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RANGER SERVICE STAR

PART II — SECTION 3.

BATHING THE BABY

A daily bath is necessary for health as well as cleanliness. Everything should be placed in readiness before commencing the bath. The room should be free from draughts and have facilities for added heat in cold weather. The bath should be large enough to allow free movement of the baby's limbs, and hold sufficient water to cover his chest. It can be placed on a low stand or a table, depending on the method used by the mother. In the case of the low stand, the mother has an opportunity to rest, and a low chair is required. An ordinary kitchen chair, with four inches taken off the legs, is suitable.

Further requirements would be: Hot and cold water, two soft towels, two washers, one towelling for the body, one gauze for the face, waterproof apron, old piece of linen or similar to cover bottom of bath and prevent babe from slipping, set of clean clothes warmed and placed in order in which they are to be put on, super-fatted soap, olive oil, cotton wool, and covered receptacle for soiled clothes.

Method of Bathing.

Put on apron, cover bottom of bath with cloth, put cold water in first to avoid accident

by burning; then add hot water until the temperature is 98.4 degrees F., or warm to the elbow. Pick up babe and place on his back, either on the table or on your knees. Do not allow him to get cold. If the napkin is soiled, take care to cleanse from the front and back, and so prevent risk of urinary infection. Place napkin in covered receptacle; with hand make a ring of the nightdress and singlet in turn, and remove over head. Removed in this way obviates risk of frightening the babe.

While water is free of soap, with the face-washer wash eyes, one at a time, then the face. Dry with face towel. The head is soaped well with the hand, then held over the bath, soap washed off and head dried.

Soap the hands, and rub well over the body, turning babe on his side to soap back. He is then lifted into the bath, being supported with your left arm under his neck, and hand reaching to his thigh. The feet are held with the right hand.

With the body-washer remove all soap; allow babe a kick and splash, but not to become overtired or cold. Lift out of bath, supporting in same manner as when put in.

Dry quickly; then dress. The singlet made into a ring is put over the head.

Regular Habits.

Babe should be taught regular habits of evacuation. For a small child place a trainer between your knees; hold babe over this, supporting him with a hand under each buttock and his back supported by your chest. Children from six to eight months and onwards can sit on a commode chair for a short time.

The folded napkin is next put on. Always have pins pointing outwards. The dress and jumper are put on over the head.

To clean the nose, make a twirl of cotton-wool, dip in cool boiled water, and twist into nostrils. To clean the ears, dip twirl of cotton-wool into warmed olive oil and twist. If there is any discharge, consult a doctor.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 4th August — Guiders' Refresher Course begins. ("Matilda," July, page 12.)
- 12th-13th August—Guiders' Conference. (July "Matilda," page 3.)
- 31st August—Applications Ranger Guiders' Training close. (Page 12.)
- 7th September—Ranger Guiders' Training commences. (Page 12.)
- 8th September — Applications for Guide Guiders' Training close. (Page 12.)
- 15th September—Guide Guiders' Pre-Warrant Course commences. (Page 12.)
- 15th September — Stamp Competition "F" closes. (Page 5.)
- 26th September—Entry for Brownie Guiders' Course closes. (Page 12.)
- 3rd October—Brownie Guiders' Conference commences.



BROWNIES AND THE AUSTRALIAN FLAG

Tawny was to take a group of five Brownies for Australian Flag, so she carefully checked the requirements on page 64 of the Victorian report, then sorted out the equipment she needed.

The Brownies had all passed Union Jack. For this they had known the three crosses, their names, countries and emblems; how, when England and Scotland joined together as Great Britain, their flags were united to make a Union Jack. Also, when Ireland became part of Great Britain, half of St. Patrick's Cross was fitted in with half of St. Andrew's, making the Union Jack, which is Britain's flag to-day.

Tawny showed red and blue Australian Flags, asking if anyone knew what they were, and the correct answer was followed by an argument about the blue one, so she explained that the Government and Royal Australian Navy used the blue, the Merchant Navy the red, and other Australians could fly either.

Then she pointed to the Union Jack and asked what it was. "Union Jack," said five voices, and Tawny asked why it was on our flag. The Brownies had ideas about this, and, with a few leading questions, decided it was to show we were in the British Empire.

"Our flag shows what part of the world we live in, too," said Tawny. "Does anyone know how?" No ideas were forthcoming. "Well, does anyone know what these stars are?"

Elsie said "Southern Cross," but no one knew what that was or where it could be seen, so Tawny showed a picture of the Southern Cross in the sky, and explained that it is the brightest group of stars in the south part of the sky, and is on our flag to show that we are in the southern part of the world. She told Brownies that the cross would be high in the southern sky on winter evenings, and helped each decide which way that would be in her own back garden.

"The big star under the Union Jack stands for Australia itself," said Tawny, producing a map of Australia and a seven-pointed star,

which other Brownies had coloured, with each point matching one State, and the seventh the Federal Territories.

"What do you think the seven points stand for?" The Brownies soon guessed that, and Tawny explained about Federal Territories.

They played a game with a flag cut into three parts, one asking another "What is this?" or "Why is this on our Flag?" and, if correct, she asked the next question.

As they were tidying up, Tawny whispered, "One emblem on our flag is on most of our money, too. See if you can find it by next week."

Next week all five had seen the Southern Cross, and found the emblem on coins. The whole Pack played a game about the Southern Cross, then the five each made Australian Flags with backgrounds, Union Jacks and loose stars. They put the Union Jack the right way up, the Federal Star with one point right under St. George's Cross, and the other stars with one point straight up.

One day the Brownies had an Australian Flag Quiz—the same simple questions they had used in their game—with a book Brown Owl had made for them to look up answers if necessary. (Brownies need plenty of interesting revision if they are to really remember.)

For the test each Brownie was asked to pick out any Australian Flags from a pile; then she told Brown Owl why the Union Jack and Southern Cross were there, and explained the meaning of the Federal Star.

The test safely over, they found New Zealand's Flag, and asked what country had a flag so much like ours.

Do you think those Brownies enjoyed learning about the Australian Flag? —H.G.

BROWNIE PROFICIENCY BADGE

A Brownie Proficiency Badge Evening will be held at Girl Guide Headquarters, Melbourne, on Friday, 1st September, 1950, at 7.45 p.m. All Brownie Guiders are most welcome. Supper will be provided.

FEDERAL COMMISSIONER VISITS GEELONG

On 5th July the Local Association of Geelong was very pleased to welcome as their guest speaker at the annual meeting Mrs. C. O. Fairbairn, Federal Commissioner. Mrs. Fairbairn took us all over the world, and showed what a great force for peace Guiding and Scouting can be. Many of the audience took the opportunity afterwards to examine closely the Guide Silverfish worn by Mrs. Fairbairn.

TREFOIL GUILD

We are arranging a party for the ex-Commissioners for 30th September, at a place to be announced. Many have already accepted our invitation to be present, and we should welcome enquiries from all interested. Please ring Mrs. Faulkner (BJ 2855) or write. Her address is 7 Como Avenue, South Yarra.

FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSIONER

The Department of Immigration has 775 widows, with one or more children, who are desperately anxious to find a job. These women are all refugees from Europe. They cannot take a job in a factory, as there is nowhere to leave their children, most of whom are under school age.

If any Guider can arrange for employment and accommodation for a widow and her child (or children), I will be very glad to furnish any particulars. An interview can be arranged with a representative of the Commonwealth Employment Service, but this places the employer under no obligation to take any person.

These poor women have been brought here for compassionate reasons. There is literally nowhere for them to live, no country will take them. We who are known as a most hospitable people are leaving these women in holding camps, where there is nothing for them to do all day long and no future for them but loneliness.

—D. Hayman.

GOOD NEIGHBOUR COUNCIL

To many Guiders the State Good Neighbour Council probably does not mean a thing, but when you have read this article perhaps you will be more enlightened, and will be able to do your share in helping the Council do its work.

Not only is the Guide Association on the Council, but it is also represented on the Executive, and speaks for all Youth Organisations on the Council.

Assimilation of New Australians.

The object of the Council is to obtain for all immigrants residing in Victoria their assimilation in the Australian way of life in a manner which will provide maximum benefit to the nation and themselves.

There are, unfortunately, many in our community who are only too ready to criticise and condemn our newcomers, whether British or European. They are regarded as just so many "foreigners," and are not wanted. Surely this is a very narrow and prejudiced outlook. Admittedly, our present conditions in respect to housing and shortages are not the best; but should we not be thankful that we have a country untouched by the ravages of war to offer these people, many of whom have had so little in the past, and perhaps so much to offer us in the future?

The Council has only been formed four months, and progress has been slow. It hopes, however, to overcome prejudices and fears through the help of each organisation.

This is where you can help. Have you ever seriously considered the situation? You have read many of the reports of the G.I.S. in Europe, but has it occurred to you that you can carry on that work amongst those same people, who are looking forward to a new life in this country? Guiders in the country

areas possibly have more scope, but around Melbourne there are a number of hostels that can be visited. The people there will not all speak English, but there will be someone who can interpret, or you can brush up that German learnt at school; they will understand. It is not meant that you should rush off and want to open Companies and Packs. That is not possible. You can, however, go and chat with the mothers, and perhaps help them with their problems. Hostel officials are busy people, and do not have time for social chats with the people.

Amongst our British migrants are many who have no friends or relatives, and would be glad of a friendly hand stretched out in welcome. Above all, you can talk to the Australians round about you, and get them interested. You will meet a lot of opposition, because there have been so many adverse reports in the newspapers, but, after all, we are not all perfect.

Experiment at Frankston.

You possibly will be interested in an experiment tried at Somers Holding Centre. The Frankston District took an interest in the Guides at the Centre, and there were quite a number of them, and invited them to a party for Empire Youth Week, in which the Scouts also joined. The Director of the Centre was so pleased that someone had at last taken an interest in the children that he invited the Frankston Guides and Scouts to a return party at the Centre. Both parties were very much enjoyed by all concerned, and since then there have been regular meetings.

Many of the children from these Centres will eventually be settled in and around Melbourne, and it is hoped will join up with other Companies. If Guiders have had similar contacts with other Centres, would you let us know? If you are interested in making contacts, and not certain how to do it, we can tell you.

Need for Materials.

In the past there have been many appeals that have helped the G.I.S. Would you carry on the good work and help the Kindergartens in these Holding Centres? They urgently need materials and equipment, so if you can help they would be very grateful.

The Council Executive has now formed various Committees to speed up their work, and it is hoped to set up in Melbourne a Central Bureau, where all inquiries and information can be made and given. In the meantime, would you please do your best to help your organisation to justify its existence on the Council by being an active Good Neighbour, and not one who keeps the blinds drawn?

All information regarding State Good Neighbour Council and Holding Centres can be had from Mrs. L. Turnbull, 13 Carramar Avenue, Camberwell, E.6, who would also appreciate any reports of work being done.

Mrs. L. TURNBULL

(Lysbeth Thomas, ex-G.I.S.)

STAMPS!!!



For Sale—Packets of good used stamps. Price, 6d. each, at Headquarters Shop.

Competition "F," 1950—Send in all the 3d. and 4d. stamps you have been collecting. All stamps must be clean—that is, soaked off paper, not torn in any way, and not too heavily postmarked. Enclose the name of your Pack or Company, and the address, in each packet, also state the number of stamps sent. Entries close 15th September, and may be left at Headquarters (for city folk), or posted to my home, 9 Uvadale Grove, Kew, E.4.

Watch for the new 8½d. stamps to be issued shortly.

Thanks go this month to the following friends for stamps:—1st Montmorency Pack, 1st Croydon Pack, 4th Kew Co., Mrs. G. Mann (Germany).

By the time this issue reaches its readers, circulars will have been sent to all Division Commissioners. In case any have gone astray, and to further assist the appeal, hereunder I shall quote the main features:—

Since the inception of this section of Guiding, the response to the call for good used stamps has been fairly good, but it is now time to extend our efforts. I shall endeavour to outline a few ways in which you can help us to help you.

Although you are all very busy people, and have many calls upon your time and energy, will you please bring this circular to the notice of your District Commissioners, Local Associations and Parents' Committees, thereby widening the collecting field amongst those who may not read the regular paragraphs in "Matilda."

Hereunder are a few suggestions of ways to help:—

Depot.

1. First of all, try to arrange for someone interested to be a depot, with whom the

Guides or other collectors in your district may leave the stamps. A fairly central depot would be best.

Collect Regularly.

2. Neighbouring factories, shops, professional rooms, and other places of business may be willing to save envelopes and wrappings if these are regularly collected—i.e., weekly, or by arrangement. Labels for stamp savings boxes are available at either Headquarters or the Hon. Organiser.

Schools.

3. Local schools and teachers may be willing to co-operate if approached through the Principal or Headmaster.

Stamp Drive.

4. Suggest a stamp collecting drive in your district or division, each Patrol to canvas certain streets. The Scouts may be interested to join in such a scheme.

Sorting.

5. Hold Patrol competitions, and enter for the main competitions held monthly (see "Matilda" for details).
6. Find at least one interested person (male or female) to help with the various jobs of sorting and cleaning stamps, and later perhaps to be a committee member.

There are many more ideas, and, once the habit of stamp saving is firmly established in each division, it will mean more funds for Headquarters. Collecting stamps requires practically no overhead expenses, so is all clear profit.

All queries will be attended to by the undersigned, who will be pleased to receive an early response to this worth-while appeal. Please send all names and addresses of intending helpers to either of the undermentioned addresses:—

LORNA E. CUZENS, Honorary Organiser,
9 Uvadale Grove, Kew, E.4,

or

GIRL GUIDE HEADQUARTERS, Melbourne.

SEMAPHORE

The following information has been received from Imperial Headquarters:—

At the request of the Ranger Branch, the Training Advisory Panel has again been considering the question of Semaphore and the correct method of sending. The War Office, the Air Ministry and the Sea Cadet Corps have been consulted, and as a result of their answers the Training Panel has agreed that:

- (a) The position of the feet when sending may be either apart or together.
- (b) In all letters where the arm crosses the body, it is optional which takes the lower position.

The Panel felt that the essential point was that signalling should be sent in such a manner that it can be read easily at a distance.

The I.H.J. Publication will continue to print the Semaphore alphabet showing the arm crossing the body, taking a lower position.

GUIDE INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Miss Hesketh.

"Our heartiest congratulations to G.I.S., Australia, on Gwen Hesketh's award. None could be more deserved. We are simply delighted and proud." This was the warm-hearted cable received by Australia from Miss Ward, Chairman of the Guide International Service in Britain, when the news of Miss Hesketh's award was made public in the King's Birthday Honours list.

We are proud of Miss Hesketh, too, and are pleased that her long and very capable service has resulted in this honour being given to her.

She is a Tasmanian—one of the pioneer volunteers who, a few months after the end of the war in Europe, was working hard as a member of a G.I.S. team in incredibly difficult conditions among Displaced Persons in Europe.

Later she became a team leader, and because of her wide knowledge of the administrative as well as practical work, she was subsequently appointed to an advisory position in the G.I.S.

Miss Hesketh's work in Germany is not yet finished, however. It had long been obvious that a continuation of welfare work would be necessary among the hard core of Displaced Persons when voluntary welfare teams were disbanded in June, and the G.I.S., after long negotiation with I.R.O. and Control Commission, Germany, was able to obtain permission for some workers to remain in Germany to do special work in the big resettlement camps.

Miss Hesketh to be Leader.

Miss Hesketh has been chosen to be senior representative of this unit, which officially will number 13 members. Fifteen workers have been chosen, one as a reserve member and one to concentrate on propaganda work on behalf of T.B. D.P.'s.

Australians included in the unit include N. Kemp, G. Mann, J. Gardner and J. Stacy. Australians Continue in G.I.S.

Miss Jean Gardner is to work at Falling-bostel, the biggest of the resettlement camps, and the one from which the most emigration to Australia takes place.

Miss Kemp will work at a camp near Hannover, and Gwen Mann is going to Aurich. Miss Stacy will be Miss Hesketh's P.A., and will work in one or other of the two camps that are near Oldenburg, the seat of the proposed Headquarters.

The official function of the unit will be to "establish a bureau in each of the five big resettlement camps for the clearance of welfare and related problems which arise during the period when the D.P. is going through the final stages towards resettlement." In addition, members will be allowed to visit, from a resettlement point of view, three large Old People's Homes now handed over to the Germans.

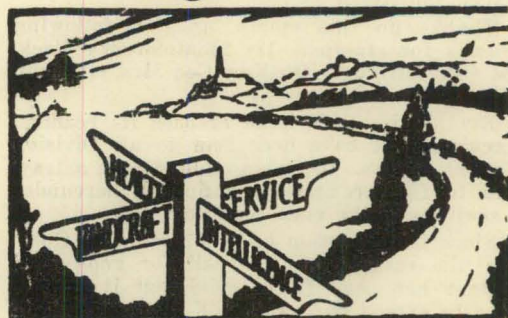
The Work Ahead.

The work which lies ahead of the last of the G.I.S. workers will not be easy. The difficulties were summed up as long ago as in 1946 by Roger Wilson, of the Friends' Relief Service. He wrote then: "As repatriation proceeds, the hard core tends to consist of more and more awkward personalities. They are the ones dominated by some great fear, or great hate, which may develop into hopeless apathy or irresponsibility; but there are fine and sensitive spirits among them.

"As D.P.'s get more hopeless, we must take care not to demoralise them even more by taking more responsibility off their shoulders. It is often easier to do things ourselves, but we must run great risks and meet with many failures in placing responsibility on frail shoulders, standing by to encourage, to teach, to advise, sometimes to admonish, but only with that sympathy and understanding which makes severity constructive instead of merely frightening.

"The very essence of our democracy is that we care for and don't chuck out the difficult individual. It is not quite true that any fool can deal with the first stages of a relief crisis, but the first stages are rarely as difficult as the next, when the acute crisis is less and all the personal difficulties begin to get a fair chance to flourish. To be able to hold on during this second period is the real test of quality in relief work."

Sign Post



CONCERNING COLOUR CEREMONIAL

Shakespeare was able to put into glowing language his love for "this jewel set in a silver sea," but, as a rule, Anglo-Saxons cannot, or will not, put into words the thought that moves them most. Instead, we treasure the things that symbolise these thoughts. Our National Flag, dyed with the three colours which are symbolic of courage, purity and loyalty, has for its device the Sign of Christianity, and stands for all we hold dear as a nation; but we would, most of us, be hard put to it to express just what that is in words."

This, then, is what lies behind the ceremonial which has grown up round our Colours, whether they be the Union Jack and Australian Flags, the symbols of our country, or the World Flag, which typifies a similar loyalty to the ideals of Guiding.

This article is really being written as a result of the Empire Youth Service marches, held in the city and suburbs. More and more we are taking our place in such marches and services, and more and more, as a result, are we coming into the public eye. Our rules and ways of doing things are, we hope, fairly flexible, but we have a few set methods of dealing with some things, Colours for instance, which should be adhered to as closely as possible, and which may not always be the same as those used by other organisations. But does that matter? Each group, during these marches, carries its own Colours at the head of its own organisation. By this method it is quite easy for everyone to treat their Colours with their own particular ceremonial and yet show no lack of co-operation. Following on this, there are two questions which I want to ask all Guiders. One, are we, the Guiders, quite sure of the details of our own ceremonial? and, two, Do we always train our Colour Parties beforehand, and make sure that the Guides are quite conversant with what they are going to do and how they are going to do it?

Training Colour Parties.

Here are a few points which do not seem to be very generally understood:—

1. The three flags (Union Jack, Australian Flag and World Flag) which may be carried by Guides are grouped in the order given above, the Union Jacks always taking precedence, and the World Flags being last.

2. When at "the carry" position (see Colour Ceremonial for an explanation of these terms), the pike of the flag must be absolutely upright and close to the face. This is a tiring position to hold for long, especially in a strong wind, and Guides should not march any distance with the flag held like this. Yet it is one of our most common errors, and it is most unusual to see a Guide flag correctly carried—"at the slope"—during a march. In this position the right arm is bent at the elbow, the upper arm held close to the body, and the forearm at right angles to it and the ground. The end of the pike is removed from the carrier, the Colour rested on the right shoulder, and the end of the fly held in the Bearer's right hand. Note, too, that the end of the pike should be as near to the ground as possible, thus minimising the risk of blinding the girl behind with the trefoil on the top of the pike! When nearing the saluting base, the Colour is brought to "the carry," and, if the march is continuing, returned to "the slope" after the salute has been taken.

3. Dipping the Colours.—Some organisations dip their Colours forward while on the

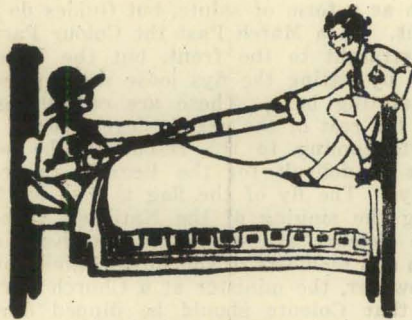
march as a form of salute, but Guides do not do this. At a March Past the Colour Parties look straight to the front, but the Bearers salute by letting the flys loose while passing the saluting base. These are caught again when the rest of the parade "eyes front," the Escorts coming to the rescue if the wind makes it difficult for the Bearers to reach the flys. The fly of the flag is also let free during the singing of the National Anthem. Guide Colours are dipped to the King and Queen and members of the Royal Family only. If, however, the minister at a Church Parade asks that Colours should be dipped during the playing of the National Anthem, Guides would comply out of courtesy. The same applies to the dipping of Colours during the Last Post at Anzac or Armistice Day Services. Dipping does need practice if it is to be done properly though, and in cases where it is going to be used the Guider must see that the Colour-Bearer has had thorough and careful training beforehand.

4. The fourth and final thing I am going to criticise now is the system which is generally used to lower a flag to go through a doorway—such as entering and leaving a church or hall. Imagine the Bearers marching down the aisle preparing to leave the building. They see the doorway looming ahead, and for more than half the distance down the aisle the Colours, though officially at "the carry," are poked forward at an angle of about 45 deg. It is so much neater and more effective if, just as she comes to the doorway, the Bearer, using both hands, takes the pike out of the carrier, places it under her right arm, lowers the head of the pike, and proceeds through the doorway, and, on the other side, brings it back immediately to "the carry." Quite a small point, but, like everything else connected with Colours, it is the small points which make or mar the whole effect.

A Challenge to Guiders.

This general effect with Guide marching is always good. The uniformed ranks and massed Colours both tend to help it to be so, but it is in some of these little points that we do slip, points which we could and should rectify and which would make all the difference. A brand new Company does not carry Colours—they must learn how to be Guides and how to treat Colours first. Have all our old Companies learnt this fully? If every Guider buys (from Company funds!) Colour Ceremonial, reads it carefully, and trains her Colour Party thoroughly, the appearance of the Guides at our next public parade will be improved almost 100 per cent., and—what is more important—every child, because she knows what she is doing, and does it well, will realise something of the symbolism and significance which lies behind our Colour ceremonial. Guiders, this is a challenge to you all. Will you accept it?

SHEILA M. MacLEOD.



THE EXTENSION BRANCH

Scouting and Guiding have always encouraged individuality. Guiding, therefore, has room for, and, in fact, needs every type of child, and what each learns from mixing and getting on with the others is not the least of the value of her training. In this collection of young people none must be allowed to feel that she is on the edge of it, or that she must of necessity receive more than she gives.

As the Guide Movement grew, so did the Extension Branch within it. The Branch is in no sense an annexe that was made for the Extension Guide—she was put into a special branch because her capacity was different, and it was seen that she needed an adapted training. It is more than likely that, for administrative purposes, she must remain in a special branch, but the time has come when the branch should have a reduced significance and come to be regarded as a piece of extra machinery, which is there to help handicapped people to develop the highest degree of competence and independence.

Co-operation with Extensions.

Where there is ignorance of Extensions and apathy towards their needs, we want to be able to put that right. But we need YOUR help before we can do it. We need to be given a chance to talk about ourselves and the opportunity to introduce Guides and Guiders to the different sections of our branch. Once we know each other, the "fun begins"—but we must all guard against the co-operation degenerating merely into "helping Extensions about." An imaginative Guider will choose carefully the Guides who make the first contact; she will take care that the active Guides are prepared for what they are going to undertake; but she will do it in such a way that as little as possible of self-consciousness is present. It is better to leave the children alone to achieve the best results. Grown-up people are apt to forget that there is a comradeship of youth which transcends physical dissimilarities. Once the foundations of co-operation have been laid, next important thing is to emphasise the value of continuity—the handicapped girl has not the work, school, games and home ties of the active Guide, and looks forward to the promised visits.

All over the world the ravages of war, hunger and disease will leave their mark on the children. Great new schemes are now on foot for the education and training of handicapped people, and the blessing of work and an independent livelihood will be within the reach of many of them; but one of the greatest enemies of the success of such schemes may be the suggestion which their training demands. The Guide Association holds out a welcoming hand to these girls; it offers them much; it will expect much of them.

—From "The Guider," Feb., 1945 (adapted).
"Crime at Blossoms."

The benefit night given to the Extension Branch by the Old Fintonians and Old Scotch Collegians' Dramatic Societies at the Union Theatre resulted in the sum of £68/10/- being added to our funds. We consider this a grand effort, and our sincere thanks are given to the President and members of the cast and to all those who helped to make the evening such a success.

B. MATTHEWS, Extension Commissioner.

DO YOU REMEMBER YOUR BIRTHDAY?

"A Guide's duty is to be useful and to help others."

Have you helped the Thank You Fund this year? Has your Company? The Extension Branch relies so much on that small amount of 2/6 which comes in from Companies and individual Guides on their birthdays—and we don't mind how many birthdays a year you have!

Your contribution goes to supply paper, stamps and test work for Extension and Post Guides. Have you ever thought of enrolling a Guide by post or telephone, of investing a Patrol Leader through a Company meeting which is set out on paper, of teaching First Aid by tying slings on toy soldiers which will pass through the mails?

These are some of the things the 2/6 you send goes toward. How many toy soldiers have you paid for this last twelve months?

Miss Sybil Wingfield, of 12 Grange Road, Kew, E.4, will be glad to collect any donations which are sent to her or to H.Q. addressed to her. Will you keep her busy? Thank YOU!

LOCAL ASSOCIATION

Dear "Matilda,"

We, East Malvern, Glen Iris and Malvern District Local Associations, feel we would like other Associations to know about our Jumble Sale, held in the Malvern Town Hall, to raise money for Guide Appeal.

Through an advertisement in our local paper, people in our district helped us with old clothes, etc., and with just the job of sorting on the morning of the sale, and very little overhead expense, we were able to send in the sum of £52 to help swell the funds.

How about others following suit?

Yours sincerely N. PATTEN.

COUNTRY NEWS

BALLARAT CAMP SITE.

For many years Ballarat Guides have looked forward to the time when they would have their own camp site at Creswick, and the Guides who were present in February, at the first camp held on the site, found the week-end a particularly thrilling one.

This camp was also the first staffed by the Guiders who have been training for campcraft permits, so for them, too, it was something of an adventure. The camp was organised in two groups, but we combined for campfire and Guides' Own, led by Miss Broadhurst.

At the second camp, held during a long week-end in March, three of the Guiders were tested for the permits, so this time there were three groups. In this, as in the earlier camp, Guides from nearly all Ballarat Companies were included.

Again Miss Broadhurst was present to lead the combined campfires, which were among the most enjoyable parts of the camp.

Ranger Enrolment at Camp.

On the Sunday, representatives of the 1st Ballarat Ranger Company visited the camp, and Miss Broadhurst enrolled the first three Rangers to pass the pre-enrolment test.

A heavy downpour of rain just as the visitors arrived upset the arrangements somewhat, and visitors and campers alike turned to the task of trenching tents, etc. However the enrolment was duly performed a little later, the only difference being that those taking part had lost something of their immaculate appearance.

With these two week-ends, quite a number of Ballarat Guides have now camped on the site, and consequently developed a keener interest in it. Through a "bob a job" week in July they hope that each will be able to make her own personal contribution towards the improvement of the camp.

With the exception of the block on which the solid shelter is to be built, most of the land is well timbered, and on this block trees are soon to be grown. The first of these have, in fact, already been planted. It has been suggested that as many native trees as possible be planted, as these attract our own native birds.

With its improvement gradually progressing, Ballarat hopes, before long, to have a fully equipped site, to which we can be proud to invite Guides from other parts of the State.

Miss Jan Clarke

THE WAUBRA GUIDES HAVE A DAY OUT TO CELEBRATE THEIR FIRST BIRTHDAY

What a glorious morning! Spotless blue uniforms, well-pressed scarlet ties, shiny badges and belts, and twelve very excited children armed with bulging lunch-bags of various sizes and shapes, and brand new billies, dancing about in the sunshine, waiting

for the three cars that are to take them "over beyond" for the day.

We arrive at Creswick before lunch, and stop at "Koala" Park, where we find our powers of observation are sorely taxed. Why, oh, why! do our little bears curl up so snugly in the forks of such tall trees? We all wish most heartily that our necks are of rubber—but are rewarded handsomely by finding fourteen koala in various stages of development from baby to grand-pa.

After that effort we are ready for a meal. Each Guide is now rather nervously preparing to light her own fire for her 2nd class. Cries of satisfaction are heard from all those whose fire flames up with the first match, and groans of disappointment from the less experienced, who have used their two matches, and still not a sign of a blaze. Better luck next time!

Soon billies are bubbling merrily, and the air seems to emit an odour of sizzling fat. In a remarkably short space of time uniforms have lost that spotless look, and faces, from ear to ear, take on a greyish, greasy appearance. But what utter joy!

After a brief rest and a bird-stalking competition, we climb into our conveyances once again, and head for the Creswick Camp Site. This is an ideal spot for a camp, and commands a glorious view of the misty blue hills of the district. Towards evening we light our camp fire and enjoy a sing-song and pow-wow.

We have had a lovely day, and will never forget the first birthday of our Company. We say "thank you" to the good old L.A. folks, who put their cars at our disposal. They, too, enjoyed the day in the bush.

Glen Brae, via Waubra.

Dear "Matilda,"

Have you ever heard of an "all-male" debutante set? Well, I must tell you about one that we had recently to raise funds for our long-dreamed-of Guides Own Cabin. Our present temporary meeting place is most inadequate, and we are well on the way towards achieving our object.

At first it looked as if we would have difficulty in getting the boys—the whole idea sounded silly to them. At the first rehearsal we had only ten lads, just sufficient for one set, with two emergencies. The second week sixteen turned up, and the third week we were overwhelmed with boys, all breaking their necks to be "in the show." It was tremendous fun, and in no time they were dancing gracefully and correctly the "waltz cotillions." At the final rehearsal (full dress) we had our three sets, two flower girls (6 feet long), and the official party, comprising Mayor and Mayoress and the World Chief Scout and World Chief Guide.

The lads-cum-lasses looked too beautiful for words in full evening dress, with wigs complete. The latter, incidentally, were made by

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members of the L.A. from binder twine dyed various shades, from red to blonde, brunette and blue, then "set" into curls, waves and sophisticated rolls. Necklaces, bracelets, earrings, etc., were all made from briar berries, small green tomatoes, rings of carrots and pasnips, and bouquets also consisted of vegetables and fruit.

Gracefully gliding to the tune of "Rendezvous," the debs., "toeing the light fantastic," made their sweeping bow to the official party, then gave a breath-taking exhibition of how the "cotillions" should be done. Fairies were never in it!

We were all thrilled with the result of what turned into quite a large effort. Our takings at the door were over £50! I thought, maybe, the city folks would be interested to know how we country ones go about things.

Yours sincerely, E.R.C.

COMBINED HIKE BY 1st MORWELL AND 2nd YALLOURN GUIDE COMPANIES. Sardine Travelling!

The day was sunny, and spirits were high as the 2nd Yallourn Company boarded the bus to Morwell, where they were to meet the 1st Morwell Company before proceeding to Boolarra per motor train. On arrival at Morwell station, we were greeted by excited waving from 1st Morwell, who were already in the train. 2nd Yallourn all stacked into the motor train, and we certainly needed to be stacked or we would not have fitted, there being 35 Guides and Guiders, besides the regular passengers. The motor train is similar to a rather old-fashioned bus on train wheels, is no larger than a passenger bus, and the outside is painted in brown and white stripes—it really looks like something out of the ark. Everyone was happily settled, and everyone had a seat—or part of one—when the Melbourne train arrived. More passengers and the porter arrived, laden with mail and packages to be stacked in. The Guides sitting in the back hopped out. After that there were Guides sitting on bundles of magazines, bags of potatoes, parcels marked "fragile," and we even had a live fowl in a box for company.

Arrival at Boolarra.

On arrival at Boolarra, a little country station in the hills, where one just walks off the platform—no gates, but there is a station-master—we disembarked with our billies and haversacks, and set out for a likely spot on the river. After seeing a dangerous bull chained to a tree in a paddock, the Guides scrambled across a creek, with frantic signals to the tailenders. A very nice resident—the mother of a local Wolf Cub—directed us to a spot where the river was shallow and the grass lush, under lovely blackwoods and willows. The Guides set to work and made gadgets on which to hang coats, etc., whilst the others collected wood. As some of the

Guides wished to pass their firefighting tests, this was a rather prolonged item, the girls choosing only the choice pieces of wood and "punk," and building their pyramid most carefully. Quite a number passed, and their firefighting and cooking were excellent. The cooking was very varied, with Irish stew, grilled sausages, steak and chops, potatoes in the coals, eggs in the coals, roasted bananas and chocolate, and, of course, billy tea, besides a variety of fruit salad, lettuce salad, fresh fruit and drinks.

At the station a lovely surprise awaited us—the mother of the Wolf Cub arrived with a basket of juicy, home-grown apples, which quickly disappeared. With no passengers and all produce and "live stock" removed from the train, there was sufficient room for all to sit in state, and we arrived home safely after an enjoyable day.

ACTIVITIES OF 2nd WARRNAMBOOL GUIDES.

St. George's Day.

On the afternoon of Sunday, 23rd April, the Guides of 2nd Warrnambool Company attended a service at Christ Church, Warrnambool. The sermon was preached about the example set us by our patron saint, St. George, and I am sure it was an inspiration to all of us.

Anzac Day.

We did not join in the main march through the streets, but we attended the service in the Town Hall, from where we marched up to the Memorial. The wreath-bearers of our Company had spent the morning making a beautiful wreath, which they placed on the Memorial in memory of the fallen.

Outing to Woodford.

Sunday, 21st May, 2nd Warrnambool had a pleasant outing with the Scouts. We left Warrnambool at 9.30 in the morning, and began our hike to Woodford, where we were to attend an Empire Youth Service. We went along the road for about two miles, and then cut across some paddocks, using a map to guide us. We followed the river most of the time, and had one or two minor misfortunes when climbing through the numerous barbed wire fences; but we had lots of fun just the same. When we arrived at Woodford, a pretty little country town, much resembling the English countryside, we stopped at a picturesque spot by the river and made our fires. When dinner was over, we marched up to the little church where the service was held. One of our Guides had to sit up in the pulpit to read the prologue. After the service most of the Guides returned home in cars, being tired after the long walk out, but one or two of us hiked home again with the Scouts, and learned from the Scout Commissioner how to jump barbed-wire fences. We arrived home at about 4.30, having had a very enjoyable day's outing.

—Betty Graham, 2nd Warrnambool.

Bush Lore



PENGUINS

One of our rarer and more unusual birds is the fairy penguin, which is found on Phillip Island. Penguins of several kinds inhabit the Antarctic regions, and explorers have told us about them; but Southern and Eastern Australia is fortunate in possessing the fairy penguin.

The small colony on Phillip Island is very precious to us, but, unfortunately, it is not increasing in numbers. Could you imagine Coves without the penguins or the Knobbies?

The best time to watch these little ocean travellers is about dusk. The first thing to do is to listen for the strange barking sound which announces the birds' return from their day's fishing. Soon the little figures can be seen bobbing in and out of the waves as they begin to leave the water. Like little men in black and white dinner suits, the small company of birds walks quietly up the beach, along a certain track. As they get near the sand dunes, they pause, and then turn off to their various nesting holes. These burrows contain one or two chicks, who have waited patiently all day for food. Soon their hunger is satisfied by the adult birds bringing up the fish they have been collecting all day. By this time it is partly digested.

Penguins do not build nests, but use holes or rabbit burrows, or lay their eggs under a tuft of grass. Flippers take the place of wings, and these are used to propel the birds through the water. Webbed feet are also an aid in swimming. Most zoos now have a special place for penguins, and children love to watch them.

—J.H.

CONGRATULATIONS

Guide, 1st Class:

Esme Green, 1st Blackburn.

Little House Emblem:

Jannice Shannon, 1st Prahran.

Myra Jones, 5th Kew.

Betty Johnston, 5th Kew.

CONGRATULATIONS

Victoria congratulates Miss Gwen Hesketh on receiving the award of the M.B.E. in the last Birthday Honours. Miss Hesketh is very well known in Victoria. When she was a Guider in Tasmania she frequently came to Victorian Training Weeks, and made many friends here.

Miss Hesketh went abroad with the G.I.S. in 1945, and has been in Germany ever since. She is Chief Advisory Officer, and has been in charge of all G.I.S. personnel in Germany, and is remaining for the rest of the year. Our good wishes go to Miss Hesketh, and congratulations for a splendid job of work.

D. HAYMAN, State Secretary.

THANKS

The Sub-Committee of the 1950 Commissioners' Conference would like to offer their sincere thanks and appreciation to all who helped to make the recent Conference a success. To the Training Department for an excellent Training Session, to those who gave the specialised talks, to the Commissioners who chaired the sessions, and to all who in any way assisted, we say "thank you."

In this instance it was the concerted effort which spelt success.

COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE

The 1950 Commissioners' Conference, held at "The Retreat House," Cheltenham, from 5th-8th June, was preceded by a special Training Session. This was very well attended by both country and metropolitan Commissioners, and a feeling of friendly enthusiasm was maintained throughout the Conference.

The State Commissioner, Mrs. R. G. Orr, opened the Conference, and sessions included a Federal and Overseas Report by Mrs. C. O. Fairbairn, an International Talk by Miss Dell Hayman, an inspirational talk by Miss Sheila MacLeod, and the showing of a film strip on Guiding by Miss Florence Christian.

The Conference was honoured by a visit from Lady Brooks, who arrived for morning tea, and in return entertained the Commissioners at afternoon tea at Government House.

Mrs. Paul Radford, Commissioner for Southern Divisions, Tasmania, was the Tasmanian representative, and it was decided that two representatives from South Australia should be invited to the 1951 Conference.

The following Commissioners were elected to the State Council:—Mrs. Ballantyne (Croydon), Mrs. Hull (Footscray and Yarraville), Mrs. Wallace (Malvern), Mrs. Kappe (Kew), and Mrs. Howard (Box Hill).

New members elected to the Conference Committee were Mesdames Ballantyne and Riveleigh; Mrs. Knight and Mrs. Hughes to carry on from 1950 Committee.

—BETH HUGHES.

Convener for Sub-Committee.

TRAINING

Requirements for Training Classes.

All applicants must have had their 17th birthday before the first class of the course. New Guiders should pass the Tenderfoot Test and be enrolled in their own districts before the course commences. If there is any difficulty about this, the Commissioner for Training should be consulted beforehand. Guiders who have not previously attended a H.Q. training must be nominated in writing by their District Commissioners. Forms for this are available. Commissioners are welcome to attend all classes.

Sunraysia Training Week-end.

Two week-ends of general Training are being arranged at Mildura (22nd and 29th September), and Guiders from other divisions are invited to attend. Anyone wishing to do so, or requiring more particulars, should get in touch with Miss Netta Bowring, Chaffey Avenue, Mildura, as soon as possible, stating if they would require hospitality. Guider-in-Charge: Miss Sheila MacLeod.

Ranger Guiders.

A Training Course for Commissioners and Guiders will commence at the Girl Guide Office on Thursday, 7th September, at 7.30 p.m., if applications warrant it. The course will consist of six nights and one Saturday afternoon, and will cover Company Management, Pre-Enrolment Test, and sections of the Ranger Service Star. Fee, 2/-, to be paid at first class. Guider-in-Charge: Miss Macartney. Applications, accompanied by Nomination Form for those who have not attended a previous training, should reach the Hon. Training Secretary by 31st August.

Guide Guiders.

The next Pre-Warrant Course for Guide Guiders will commence at the Girl Guide Office on Friday, 15th September, at 7.30 p.m. It will consist of twelve nights and three Saturday afternoons. Fee, 5/-, to be paid at first class. Guider-in-Charge: Miss Barr. Applications, accompanied by Nomination Form for those who have not attended a previous training, should reach the Hon. Training Secretary by 8th September.

Brownie Guiders.

The next Pre-Warrant Course for Brownie Guiders will commence at the Girl Guide Office on Tuesday, 3rd October, at 7.30 p.m., and will consist of eight nights and one Saturday afternoon. Fee, 2/6, to be paid at first class. Guider-in-Charge: Miss Holtz. Applications, accompanied by Nomination Form for those who have not attended a previous training, should reach the Hon. Training Secretary by 26th September.

Summer Training Week.

The dates of the Summer Training Week at the Guide House will be from 27th December to 4th January, and this year it is planned to run it in two sections—elementary training for new Guiders and refresher and advanced for warranted Guiders. Full details will appear next month. This is simply an advance notice to enable Guiders who wish to attend to apply for their holidays in advance.

Hon. Training Secretary.

Miss Ruth Denny has now taken on the job of Secretary to the Training Department, and all applications and correspondence regarding Trainings should be addressed to her c/o The Girl Guide Office.

SHEILA M. MacLEOD,

COMMISSIONER FOR TRAINING

The Executive Committee is pleased to announce to the Movement that Miss Sheila MacLeod has consented to remain as Commissioner for Training until the end of 1951. Miss MacLeod has just returned from abroad, and we are most fortunate that we shall be able to benefit by her experience for another year.

D. HAYMAN, State Secretary.

CAMPING NEWS

All permission to camp forms, recommendation forms for training courses to be attended, are now available from Divisional Camp Advisors. Guiders, please note this and apply to your Divisional C.A. for such forms.

Reduction.

Guiders will be pleased to learn of the alteration in the charge for hire of camp equipment for week-end camps. This charge has been reduced from 1/6 to 1/- per head per day or part of day.

Advance Notice.

For those who wish to attend the Christmas Campcraft Week, and have to arrange their holidays well in advance, the Camping Department have announced that this camp will be held from 9th to 17th January, 1951.

NEWS ITEMS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

1st and 15th JUNE, 1950.

Present: Mrs. Orr (chair), Miss Andrews (2), Miss Gross (2), Miss MacLeod (2), Mrs. Rylah (2), Mrs. Reid (1), Mrs. Patterson (2), Miss Swinburne (2), Miss Mitchell (2), Miss Broadhurst (1), and the Secretary.

News of the death of Miss R. Hamilton, first State Secretary in Victoria, was received with regret. Reported that a wreath has been sent in the name of the Association.

It was reported that 30 children would be arriving on the 30th June from Dr. Barnardo's Homes en route to Sydney. The Boy Scouts and Girl Guides were co-operating to take the children to the hills for the day while they were in port. The Trefoil Guild had consented to provide cars; the Boy Scouts also were providing a bus lent by the Police.

The Executive Committee received the resignations of Miss A. McArthur Campbell and Miss Mann with regret.

It was reported that the efforts for Empire Day had been most successful. All money from buttons was not yet in. The street stalls organised by Mrs. McKay had been a great success.

Reported that West Australia had invited about forty Guides from Malaya to camp in the West. The Guides would arrive by ship from Singapore, and, after the camp, would stay with friends of the Movement. This is the first international camp to be held in Australia.

The dates of the Federal Conference are 12th-20th October. The Conference will be held in Victoria, and there will be a Federal G.I.S. Conference on the 12th October and a Conference of all State International Representatives on the 13th October.

Miss Elaine Moran will be the second Australian representative at the International Commissioners' Conference to be held in Wales at the end of July.

Reported that the G.I.S. would continue to help in Germany for the rest of the year. It is hoped that 15 members will stay on; five of these are Australians.

Welcome, New Commissioners!

The following new Commissioners have been appointed:—

Mrs. E. T. Coutts, Division Commissioner, Bendigo.

Mrs. Brooke, Division Commissioner, Clunes.
Mrs. M. Stott, District Commissioner, Eastern Mornington Peninsula.

Mrs. Parry, District Commissioner, Balmoral.

Mrs. Mayberry, District Commissioner, Sale.
Mrs. McLaren, District Commissioner, Yallourn.

WARRANTS AND REGISTRATIONS REGISTRATIONS.

2nd Box Hill Guide Co.
1st Bandiana Guide Co.
2nd Korumburra Guide Co.
1st Melbourne Extension Ranger Co.
3rd Mildura Brownie Pack.

WARRANTS.

Commissioners:

Mrs. B. M. Mayberry, District Commissioner, Sale.
Miss D. Stott, District Commissioner, Eastern Mornington Peninsula.
Mrs. Searle, District Commissioner, Werribee.
Mrs. J. L. McLaren, District Commissioner, Yallourn and Moe.

Brown Owls:

Miss G. Buckland, 2nd Mornington Pack.
Miss M. Meade, 2nd Caulfield Pack.

Captains:

Mrs. N. Tighe, 1st Sandringham Co.
Mrs. F. E. Benson, Frankston District Rangers.

Lieutenants:

Miss T. J. Parkin, 2nd Sandringham Co.
Miss B. H. Copestake, 1st Dareton.

Cancellations:

Mrs. Oke, Captain, 2nd Parkville.
Miss E. Bunning, Captain, 1st Boronia Co.
Miss M. Sedgfield, Lieutenant, 2nd Ivanhoe Co.
Mrs. Say, District Commissioner, Benalla.
Miss J. Wilkinson, Captain, 1st Sandringham.
Miss R. Clark, Brown Owl, 1st Warragul Pack.

HEADQUARTERS CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MAY, 1950

From Companies—8th Ballarat, 10/-; 1st Balwyn, £3/5/-; 1s Blackburn, £2/14/7; 1st Briagolong, 16/3; 2nd Caulfield, £3/4/10; 4th Camberwell, £2/2/-; 3rd Colac, £3; 1st Caulfield, 6/1; 2nd Deniliquin, £1/1/-; Essendon District Companies, £9; 1a Gardenvale, 10/4; 1st Glenhuntly, £1/11/4; 1st Glen Iris, £2/17/1; 3a Geelong, £2/5/-; 16th Geelong, £1/10/-; 17th Geelong, £1/2/-; 2nd Ivanhoe, £2/7/3; 1st Kew, 12/-; 6th Kew, 16/2; 8th Malvern, £1/18/-; Malvern Rangers, 14/7; 1st Merlynston, £3/10/-; 1st Mentone, £1/1/10; 1st Mitcham, £1/13/6; 2nd Oakleigh, £1; 7th Prahran, 6/3; Richmond District Rangers, £2/1/3; 1st Sorrento, £1/3/-; 2nd Williamstown, £2/11/11; 1st Wentworth, 17/5; 1st Yarrowonga, £2/18/9; Yarraville District Rangers, £8.

From Packs—1st Burwood, £2/4/7; 1st Brighton Beach, £1/5/-; 1st Canterbury, £2/14/-; 4th Caulfield, £1; 1st Croydon, 9/-; 4th East Malvern, 12/-; 5th Hawthorn, £1; 1st Mansfield, £1; 1st Melton, £1; 1st Richmond, £1/16/10; 3rd St. Kilda, 15/4; 1st Yallourn, 10/-; 4th Malvern, £2/12/6.

From Local Associations—Ararat, £10; Castlemaine, £2/2/-; Korumburra, £5; Preston, £1/1/-; Shepparton, £1/1/-; Yallourn, £10.

Other Donations—Miss L. M. Andrews, Mrs. M. B. Adams, Miss M. Bush, Miss D. A. Coles, Mrs. W. M. Cummins, Mrs. T. H. Cherry, Miss de Bavay, Mrs. E. de Little, Mrs. E. Dann, Mrs. R. L. Dennis, Mrs. K. Davidson, Miss M. L. Drury, Miss A. Danks, John Darling and Sons, Mrs. M. Ebeling, Mrs. C. O. Fairbairn, Mrs. A. M. Golt, Miss B. Gurner, Miss D. Holtz, Mrs. A. C. Holtz, Mrs. E. Hall, Chas. F. Hawkins Pty. Ltd., Mrs. H. Keats, Mrs. Law Smith, Mrs. E. Littlejohn, The Myer Emporium Ltd., Miss C. G. McKellar, Mrs. J. A. MacLeod, Miss M. C. McKindlay, Mrs. Sidney Myer, Mrs. E. Mims, Miss E. Moran, Mr. T. Mitchell, Miss E. F. Morres, Mrs. J. A. Nicholl, Nicholas Pty. Ltd., Mrs. M. Outhwaite, Miss Purnell, Miss E. Payne, Miss C. Rogers, Miss P. M. Russell, Shell Co. of Aust., Stokes & Sons, Mrs. Sawers, Mrs. H. Searby, Miss C. Stoddart, Mrs. F. Tate, Miss Wingfield, Dr. R. R. Wettenhall, Miss M. Warren, Mrs. O. Wragge, Vacuum Oil Co. Pty Ltd.—£182/16/-.

EQUIPMENT

Shop open 1st Saturday in the month, 10 to 12.				
Books—	s.	d.		
A.B.C. of Guiding	2	0		
Australian Flag Pamphlet	0	4		
Approach to the 10th Guide Law	0	6		
Adventure of Guiding	0	6		
Be Ye Perfect	2	0		
Be Prepared	8	11		
Be Prepared (abridged)	2	6		
The Big Test	6	9		
Colour Ceremonial	2	3		
Campcraft	6	6		
Camping for Scouts and Others	2	6		
Colour and Line	1	11		
Drill Up to Date	1	0		
European Dances	6	6		
The Extension Book	2	6		
Extension Games	1	0		
For Commissioners	0	6		
Fable Plays	13	6		
Book of 1st Aid and Rescue Work	7	6		
Finding God	0	4		
Fireside Talks and Discussions	0	9		
Games for Guides	4	6		
Games for Guides and Guiders	2	0		
Girls Growing Up	11	6		
Guide Book for Recreation	6	0		
Guide Emblems	2	6		
Girl Guide Book of Ideas	6	0		
Girl Guiding	7	0		
Girl Guide Knot Book	3	0		
Girl Guide Painting Book	4	6		
Guide Law, Readings and Prayers	1	6		
Guide Promise	1	0		
The Guide Movement in Relation to Churches	0	4		
Guiding Round the World	0	6		
Girl Guide Services and Prayers	1	8		
Guiding for the Guider	2	6		
Growing and Growing Up	2	0		
Health Handbook	1	0		
Here Come the Girl Guides	6	9		
Hiking and Lightweight Camping	1	6		
Hints on 1st Class	1	4		
Hints on 2nd Class	0	9		
Hints on Girl Guide Badges	9	6		
Hints on Girl Guide Tests	4	6		
Hints to Testers	0	6		
How Can I Get My Company to Camp?	0	2		
How to Be Healthy and Wise	4	6		
How Guides Camp	0	2		
How a Baby is Born	6	0		
Local Association Leaflets	0	6		
Lone Guides	2	0		
Make Do and Mend	0	6		
Map Reading for the Company Goer	3	6		
Mimes for Guides and Brownies	1	4		
The New Guide Company	1	0		
Notes for Commissioners	0	6		
Notes for Secretaries	1	9		
Opening Doorways	4	0		
Our National Flag	0	4		
Patrol System	2	0		
Patron Saints of the British Isles	1	6		
Phillipa, P. L.				
Plotting the Course	0	8		
Practical Camp Crockery	4	6		
Prayers in Clubs and Hostels	3	6		
Prayers for Seafarers	4	6		
Preliminary St. John	1	6		
Promise from the Ranger Point of View	0	6		
Public Occasions	8	3		
Ranger Guiders' Handbook—Part 1	3	6		
Ranger Guiders' Handbook—Part 2	4	6		
Royal Guides	7	9		
Sea Sense	8	6		
Ships and Their Cargoes	1	6		
Signalling Pamphlets	0	6		
Story of the Girl Guides	7	9		
Tracks to Adventure	2	0		
Tracks to Queen's Guide Award	2	0		
Transmission of Life	1	0		
Yarns on the Tenderfoot	1	0		
Way to Camp	8	6		
What is Guiding?	0	6		
Wild Flowers of Australia	21	0		
World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts	0	8		
A Baker's Dozen—Singing Games	1	11		
Brown Magic	3	6		
Brownie Ceremonies	0	4		
Brownie Games—Knight	2	0		
Brownie Games—Pelly	2	0		
Brownie Handbook	2	0		
Brownie Painting Book	1	0		
Brownie Prayer Book	2	0		
Brownie Secrets	6	3		
Brownie Tests	0	10		
Golden Hand Test	0	6		
How to Run a Pack	4	6		
Pack Holidays	0	8		
Pow Wow Stories	11	9		
Towards the Golden Hand—Play	2	0		
Traditional Singing Games	1	6		
Story of the Brownies	0	6		
What are Brownies?	doz.	0	6	
Lone Wolf Trail	1	4		
Scouts' Gadgets and Dodges	1	6		
Scouts' How to Do It	1	6		
Scout Games	4	6		
Scouting for Boys	3	9		
Scouts' Own	4	6		
Story of Baden Powell	1	0		
The Wolf that Never Sleeps	6	9		
Wolf Cub Handbook	6	9		
New Books—				
How to Start a Brownie Pack	0	2		
How to Start a Guide Company	0	2		
Guiding in Pictures—Milestones	1	0		
Guiding in Pictures—Personalities	1	0		
Guiding in Pictures—Commonwealth, Empire and Other Countries	2	0		
New Postcards	0	6		
Scouting and Guiding	0	6		
Supplement to Drill Up to Date	0	6		
The Guide Movement in Relation to Catholic Churches	0	4		
The Wider View	0	6		
Twenty Tales	3	6		

GUIDE PAGE

THE LINK IN YOUR HAND. By E. Hartley.



Once upon a time, a Guide dreamed, and this was her dream.

She was standing on an open hillside. By her, in white robes torn and stained, and with a broken sword in her hand, stood Peace, and together they looked down into the valley. There all was shouting and confusion. Men, women and children ran aimlessly in every direction, and, running with them, whispering in their ears and urging them on into a panic of fear, went the black demons of Greed, and Slander, Suspicion and Hatred. In the East, at the far end of the valley, the sky was alight with a lurid glow, and, in her dream, the Guide knew that from that direction a frightful danger was approaching.

She turned to her companion. "What is it? What is going to happen?"

Peace replied: "The Giant War comes."

From the valley below crept up a cold breath of fear and the wailing cries of children.

"But you must do something!" cried the Guide. "After all—you are Peace."

Peace looked at her sadly and sternly. "I have no strength apart from the people," she said, "but there you might do much."

The glow in the sky became more intense, and there was a distant thudding of guns.

"I?" cried the Guide, astonished. "What can I do?"

"That link in your hand," said Peace (the Guide looked down and saw that she was holding a shining golden link) "is the first in the chain of friendship, the only chain strong enough to bind Giant War and hold him prisoner."

From the east came flashes of fire.

"There is just time," said Peace, "if you go now, and quickly."

For a moment the Guide hesitated; then, "Yes, I will go," she said. "What am I to do?"

"Go down into the valley and summon your sister Guides," said Peace. "Each one, as she comes, will bring a link for the chain."

She raised aloft the hand that held the broken sword, and the Guide saw, in place of the sword, a flag on which a golden trefoil shone on a blue ground.

"This will protect you," said Peace, and, kneeling on one knee, the Guide received the flag. Then, clutching it and the golden link, her talisman against the evil which was approaching, she turned and marched bravely down into the valley.

It was very quiet now, but there was no repose in the quiet. The people had fled and were in hiding, but the air was heavy with a sense of frightened anticipation. The glow from the East has spread and covered the whole sky, and through it lightning cracked and played. The Guide felt lonely and afraid, but she whispered to herself:

"I must have faith in my power to help." Then, holding aloft the flag, she turned to the North, to the South, to the East, and to the West, and each time she cried with all the strength of which she was capable: "Guides of the world—unite!"

Her voice sounded small and thin, but as she spoke, silver trumpets rang out, and, instantly, there came the sound of hurrying feet, which grew louder and louder as a great company of Guides ran into the valley, calling greetings to each other, and shouting the names of the countries from which they came. France—Canada—Norway—Sweden—the Guide recognised the green uniform of the American Girl Scouts—Belgium—the Netherlands, with Java—Indian Bluebirds, in saris—Brazil—Poland—Guides from tropic countries, flashes of white, sped by—China and Japan, running hand in hand, and everyone carried a shining golden link, which, joined to the next, formed a chain, long and strong enough, one would have thought, to hold any Giant captive. But Giant War is stronger and more terrible than any other force for evil in the whole world, and, as the last Guides came together and added their links to the chain, he strode suddenly into the valley, clothed in armour, but with his visor up so that men might tremble before the mad glare in his eyes. Seeing the Guides confronting him, he paused and roared: "Who are you, and what do you want with me?"

Unafraid, the Guide whose dream it was stepped forward, David to his Goliath, and challenged him.

"We are the Guides, and we forbid you to pass!"

At that the Giant broke into wild laughter. "Guides? Pah!—children. What can you hope to do?"

"Bind you with this chain of friendship," cried the Guide, and at a signal from her the shining chain was held aloft, coil upon coil.

The Giant looked at it, and a strange thing happened. He began to tremble, so that the plates of his armour clashed together. But

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it was not for long. Suddenly he increased in stature, and grew more terrible. In his eyes was an insane gleam of triumph.

"Folly! Folly! Folly!" he snarled. "How can such a chain hold me? Friendship for your own comrades is not enough. That is my challenge to you, O Guides. Answer it!"

For a moment the Guide was afraid, and then she seemed to hear the voice of Peace speaking to her, and the words she used were familiar ones. "Remember!" said the voice, "a Guide is a friend to all."

At that the Guide stepped forward and smiled into the distorted face of Giant War.

"We accept your Challenge, O Giant," she said, and, turning again to the North, South, East and West, she cried:

"Friends! Wherever you are, Whoever you are—whatever your race or creed—we need you! Come and help us bind the Giant War. Come and work with us for the Peace of the World."

This time, even before she had finished speaking, there came a noise of hurrying feet, louder than the last, and into the valley swept a vast crowd of girls, not only from the countries from which Guides had come, but from all the other countries besides—from Germany, from Russia, from Italy, and from Spain. As they ran, they shouted greetings to each other, and each one carried in her hand a shining golden link for the chain of friendship.

Then it was that the Giant was really afraid. In his heart the flames of hatred died down, for there was no fuel with which to feed them, and as, when a fire is quenched, only ashes remain, so it was an empty and unresisting hulk which they bound with the chains they had made. At once the red glow faded from the sky, and in its place the sun soared high. Everywhere bells began to ring, and people sang hymns of thankfulness to God. By the bound and helpless figure of Giant War, Peace appeared, in shining white robes, with the flaming Sword of the Spirit in her hand, and, in the hush which fell upon them all as they looked at her, the Guide who dreamed stepped forward, and knelt again on one knee.

"The work was well done," said Peace. "Remember—each link is a promise, and only while each promise is faithfully kept will the Giant War remain a prisoner. May you never, by thought, word, or deed, weaken the links which bind friend to friend, company to company, and country to country throughout this world. I charge you! See to it that the chain of friendship is never broken!"

She stopped and touched the flag, and it shone with such glory that the Guide bowed her head—and awoke. The dream was over, but in her heart the charge remained. "See to it that the chain of friendship is never broken."
—"The Guider."



Roses

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