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CALLING ALL MEMBERS !!

In view of the grant of £2000, which has been promised us by the Victorian Government, the Executive Committee wishes to ask you to submit plans for the development and expansion of your Department.

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D. HAYMAN, State Secretary.

COMPETITION FOR COVER DESIGN FOR "MATILDA"

It seems that "Matilda" is going to be able to expand a little. We may have an entirely new cover, so would all artists in the Movement please send the Editor their suggestions for a cover—design and colour. Entries by 1st November. Any other suggestions for the expansion of "Matilda" will also be helpful.

GUIDE HOUSE NEWS

OPEN DAY for Local Association members and friends on Saturday, 11th November. Following the successful Birthday Party held last year, it has been decided to make this an Annual Event. This year will be a "CUP AND SAUCER" Day. (We are heartily tired of glass cups!) The Committee suggests that visitors might bring with them one or more cups and saucers as a gesture of goodwill towards the Guide House and what it stands for in Guiding. There is a particular brand now available, called "Petal," made by GrinCley. These are obtainable in several plain colours—blue, green, pink and deep cream—and we think a collection of china in these colours would harmonise well, and they would be replaceable. A further reminder re transport, etc., will be given later.

BOOKINGS.—These may now be made four months ahead for ordinary periods, and six months ahead for Christmas and Easter. Cancellation fees will in future be charged if bookings are cancelled too late to allow another party to camp. The fee will be 5/- for Brownie Cottage and 7/6 for Guide House.

ELECTRIC LIGHT.—Wonderful things have been happening lately. A new lighting plant has been installed, and, as well as extra lights on verandah and in the laundry, there is now light in the Brownie Cottage!

WARNING TO GUIDERS-IN-CHARGE!—Our Visitors' Book is a precious possession. Do watch over the Guides that they keep it tidy and in sequence, and economy of space is also desirable. Believe it or not! someone has scribbled on a bedside cabinet in indelible pencil! Constant vigilance is the watchword!
O. G. M. KNIGHT.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 7th September—Ranger Guiders' Training commences. (August, page 12.)
- 8th September—Applications for Guide Guiders' Training Course close.
- 15th September—Guide Guiders' Pre-Warrant Course commences. (Page 14.)
- 15th September—Stamp Competition "F" closes.
- 23rd September—Applications Garden Working Bee close. (Page 9.)
- 26th September—Entry Brownie Guiders' Course closes. (Page 14.)
- 30th September—Annual Youth Rally. (Page 2.)
- 3rd October—Brownie Guiders' Course commences. (Page 14.)
- 7th-8th October—Garden Working Bee. (Page 9.)
- 14th October—Square Centre Bazaar. (Page 15.)
- 14th October—Applications close Pack Leaders' Afternoon.
- 28th October—Pack Leaders' Afternoon. (Page 14.)
- 10th November—Applications close Summer Training. (Page 14.)
- 11th November—L.A.'s. to visit Guide House. (Page 2.)
- 27th December-4th June, 1951—Summer Training Week. (Page 14.)
- 9th-17th January, 1951—Camcraft Week. (August, page 12.)

YOUTH RALLY AT SHOWGROUNDS

The Associated Youth Committee of the National Fitness Council of Victoria announces that the Annual Youth Rally will be held on Saturday afternoon, 30th September, in the Showgrounds Arena, by courtesy of the Royal Agricultural Society.

Notices will be sent to districts in the metropolitan area as soon as we hear more details.

D. HAYMAN, State Secretary.

OVERSEAS NEWS

ROYAL HONOURS

FOR FINOLA, LADY SOMERS

When the King's Birthday Honours List is announced each June, it gives us all a special feeling of pride when members of the Guide Movement appear in it. This year we are specially delighted that Lady Somers, our Chief Commissioner from 1942-1949, has been appointed a Commander of the British Empire.

Those of us who had the pleasure of meeting Lady Somers at county rallies or other events, big and small, will remember her friendliness and keen interest in all that we showed her. And those of us who had the privilege of working with her at I.H.Q., or travelling with her to overseas Guide gatherings, look back with happiness to her clear-sighted leadership and her courtesy and thoughtfulness.

Lady Somers was State Commissioner for Victoria for many years.

FOR MISS GWEN HESKETH.

We were also proud to know that Miss Gwen Hesketh, the G.I.S. Advisory Officer in Germany for the teams working among displaced persons, has been appointed to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

When Miss Hesketh was a child, her favourite pastime was tree-climbing! and she enjoyed working in her parents' large orchard in Tasmania. She joined Guiding as a member of 1st Launceston (Tas.) Rangers when Rangering was still in its infancy. The Company did a lot of camping—the "pioneering" type, where one went into the "bush" and chopped one's own tent-poles—and camping got into her blood, so that later, first as a young and very nervous Lieutenant, later as Guide Captain, Sea Ranger Skipper and District Captain, she became a C.A. and Commissioner for Camping and Training for the whole of Tasmania. During the war she organised lectures and camps for V.A.D.'s, W.A.T.C., Women's Lady Army, National Fitness Council, and other national service bodies. Her experience as a lightweight camper, and her prowess as a camp cook qualified her to train others in all branches of campcraft.

Everyone who knows Miss Hesketh recognises her as a Guide in "thought, word and deed." She has everywhere been loved by all who worked with her, for her cheerfulness, thoughtfulness, courtesy and unselfishness, as well as for the thoroughly efficient way she tackles whatever job she has to do. Steadfast and cheerful, sympathetic, with a sense of humour, she can be relied on to carry out any task she undertakes, and the service she has rendered in the past five years to the cause of the displaced persons has involved the surmounting of difficulties which few could have tackled. It has been said of her that she is "a good Christian, both in faith and practice," and those who work with her realise the depth and steadfastness of this faith.



Miss Hesketh with Estonian children from a D.P. Camp.

IMPERIAL HEADQUARTERS' ANNUAL MEETING

By YVONNE JAMES.

"The Chairman of the Executive Committee and members of the Council request the pleasure of the company of Miss Y. James at the Annual Meeting of the Council."

Yes, me, invited to the annual meeting of the Girl Guides Association. What an honour. I was thrilled!

It was held on Empire Day. So, spic and span after much boot polish and metal cleaner the night before, I arrived. The Guide Shop was full of "very important people," number one in my eyes, of course, being Lady Baden-Powell. I crept past and up the stairs to the Library, where this important meeting was to take place.

It was no better there, for everywhere I looked I was dazzled by silver and gold cockades, high rank uniforms of other associations, and expensive furs, more V.I.P.'s.

Princess Mary Arrives.

Then quiet fell. We stood, and in walked Princess Mary, our President, with Lady Baden-Powell, the Mayor and Mayoress of Westminster, Lady Stratheden (Commissioner for Guides), and others of equal renown.

The Princess Royal was introduced as President. She opened the meeting. The annual

ANNUAL MEETING (Continued)

report was given by Mrs. Davis-Cooke, followed by statement of accounts and election of auditors. The speeches were interesting and often amusing. Then came Lady Baden-Powell, our Chief Guide.



The Chief Speaks.

She has a charm all her own, and a manner which puts everyone at ease immediately. Instead of just standing in front of her chair, as others had, she went to the corner, where she could stand on a box. This, she explained, was so no one would have to strain her neck round the head of the person in front, and, besides, she liked to see if any members in her audience fell to sleep.

Our Chief Guide is one of those speakers who never needs written notes, does not "um" or "ah" or stumble for a word. She has an amazing memory for places, names and people, and at all times is vitally alive.

We were told of the "early days" of Guiding, how the Movement's strength had grown in its past forty years, but how frightful it was that its numbers were lagging. Then came the tales of her trip.

Our Chief is always on the go—this time through Europe and Africa. If I could put down, word for word, each tale she told, I would; but, having an average memory, I can tell but few.

Brown and White Play Together.

In Swaziland, at a Rally, the local Queen, unable to attend personally, had sent her three sons. These lads were decked and hung with a variety of blankets. One boy, looking upon the Guides, said: "This is like looking through a window into heaven—European and African children playing, dancing, working together just as He planned it in the beginning."

Then the story of the young Brownie who went with her father to a very small barren island, whose only claim to fame was that it was a wireless station. The child landed in

this place, looked round her at the rocks and loneliness, and said: "Well, I must join the Pack here." But there were no Brownies, so she found some, and, what is more, she found a Brown Owl. As Guiding began, so Guiding continues, with children themselves wanting it.

Miss James Meets V.I.P.'s.

At tea I had two more honours. The first came when Lady B.P. was talking to the young Guides who assisted to serve the tea.

"Have you spoken to Lady Baden-Powell?" asked Miss Hall, Imperial Commissioner for Lones. At my negative reply, she almost pushed me into the poor Chief's arms, and there was I chatting to this great lady. "Had I enjoyed the meeting?" I certainly had. "Had I met Princess Royal?" No. Well, off I was whisked, and put into the very short queue waiting to be presented.

Yes, I bobbed and shook hands. Her Royal Highness was most gracious and natural, though she surely must have been tired. We spoke of nursing, but we could have talked on the man in the moon, for I was certainly on top of the world. I'd spoken to the Mayor, learning of his niece from Tasmania, and to Lady Stratheden as well.

Perhaps, when I am a grandmother, I shall bore my children, who may then be members of the Dehydrated Prefabricated Dahlia Patrol, on "how I attended the annual meeting of the Girl Guides Association."

GUIDE PERSONALITIES IN LONDON

In the last few weeks London has had many Guide and Girl Scout visitors, and I have been fortunate in being invited to two of the social functions organised to do them honour.

The first was an "at home" given by the Chief Commissioner, Lady Stratheden. I much enjoyed the opportunity of meeting people I already knew, like Mrs. Davies Cooke (the Chairman of the I.H.Q. Executive Committee), Mrs. Alix Little (whose writings in "The Council Fire" and "The Guider" you will have enjoyed often), Lady Gowrie, Lady Oaksey (Chairman of the Guide Club), Miss Margaret Martin (who came to Victoria some years ago, and from whom many of us had training), Mrs. Haines (a Commissioner from Western Australia, who came over on the Orion in 1947 with me). Mrs. Lindsay (from Adelaide), Miss Estelle Connor (from Perth, of whom I had heard much from other Western Australians) were new additions.

Among those I spoke with were the Chief Commissioner for India, a charming lady wearing the most regal robes of royal blue velvet and deep gold silk; the Pakistan delegate, in old-gold sari, a delightful person; Mrs. Morskill, Canada; Mrs. Tyrwhit-Drake, South Africa; Mrs. Gianelli, Canada, who already knew a good deal about G.I.S. and Displaced Persons from Betty Jane Fleming, the Canadian nurse attached to RS 136, Hannover.

Reception at Mansion House.

The other function was a tremendous experience. It was quite exciting even to have the invitation card: "The Lord Mayor (Sir Frederick Rowland) requests the pleasure of the company of Miss Barfus at the Mansion House on Monday, 17th July, 1950, at 11.30 a.m."

All the delegates and visitors to the World Conference were there, in uniform, and it was certainly an epoch-making event. We were sorted out in the vestibule downstairs into countries, and Australia went up the stairs first, followed by Belgium, Brazil, and all the other groups, in their various uniforms. In the large and lofty reception hall we were received personally, the Chief Guide presenting us to the Lord Mayor, and Mrs. Swift-Newton passing us on, as it were, to the Lady Mayoress. Then we passed into the hall, which is presumably the banquet hall—newly decorated and gilded after its war-years. On wall-shelves were exquisite examples of the goldsmiths' craft—lovely things. Others, for example, a model of a sailing ship of bygone days, were placed on tables for our delight.

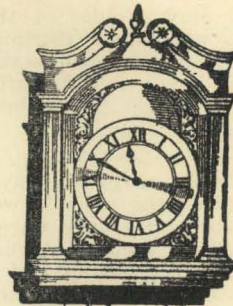
From a buffet we were served with refreshments, and then wandered about greeting those we knew. I was delighted to meet a number of the people I had known at the International Commissioners' Conference in Holland last year. Joining the group of delegates from Greece, I was talking for a few minutes to a very charming Guider, who, I discovered afterwards, was Madame Zarifi, the Chief Commissioner of Greece, who had close association with the G.I.S. Team there in 1944, and about whom I have read much in the Greek Team records. Also had a little chat with the Guider from the Philippines.

The Lord Mayor addressed the guests. He told us that the last Conference he had welcomed in that hall had been a World Power Conference which he discovered was concerned with fuel! He suggested the Guide Conference might also be a World Power Conference, and he spoke heartening words of welcome and good wishes.

The Chief Guide spoke to thank the Lord Mayor for his hospitality and his kind messages, and Madame Zarifi confirmed her expression of the delegates' gratitude for the opportunity of visiting this focal point, the Mansion House, and the inspiration it had been to all present to be thus received by the First Citizen of the great City of London.

There was not time to look long at the beautiful stained glass windows of the hall, at the stately gilded columns, with their lovely capitals, or the ceiling decorations, nor could one gaze at the paintings. However, one had been in the Mansion House as the guest of London's First Citizen, and one carried away inspiring memories of a great occasion.

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TEA AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE

BY SANDRINGHAM GUIDES

On Friday, 26th May, Guides of the 1st Sandringham Coy., with their Captain and Lieutenant, set out from Wolferton station on a five-day visit to London. Alighting at Liverpool Street, most of the Guides breathed London air for the first time.

At "Our Ark," in Palace Street, where Guides from all over the world can stay when they come to London, "the animals went in two by two," and received a very warm welcome. We then went to Guide Headquarters, which is quite near, and, having had lunch, inspected Headquarters itself. Back at "Our Ark," we prepared for what was probably to be the greatest thrill of our lives—tea at Buckingham Palace. Need I describe the "spit and polish" that preceded this great event? First of all, we took a posy of flowers to Marlborough House, as it was H.M. Queen Mary's birthday. We were then shown the Royal Mews before going to the Palace. Here we saw the State coaches, and the stables, with the lovely Windsor greys and bays. Then we went through the gardens to the Palace. We were all feeling very excited and just a little nervous. The Lady-in-Waiting met us on the terrace, and took us into the Bow Drawing Room, where we awaited H.M. the Queen and H.R.H. Princess Margaret, who came in and talked to us for several minutes. The Queen led the way to the Household Dining Room, where tea was served. In the centre of the table was a lovely iced cake, decorated with the World Flag. Before the Queen and Princess Margaret left we asked Her Royal Highness to accept a lanyard, which every Guide in the Company had helped to make. After tea, we were shown over the State apartments. The White, the Blue and the Green Drawing Rooms, the Dining Room, with a table that can expand to 27 feet, the Ballroom, where investitures are held, the 150 ft. Picture Gallery, and the Throne Room, with the thrones that our present King and Queen used at the Coronation.

All good things come to an end, and so, after a wonderful afternoon, we left by the Visitors' Entrance out into the forecourt. We were all too excited to sleep, so that evening we went to see the coloured signs in Piccadilly and Trafalgar Square.

On Saturday we went to the Tower of London, where we were shown round by a Beefeater in his picturesque red uniform. After lunch we went from Tower Pier to Westminster by boat, and then on to the Schoolgirls' Exhibition.

On Sunday we attended morning service at Westminster Abbey, returning to "Our Ark" by Whitehall and Trafalgar Square, where we fed the pigeons and had our photos taken. In the afternoon we visited the Zoo. We had a good look at Brumas, who, unfortunately, was asleep and not up to his usual antics.

Monday saw us up early for the rehearsal of the Trooping of the Colour. With the help of a friendly policeman, we had an excellent view, which thrilled us all. In future we shall march like the Guards! After this, we journeyed by train to Windsor to see the Castle, where again we saw the State Apartments and Queen Mary's Dolls' House.

On Tuesday, our last day, we got the gramophone record to send to the Guides of Sandringham District, Australia. We then went again to Westminster Abbey. Here we saw the Scout and Guide Memorial to our Founder, Lord Baden-Powell. We ended our sight-seeing expedition by visiting the Houses of Parliament, where, I am sorry to say, we lost "Matilda Mouse." Her stay was short, as we understand some kind person returned her to Headquarters Library shelves, where she belongs. No holes in the woollack, we hope!

All too soon it was time to catch the train home, and ten tired but happy Guides arrived safely in Norfolk that evening.

A VISIT TO NORWAY

By OLIVE CAIRNS (1st North Fitzroy Co.)

On Saturday, 17th June, I left Leith with the Rangers and Guiders of the 53rd Edinburgh Company. We went by bus to Newcastle, whence we sailed in the Venus to Bergen. There we were met by some of the Bergen Guiders, who took us that night to a lovely welcome party. The next day we left Bergen to spend the next five days at Kramskogen—a ski-centre—and then, by boat and bus, we travelled around the beautiful Hardanger Fiord. We went mountaineering, and tried to ski. One night the Northunsund Guides came to visit us, and prepared a camp fire, which was great fun.

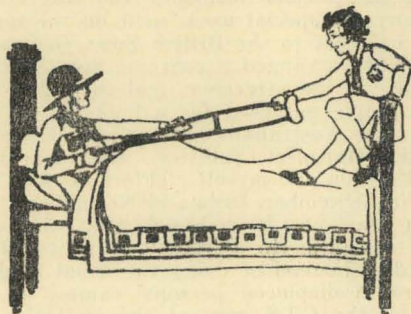
Bergen.

Arriving back in Bergen on the Saturday evening, we were taken to a camp fire, and there we learned Norwegian songs and dances. For the rest of our visit to Bergen, Guides had arranged a full and varied programme, and each day some of them came with us. One day we went by train to Loss, a tourist centre, and the train journey was very lovely, as the railway line is blasted through rock, and you go through tunnel after tunnel, but each time you come out of a tunnel a completely different scene is before you.

Norwegian Guide Camp.

Another day we went for a bus trip, and called in on a Guide camp. The camp was a small one—about 15 Guides—and everyone and everything had arrived by bike. The camp was in a lovely spot, overlooking the Fiords. When we arrived it was raining, as only in Norway it can rain, but everyone was happy, and not dampened by the fact that their bridge over the creek to the cook-house had just been washed away. We were interested in their way of cooking—no hard-worked Quartermaster. Each Patrol did its own cooking. We left Norway knowing that "a Guide is a sister to every other Guide."

EXTENSIONS



AIM AND ACHIEVEMENT

In a Sussex village you may see an odd-looking affair climbing the hill of the High Street. As it approaches, you will see that it is an electric-driven invalid chair. "That's nothing to do with Guiding," did you say? Oh, yes it is, for the story of the chair begins nineteen years ago, when its owner first joined Brownies.

It was arranged that this girl should be taken to meetings after school, and, by the ingenuity of Brown Owl, helped by the Brownies, she joined in almost everything, and was always made to feel a really active member of the Pack. Time passed, and she went on to Guides, still being fetched and taken home. Later she had to join Post Guides, but all the time there had been growing the urge to do as much as possible for herself, and not be a strain for others. When she left school, she determined to find some way of earning enough to buy a chair which she could drive herself, and, if possible, be self-supporting. She did odd jobs of knitting and sewing, and began to learn toy-making. When she sent toys to the Headquarters Extension Handcraft Depot, she made headway, and from every penny received a certain percentage was set aside towards the chair. Little by little sales were increased, the chair fund grew, and she could even give a small contribution to the family budget. War and its shortages gave an impetus to the toy business, and she began to feel that it had not all been in vain. She has taught other disabled folk to make toys, and after eleven years of making them herself she attained her aim—an electric-driven chair. This story was published to show that it is possible to be almost independent, thanks to other folk accepting her as an ordinary human being.—"The Ranger."

ENGLISH EXTENSION CAMP

The Hampshire and Dorset Extension Group camped together—and the key word, though never consciously used, was co-operation. The Extensions' feelings can perhaps best be summed up by a remark made by one of them: "I thought camp would be fun, but not SUCH fun!"

One afternoon we had a session of campcraft training. The first item was a tent-pitching demonstration, after which two Extensions were chosen to have a tent pitching race. Each was given a team of active Rangers to direct, no active being allowed to do anything that she was not directed to do by her Extension. After tea an instructive and entertaining talk and demonstration was given of lightweight camping, including the amazing possibilities of a quarter parachute tent. In the evening everybody was initiated into the gentle art of damper making, ingenious gadgets being invented so that you could keep your damper out of smoke and over embers, even if you did happen to be lying in a spinal chair.

At the last campfire each Patrol put on a stunt, with parts specially chosen by the Patrols so that even the most handicapped could take her full part in it. These stunts concluded Patrol challenges, which had been issued at the beginning of the camp, and included testwork and gadget making.

Grateful thanks are due to Q.M., who, despite the fact that numbers were unpredictable from day to day, invariably provided second helpings!—"The Ranger."

SOME FAVOURITE GAMES FOR EXTENSIONS FROM QUEENSLAND

The Hidden Map.—Prepare one map for each Patrol, and cut them up into enough pieces for each Guide to have one piece. Sending the chair and walking Guides out of sight, hand the pieces to the bed Guides. These pieces are to be hidden on their persons. The Guides outside transform themselves into Intelligence Officers. The story is told round the fact that the bed Guides are suspects, who are imprisoned. The officers then institute a search, and, if any piece of the map is found, the Guide is "guilty." If nothing is discovered, the Patrols get together when the officers have gone, and each try to piece her map together to get ready for the escape. Quite a lot of training and fun can be included in such a game. Dressing up is always enjoyed, and the map could be of the district, omitting names of landmarks, etc., which could later be filled in. A morse message on the back of the map would provide added fun.

Shoplifters.—Cut out and paste on cardboard about twelve "fashion plates" in colour. Then explain to the Guides that they are on the staff of a big city store. During the morning the shopwalker tells them that the detectives are trying to trace a shoplifter, and have asked for their co-operation in describing all customers served that day. Then the "customers" are studied by each Guide, and, when they have "left the store," the Patrols endeavour to furnish the detectives with accurate descriptions of each persons.

GUIDE INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

The first news from Guide International Service volunteers since the reorganisation of the I.R.O. welfare work in Germany comes from Miss Kemp, who is living in the village of Jever, about six miles from the North Sea coast. Her work is with the large Sengwarden Resettlement Holding Centre.

Miss Kemp writes: "We are supposed to start work immediately in our camp Sengwarden, but there are only about 30 people in it. The other 2000 or thereabouts are to come in a week or two. I do hope they come soon, as I would hate not to have anything to do for too long.

"I went to the camp yesterday. It is very nice indeed—lovely barracks, all clean and painted. The people will only be in transit here for Australia, and will stay a couple of weeks.

"We are to do welfare work. Major Garrow is very nice and helpful, and has given me a little office and lent the transport, and to-day took me over the new Jewish camp in Jever. We won't have anything to do in this camp—it is the most wonderful I have seen. Every room has been painted out, and is so clean. They have a wonderful hospital, with beds for 150.

Gwen Mann, Gwen Hesketh (Australia), Mary Bailey (England) and Joy Stacy (Australia) are all living together in a house in Oldenburg. Gwen Mann and Mary Bailey will work in Delmanhorst. Jean Gardiner (Australia) will be in Fallingbostal.

Friends of Miss Hesketh who are still sending her parcels, please note her new address:

Miss G. Hesketh, M.B.E.,
c/o The Assistant Commissioner's Office,
Oldenburg, B.A.O.R. 25.

Here are the new addresses:—

Miss G. E. Hesketh, M.B.E.,
Guide International Service,
c/o 600 I.R.O., Area Team Offices,
Oldenburg.

British Army of Rhine 25.
Miss Joy Stacy and Mrs. Gwen Mann,
Guide International Service,
c/o Assistant Commissioner's Office,
Oldenburg,

British Army of Rhine 25.
Miss Nancy Kemp,
Guide International Service,
Resettlement Holding Centre, Sengwarden,
c/o Assistant Commissioner's Office,
Oldenburg.

British Army of Rhine 25.
We do not yet know Miss Jean Gardiner's address.

TO-ING AND FRO-ING IN THE G.I.S. OFFICE.

For a week we had had a good deal of coming and going of volunteers home on leave, but Thursday, June 29, was the climax, when the last of the team members returned during the morning, and those on leave who were

among the thirteen members who stay on in Germany for special work went on the night train and boat to the British Zone, Germany. Miss Ward arranged a party to see the film "Odette" in the afternoon, and then eighteen G.I.S. people gathered for a high tea at the office. The Australians present were Florence Couper, Margaret Sullivan, Jean Gardner, Desma Cohen and myself. (Florence sails for home in September, Desma in November.)

You may not have heard what the new G.I.S. set-up is in Germany from 1st July onwards. Instead of doing the usual kind of welfare in displaced persons' camps, as we used to, the G.I.S. are, at the invitation of I.R.O. and the Control Commission, Germany, opening offices in the re-settlement camps in various areas, to deal with problems concerning the welfare of displaced persons who are in these camps while they are "documented" and have their medical and other examinations. We know only too well the kinds of help they may need—advice and comfort rather than supplies, probably, but perhaps the latter too. In a few weeks we shall know what special needs they are finding, and we shall tell Australia if there is anything they can help us with.

Meanwhile the office work does not lessen. I have mentioned before the considerable correspondence connected with the proposed home for elderly dependants of European voluntary workers who have jobs here. The last few weeks have been particularly busy with providing data and illustrations for a brochure on G.I.S., which Miss Playle has written for distribution to the visitors at the World Conference. There have been articles and reports to write or summarise for some of the Guide publications.

Until the returning volunteers get themselves settled in jobs, we shall have them popping in and out for mail and news, particularly the Australians. We also hope to have visits from some of the international delegates to the World Conference, on their way to or from Oxford, and have prepared a little handcraft display in the office to show the work of displaced persons.

Sometimes the office goes on quietly for a week or two, and then suddenly one is in a vortex—urgent work, people in and out, long-distance and overseas telephone calls, interviews, mingled with gas escapes, telephone faults and "wet paint." It's generally on one of these days that one or more Australians pop in to say "hallo," and those I know well are often told, after a few minutes' chat, to "go away at once" (and come back another time for an evening meal with me).

Some people are inclined to think that the G.I.S. has "closed down" or "pulled out" or "folded up"—but not a bit of it! And it won't, while the job is there to do and we are permitted to share in the doing.

London, July, 1950.

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VICTORIAN BROWNIE GUIDERS' COMMITTEE

Miss Janet Thomas, who has been Secretary of the Committee since its inception last year, has found it necessary to resign owing to pressure of work.

We welcome Miss Marjorie Stillwell as the new Secretary, and thank Miss Thomas most sincerely for all her help and interest.

G. M. ROACH.

BROWNIE INSPECTIONS

How do you inspect your Pack?

Do you line each Six up, take subscriptions, and mark the roll, all in one go, or do you try and bring a little magic into what might otherwise become just a dull routine, both for yourself and the Brownies?

Brownies love to be magicked! Perhaps you are having a bushland meeting, and the Brownies have been changed into Koala Bears, with claws (finger-nails and shoes) and shiny noses (badges)! If so, don't forget when you come to the last child that she is a Koala Bear, and not a Brownie!

Depending on the type of meeting you are planning, inspection can be made both exciting and really quite adventurous.

When a Brownie is trying to keep her nails cleaner, or her badge brighter, and you have noticed that improvement, do mention it, because a little encouragement goes a long way to even better results.

Another suggestion is not to have Inspection too late in the programme, because it is very hard when you are small to keep those nails clean for very long, especially after a few outdoor activities. J.M.T.

BROWNIE GUIDERS' CONFERENCE, 1950

The Brownie Guiders' Conference this year was held at "Myoora," Seaford, during the week-end, 24th-25th June. There were thirty Guiders in residence, while about twenty more attended for the Saturday and Sunday afternoon sessions. It was especially pleasing to see so many Guiders from the country divisions.

Miss Greta Roach, Commissioner for Brownies, opened the Conference on Saturday afternoon, after which Mr. Jack Lardner, of the Scout Movement, gave a most inspiring

address on the Cub Branch. To those who admit that we know little of that branch, it opened an entirely new line of thought.

In the evening Miss Elizabeth Funck spoke on "Sense in Relation to the Brownie-Age Group"—also very interesting and informative, whilst later Mrs. Bell demonstrated Miming. As most of the Guiders took part in this activity, it was most interesting to see Brownie Guiders being bicycles! This session brought the evening to a happy close, with the promise of a very successful conference.

Apart from squeaking beds and "things that go bump in the night," Sunday dawned cold and clear, with a session on singing games on the beach.

A Guiders' Own Service was held in the afternoon, with Miss Featherstone (Strathcona) giving the address, and thus our second Resident Conference ended on a very happy note for all who attended.—J.M.T.

BROWNIES AT ROBINVALE

On Saturday, the 24th of June, 2nd Mildura Brownies went to visit the Robinvale Brownies at Euston Station. We went out in Mr. Voullaire's truck. One of the Voullaire girls goes to Brownies, and she lives at Bonnie Cliffs, so we called for her on the way out. It took us 1½ hours to get there, when we were met by the Commissioner of Robinvale, Mrs. Spittle. We played games with the Robinvale Brownies by the River Murray. We were given oranges to eat, and played looking for the Golden Butterflies on the front lawn.

During our picnic tea, the Robinvale and Mildura Commissioners each told us a story. Then we had to pack up quickly, for the time had come for us to go, so we all got up on the truck, and sang happily all the way home, because we had a lovely time.

JANET RAMSAY, 2nd Mildura Brownie.

GUIDE HOUSE GARDEN WORKING BEE

The next Guide House Garden "Working Bee" will be held on 7th and 8th October, 1950. Please note that applications for this "bee," and future ones, should be sent to—Miss J. Mims, 12 Plummer Road, Mentone.

Applications for October should be sent by 23rd September, 1950.

Fee is 10/-, including transport and food. Details will be sent later.—J. Welshman.

THANKS TO COMMISSIONERS

The Editor would like to thank the Commissioners' Conference for interest aroused there in "Matilda." Since the Conference, many more articles from the country, and even from overseas, have come in—and we have a six-month advertisement from the A.M.P. Long may the interest continue!!!

A Word About Writing.

If you write your copy (and we are fortunate in having a printer who will take written copy), will you please see that it is legible. I often have to type copy which I can scarcely interpret. Some month I intend to have a special issue—and print ONLY the COPY which comes in, as has so often been requested, double spaced, half-page, one side, etc., etc. So, if you find a "Matilda" with blank pages, you'll understand the reason. We'll call it a Special COURTESY issue.

AN INTERNATIONAL CAMP

This is the first time that Australian Guides have asked Guides from the East to come and camp with them.

On the 1st August, 39 Guides and 8 Guiders are arriving by sea from Malaya to camp with the Guides of West Australia in their lovely camp site by the sea. After a welcome to Australia, the visitors will stay in the metropolitan area with Guide friends. Then, for the next two weeks, they will visit the country, finishing up with two camps at Seaward, which is the most beautiful camp, all spreading trees and grass, and the Indian Ocean rolling up on the white sand. In this camp 60 West Australian Guides will camp with the Malay contingent.

One of the Guiders is a Princess—H.H. the Raja Perenpuan of Perlis—and the name of the Guider in charge of the party is Sim Kong Auk—a District Commissioner. What fun for the West Australian Guides to make friends with them.

Guides in other States wish West Australia was a little closer, so that we all might meet the Malay Guides and Guiders. We congratulate the West on this splendid achievement, and wish them every success, and may they make many lasting friendships with our sister Guides in the East.

D. HAYMAN, International Commissioner.

NEWS FROM KANIVA

On Wednesday, 14th June, the newly-formed 1st Kaniva Guides and Scouts held their first combined social evening. After games and competitions, there was a hearty supper. Then a sing-song was held around a very realistic imitation camp-fire. The highlight of the evening was the shoe scramble, during which many bumps and bruises were collected. Individual items were amusing, and prizes were distributed. We were all very tired when we at last closed with "Taps."—"Sinbe."

STAMPS!!!

COMPETITION "D"—Winner, 10th Geelong St. Matthew's Brownie Pack, with 511 stamps.

Other entries received from—Companies: 2nd Blackburn, 1st Bendigo, 1st Donald, 2nd Surrey Hills, 1st and 2nd Toorak College, 10th Geelong, and 1st Fiery Creek Brownie Pack. Thank you all for these high-standard entries.

COMPETITION "G"—Send in all the 5d. and 2/- stamps you can collect. Conditions are the same as given for the last competition. Closing date, 15th October, and stamps may be posted direct to the undersigned at 9 Uvadale Grove, Kew, E.4, or left at Headquarters. A small prize is again offered.

THANKS go this month to the following friends:—Mr. B. Hall, Miss J. Wilkinson (Sandringham), 1st Bentleigh Co., Old Salts, 4th Kew Co., Catherine Crow (Kew), Mrs. E. Pledge (Redcliffs L.A.), Mrs. G. Mann (Germany).

A GOOD SIXPENCE WORTH will be received if you buy a packet of mixed stamps now on sale at Headquarters Shop.

L. E. CUZENS, Hon. Organiser.

"GIPTON" BOOKINGS

Bookings for "Gipton" Camp Site, Frankston, should be made by filling in the booking form, available at Headquarters, enclosing a booking fee of 1/-, and sending it to Miss M. Burr, 59 Staughton Road, Glen Iris, S.E.6. Bookings are confirmed two months in advance for week-ends, three months in advance for a week's camp.

Please do not write your booking straight into the diary. Failure to fill in a booking form may jeopardise your chance of getting the site when you want it.

Fees—Rent: For a week or Easter, 2/6 per head; for a week-end, 1/- per head. Fuel: For a week or Easter, 2/6 per day; for a week-end, 4/6 for the week-end.

M. BURR, Booking Secretary.

RANGER COMMITTEE

4th JULY, 1950, at 6 p.m.

Present: Miss Macartney (in the chair), Bonnie Wright, Norma Lee, Joyce Knight, Jessie Mims, Muriel Haigh, Shirley Harris and Leonie Sheriff.

Financial Statement.—No financial statement could be submitted, as Treasurer is at present ill.

Correspondence.—The Secretary read a letter from Mrs. Wallace (Hospitality Commissioner) with regard to arranging fixtures and meeting of boat for two Interstate Rangers. Secretary was asked to write to Rangers stating arrangements made.

Snow Trip.—It was reported that the first circular for this fixture had been sent out, and the booking of buses was being arranged.

Conference, Point Lonsdale.—It was reported that this fixture was well under way, and the agenda for the Conference was discussed at great length.

LEONIE SHERRIFF, Hon. Secretary.



RANGER COUNTRY DANCE COMPETITION

On 12th July many Rangers were to be seen pouring into the Holy Trinity Hall, East Melbourne, for the Country Dance Competition. It was obvious during the longway sets that all the competitors were very nervous; but, after they had been on once, the teams gained more confidence and some excellent dancing was shown.

After the competition, one of the judges gave us some hints as to how we could improve our style, to which all paid great attention. The judges voiced the opinion of all present when they announced East Malvern were the winners—in fact, during the competition, several Rangers were heard to ask plaintively: "Aren't they going to make even ONE mistake?" There was great applause when Thelma Birch went forward to receive the prize.

Our heartiest thanks to our judges, Miss Robinson, Miss Justin, and Mrs. Gibbs, and the pianist, Miss MacKay, also to the Guiders who were responsible for organising the competition, and congratulations to all competitors, especially the first three teams—East Malvern, S.R.S. Akuna, and Kew.

The Rangers were pleased to see Dandenong enter a team for Ruffy Tufty.

All present enjoyed themselves, and went away with a firm resolve to practise steadily until next year, when we hope to have another competition.—Norma Lee.

RANGER CONFERENCE

We had a super time! On Saturday, 22nd July, we en-vanned for Point Lonsdale for the 23rd Annual Ranger Conference at the National Fitness Camp. The trip down in the vans was as noisy as ever.

Rangers in Uganda.

We arrived at the camp at 1.30 p.m., and had lunch. After Colours, the Conference was opened by Miss P. M. Russell, Assistant State Commissioner.

After the routine business, we heard a very interesting account of Guiding in Africa from Mrs. Moore, who is a missionary on furlough

from Uganda. She also showed us photos of her Guides and Rangers at camp and company meetings. When Rangers go camping in Uganda, the Scouts go out and build huts for them at their camping site.

Following afternoon tea, very long discussion was held on Company distinction, pockets in skirts, and nylons for Rangers.

Campfire.

Campfire was made merrier by the entrance of some Rangers of forty years ago. They wore bright red scraves, Scout hats, ankle-length skirts and black stockings, and, strange as it may seem, brown shoes with rubber soles. We had a very good conjuring act by a well-known "Sea," and all joined in "a special song composed by one of the Malvern Rangers."

We got up very early on Sunday, and had beautiful hot showers to help wake us up. After breakfast we did our Patrol duties and "Community Service." This consisted of cleaning the windows in all the huts, sweeping the floors, folding blankets, etc. Then we had free time till lunch, so went off in parties towards Queenscliff or Point Lonsdale. **Rangers' Own.**

After dinner the new Committee and fixtures were announced, and then we had our Rangers' Own. Mrs. Rylah came down from Melbourne and gave us a very interesting talk at this service. She likened our journey through life to a hike. A good map is required for this hike, and some of the things necessary for our packs are courage, sense of proportion and sense of beauty. The thought we remembered best was "It's what you do with what you've got that counts."

After afternoon tea, we had free time again till 4.45 p.m. Some Rangers stayed to play "rugby" on the lawn, while others walked along the beach. The wind was a bit chilly, but it was very warm walking. The flag was lowered at 4.45 p.m.

The vans arrived at 6.30 p.m., and we were soon homeward bound. Vocal cords were severely tested until we arrived at Flinders Street at 9.30 p.m. It was a very happy and friendly week-end. A Residential Conference certainly has something!



THE BIRDWATCHER BADGE

Perhaps the most valuable part of this badge is the interesting of the Guide in the wild life of nature around her. This is best started at home. It is a habit of mind which can be practised every day in ordinary everyday life. Let the Guide start with the things she knows best, and go on from there. In the town the common birds are mostly the introduced ones—the English thrush, the blackbird, the Indian myna, the Indian turtle-dove, the starling, the house sparrow, goldfinch and greenfinch. These birds from overseas find in our parks and gardens similar conditions to those in their homeland. In contrast to these, we have native birds, such as the swallow, greenie (white plumed honey-eater), spinebill, blue wren, scrub wren, tomtit, wattlebird, mudlark and robin. There are also many visiting birds from our bushland, which pass through the suburbs during the year. We, therefore, have two kinds of bird-life in Australia, more especially in the towns. But we must never cease to mourn the decrease of many of our native birds.

Let it be remembered, however, that the Guide needs to learn about birds in order that she may know them better, and thus love them. We cannot know nature without loving her. This takes us back to a great need to-day—a love of created things and for the Creator.

A steady watching of the habits of birds seen daily builds up a useful knowledge of their fascinating ways, which should lead on to a lifelong study. Wherever we go, we can be watching, observing or listening:

“What is this life if full of care?

We have no time to stand and stare.”

Australia's birdlife is necessary to the welfare of the country, and every real Australian should know more about this need.

Hints on Identification.

Here are some helpful identification points as a guide to some of the town birds:—

English Thrush—Male and female similar in appearance, brown, with speckled breasts.

Blackbirds—Cousin of thrush, male black, with gold eye and bill, long tail; female nigger brown, slightly speckled throat; young, brown at first, faint speckles on throat.

Sparrow—Male, black throat, brighter; female, duller, very similar to female robin.

Starling—Glossy black, with purple sheen in summer; brown, speckled with white in winter; short tail.

Turtle Dove—Head grey, and pinkish or cinnamon breast, black and white patch on the side of the neck; brown back, black and white tip to tail, pink feet.

Goldfinch—Crimson and black about face, gold on wings; brown back, white underneath.

Greenfinch—Olive green back, wing lined with yellow, golden eyestrip, yellowish green underneath; female, brownish on back.

Flight.

Different birds have their own way of flying. A blackbird flies in a straight line, rises suddenly over a hedge, and then drops down again. Starlings fly in flock in the autumn, which wheel and turn as though under the command of one bird. A hawk hovers and soars, usually alone. A spinebill flutters in front of a flower, with humming-bird-like wings. A dove mounts up with beating wings and then dives down. A mudlark flaps its wings awkwardly—so do magpies.

Calls.

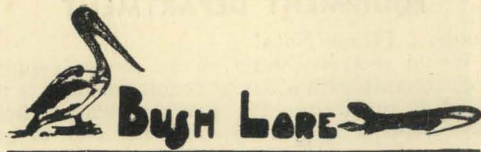
The sparrow's chatter and the dove's coo are well known to all. The thrush's song is more joyful than the serene whistle of the blackbird. The thrush has a winter song, as well as a spring song. The blackbird also has an alarm note. So has the greenie—usually the kookaburra is the cause. It takes two kookaburras to make a real laugh. The robin's song is a sad refrain: “Oh's it's a pity that poor Jenny is so plain!” The tiny “tizz-tizz” of a thornbill requires good ears. The listener learns to recognise each one as one recognises the voices of friends.

Habitat.

A magpie is looked for on a pasture or field. A seagull along the coast. In winter time gulls go inland. Thrushes and blackbirds are mostly seen about the ground in gardens; when singing, they choose a tree or chimney pot. Doves like the ground. Tomtits and blue wrens prefer shrubs or small trees, and sometimes flower beds. Ducks, coots and water hens are at home on lakes and rivers. Flocks of swallows and swifts are seen in flight. The eagle is a solitary bird. Lyrebirds feed over the forest floor.

JOAN HARPER.

(To be continued.)



SEA SHELLS OR SNAILS?

Sea shells on the front verandah—what an extraordinary sight! Literally hundreds of small spiral shells. If not sea shells, what could they be? So ran my thoughts one morning when, upon opening the door, I saw these tiny shells all over the verandah; but there were also other shell-backs there—snails and a few slugs, too. So these tiny objects must be a variety of snail. Other people in the district were also being visited by the tiny shells, and everyone was talking about them; but, as we live nearly forty miles from the sea, they could not be sea shells!

After searching through various books for some information, I wrote to Mr. Crosbie Morrison, of "Wild Life," and he informed me that these tiny snails were, alas! accidentally introduced from England many years ago, and are a great pest in suburban gardens,

so perhaps you are visited by them, too, and they are called the Midget Conical Snail, *Helicella acuta*.

EAGLES VERSUS MAGPIES

A pair of eagles have been visiting my valley, and usually, as soon as they appear, a pair of angry magpies try to chase them away, they soar above the eagles, then drop on them and snap at them, but the eagles just ignore the magpies and fly on in their search for something tasty for tea—perhaps a rabbit. Occasionally one suddenly drops to earth and remains out of sight for a time, then rejoins its mate, and away they fly, hardly appearing to use their wings at all—they just sail through the air, and are soon out of sight. I often wonder if anyone knows the location of their nest!

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When several parrots congregate in the branches of a delicate silver birch, whose leaves are like sovereigns, the parrots' brilliant plumage of scarlet, blue and green make a glorious contrast, and it seems to me that, at this season of the year, the plumage of birds is more vivid than at other seasons.

—M.D.

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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.

Guide Guiders.—The final Pre-Warrant Training Course for the year will commence at the Girl Guide Office at 7.30 p.m. on Friday, 15th September. It will consist of twelve Friday nights and three Saturday afternoons. Applications should reach the Hon. Training Secretary by 8th September. Fee, 5/-, to be paid at the first class. Guider-in-Charge: Miss Peg Barr.

Brownie Guiders.—The final Pre-Warrant Training Course for the year will commence at the Girl Guide Office at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 3rd October. It will consist of eight Tuesday nights and one Saturday afternoon. The course will cover Brownie subjects only. Applications should reach the Hon. Training Secretary by 26th September. Fee, 2/6, to be paid at the first class. Guider-in-Charge: Miss Dorothea Holtz.

Pack Leaders' Afternoon.—A training afternoon for Pack Leaders and their Brown Owls will be held on Saturday, 28th October, from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Location: Camberwell North Guide Hall. (Take train to Canterbury Station, walk east along Canterbury Road, and bear left before crossing railway into Shierlaw Avenue. Walk along Shierlaw Avenue to Faversham Road, which is the first road on the left). Pack Leaders, who MUST be accompanied by their Brown Owls, should bring a notebook, pencil and ground sheet. Fee, 3d. Applications should reach the Hon. Training Secretary, c/o Headquarters, by 14th October.

Summer Training Week for Brownie and Guide Guiders will be held at the Guide House from 27th December to 4th January. The training will be run in two separate sections—elementary and advanced—and Trainees will be inside and also under canvas. Special application forms are available, and may be obtained from the Hon. Training Secretary on application, accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope. Applications close 10th November. Fee, 45/-. Guider-in-Charge: Miss Elaine Moran.

Sheila M. MacLeod,
Commissioner for Training.

EQUIPMENT DEPARTMENT

Guiders, Please Note!

Would metropolitan Guiders please supply each Recruit with a list of requirements. It is very disappointing for parents when they have made a special trip into the city to go home without ties or emblems, etc., just because they have not been given details. Also—and this is important—many parents and Guides come in early Saturday morning. Would you please tell them that Headquarters is only open on the 1st Saturday in the month?

Country Guiders, would you impress on your Guides that all orders should be sent through the Captain, as Guides seldom send sufficient money to cover postage and possible increase in price.

Alterations in Prices and New Stock.

Brownie Material—Brown Headcloth, 36 in., 4/6 yard.

Guide Material—Blue Cesarine, 36 in., 5/3 yard.

Knives, 3/6—now 3/9.

Writing Pads, 2/-.

Guiding in Pictures—Milestones, 1/-; Personalities, 1/-; Commonwealth, 2/-.

Post Cards—Princess Margaret, 6d.; Chief Guide, 6d.; Guide House, 6d.; Brownie Cottage, 6d.

Record Book Covers, 2/-.

NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meetings Held at the Guide Office on 6th and 20th July.

Present: Mrs. Orr (chair), Mrs. Littlejohn (2), Mrs. Hall (2), Mrs. Patterson (1), Miss MacLeod (2), Miss Swinburne (1), Miss Gross (2), Miss Russell (2), Mrs. G. Reid (2), Mrs. Rylah (2), Mrs. Hall (1), and the Secretary.

Reported that the financial position was very much better.

Reported that over 50 children had been taken to the hills by the Boy Scouts and Trefoil Guild—all from Dr. Barnado's Homes, who are to live in New South Wales. Two members of the Malvern L.A. had provided cars at the last moment, as the ship stayed a day longer in port.

Decided to hold the Annual Meeting in the afternoon, in the middle of November. The Federal Council will meet this year in Melbourne from 12th to 20th October.

The following diplomas were recommended for renewal:—Camp Diplomas: Miss Harrison, Miss Bunning, Miss Moran, Miss Broadhurst, Miss MacLeod. Camper's Training Certificate: Miss Leigh, Miss Holtz, Miss M. McDonald, Miss Jermyn, Miss W. Williams. Guide Training Diploms: Miss Moran, Miss Swinburne, Miss MacLeod, Miss Hayman. Training Certificates: Miss Macartney (Ranger), Miss P. Barr and Miss A. Bush (Guide), Miss H. Gross (Brownie).

It was decided to incorporate photos again in the annual report. Commissioners and

Guiders had been most helpful in sending in their returns promptly.

It was reported by the International Representative that an increasing number of migrant children were joining Packs and Companies.

It was agreed that further enquiries should be made re the possibility of another visit to the Flinders Naval Depot in September.

Reported that the Twigs had finished painting the Training Room at H.Q., and that the fresh green paint had been much admired.

Reported that the Scouts' Bottle Drive was proving most successful. All Guide Districts had co-operated, and the number of bottles produced by the public had been quite overwhelming.

It was agreed that the question of Trefoil Guild members wearing uniform should go to the Federal Council, so that all the States would be similar.

New Commissioners: Mrs. Richardson, Division Commissioner, Bendigo; Mrs. E. T. Coutts, Division Commissioner, Ballarat; Miss Thompson, District Commissioner, Horsham; Mrs. Cross, District Commissioner, Mt. Beauty.

Commissioner for Lones—Miss C. W. Rogers has resigned from the position of Commissioner for Lones, and Mrs. H. Watson, 296 Pacific Highway, Seaford, has taken her place.

Lones everywhere will read with regret that Miss Rogers has had to resign owing to pressure of work. Miss Rogers has done a grand job, and we hope that she is only temporarily out of the Movement. In the meantime we welcome Mrs. Watson, who before her marriage was well known in the Guiding world. Oldtimers will remember Mrs. Watson as Gladys Onians. Please address all correspondence concerning Lones to her.

D. HAYMAN, State Secretary.

**SATURDAY AFTERNOON,
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Shirley Costermans, Kew District Rangers.

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Pudith Weedom, 1st Carnegie Co.

Elaine McIntosh, 1st Carnegie Co.

Verna Watson, 1st Carnegie Co.

Joan Gaul, 1st Carnegie Co.

WARRANTS AND REGISTRATIONS

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1st Coleraine Brownie Pack.

1st Marnoo Brownie Pack.

1st Ararat Brownie Pack.

1st Seymour Guide Co.

1st Kaniva Guide Co.

3rd Frankston Co.

Mount Beauty Local Association.

WARRANTS

Commissioners:

Mrs. Curtis-Otter, District Commissioner,
St. Kilda.

Mrs. F. J. Cording, District Commissioner,
Mirboo North.

District Secretary:

Mrs. Allinson, Korumburra.

Captains:

Miss J. Dear, 1st Shepparton Co.

Miss A. C. Martin, 3rd Melbourne Co.
(Blind Institute).

Mrs. C. V. M. Murray, 1st Morwell Co.

Miss R. Caddy, 1st Port Fairy Co.

Miss M. Appleby, 2nd Kyabram Co.

Mrs. M. Lambert, 1a Mildura Co.

Miss M. Canobbio, 2nd Fitzroy Co.

Mrs. B. J. Allen, 1st Kaniva Co.

Miss B. Mathers, 1st Bendigo Co.

Miss E. M. Thompson, 1st Maryborough Co.

Tawny Owls:

Miss N. Lee, 5th Hawthorn Pack.

Lieutenants:

Miss L. Baird, 1st Frankston Co.

Miss E. M. Pickup, 1st Frankston Co.

Miss U. Harrison, 3rd Melbourne Co.

(Blind Institute).

Miss G. Swinburne, 4th Camberwell Co.

Miss E. Fitzsimmons, 6th Camberwell Co.

Miss L. Beard, 2nd Yarraville Co.

Cancellations:

Mrs. R. M. Slater, Captain, 1st Casterton
Co.

Miss J. Dear, Lieutenant, 2nd Shepparton
Co.

Miss D. E. Baker, Captain, 1st Castlemaine
Co.

Miss D. J. England, Lieutenant, 1st Glen-
huntly Co.

ANNUAL REPORT

Any further alterations in names and addresses for the Annual Report should be sent in immediately. Next week will be too late even for stop press.

D. HAYMAN, State Secretary.

GUIDE PAGE

During the last five months the Guide Page has appeared, and criticisms have been requested. There has been only one enquiry, consequently (and as the Editor of "Matilda" has sometimes more material than space) it seems that this page is not serving a useful purpose, and it has been thought wiser to discontinue it for the present.

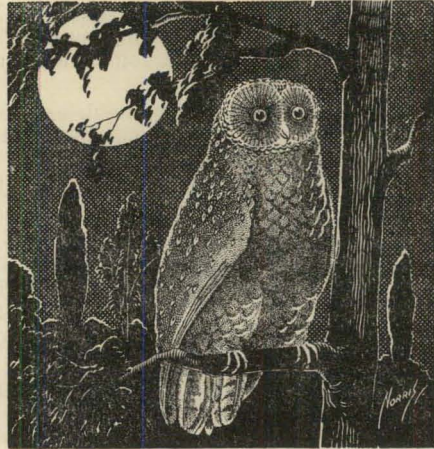
HEADQUARTERS CONTRIBUTIONS FOR JUNE, 1950

From Companies—S.R.S. Akuna, £1/6/-; 1st Alphington, £3/16/-; 12th Ballarat, £1/8/-; Ballarat Rangers, £1; 1st Bentleigh, 10/5; 1st Brighton, 10/-; 9th Brunswick, £1; Bendigo District, £4/10/-; 4th Bendigo, £1; 1st Chelsea, £1/7/-; 2nd Colac, £3; 2nd Camperdown, £1/12/5; 1st Clifton Hill, £2/6/7; 1st Cavendish, £1/5/-; 1st Creswick, £1; 1st Chilwell, £2; 2nd Dandenong, £5; 1st Eaglehawk, £1; 3rd East Malvern Rangers, 18/1; Frankston Rangers, £1/1/-; 1st Frankston, £4/18/6; 11th Geelong, £1; 18th Geelong, £1/3/4; 10th Geelong, £2/5/2; 8th Hawthorn, 3/6; 9th Hawthorn, £1; 1st Heidelberg, £1; 1st Kiewa Valley, 7/-; 4th Kew, £1; 1st Ivanhoe, £1/8/-; 1st Loch, 15/-; 1st Lockington, 10/-; 11th Malvern, £2/3/3; 1st Mentone, 2/-; 1st Meredith, £2; Mildura Guides, £1/6/-; 4th Malvern, £1/13/8; 1st Numurkah, 10/-; 1st Nathalia, 6/4; 1st Nyah, £1/9/10; Mirboo North Co., £2; 1st Prahran, £3/10/-; 1st Red Cliffs, 10/-; 2nd Richmond, £2/4/6; 1st Swan Hill, £5; 1st Sandringham, £2; 2nd Sandringham, £1/13/3; 4th South Yarra, £4/10/-; 1st West Coburg, £2/10/-; 1st Wycheproof, £1/2/-; 2nd Yallourn, £2; 1st Yarrowonga, 8/1.

From Packs—Balmoral Brownies, 5/-; 1st Box Hill, £1/4/-; 1st Colac, £2; 4th Colac, £3; 1st Creswick, £1; 1st Dandenong, £1/1/6; 1st Elsternwick, £1/2/1; 10th Geelong, £1/10/-; 11th Geelong, £2; 1st Heidelberg, 15/-; 2nd Korumburra, 12/-; 1st Lockington, £2; 1st Meredith, £1/1/-; Mildura Brownies, £1/9/-; 1st Maryborough, 11/6; Murtoa Brownies, £1/10/-; 1st Mirboo North, 10/6; 1st Nyah, 2/6; 1st Oakleigh, 12/-; 2nd Richmond, £1; 1st Sunshine, £1; 2nd Yallourn, £1; 2nd Yarrowville, £2/14/2.

Local Associations—Creswick, £2/2/-; Camberwell North, £1/1/-; Dandenong, £1/1/-; Horsham, £5; Kew, £2/2/-; Meredith, £2; Mirboo North, 10/6; Nyah West, £2/16/4; Parkville-North Melbourne, 10/-; Rosedale, 5/-; Red Hill, 10/6; Yarram, 10/6.

Other Donations—Mrs. C. Armstrong, Mrs. Eddy, Miss R. Denny, Mrs. Campbell, Thos. Evans Pty. Ltd., Miss H. Gross, Miss A. Habel, Mrs. Lawrence Keep, Miss M. Mascelles, National Fitness Council, Estate E. A. Officer, Mrs. H. Pledge, Mrs. B. A. Sutherland, Mrs. Allan R. Taylor, Miss M. Williams, Mrs. Winch. Total, £184/18/8.



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