Country Dancing.

8.0: Illustrated Talk on “Lyrebirds,” by Miss I. Watson.

8.45: Films—Miss D. Coles.

The aim of the Evening Session especially is to allow time for informal social intercourse among Guiders.

## GUIDERS' OWN SERVICE.

Sunday, 28th September, at 3.15 p.m., in the Memorial Hall, Central Hall Building. Enter from Little Collins Street, next to Victoria Cafeteria, and go upstairs to the left in vestibule. The speaker will be Miss D. Ross, Commissioner for Rangers.

## A TALK FROM THE CHIEF GUIDE.

I am writing this early in March. With the homeward-bound mails now so few and far between, it will be many months before you read what I have to say to you. Even as I write the tide of war is already turning here in Africa, whilst it ebbs and flows with tragic swiftness elsewhere, and much may have happened by the time this reaches you all.

It is just two months since the day when my beloved slipped away into the Unknown, and in these weeks of extreme personal grief I know that Guides and Guiders, Scouts and Scouters, all members of our Movements in fact, as well as an even wider public too, have been thinking deeply about what his going means to them and how greatly they feel his loss.

Messages of sweet sympathy have come to me in hundreds from far and near, and I am greatly touched by the generous expressions of affectionate goodwill and the many glowing tributes that have been paid to him as a man, as a friend and Chief Scout of the World. All speak of such thankfulness for his life, whilst grieving now for his death.

There are no words to express what it means to me personally to be without that most dear and lovely presence by my side. He has been all the world—and more—to me throughout each day and hour of 28 years of happy life together. Work was shared, anxieties were



halved, joys were doubled as we lived in utterly perfect companionship with never a shadow of a thought apart; and so it may be gauged in some measure by some of you what the parting has meant to me.

The light has gone out of my life, though the after-glow of his wonderful goodness remains and as I face the future alone with golden memories of the past to give me courage as I go, I know that a big task awaits me—for you and with you in the great sisterhood of his creation—and I shall later strive and give all that in me lies to help, with all of you, in the furthering of Guiding on an ever-increasing scale.

So many of you who are my friends have been thinking and sharing at a distance the clouded time of his illness and death and I do indeed thank you for your kindly messages and friendly touch of the hand across the sea.

It seems tragic that he should leave this world at this time, when all that he strove for is temporarily swamped in the titanic struggle that all of you are facing so heroically. He felt this very deeply, and who could fail to realise what it meant to him that his two Movements for peace should have to withstand the ordeal of one Great War and then another yet greater one, each one hampering and retarding the progress of civilisation and his work and each so cruelly taking their toll of members and leaders?

We look back now on the peace years of our Guide lives as if from another world, don't we? And even as we cherish in our minds those past days of friendly meetings, happy Guide camps, of Guide work and play splendidly carried out, we must look forward to the day when, the storm and stress of war being over, the Beloved Chief's dreams and hopes may come true.

He has left us a great heritage from the past and a great challenge for the future. Though he is no longer here to see us responding to the call, I believe that we shall play a greater part than we know in the rebuilding of much that is shattered; and in our straightforward, simple carrying out of Guiding as he gave it to us, we shall raise the finest living memorial to his greatness.

OLAVE BADEN POWELL,  
Chief Guide.

—(From the Guider).

### A GOOD TURN.

For some years, Miss Edna Mrosk has typed the wrappers for Matilda each month. As she has now joined the W.A.A.A.F.'s, she can no longer do this for us. We should like to thank her very much for all the time she has given so willingly in this way to Guiding.

Is there any other Guider who would do this "Good Turn" for us? If so, we should be very grateful to hear of her!

M. E. Bush.

### AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

(Victorian Division)

11th August, 1941.

Dear Sir,—

The increasing responsibilities of the Red Cross make it necessary for the Society to increase its membership. In Victoria at present we have only 55,000 members and we want at least 100,000 or possibly 200,000.

The Victorian Division of the Australian Red Cross Society, therefore, has decided to conduct a special State-wide Campaign to increase membership amongst men, women and children. This Campaign will be known as "Roll Call" and will commence immediately, leading up to a concentrated drive for ten days as from 29th August.

Sir Robert Knox, Chairman of "Roll Call," has asked me to approach your Association for your co-operation. Whilst we appreciate the many calls made upon your members these times, we do hope that we can rely on them to give us their support.

All we ask is that each should join the Red Cross. The annual membership fee is 2/- and the Badge, if required, 1/- extra. Therefore, at your next Committee meeting, and also at any full Association meetings, we would be grateful if you would endeavour to enlist everyone present as members of the Victorian Division of the Australian Red Cross.

If you would let me know how many Membership Cards and Badges you require we will arrange to make these available to your Association promptly.

Yours sincerely,

B. BELLAMY,  
Honorary Organiser.

### BRITAIN'S YOUTH AT WORK.

(From The Department of Information.)

Approximately a million British girls and boys between the ages of 14 and 18 are connected with organisations giving direct or indirect aid to the war effort. Hundreds of thousands of younger children are doing voluntary tasks during out-of-school hours.

When a London newspaper reported on a drive to recruit boys from 14 to 17 for the industrial front, it found that most of the great cities in England had virtually no idle youths. In Birmingham, not one of the 65,000 young people on the Juvenile Employment Bureau books was out of work.

Boys are particularly valuable in replacing agricultural labour. Britain, with 35,000,000 acres more in cultivation than in 1939, is looking forward to the greatest harvest for the century, but the supply of agricultural labour is dangerously low. The Government and local educational authorities are helping by arranging school holidays to coincide with harvesting time so that boys can work on the land. A farmer, who, for instance, says that, for hay-making, fruit packing, or harvesting he can employ 250 boys for a fort-



night early in September, can usually arrange with neighbouring schools to have holidays taken at that time.

Many boys are giving up half-holidays and Sundays to work on the land.

Last year, 4,000 boys from 170 public and elementary schools worked in relays of 70 at big forestry camps, felling, cutting and stacking timber. The boys paid their own rail fares and brought blankets and tents. In return, they are paid a small wage to cover expenses and to provide pocket money.

A national organisation of Young Farmers' Clubs has been established under the Presidency of the Duke of Norfolk. Each Club which consists of anything from a handful to 150 lads between 10 and 21 carries out the whole task of buying and selling its own stock, keeping accounts and managing the farm. The boys elect their own chairmen, treasurers and committees. Finance for the purchase of stock and implements is usually provided by the local bank on the guarantee of a number of local citizens. The overdraft is paid off from profits.

Youth leaders also control units of the Youth Service Corps which has enlisted 250,000 boys and girls from 14 to 18. The Corps is of vast help to the war effort and its jobs are unlimited. At the same time, it finds work for idle youth and its formation has resulted in a striking reduction in juvenile crime.

Boys collect salvage of all descriptions; Scouts teach the Home Guard the elements of stalking and woodcraft; others assist the local authorities with evacuees, work on the land and destroy agricultural pests. Girls help local housewives with their war tasks; they sew, knit and mend for civil defence and other workers; they look after children and evacuees for women engaged in war work. There are no set tasks; it is up to their own initiative to find useful jobs.

Thousands of young people are working in civil defence with A.R.P. workers, carrying messages through air raids, helping to extinguish fires and rescue wounded.

Britain's Youth is learning rapidly that there is a job for everyone in a total war.

### CAMOUFLAGE NETS.

As there is no longer a demand for the evening classes for the making of camouflage nets it has been decided that it is unnecessary to hold them for the future. Several of those who have learnt are already teaching in depots in their own districts, and others are doing them at home until such time as depots are opened near them.

The Wednesday afternoon classes at Headquarters will continue as usual from 2 to 5 p.m. Those who are already qualified to work on the nets can do so between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. any week day.

Anyone wishing to arrange for lessons at another time, please ring me for appointment.

Ten nets have been completed. Four depots have already started in the following districts—

Brighton, Malvern and East Malvern, Northcote and Murrumbena.

Any nets completed from twine taken on behalf of the Guides Association should be returned to Guide Headquarters, where they will be checked and booked before returning them to the C.W.A.

We would be glad to receive reports of the progress of the depots, also to hear from any country districts who are contemplating starting, or who have already done so.

M. R. FAIRBAIRN,  
(on behalf of the netting Committee).

### APPEAL FOR FLEECE WOOL.

The South Yarra Branch of the Girl Guide Patriotic War Appeal wants to start spinning yarn for sailor boys' socks and sweaters at its depot at Bookcraft, 66 Toorak Road, South Yarra. Donations of unscoured fleece wool would be welcomed. The type of fleece required is fine cross-bred, 50 to 56 count, long staple. While it is admitted that yarn can be made out of almost any part of the fleece, we are anxious to spin as large a quantity as possible, and for fast spinning the good fleece wool is necessary.

Donations may be left at the above address, or sent to South Yarra Railway Station, addressed to Girl Guide War Appeal, South Yarra Branch, South Yarra Station.

### THE EDITOR, MATILDA.

The enclosed cutting is from the British Medical Journal, and the comments have been made from experience gained during the blitz.

### TREATMENT OF BURNS.

Sir,—Mr. Rainsford Mowlem (May 3, p. 686) raises a most interesting point in the last sentence of his letter on the treatment of burns. He says that he hopes that in the near future only innocuous substances will be issued to first-aid posts, etc. I heartily agree. So often one finds that a burn has been sent up to hospital covered with one of the excellent coagulant jellies applied by someone who is not qualified to use them. When such a case arrives, it is very hard to see the extent of the burn, and often it is not until the patient is in the theatre that one find out just how bad the burn is.

Surely the most important thing in dealing with burns is the cleansing of the burn under an anaesthetic in the operating theatre, and for first-aid work a compress of sodii bicarb is all that is required to allay the pain of the burn. When the patient arrives in the hospital this can easily be removed without sticking, and the burn can then be correctly examined. Would that the first-aid workers will remember this.—I am, etc.,

JOHN GORDON.  
Royal West Sussex Hospital,  
May 5.



### "SEEING" STARS.

One of the happiest debts I owe to Guiding is that, through the old Ranger Second Class with its "Know 6 constellations" I learnt to "see" stars instead of to "look" at them. Remember the article last month about the difference between seeing and looking?

For years on the way home, or in the garden on summer evenings, I would look at the sky and think how pretty the white shining spots were; it would be a big thrill to see Jupiter and Mars getting close to each other occasionally when the Press had advertised it for days beforehand; sometimes I could find the "pot"—it never occurred to me that there was a reason why I could not find it every night. I took it for granted that it was because I did not know it very well—that there were totally different sets of stars in the sky in a year never entered my head. If you ask Guides, Rangers and your grown-up friends you will find it has not dawned on them either, in spite of the fact that they often look at the sky.

The child who learns the friendly red twinkle of Antares, the bright shining Sirius, the Cross always in the South, the question-mark of Leo, the wee shining Pleiades, will never be afraid or lonely in the dark, and for the grown-up it is such a thrill after a night of overtime, lectures or even a talkie to find on the way home early in October, the first of the summer constellations popping up above the horizon. The flapping guy of a tent at 5 a.m. is not nearly as trying when you struggle out of a warm sleeping bag and behold Scorpio, whom you've not seen for four months, greeting you, or the great golden lamp of Venus hanging in the East.

The first thing to remember is—not to let the bewildering mass of shining points which appear to have neither rhyme nor reason, frighten you off; I will never forget the sinking feeling I developed when someone led me gently by the hand and said "Know 6 constellations," and all I could see was masses of stars in all directions.

The second is that all the stars move, in the same way that the sun does, across the sky—if you find a bright star low in the East at 7, it won't be there at 10 or 11. Now you can start off with all the bright Guides, take them out into the street at the beginning of company meeting and let them pick any star they like—any little cluster as long as they are sure they can pick it out; Aquila, which is a straight line of three stars in the north-east, is an excellent one at the moment. Then when it is time to go home trot out and have a second look at the stars they chose, to see where they have shifted to; tell them to watch them every night until next meeting, to get the idea of movement into their heads, and also for them to realise that once you pick out one little group or one very bright shining star and watch it for a few minutes every night for a week, you never lose it again.

When they have got used to doing this,

start on the easier constellations; to buy "A Simple Guide to Southern Stars," by Orr is the best and simplest method. Unless you are an expert, star maps, charts and spheres tie you in knots. Start with the Southern Cross which is always in the South all the year round, is bright, and has two Pointers to help you find it. When you all know the Cross, look at the foot of it, for the uneven square of the Southern Fly; by the Fly, below the Pointers, you will find the Southern Triangle—and lo! there are three constellations you know already.

The little book will find one constellation for you, and then because you know it, you can find the one beside above or below it, and gradually work round the sky.

I am not going to deal with particular constellations in this article because of the space required for drawings.

Teach Guides and Rangers, a patrol at a time, while the others do something else, it is hopeless to find anything with giggles and people wandering round in the background; the fewer the better to start with. When you have a hike and campfire take time off between singing to look at the sky. You can all consult the book together to find the ones you do not know; the youngsters' eyes may be sharper than Captain's.

You do not need a forty-acre paddock; certainly a park, a flat place or the top of a hill is ideal. Gipton is far more satisfactory than the Guide House, for instance, because between surrounding hills and tall gum trees it is very difficult to see stars for any distance except immediately overhead. But city streets can be just as good. If you have those violent blue or yellow lights take to a side street, where the shadow between two factories, or two blocks of flats, has much the same effect as being in a mine shaft—the stars you could not see for neon signs and haze become quite distinct. If there is a brilliant moon or just one or two lights, trying hold the palm of your hand between the light and your eyes so that it blots it out, and look at the stars to the right or the left as the case may be. This makes a big difference.

The other thing to watch is that all the stars do not move in equally big circles—some, like the sun, rise in the east and set in the west; others keep to the north but still go from north-east to north-west; some go from south east to south-west, and the cross has a very small circle. Remember to tell them there are stars in the sky in the day time which we will see next summer or winter (6 months ahead).

Now buy your little book for the company and come and enjoy the starry sky; if you learn them once, you will have them for all your life.

Remind them that from earliest days man has looked to the sky for help, the stars guide our ships to England, our planes home at night, the explorer in the wilds, and if you know them tell them some of the lovely star



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FIGURE 8

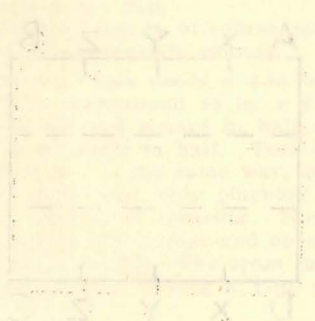
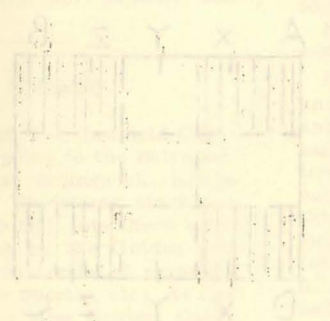
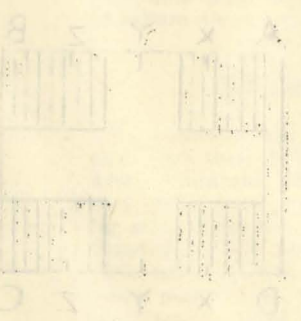
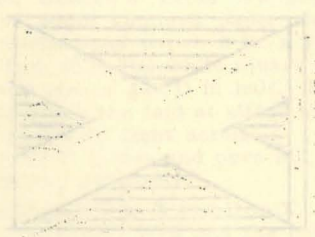
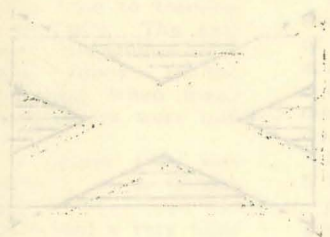
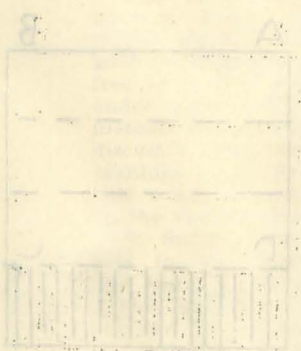
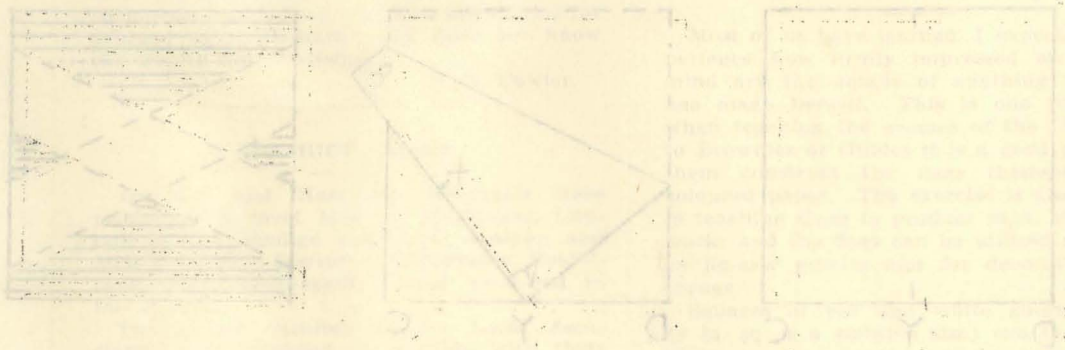


FIGURE 9 FOR MAKING CROSSES OF UNION JACK



it must first be more sharply creased with the nail.

2. The best way to tear paper, after creasing well, is to place it flat on the table, place the left forefinger firmly to the left of the crease and tear carefully upward with the right forefinger and thumb gripping the paper to the right of the crease.

3. When mounting, match one edge exactly (in this case, the fly) and let the rest of the cross fall into place; smooth with a rag and press between the leaves of a book.

C.M.L.

### How Gipton Bcame Ours

In 1933 Miss Swinburne reported to the Executive Committee that Councillor Simpson, of Hawthorn, had offered to the Association for the use of Guides a block of land at Frankston. The Commissioner for Camping and members of the Executive Committee made a visit of inspection to consider the suitability of the land for camping, accessibility and so on; and at the September meeting of the Executive it was formally decided to accept Councillor Simpson's very generous offer.

In April of the following year, 1934, Miss Purnell, as Commissioner for Camping, and Miss Swinburne, District Commissioner for Hawthorn, and a keen camper, were asked by the Executive to form a Committee which would be responsible for the running of Gipton as a camp site, reporting through the Commissioner for Camping to the Executive.

In July, 1934, the transfer of the land to the Girl Guides' Association of Victoria was completed.

In April, 1934, 1st Melbourne Rangers spent Easter at Gipton, taking all their own kit—tents, cooking utensils, &c., the camp being an experiment to find out just how the site "worked" and what was needed to make it quite suitable for camping parties. A full report was handed in to the Executive, with an offer of "manpower" for working bees to develop the site.

The original sub-committee for Gipton consisted of the following members:—Miss C. Broadhurst (chairman); Mrs. W. W. Leggat (Mornington), Mrs. de Jersey Grut (Frankston), Miss G. H. Swinburne and Miss F. V. Barfus.

At the first Committee meeting in August, 1935, Miss Broadhurst reported:—"That the Executive Committee had paid the initial expenses of clearing the overgrown grass and the transfer expenses and first year's rates. In May, the Executive Committee granted £50 of the centenary proceeds to the Gipton Camp Site Fund, to make it possible to have improvements made, so that the site could be used for Guide and Ranger Camps."

Miss Broadhurst had been asked by the Executive to plan for the planting of native trees and shrubs to beautify and shelter the site.

The "initial expenses" included the purchase of kitchen equipment, gardening tools, straw, palliasse covers, fuel, ormeroid to cover the floor in the cottage; alterations to the cottage, in-

cluding the removal of the wall separating the two rooms, rebuilding the fireplace, fixing shutters to windows.

In 1936 the whole house was painted, the main work being done by a painter, but tanks, pergola and trellis-work by Rangers at a working-bee. In this year, a further grant of £10 was made by the Executive Committee, and £2 by the Camping Committee. From that time though, Gipton has been self-supporting.

Many gifts have been made to Gipton; they are recorded in the Log Book. Unrecorded gifts are those of time and strength given happily by dozens of Rangers, Guiders and Guides at working-bees, where the heaviest work brought the greatest fun.

—F.V.B.

### Company Records

Two Guiders were sitting chatting at afternoon tea—one, Miss Rennick, had been in the Movement for several years and was District Captain. The other, Miss Howard, was quite new—she had just passed her Tenderfoot and was attending Training Classes. She was to begin a new Company at St. John's shortly and, in the meantime, was attending meetings at various Companies in the District to get an idea of how things ran. Miss Rennick was being a tremendous help.

"What was that black book you were filling in at your Company meeting last night, Miss Rennick?", asked Miss Howard.

"Oh, that was our Company Record Book—possibly the most valuable of all our record books. I usually keep that, so that I can always refer to it at any time."

"What do you record in it?"

"Well, when you get a new recruit, you enter her name and address in it, her age, birthday, denomination, which school she attends or her place of employment, and the dates on which she entered the Company, passed her Tenderfoot, and was enrolled. It is quite a good idea to have a place where the person enrolling can sign her name too."

"Can you buy these record books ready made?" asked Miss Howard.

"Yes, Headquarters stocks them, but you will be a new Company, you won't have much in the way of Company funds to start off with, so it is quite a good idea to use an exercise book, ruling columns as you require them. See, here is mine, which is only an exercise book," and she turned over its pages. The first page showed the recruit's name, address, etc., as Miss Rennick had explained, and the record took up two pages, beginning on the left hand page and spreading over the right hand one, so that you could see the complete record up to the enrolment. Then there was a piece of the page, about 2 inches wide, cut off the right hand edge, so that when you turned over the page, you could still see the Guide's name, and there were two pages of columns ruled for each section of the Second Class test. Turning over again there were two pages for First Class and, again pages for Proficiency badges. It was all



very compact and easy to folloy, and Miss Howard made a mental note that she would use the same system when her Company began.

"You mentioned Company Funds," she said. "Do you have to keep a record of those, too?"

"Rather," replied Miss Rennick, "and, here again, an exercise book can be employed. You need a Receipt Book too, and whenever you receive any money, donations or subscriptions or funds from a concert, you always issue a receipt, and then enter it in the Receipts side of your Company Funds' book. Whenever you buy anything, make sure you get a receipt if you possibly can, enter the amount in the Expenditure side of your book, and file the receipt."

"Who looks after the funds?" was the next query.

"Your Lieutenant could probably do that if she's good at figures—but, if you haven't got one, I think you had better keep this book yourself either until you get a Lieutenant, or until you have trained one of your P.Ls. to do so."

"You've got quite a pile of books on the table there, do they all belong to the Company?"

"Yes," said Miss Rennick, "I happen to have them with me just to look through them before next week's Court of Honour. See, this is the Company Rool Book—one page shows attendance and one subscriptions. My Lieutenant looks after it. Then, there are the Patrol Roll Books, kept by the Leaders themselves. You have to keep your eye on these, or they are liable to get very untidy; but always see that the Leaders look after them properly, because it is good training for them in keeping records."

"Then this one," she went on, picking up a fat black-covered exercise book, "is our Court of Honour Minute Book. Everything that goes on at Court of Honour is written up in this book. We have a senior Guide to act as Company Secretary, and she takes the minutes and is responsible for their recording in the Minute Book."

"And what is this one?" asked Miss Howard, picking up the last book on the table.

"That is our Company Log Book, in which we write up all our Company doings—camps, hikes, enrolments, Company birthday parties, church parades and anything exciting or important. We share the writing up of this—I do some, and Lieutenant writes up anything that happens if I am not there—and sometimes we get the Guides to write up hikes or outings. If you have a Guide who can draw, she could probably illustrate a hike. Photos go in here too—it's rather fun to look back and see snaps of camp five or six years ago."

"Is that all?" was Miss Howard's next question. By this time she was beginning to feel a little overwhelmed.

"Oh no," said Miss Rennick cheerfully. There's the Programme Book—a Guide can look after this—that is why I haven't got it here. Each week the programme, which you pin on the Notice Board is copied into this book. Then you can always see how you are keeping up with your syllabus. Lieutenant has got our Bank Book—we bank our subscriptions each month.

The P.Ls. have their Patrol Log Books and Nature Books, and you can have test charts on the Notice Board—they are all records, and very

useful too. But the important thing to remember is that it is not necessary or desirable for you to keep every record yourself. Distribute them round your Court of Honour members; you need merely check up on them now and then to see that everything is in order.

"Yes, I see," said Miss Howard as she got up to go. "It's very good of you to have shown me all your books and explained them to me. May I come again when I get my Company under way, so that I may check up on my books?"

"Of course you may," replied Miss Rennick. "And don't forget we hope to see you at our Court of Honour next week."

"Thank you so much. Goodbye."

"Goodbye."

M.E.A.

## H.U.T.H.O. and the Guide House

*Are YOU an unconscious donor???*

Since 1935, Guiders and Guides have used the H.U.T.H.O. Depot as a kind of exchange market for used uniforms and other items of equipment. Different people have helped me to run it, and it has meant a good deal of work, intermittently, but it certainly seems worth the effort, and thought. Guiders might like to know how they, without knowing it, had considerably helped the Guide House through this depot.

Quite often people hand in their uniform and tell me I can "do what I like with it." Sometimes I give uniforms etc. to the Extension Branch when they are in need; sometimes I sell them extremely cheaply to recruits who simply could not afford uniform any other way. Sometimes I find buyers who will give a fair price for a fair bargain. If the owner did not specify that she wanted the money from the sale of her property, I "do what I like" with it—and for some years I have liked to give it to a fund which is not widely known, but needs support continually—the Guide House Grounds and Garden Fund.

In September 1938, when the Guide House was "new and all" and not very well equipped with crockery the H.U.T.H.O. Depot "spare cash" purchased 4 dozen Coronation Mugs, which have proved extraordinarily useful to all who have used the Guide House.

In 1939, when the installation of a telephone line direct to Warburton Exchange called for an expenditure of over £60, H.U.T.H.O. happily provided £11/10/0 of the amount.

The Guide House Grounds and Gardens have had donations, amounting to £17/10/0 all told, also a gift of two badly-needed split-cane rakes for the lawns. The last donation was made in February this year, £2, but the little box has very few coins in it now. However, we shall continue to collect in this way odd pence and shillings for the Garden Fund. I hope.

Whenever I hand over any money to the fund, I wish that all those whose overalls, hats, belts, emblems State badges and even chinstraps had helped to make up the sum, could be here to see the pleasure and relief it is to the members of the Garden sub-committee to feel that pennilessness is again averted, and they will be able to carry on a little further with the upkeep of the



Garden. Those who have been to the Guide House within the last year will have been thrilled at the improvements, and realise the vast amount of work that goes into keeping the place looking trim and attractive; those who have not seen it must keep it on their "wishing list", and hope some day to see the result of their little odd unconscious bits of help.

By the way, in case you are curious, the letters mean Help Us To Help Others!

F. V. BARFUS.

Guider in Charge of H.U.T.H.O.

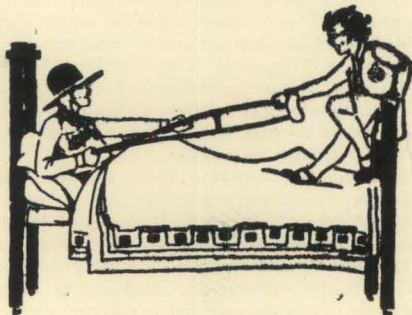
### HEIGH HO!—COME TO THE FAIR.

At the home of Mrs. Broadhurst, 457 St. Kilda Road, on October 18, there will be Mystery, Produce, Fancy, Cake and Sweet Stalls, and darts and competitions for everybody.

ADMISSION—ADULTS 6d.; CHILDREN 3d. Proceeds for Guide War Appeal and Brownie Cottage funds, so come along and lend a hand!

DEBBIE BRADSHAW,

Acting Secretary.



Editor: Sydney Foot.

### News From The Companies.

First of all some news from the 2nd Heidelberg Company and Pack. The Company recently had two enrolments in the respirator ward and another recruit is nearly ready for enrolment. The Brownie Pack also had two enrolments, bringing the total numbers of Brownies up to eleven.

One of the original members of the Austin Company is at present out there, Edith Pulz, and the Company are hoping for great things from her in the way of early Company doings.

3rd Post Rangers are still busy working for the Berry Street Foundling Home. Not content with the money they collected during Guide Week they have got together some more money for groceries as well as doing some more knitting.

1st Post Ranger Company has received an influx of new blood. Nearly all the original members of 6th Post Guides have collectively become of Ranger age, and are busy learning what is expected of Rangers.

### Baloo's.

It has been proved that some people actually read "MATILDA," as there have been several comments on what is expected of a Baloo, and three Rangers have offered to help in this way. What with this and the fact that nearly all the people written to have answered the letters, the Commissioners are "struck all of a heap."

## BROWNIES

**THOUGHT WEAVING.**—A child had just bent down to pick the first bluebell from the sea of blue flowers when she saw a little man in front of her. "Are you a fairy?" she whispered. He was very tiny, dressed in blue, like the flowers themselves, with a little blue cap on his head and wee green shoes on his feet. But what surprised her most was that he was so busy weaving a web that he seemed not to hear her. "Are you a fairy?" she whispered again very softly. "Just that," he said, without looking up.

"But what are you doing?" said the child.

"Weaving a web," said he. "It's a beautiful web," said the child; why is it all pink and blue and gold like that?"

"It is beautiful thoughts which make it like that. I cannot make the colours, I only weave with the materials which are sent to me," said the fairy. The child did not understand, but she stood silent and watched the fairy weaving. At last she said, "I should like to have a web like that, all pink and blue and gold."

"Would you?" said the little man, "What kind of thoughts have you had to-day?" "I cannot remember," she said slowly. "I can," said the little man. "If you care to see just shut your eyes and turn round three times." The child did so and she looked again—the wood was full of little men, all weaving. Some of the webs were beautiful with gay colours, but some were grey and black and ugly.

"Oh," said the child, as she gazed round in surprise, "please which is mine?" "Do you see that long line of webs over there all joined together? If you go over there and look, you will find your web among them," said the fairy. So the child went and looked, and on each side of the wood was a long chain of webs. One of them shone with beautiful and wonderful colours, but the other had nothing bright or beautiful—only dull greys and browns and blacks. When she remembered the thoughts that had been with her most of the day, she was easily able to pick out her web from the dark and ugly chain.

"I wish I had known," said the child as she looked, and she walked slowly back to where the fairy was still weaving.

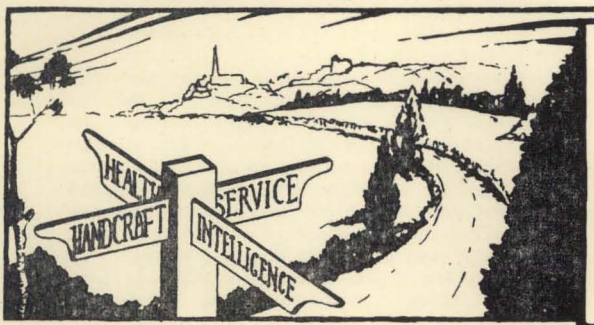
"Please tell me," she went on, "why all the webs are joined together—all the beautiful ones in one chain, and all the ugly ones in another?" "Ah," said the little man, "that is a way thoughts have. If you think bad thoughts you attract all the other bad ones to you. Then they become joined together until there is not only one bad thought, but a whole chain of them going through the world, making everyone they meet unhappy. But if you think good thoughts you attract all the other good thoughts, and they too form a chain and spread happiness throughout the world." The little man went on weaving, but the child hung her head. "I wish I had known," she said again. "You have to-morrow," said the fairy with a twinkle. "Why, so I have," said the child.



THE ANNUAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE SESSION of the Brownie Branch will be held in the Meeting Pool in October.

Full particulars will appear in the next Matilda. —V.A.T.

## The Sign Post



Editor: Marjorie Nicholson

What does the lark in the meadows sing?

"Be glad;"

What is the robin caroling?

"Be glad;"

What are the words that the breezes bring  
Over the hills, and what is the thing  
That is sung by the rushes besides the Spring?  
Listen—the song of the breeze and birds  
Is a song of joy that has two brave words:

"Be glad."

—S. E. KISER.

### Nature Test.

Why do Guides find the nature test so difficult? Nine out of ten Guides seem to leave this test until the last in their second class.

Surely this must be the fault of the Guiders, or do Guides connect nature with botany as a subject at school?

It is, therefore, our duty to stimulate an interest for them in nature.

Have you ever tried placing a few flowers, twigs, seed boxes, some fruit and vegetables on a table at the opposite end of the room before your meeting commences?

Don't say anything about them, and at the close of the meeting remove the articles (about ten altogether) then ask if anyone noticed anything on the table. It is surprising how their curiosity is aroused, and so in a simple manner you have encouraged them (without force) to use their eyes and become interested of their own accord. You can then gradually help them to develop their powers of observation. If you happen to live in a "closed in" area you can at least find *one* tree and on that tree you will surely find *one* insect, and there is certain to be *one* bird in your district.

At a recent training afternoon I asked the Guides to go and look at the ti-tree which was all around us, and in three minutes see if they

could discover something which they had never noticed before. It was amazing the amount of information collected in that time, such as: The leaves grow alternately up the stem, veins on one side of leaf only, how the seed boxes opened up to distribute the seeds, that the flowers have five petals, but the seed boxes had seven or eight divisions. One Guide found a case-moth with the stem of ti-tree used on the case, and there were numerous other observations.

So, with a little extra thought and a touch of adventure we can perhaps introduce into a Guide's life the wonder and beauty of many of God's gifts, which she may have passed unheeded—if its searching the bed of a babbling brook, or just staking an everyday sparrow.

—M.N.

### RANGERS—PAST AND PRESENT.

Some years ago the Ranger branch got busy and began to work very hard to raise money for —what? This was the question that the 1941 Ranger Committee tried to answer after finding that the Ranger Branch had £20 odd in the bank.

Nothing could be found in old Minute Books about it, but we thought that the original idea had been to make enough money to endow a room at the Guide House. This information was sent to all Ranger Companies and was printed in "Matilda" and suggestions as to how the money should be used were asked for.

The Ranger Companies decided that £10 should be given to the Guide House Endowment Fund, £5 to the Caretaker's Cottage Fund and the rest of the money kept in the bank as a reserve fund.

So this has been done and the Committee hopes that the money has been used in such a way as will gratify all who have worked to raise it.

PEGGY EDMONDSON,

Secretary, Victorian Ranger Committee.

### Ranger Sports and Campfire.

The 1941 Ranger Sports will be held at the Ivanhoe Grammar School on Saturday, 4th October at 2.15 p.m.

The Sports will be followed by a bright campfire at a beautiful river spot a few minutes walk from the sports ground.

Ranger Companies who have not received circulars and wish to enter for the Sports should get details from the Convenor.

ETHEL PRESTON,

25 Leslie Street, North Richmond.

Let no one make the road harder by magnifying difficulties and making the worst of everything.

Do not start with inflated ideas of your own ability and worth.

There are thousands who fall just a little short of great success by small carelessnesses and forgetfulness.





Editor: Ina Watson.

### BUSH LORE.

September ushers in the main burst of the spring activity of the nesting season, so that it is appropriate to look at some of the types of nests.

A good working rule is that the better able a young bird is to look after itself after hatching, the less necessity there is for an elaborate nest. For example, the dottrell's eggs are laid on the bare sand, but the young can run as soon as they are hatched (indeed, can run so quickly when they are only tiny things about an inch and a half long that it is difficult to catch them) whereas with a lyrebird where the chick is cared for for weeks, the nest is an elaborate affair, with every care taken to make it as waterproof as possible.

Nests are round because that is the natural shape for it to assume as the bird builds and presses it into shape with her breast. Eggs, being oval and smaller at one end, fit conveniently into this shape, will not roll about so much and are more compact for the bird to cover them when brooding.

Where the eggs are hidden—such as in hollows with parrots, or in banks with diamond birds, the eggs are white. Not only so that the birds can see them easily when coming back to the dark nest, but because, as they are covered, camouflage from the sharp eyes of their enemies is not needed. It is an interesting thing that individual birds reproduce the same colour pattern in the eggs from year to year. People who study eggs and nests can often say quite definitely to which bird the nest belongs by knowing the particular pattern of the blotchings. This has been done by one man in Sherbrooke with the lyrebirds over at least four years. Many birds add to their nests from any material lying around them while they are brooding the eggs—maybe it helps to relieve the monotony! The feather lining is often added after the egg is laid, the bird pulling out its own feathers as it sits on the nest. The fastest thing at getting on and off the nest that I have ever seen is the little dabchick, which builds a floating nest of water weeds. She swims quietly around to the back of the nest, and however closely you watch she seems to be on and settled before you have even noticed the movement. In the same way, at the slightest hint of movement or danger, the eggs are covered with some of the weeds in one swift movement, and she is over the far side of the nest and silently swimming away in the twinkling of an eye.

As with all things in nature, reproduction is the main law of life. Hence the number of eggs laid depends on the chance of survival, birds such as ducks laying a large number.

A wise man in the 18th century, speaking of the skill of birds in building nests, asked this question:

" . . . . What hand, with every implement and means of art and twenty years apprenticeship to boot, could make me such another?"

### ANSWERS TO QUIZ.

1. Why do birds put their heads under their wings when they go to sleep? Birds have less feathers on the head than on the body and it radiates heat quicker. It is therefore put under the wing so that as little as possible of the body heat is lost.

2. Why do some trees have catkins and why do they come before the leaves? A. Because these trees depend on the wind to distribute the pollen and fertilise their flowers. The catkins wave easily in the wind and so shake the pollen out easily. It would be difficult for the pollen to be distributed with the leaves getting in the way, so that the leaves do not appear until later.

3. Where does an insect have its bones? A. On the outside. This refers to chitin, the hard substance which forms the wing covers of beetles, &c.

4. How could you tell a snake from a lizard? A. (N.B. Advisable to only investigate defunct subjects.) Lizards have eyelids, legs and external ears; snakes do not. In the lizard the tail is usually longer than the body, but with the snake the length from the head to the vent is twice as long as front vent to tail.

### LONES.

Dear Guiders,

I am going to write this month about Patrol Leaders and the Court of Honour, because during the discussion at the Lones gathering the opinion was expressed that they do not seem to be so effective in Lones as in active Companies. But the fact that they *have* a place in the scheme of Guiding shows that they are necessary to a well-run Company, and so we must make every effort to use them.

I can quite understand that Guiders who have tried giving their Patrol Leaders the responsibility equivalent to those in active Companies, and have found them unequal to sustaining it must feel that "to do a think well always do it yourself" is the only safe course. They know how disastrous it will be if the Budget is held up because a P.L. cannot gather the replies from her patrol in time for the competition. Or even worse, she may not pass on the work, and her patrol may not even know what is expected of them.

"A Patrol Leader if she is to be a successful one has no time to get on with her own Guide work." Again I quote the views of the gathering. "She is so busy writing to each member of her patrol, sifting their replies, sending her comments to the Captain, collecting subscriptions, &c., that she has no time left for keeping ahead."

Most country girls are just as busy as town ones in their own domestic spheres—more so in some cases where there is a lot of farm work to



do as well, and they could not give the added time to extra tuition to maintain this "keeping ahead." A periodical change of Leaders would mean that each time one had to face the difficulty of finding someone suitable.

It does seem a problem of the "theory versus practice" variety, but I think it is so important to find a solution that I would be glad of any suggestions I could pool for the benefit of those who have difficulty in training their P.L.'s to realise the importance of the part they could play in the smooth running of the Company.

With regard to the Court of Honour, I have a very good sample one which was sent to me from Mrs. Freshwater to pass on to anyone who would like to make use of it. I will also quote from the report of the New Zealand Lone Conference, which has a good outline of a constructive programme. It suggests that Court of Honour should be held at least every six months. Personally I think every four, this makes three times a year. The suggestion is that it should be kept in a book, on the front page of which is the Promise, which is signed by each P.L. in turn. "Captain then gives the agenda list, which may include such items as Suspension of Guides, Suggestions for Company Letters, Details of Expenses Incurred by P.L.'s." Spaces will be left for each patrol report, subscriptions received and any suggestions and comments. This book will be sent to each Leader the same as a budget, and when the Captain receives it back her summing-up will constitute the minutes to be read at the next meeting.

If you have not had a Court of Honour lately, how about having one now, and letting me know if and how it works?

It would be completely separate, of course, from the Company Budget, and is a matter solely for Captain, Lieutenant and the Patrol Leaders. For any other suggestions about the Court of Honour, see "Company Management," which is very helpful.

My mother, who was a marvellous housekeeper, used to say, "I have a theory that there is no part of a house that cannot be reached to clean and dust." I have the same theory that there is nothing in active Guiding that cannot be made real and effective in Lones if we try hard enough. (One of my readers will make an exception to that statement, "the testing of pressure points by post!") At the moment that seems to be the one corner we cannot reach. Who knows we may some day overcome that!) —M.R.F.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of meetings of the Executive Committee of the Girl Guides' Association, Victoria, held at the Guide Office on 16th July and 7th August, 1941:—

#### 16th July—

Present:—Lady Chauvel, Mrs. Faulkner, Mrs. Bakewell, Mrs. Blackwood, Mrs. Littlejohn, Misses Butt, Cameron, Moran, Russell, Swinburne and the Secretary.

Reported: That a gift of £10 had been received from Miss Grace Wilson.

That the factory in England which supplied us with uniform material had been completely

destroyed by enemy action and we would not receive our latest order of material. Appreciation was expressed at the very satisfactory way in which the Guide shop was being kept going under present difficulties.

That 60,733 garments had been packed to date for the Guide War Appeal. 51,423 were for children and 9,312 for seamen.

That Miss P. M. Russell had resigned as Secretary for the Guide War Appeal, as she was undertaking full time war work. Miss Russell was thanked for her great help to the War Appeal.

That Camouflage Netting was done at the office now on Mondays and Thursdays from 5 to 9 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 2 to 5 p.m.; that a number of people had qualified as instructors and that several groups were being started in Districts.

That it was proposed to hold the Guiders' Conference this year at St. Stephens Hall, Richmond.

That at the meeting of Division Commissioners it had been agreed to have a One Day Conference for Commissioners and one day for practical work.

Agreed: That the position of Old Guide Recorder should lapse for the present.

That two Rangers should be asked to represent the Guide Association at the Annual Meeting of the G.F.S.

#### 7th August—

Present:—Mrs. Faulkner, Mrs. Bakewell, Mrs. Blair, Mrs. Buckley, Mrs. Fairbairn, Mrs. Littlejohn, Mrs. Pearson, Mrs. Tate, Misses Butt, Moran, Ritchie, Russell and the Secretary.

Mrs. Faulkner welcomed Mrs. Buckley, Commissioner representing the 6th Country Area.

Reported: That 2,000 garments sent from the Guide War Appeal had been lost by enemy action at sea.

That Mrs. Faulkner had agreed to be convener of the Guide House Committee.

That in answer to a request from the National Fitness Council, Miss Moran was to be in charge of the Country Dance classes.

That a notice had been received from the Federal Secretary drawing attention to a Press Notice stating the list of countries to which letters and publications were not allowed to be sent.

Agreed: That the question of the future policy of the Association's War Work should be discussed at the Guiders and Commissioners Conferences.

That the Girl Guide Association was in sympathy with the aims and efforts of the Exhibition Girls' Club which would be brought before the notice of our members.

That the question of the date of Guide Week should be discussed at the Guiders and Commissioners Conferences.

That the Commissioners' Conference should be held on 18th September, and the Practical Day on 19th September.

Routine and financial business was transacted.  
M. E. Bush.



## Camping and Training

Elaine Moran

### TRAINING COURSES.

#### Brownie Refresher Training.

Three refresher classes for Owls will be held on September 17 and 24 and October 1 respectively. It is hoped that all Owls who have not attended a class recently will keep the dates free. The Guider-in-Charge will be Miss A. Searle.

#### Brownie Elementary Training.

A course of six classes and one outdoor day for new Owls will commence on Thursday, October 2. It is most important that Owls should attend the outdoor day on October 25, in order to obtain the full training. The Guider-in-Charge will be Miss H. Gross.

#### Guide Elementary Training.

A course of nine classes and two field days will commence on Tuesday, September 9. The field days will take place on September 27 and October 4, and it is most important that they should be attended as the course is incomplete otherwise. The Guider-in-Charge will be Miss S. MacLeod.

#### Details.

All evening classes will be held at the Guide Office, 60 Market St., at 7.55 p.m. sharp. A fee of 3d. per class will be charged. Equipment: Sandshoes, note book, pencil. Guiders who have not previously attended classes must bring signed nomination forms from their Commissioners. It would help if intending trainees would notify Miss B. Macartney at H.Q. beforehand.

#### First Class Testing for Guiders.

A testing day for Guiders has been arranged for September 20 in the following sections:—Estimations, Compass, Life-line, Knowledge of Neighbourhood, Mapping. Guiders will be tested in the "Half Day's Hike" section on October 11.

Guiders who wish to be tested on either of these days are asked to notify Miss B. Macartney at the Guide Office in writing **not later than September 6**. They should state:

1. Which tests they are ready to do.
2. Whether they can come in the morning.
3. Full particulars of "neighbourhood" boundaries, if they wish to be tested in this section.

A stamped addressed envelope should be enclosed for reply. Details will then be sent to candidates.

### SUMMER TRAINING WEEKS.

Two Training Weeks are being planned for the holidays next summer. One for Guiders and one for Patrol Leaders. What is hoped is that Guiders and Patrol Leaders from the same Companies will come.

The syllabus is being worked out in such a way that the Guiders will know and understand what has been planned for the Patrol Leaders; and each group will tackle the same activities and discussions from its own angle.

The only successful way in which a Patrol Leaders' Training by any other Guider than their Captain can be given, is when the Cap-

tains concerned know and approve of the programme. Otherwise the Patrol system is short-circuited, and when the Leaders return to their Patrols they are hampered, either because they have learnt things or because their Captain, through not understanding, does not allow them enough scope, nor give them further help on the same lines.

#### Guiders' Training Week.

At the Guide House from December 27 to January 3. Guide and Brownie Training will be given. Fee will be between 25/- and 30/- according to the number attending. Fare from Melbourne: Rail return 5/9, bus 1/3. The Guider-in-Charge will be Miss E. Moran and the Brownie Trainer, Miss A. Searle.

#### Patrol Leaders' Week.

At the Guide House from January 17 to 24, 1942. Patrol Leaders should: (1) Be Second Class; (2) have at least one year's Guide service; (3) be not more than 15 years of age on July 1, 1941. The fee will be 22/-. Fare from Melbourne, rail return 3/10, bus 1/3. The Guider-in-Charge will be Miss S. MacLeod. Applications must be made on special form obtainable from Miss Macartney at the Guide Office. (Please send stamped addressed envelope).

#### Applications.

For both Training Weeks should reach Miss B. Macartney, Guide Office, 60 Market St., Melbourne, C.1, not later than November 21, 1941. Five shillings deposit should be sent with application; this will not be returned if withdrawal is made later than three weeks before the beginning of the training. If rail ticket is required from Melbourne at concession rates the money for this must be sent, too.

N.B.—Patrol Leaders: If six or more are travelling in uniform from a country station to the Guide House a special concession can be obtained. A special form should be asked for when application is made.

### SUMMER CAMPS.

#### Guiders' Campcraft Training.

Training and Testing for the Camper's Licence and Quartermaster Certificate. Refresher training for seasoned campers. All the latest ideas of sanitation and Scouting games. If you have no camping experience whatever, come and learn all about it. If you have been camping for years and are possibly in a rut, come and get some new tips. December 26 to January 3; fee 22/6 to 30/- (according to numbers). Fare from Melbourne, rail return, 5/9; bus 1/3. The Guider-in-Charge will be Miss C. Broadhurst.

#### Combined Guide Camps.

Two Combined Guide Camps will be held under canvas at the Guide House during the summer. There will be vacancies for 22 Guides at each of these camps. The dates are: December 27 to January 3, and January 5 to 12.

1. Not more than six Guides or five Guides and one Guider may apply from any one Company.

2. Guides must be under 15 years of age on January 1, 1942.



3. Guides must have had at least on year's Guide service.

4. Applications must be made on special application form, and must be in not later than October 16, 1940.

Please send stamped addressed envelope for Application Form to Miss E. Reeve, Assistant Camping Secretary, 13 McKinley Ave, Malvern, S.E.4.

#### Combined Ranger Camp.

Because of the uncertainty most Rangers are experiencing at present of getting time off for camps, and the difficulty of knowing some time ahead, it has been decided not to hold a Combined Ranger Camp this summer. Last summer the number of Rangers was too small to warrant holding the camp site free again this year. Any Rangers who are unable to join a Company Camp, and who are anxious to qualify for the Pioneer or Campcraft Badge, are asked to write to Miss Moran, and if possible arrangements will be made for them to join a camp.

#### OPEN WEEK-ENDS

There are only odd vacancies for Open Week-ends for the end of this year. Companies who would like to know details of these vacancies, or who would like to put their names down in case a company withdraws are invited to write to Miss Harrison, 126 High Street, Glen Iris, S.E.6.

#### WORKING BEE

The Guide House Working Bee on November 28th will include work on the Camp Kit. Campers keep this in mind and apply early please!

#### CAMP FIRST AID TEST—CORRECTION

This course will consist of six classes, the last of which will be on September 15th. The test for new Certificates will be on September 22nd, and for renewals on September 29th.

#### WARRANTS AND REGISTRATIONS.

**Division Commissioner:**—Outer Southern Suburbs, Miss D. Cooper.

**Captain:**—1st Curlwaa, Miss A. Cumming; 11th Geelong, Miss M. Long; 1st Merebein, Miss D. Harris; 2nd Sunshine, Mrs. A. E. Laity; 2nd Surrey Hills, Miss G. Parkin; 1st Traralgon, Miss E. Mayze. **Lieutenant:**—3rd Bendigo, Miss C. Frazer; 1st Pomborneit, Miss M. Manifold; 1st Pomborneit North, Miss V. Boyd; 1st Sunshine, Miss V. Ormston. **Brown Owl:**—1st Castlemaine, Miss J. Chapman; 3rd Colac, Miss J. McAdam; 1st Essendon, Miss J. Goodwin; 1st Glen Iris, Miss P. Davey. **Company:**—1st Dromana, 1st Red Hill, 2nd Sunshine.

#### CANCELLATIONS

**Lieutenant:**—1st Skipton, Miss K. Anderson.  
**Captain:**—1st Trafalgar, Miss A. Guy.

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And the woodsmoke is out of our hair—  
When we come to the Slough of Despond,  
When we Traffic in Vanity Fair—  
The dark of the Trees and the firelight and  
moonlight beyond,  
And the prayer?

Shall we remember the blueness,  
Of smoke against trees,  
And the yellow sunshine on grass,  
When the world has gone dusty and stale,  
When the days are a meaningless mess,  
Shall we know that the sweetness of earth and  
the beauty of  
Life will prevail,  
Though it pass?

Shall we remember—  
When the stormwind awakes,  
In the turbulent dimness hereafter,  
Of pillage and smouldering rafter—  
When dividers of men show us vistas,  
The bread we have broken together, oh com-  
rades and sisters?  
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