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### STOP PRESS

#### DEATH OF MISS SHEILA CAMERON

It was with very great regret that we learned of the sudden death of Miss Sheila Cameron on 4th September.

For many years she was Assistant State Commissioner, and for short periods acted as State Secretary.

She was District Commissioner for Essendon, and represented the Presbyterian Girls' Fellowship on the State Council. She showed her father's administrative ability in a fine leadership in Church work for girls.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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### COPY OF CABLE RECEIVED BY THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

"We are most grateful to the members of the Girl Guides Association of Australia for their kind message of congratulations on the birth of our daughter.

ELIZABETH AND PHILLIP."

### INTERNATIONAL GUIDING

#### TIME THEREFOR.

How do we get it in? This question came up after the main Conference Session.

Try these ideas:

Friendships with Guides round the world can be made outside the time of the regular Company Meeting.

**Begin with the Youngest Guides, and at Once.**

Guides between 11 and 13 often have more time than anyone else in the Company; they are looking for occupation. Here is something grand for them to do without waiting for Guider or Patrol Leader.

"Know the World Flag," to be added to Tenderfoot Test, will give a lead.

Then let the Guide read for herself a letter, or a magazine article, or a scrap-book; let her see some object from another country, and ask questions about it. She is bursting with energy and HAS TIME FOR "GUIDES."

Suggest a pen-friend; show her examples of things to collect and send; collecting instinct recognised in Brownies lasts over into Guide-age group. Give point to it by collecting for a pen-friend. This will overcome obstacle of long letters and language.

If a Guide does not wish to have a regular pen-friend, suggest some one thing she could find out. Connect the idea with whatever is being done; Australia put "snakebite" into Guide Second Class; English Guides don't need it; have other Guides put extras into First Aid? Would someone write to find out?

To sum up, a few minutes with a Guide (or even a recruit) before or after meeting, or during the week, may start a pen-friendship or exchange of letters. Once this has begun, the Guides will carry on outside the Company Meeting and bring back their letters to the other Guides.

By keeping the idea of contrast in mind, a few words during many activities can give ideas.

Give letters, etc., to each Guide herself to read, so that the interest of discovery has its place. (Note—This can be applied to interest in Extensions and Lones as well.)

Application for pen-friends to be made to

MISS LYELL KELLY,  
Commissioner for Post Box,  
1018 Malvern Road, Malvern.

N.B.—BEGIN YOURSELF, and, as an experiment, watch the effect.

G. H. SWINBURNE,  
State International Representative.

## GUIDES ALL THE WORLD OVER



### AN INTERNATIONAL WEEK-END AT "FOXLEASE" MARCH, 1950.

"Not chance of birth or place has made us friends,  
Being oftentimes of different tongues and nations,  
But the endeavour for the self-same ends,  
With the same hopes, and fears, and aspirations."

This poem, hanging on the wall in the front hall as one enters "Foxlease," seems most appropriate to the crowd of Guiders just arriving there. First a Cingalese, dressed in her sari, and a dark Guider from the Gold Coast in her sarong, both with warm overcoats on top; one from Sweden; another from Latvia; a new Guider going to start Guides at St. Helena; several Scottish Salvation Army Guards, and Guiders from different parts of England; a New Zealander, and one other Australia, Rita Webb from S.A., and myself. We are welcomed by Miss Hartley, Guider-in-Charge, and Miss Cobham, who is taking the Training, whom many Australian Guiders remember well.

We are taken to our rooms by smiling "orderlies," all the rooms being named after different countries or English counties, who donated the furnishings. My room is "Dorset," up a teeny staircase right in the eves, with a wee casement window and marvellous view of English trees in their winter bareness, green lawns studded with clumps of yellow daffodils. In the distance is the stump of the "Sentinel" fir tree, supposed to have been planted by King Charles, which has recently had to be felled, and a baby "Sentinel" planted near by. (See picture.)

Supper is ready in the Dining Room named "India." This has glass doors all along one side, lovely when the morning sun shines through. All around the other walls are shelves of beautiful table mats of Indian scenes. Each serviette ring has on it the flag of a different country. There is a small room used for "washing-up."

There are two large, real old English kit-

chens. One has an enormous A.G.A. cooker right down the centre. Orderly jobs done, we all meet in "Scotland," which, with "London" next to it, are two very large rooms decorated in Adam style, with big bay windows. Here we have "camp fire" round a lovely log fire, and learn many new songs and stunts from other countries.

Next morn we start off with strenuous singing games of various nationalities on the tennis court. Then a session sitting in the walled garden, complete with sun-dial. After dinner a "stalking" session with Miss Cobham, not so easy to tackle in sari and sarong, and a thrilling "wide game" through the Foxlease grounds. Later we learn to recognise all the lovely English trees by their twigs. We visit the camp sites, and chat to some Rangers camping on one, using the solid shelter available.

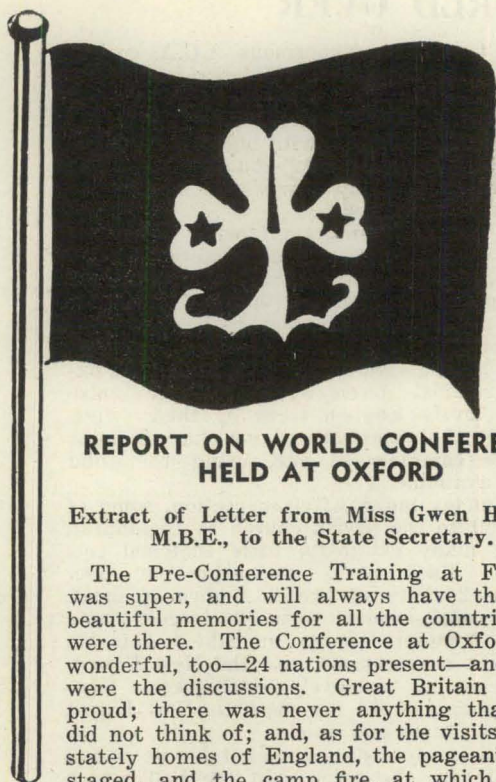
On Sunday morn, after inspection, some of us set off to the parish church at Lyndhurst, passing many delightful little thatched cottages. Back again, we make our own lunches—2 slices of bread, 1 slice of meat, raw brussels-sprout tops, 2 biscuits and cheese, 2 sweet biscuits or cake. This we take with us right out into the New Forest, and sit among the lovely beech trees. Here we see many of the famous little New Forest ponies, so tame and quiet.

In the afternoon orderlies take us for a tour all over the house. In the hall, which is the oldest part, is Australia's present—a letter rack with doors of Australian wood. On the staircase landing is a wooden chair, and some water-colour pictures of Australian scenes, given by Tasmania. "South Africa" is perhaps the nicest bedroom, with a large balcony. There are several larger bedrooms, with four or five beds. There are ten bathrooms named after famous rivers in the world. The library, which is called "Wiltshire," is a restful room, with long windows on two sides, where the morning sun shines in.

In the late afternoon we have an International Sessions in the "Barn," a hugh thatched roofed building with diamond-paned windows, with an enormous fireplace at one end, in which burns a big log fire. The twilight gradually fades as Miss Hartley tells us of her experiences re-starting Guiding in Germany since the war. The talk is so inspiring to all nationalities listening there in the firelight we forget the time. One wishes this gathering could be symbolical of the world to-day, all living together in harmony.

If I begin to tell you of the "emergencies" we tackle, and of the "thieves" that enter Foxlease next morning, this story would be much too long. I hope this gives some idea of the beauty of the rooms and surroundings of "Foxlease," and of the friendly welcome and inspiration found therein by Guiders from all parts of the world.

YVONNE BAKEWELL.



## REPORT ON WORLD CONFERENCE HELD AT OXFORD

Extract of Letter from Miss Gwen Hesketh,  
M.B.E., to the State Secretary.

The Pre-Conference Training at Foxlease was super, and will always have the most beautiful memories for all the countries who were there. The Conference at Oxford was wonderful, too—24 nations present—and great were the discussions. Great Britain did us proud; there was never anything that they did not think of; and, as for the visits to the stately homes of England, the pageants they staged, and the camp fire, at which 10,000 were present, with H.R.H. Princess Margaret—well, it just had to be seen to be believed.

I was the lucky one to receive the Scroll for Australia from the Princess. It came "the Pilgrim's Way." Mrs. Osborne, from New South Wales, was, I know, also wanting to receive it, but she, in her usual unselfish way, said she thought Australia knew me so well, having been in Guiding for so long, and would like me to receive it. And so I did on that perfectly wonderful evening, when ten thousand sang camp fire songs, Her Royal Highness singing too, around the camp fire that burned brightly and needed no attention until all was over. Mary Chater conducting, the Chief Guide and all the Chief Commissioners and other important people sitting under their little canopies in the gleam of the firelight. There was not a hitch anywhere, and, as we marched in and out of the Guides following the flag of our country, one heard: "Can we just touch you" from the children who had walked, ridden, coached, trained, camped—certainly something to remember. Miss Barfus was there, and Elaine Moran just made it from the ship. I caught sight of her before proceedings commenced, and just as we were being lined up to march. Of course, seeing Elaine after five and a half years was too much for me, so I rushed out of line to greet her. I only had "half-a-mo" with her, and was instantly recalled by Mrs. Osborne to my "position"! However, I saw

her there, which was more than Miss Barfus did! The whole of the police from the County of Oxfordshire were out that night near the field. Then Buckingham Palace . . . I cannot describe here Her Majesty's reception—quite, quite wonderful. I talked to the Queen for a long time about Australia and the Displaced Persons.  
GWEN HESKETH.

## THE WORLD CONFERENCE FROM THE AUSTRALIAN AIDE'S POINT OF VIEW.

I had a lovely time at the World Conference at Oxford. There were 39 Aides from all parts of England and Scotland, including one girl from New Zealand, although she has lived in England more than New Zealand, and two from Canada. Most Aides had four delegates to look after. I was meant to have three, members of Our Ark Sub-Committee—Miss Fry, Miss Royden and Dame Katherine Furse—but Miss Royden didn't turn up at all, Dame Katherine was staying with her sister out of Oxford, and came in when she felt like it, and I saw her only about twice, so I only had Miss Fry to look after, who didn't give me very much to do.

On Friday, after we arrived and had met all the delegates, we formed a Guard of Honour for Her Royal Highness, the Princess Royal, and were invited into the opening ceremony.

## The Sort of Jobs We Had.

Each day we had to report over at St. Hugh's at 8.45 for Colours. We were living in the High School boarding house, not far from St. Hugh's. Five of the Aides did Colours each morning. The morning I was in the Colour Party I was in the centre, and gave the orders. I'm sure my knees were shaking, and I could feel them knocking together while I stood in front of Lady B.P. when the Colours were being broken; but it went all right, and I gave all the right orders, although I was terribly nervous. After Colours, we had to collect all messages, etc., from the delegates, and do all cleaning, bed-making and collect washing and ironing to be done. Some of the messages were most amusing. We all compared notes when we met. Some were sent out for suspenders, shoulder straps, etc., and others to make hair-dressing appointments, have coats altered, and one of the Pakistanis wanted a yard of muslin for the bottom of her sari. One of the American delegates wanted her Aide to find out where her husband's ancestors were buried. She was lucky, and found the tombstones.

At 11 a.m. we met for a council with Miss Newnham, whom we were lucky enough to have in charge of us, as she had been a delegate at the last Conference, and knew all the ins-and-outs of it. We found out our orders for the day, which generally meant that we had to be doing several things at the same time and in at least two places at once. However, all difficulties were overcome, and

## WORLD CONFERENCE (Continued).

after the council we set off on our chores till 2 p.m., with a break for lunch. Then we had to report to our delegates for further requests. From then until 6.30, when we reported again, the time was our own to wash and iron shirts and do our mending, if we had any to do. At 6.30 we returned ironing, etc., turned beds down, and then returned for supper. Whenever we had no chores to do, we helped each other, and many of the afternoons were spent in looking over the colleges or punting on the river. The first Sunday afternoon the Oxford Varsity Guide Club asked us out, and they showed us around. Shirley, my special friend, and I palled up with one of the Varsity Guides, and she took us around a lot. The colleges are lovely. She also took us out punting. The first time we took a very irregular course, and Shirley got herself hooked up on a branch overhanging the river, but none of us went in, so all was well. On Monday night the Oxfordshire Guides put on a River Pageant for the delegates, which we all went to. It was awfully good. They took scenes from history which were connected with Oxford, and staged them on punts, which were paddled down the river past us.

### Tea Party at Buckingham Palace.

On Thursday all the delegates went to a tea party at Buckingham Palace, which caused much excitement. They were all asking how to curtsy to the Queen, what to wear, and what to say to her. We had extra ironing to do for them, and they were all having hair-sets beforehand. We were not invited, so we had a free day, and a party of us went to Kenilworth and Warwick Castles, which we loved. At the latter we were shown through all the state rooms, and then over to Stratford-on-Avon, where we went through Anne Hathaway's cottage and Shakespeare's birthplace.

### Miss Synge.

On Friday Miss Synge came and had tea with all the Aides. She told us about the Royal Guides and some very interesting things about the Princesses, and how the King came round taking photos when Miss Synge was looking most untidy during a stalking game. That evening a team of Ulster dancers came to dance for the delegates. We were also invited to that; the best were the team of Morris Dancers—they were excellent.

### 10,000 Guides at Camp Fire.

Saturday night was the big event—the camp fire. It was a perfect day and lovely night. The afternoon we spent practising and helping Miss Newnham, who was in charge of the camp fire, and we had a few minutes to rest before dressing up in our best for the big event. It was marvellous. There were 10,000 Guides there for it, and it went off without a hitch. As I was looking after Committee members, I was selling programmes

before it started, and I had a chance of walking round and seeing everything, and I saw quite a number of people whom I had met at Foxlease and Our Chalet. When things were starting, we found ourselves seats in the front, where we would have a good view of everything. When the delegates came in, they formed up behind their Aides, who were carrying the flags of the different countries, and marched in a procession down the alleys. Then Princess Margaret came, and I was in the front, at the end of the alley-way, down which she passed, so I had a good view of her, and also bobbed to her as she passed. There were not many of us Aides who had that privilege. Then, after Princess Margaret's speech, the message scrolls were presented to the delegates, and the last of that presentation and the rest of the camp fire went on the air. At the end of the camp fire fireworks were let off, and Princess Margaret left with a flare in front of and behind her. Then we gave out the sparks which were to be taken home by all there, and fought our way through the crowds, after the delegates, to the buses.

### Blenheim Palace.

Sunday we were invited to hear Lord Rowallan talk, which was most interesting, and then talked to him afterwards. After lunch we and the delegates were invited to tea at Blenheim Palace. After tea we were shown over the Palace. We were then invited into the closing ceremony, where we were thanked for our assistance, and Lady Davies-Cooke read out a poem which some of our number had made up. We felt most embarrassed at parts of it, especially the part which said the Chief's belt was badly in need of a clean, and about ironing petticoats which "Guiders ought not wear, please note," but the delegates all seemed to like it, and roared with laughter. It is being published in the next "Council Fire." It was made up to be sung to the tune of "Much Binding in the Marsh" at one of our own camp fires, which was taken by Miss Chater, whom we all liked immensely.

After the closing we had all the chairs and flags to put away, and all felt very sorry that the Conference was coming to an end. That evening the delegates all seemed to go mad, and were singing and dancing about, even the Princess from Liechtenstein. They said that it was our poem which had had that effect on them. When they left on Monday morning, they were all singing in the bus as it left, and one of the Finnish delegates was leaning out of the roof taking photos. We decided they were just as bad as we were when we went off in the bus.

A couple of evenings we had camp fires with Miss Chater, and we had the privilege of learning the new Guide song, which we sang before the Committee for them to consider it as a new World song. Our singing must have been quite good, as it has been chosen as an international song.

## WORLD CONFERENCE (Continued).

It was certainly an experience which I shall not forget in a hurry. I didn't fully realise how lucky I was to be going there until I was in the Conference Hall on the first day, and looked around at the delegates from 27 different countries, all sitting together, united in the same Movement. I regret to say that, when the Chief first passed me, I did not recognise her, but as soon as I saw her smile I did, and I thought how lucky I was to be seeing her every day, passing her in the halls and thinking nothing of it. I've never seen so many gold cords in my life before. They were everywhere, and I'm afraid I spoke to some important people without realising who they were. One person we had a lot to do with, and who was living in the boarding house with us, was Miss Morrison, Commissioner for Cadets for England.

I have now realised what a lot we miss in Australia in not having international exchange visits. I feel I have had a glimpse of International Guiding, which few girls of my age have had. We had a marvellous time with all the Aides, and really mixed quite a lot with the delegates, who were all very nice to us, although they sent us on some strange messages! We were told when we left that we were a very cheerful band and always ready to do half-a-dozen things at once (that sounds a bit like self-praise, but it was not meant to be—I was quoting Miss Newnham and Lady Davies-Cooke), and I am very grateful to have been enabled to go where I did and to see what I have seen.

MARGARET BRIGGS.

## GUIDE INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

### Miss Hesketh Acknowledges Congratulations.

The appointment of Miss Gwen Hesketh to membership of the Order of the British Empire brought her so many congratulatory messages that she has been unable to reply to them all individually. Instead, she has sent her wellwishers a message of thanks and appreciation, in which she says:

"I can assure you that the news of my name appearing in the King's Birthday Honours List came as a tremendous shock, and the heartbeat is still not normal! The job of work I have been privileged to do has been both a joy and an inspiration, and I like to think it is the G.I.S. who has the public recognition, and not me personally."

Miss Ward, Chairman of the Guide International Service, in a letter accompanying Miss Hesketh's, gives us an idea of the magnitude of the work which fell to Miss Hesketh at the time of the conferring of the Honour and the receipt of the many messages.

Relief work, writes Miss Ward, was closing down at the time, and much of the work involved in the withdrawal of the G.I.S. teams

was undertaken by Miss Hesketh. She also had much to do with the opening up of important new work begun on 1st July for the G.I.S. in Germany. For this she was appointed to be our authority with the Control Commission, Germany, and the I.R.O. in Geneva, for which, at times, she will represent the British Council for Refugees.

Coinciding with all this work, Miss Hesketh was appointed one of Australia's delegates to the World Conference in Britain, in July, of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

Miss Ward concludes with: "I am sure, therefore, that you will agree . . . she should write only the briefest acknowledgement of her countless messages of congratulation . . . In view of the fact that every moment of her time is more than fully occupied . . . it should therefore take the form of a copy of this note of mine, together with a short circular letter of her own."

### New Work in Germany.

First detailed news of the new work being done by G.I.S. workers since the withdrawal of their teams from Germany comes from Miss Kemp, who is working in a big resettlement holding centre at Sengwarden, in the north of Germany.

Her first big job, after helping with the settling in of more than 1000 people in the camp, was to organise a school for 575 pupils.

## IT'S GOOD TO BE A NURSE

If you are a girl who cares about people—who wants to do work that makes people happy—you will be interested in a nursing career.

You can learn all about the life and work of nurses from the new "Nursing Digest," published by the Hospitals and Charities Commission.

This interesting digest contains many different photographs and articles on nursing.

A student nurse tells her own story of the first, strange, exciting year of hospital life. Allan Marshall writes of "the nurse the patients love." The happy atmosphere of the midwifery hospital and the satisfaction nurses find in mothers and their young babies is described in another article.

In addition, "Nursing Digest" contains information on the different careers in nursing, how to become a student nurse, where to train, and what educational qualifications you need.

You can get a free copy of the "Nursing Digest" from the Guide Shop, or by writing direct to the Hospitals and Charities Commission, 61 Spring Street, Melbourne.

[Editor's Note.—An article on Nursing as a Career also appeared in "Matilda", July, 1949.]

## BRINGING IN THE INTERNATIONAL ASPECT



How to bring the international aspect of Guiding before our Brownies? Has this presented a problem to YOU—as a Brownie Guider?

Our World Flag and World Badge make a good starting point for a pow-wow on International Guiding. The Guide Painting Book, with the Guide and Brownie uniforms of various countries, is a great help, and Brownies love to colour the uniforms.

Stories and legends of other lands can be obtained from books in the Brownie Guiders' Library at Headquarters, some of which are "Myths and Legends of Many Lands," "League of Nations Stories," "Tales and Legends of Ireland."

Interesting little pieces of news can often be gleaned from overseas magazines at Headquarters.

Perhaps you might like to tell your Brownies this story, told by a Divisional Commissioner about one of her trips to Norway: "I was standing on the top of a hill, looking down into a beautiful valley with a Norwegian Guide, Julie. As we gazed at the valley, Julie said: 'You know, this used to be one of my

favourite views before the war; but now, as I look at the trees and undergrowth, I can only remember how very wet and cold it was crawling in amongst them.' When the Commissioner asked her had she been playing games in the valley, Julie replied: 'Well, you'd hardly say playing games. During the war my brother and his friends were out there with the Underground, and each night I used to crawl out past the German sentries and take them food and ammunition.' The Commissioner then asked Julie if she was not afraid, and what would have happened if she had been caught. Julie said that she had been afraid at times, but that, as she was a Guide, and had been taught to be loyal to her country, that was the best way she could serve it at that time, so she did her best. If she had been caught she probably would have been shot."

Another small story which may interest Brownies is told by a G.I.S. member, about some Brownies soon after the war in Europe. There was no material available to make these Brownie uniforms, as there was little clothing of any kind, but some Nazi flags—maroon in colour—had been found. These were soon cut up and made into uniforms for the children. Certainly they looked very odd in maroon, but they were happy.

Games from various countries can be played in the Pack. Books containing some of these games are "Chinese Play Hours" and "Traditional Singing Games." J.P.

### GOLDEN HAND

#### What Do You Expect in These Sections?

##### SKIPPING.

Check up on your skipping ropes. Are some long enough for the tallest Brownies (can they put one foot on the middle while holding the ends straight out at shoulder level?). Are they of several different weights, all heavy enough to turn well?

A Golden Hand Brownie must be able to skip really well—lightly on the balls of the feet, the body erect, but not rigid, and the mouth closed, turning the rope backwards with a flick of the wrists, arms straight out and scarcely moving. This style is good for the child, expanding her chest, improving her posture, and, because much practice is necessary, giving her good outdoor exercise. For the fancy steps, which can include toe-pointing, foot-crossing and knee-raising, the Brownie must change feet frequently to make a pattern, thus ensuring even development.

##### THE CUT FINGER.

When you cut your finger, what do you do? Quickly cover the cut with the cleanest material available; then bandage firmly to stop the bleeding?

Brownies should learn to do this first, too; then scrub their hands, apply an antiseptic to the cut (if they are in the habit of using a safe one), then a clean dressing and the roller bandage. This bandage is excellent for keeping a dressing in position, teaches the children to apply a bandage neatly and well, and is very satisfying to the Brownie—and a small patient!—but the bandage only is not good for stopping bleeding. H.G.

### THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR BROWNIES

It is with much pleasure that we announce the appointment of Miss Marjorie Fairlie as Assistant Commissioner for Brownies.

Miss Fairlie is already known to many Guiders as the Brown Owl at 1st Gardiner Pack, and she is looking forward to meeting even more members of the Branch.

GRETA M. ROACH,  
Commissioner for Brownies.

### PACK LEADERS' TRAINING AFTERNOON

To be held on Saturday, 28th October, 1950. For further details see "Training Notes."

# EXTENSIONS

## WORLD EXTENSION CONFERENCE REPORT (Part I).

By ALISON McA. CAMPBELL.

At Foxlease Park, the lovely Training Centre in the New Forest in England, there gathered last November what was perhaps one of the most inspiring conferences ever held there—the World Conference of Extension Commissioners and Guiders.

Here were people, many of whom have what might reasonably be regarded as insurmountable handicaps, come from all over the world to discuss two big problems. First, how to help the handicapped Guides and Brownies to face up to their disabilities and to live full, useful and happy lives; and, secondly, how to bring the reality of the wider world of Guiding into the Extension Companies and Packs in spite of their isolation and immobility. They came from Switzerland, from Sweden, from Norway, from Italy, Denmark, Belgium, Holland, France, Ulster, Scotland, Nyasaland, Finland, the United States of America, and Australia.

It was not only the English representatives who were themselves "incapacitated" and in wheel chairs. No, here was a beautiful, golden-haired, blue-eyed Norwegian, with a wonderful sense of humour. She had dived into shallow water some years ago, and, although almost completely paralysed, she flew from Norway with her nurse (also a Guider) to give of her knowledge and experience to those who, like the Australian representatives, would help the handicapped without themselves having "personal experience."

From Switzerland came Mdelle Anne Marie Rollier, the daughter of world-renowned Dr. Rollier, who founded the first big international clinic for the treatment of tuberculosis at Leysin, Switzerland—the first place in the world where children with surgical T.B. played in the snow dressed only in loin-cloth and boots, and the Alpine sun was allowed to do its healing work on their diseased bones. Mdelle Rollier is the Extension representative on the World Committee. With her, by train to England, came four Commissioners and Guiders, three of them so badly handicapped that, without the inspiration and friendship of Guiding, they might never have had the courage to leave their own firesides. One of these Guiders, with an untreatable progressive paralysis, has made it her aim to become the perfect interpreter in several European languages, and "perfect" is the only word to describe how she brought out the thought behind what was being said, so that often the translation was almost more telling than the original.

Two of the Swiss Guiders could not rise from a chair unaided, and one of these was determined to travel back alone across France

to show her independence and ability to look after herself. Again, one of the French Guiders had lost a foot by enemy action, yet she and the Italian here were friends and sister Guiders. But one could go on and on about individuals.

The Conference, like all good conferences, worked on the patrol system, and, like all good conferences, a vast amount of fun was had and work was done while washing up or peeling potatoes. New ideas, songs, games, stories, etc., were exchanged between the nations, and here was that one real international fellowship which can only be found when working together, and which is sometimes, alas! sadly missing in "peace conferences," etc., where people are only talking about international friendship and fellowship. There were, of course, many very helpful and practical training sessions, which are of special interest to Extension Guiders—sessions dealing with the set-up of Post Guide letters, the Hospital Company, the Deaf Company, the Blind Company, etc., etc.

(To be continued.)

### You Could if You Would!

There could be many more Extension Guides, Brownies and Rangers if there were more Guiders for them. Guiding does bring great happiness, and a feeling of being wanted, to these young folk on whom life has put such a burden. There are so many ways in which YOU could help the Extension Branch. Perhaps, if we list some of the ways, you may more easily find the one which is possible for you:

1. Have you a friend who would be willing to train as an Extension Guider? The Extensions have a "Lone" section, called Posts, for isolated, handicapped girls who are Guides and Rangers by correspondence.
2. Have you a friend with a car, who would be willing to be called on occasionally to transport Extensions to functions?
3. Would you or your Company or friends contribute to the expenses of a Company or Pack? Extensions in hospitals and homes cannot always provide their own uniforms, and they do like to look the same as the other Guides and Brownies. Perhaps your Company would provide the cost of a uniform, or provide handcraft materials, for Extensions frequently have more time for handcrafts than active Guides.
4. Visitors for Post Guides are always welcome, but it is very hard for the Guider to get round to the ten or twelve Guides in her Company. If you could help by visiting Posts in your district, the Guider would be greatly helped.

Yes, you could if you would! And WILL YOU?





## THE BIRDWATCHER BADGE

(Continued from September "Matilda.")

2. The Stalking of Birds requires a quiet, trustful attitude of mind. Wild life is frightened by noise and sudden movement. Birds are more often discovered by sitting still than by looking for them. Stalking—that is the art of following an animal or bird—is learnt by practising a friendly attitude towards them.

Listening is, I think, more difficult because of modern noise. Listening is also an acquired art or habit, which can be practised every day. The observer needs to have an expectant frame of mind. Dr. Leach always told his pupils that, whenever he heard a bird call, he mentally made a note of it. When he heard an unknown call, he made an effort to find out what it was. The study of birds is not a strain—it is a recreation. With the increase of speed and noise, the art of listening is in danger of becoming lost. Let the Guide learn to recognise one song properly first—the times when it is heard, the difference between male and female (whipbird), the alarm cry and the seasonal change of song (English thrush). Other songs will then follow more easily. Finding birds depends on knowing the kind of places they are likely to frequent—e.g., dotterels on the seashore.

3. It is very important to know which birds are beneficial to us in Australia. The condition of the land partly depends on birdlife, the natural enemy of insect pests. Therefore, the balance of nature must be maintained. Most birds are protected, but there are open seasons for some—e.g., grey duck. Unfortunately, the game law is different in each State. All the smaller insectivorous birds are most useful. The mudlark is the friend of the sheepowner, the ibis of the farmer. Magpies are invaluable to the pastoralist.

Some cockatoos cause damage at certain seasons. Galahs are at present off the protected list. Eagles are a controversial subject, but they do a great job in killing rabbits. Hawks wage war against insects and mice; so do owls. Cuckoos eat caterpillars. Butcher birds and kookaburras take young birds. Blackbirds do damage in the fruit season.

4. The Guide can endeavour to protect birds by taking an active interest in their welfare. There are definite laws protecting bird life, but, as mentioned previously, they differ in each State. Shooting is not allowed. Permits are granted only if necessary. Girls and boys in the Gould League of Bird Lovers learn not to collect eggs or disturb nests, but sketching and photography is encouraged. Birds and their nests are a fascinating study. Get to know something of the League's work in State Schools. Two of the main dangers which threaten our birds are cats and foxes, both introduced animals. Small boys can sometimes be nearly as bad! Lack of water and proper food, owing to cutting down trees, is another danger—e.g., mallee hen. Sometimes alien birds, such as starlings, drive parrots and cockatoos from nesting holes in hollow trees. More could be done if people were more interested in our native fauna.

### 5. Birds may be divided into several groups:

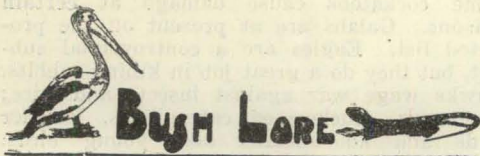
- (a) Insect-eating birds—swallow, robin, lark, fantail.
- (b) Insect and vermin destroying birds—crow, hawk, owl.
- (c) Insect and seed eating birds—quail, shrike-tit, mallee hen.
- (d) Insect and fruit eating birds—bell magpies, honeyeaters.
- (e) Insect, nectar and fruit eating birds—parrots and cockatoos.

Then we have the sea birds, who fish from the waters. Eagles feed their young with the liver, kidneys, etc., of the creatures they catch. Some birds feed their young with pre-digested food—e.g., parrots, doves. Most insectivorous birds feed their young with worms and insects. Hardbills are the seed and nut eating birds—parrots, finches, etc. Softbills are the insect eating birds—thrushes, robins, etc.

6. (a) Much pleasure can be had from providing food and water for birds in the garden. Make sure there is no danger from cats. Interesting happenings can be recorded in a notebook.

(b) Keep a diary and illustrate it if possible. A Guide can get a great deal of enjoyment from her own observations. She will also discover what a lot of different birds visit the area in the given three months. Accurate observations, with dates, can be very valuable afterwards. There is no discovery so thrilling as that which we make ourselves.

JOAN HARPER.



## FEATHERS

Feathers are peculiar to birds. The beautiful colour of many of our Australian birds is a source of great delight to us. In the rosella parrot is every known shade. Think of the infinite variety of colour in bird plumage—the dark hues of the wedge-tailed eagle, the black and white of magpies, the exquisite blues and purples of the tiny fairy wrens, parrots and robins in their brightness, and the subdued tones of tom-tits and scrub wrens. It is good to ponder on these things. It is a time, too, to remember what happened 50 years ago. Then the plumed egret was killed for her lovely feathers, and the helpless young left to die in the nest. A Queen stepped in and helped to stop this. Are we in danger of slipping back?

We exclaim at the glory of the peacock's tail, but is not the lyrebird, in brown and grey, very harmoniously and beautifully dressed for the floor of the forest? Many birds, such as blue wrens and robins, have a different coloration for the male and female. The quiet brown of the latter is more in keeping with the colour of the nest, and helps in its protection. J.H.

## WONDERS OF THE SEA

Green Island is a coral isle, and only a distance of sixteen miles from Cairns; but those miles can be as disturbed as almost any other sea crossing, so, when the day arrived for our visit to the island, we were most thankful that the sun shone and the sea was calm.

It was a tremendous thrill to step on to a true coral isle, with the sun blazing down on to white coral sand, the blue waves lazily lapping in and out, and the sea showing deep colours of blue and green further out from the beach. There are many tall coconut palms and other tropical trees and shrubs, but what we had come to see were the wonders of the coral reef.

We waited impatiently until the boats, which have glass bottoms, were tied up at the jetty and ready to take folk on board. When the little boats were loaded, we set off over the clear emerald water, until we were over a patch of the reef. Then we bent our heads and gazed and gazed at the wonders of the sea bed.

### Coral.

I am sure you have often seen—just as I had—pieces of coral of different shapes and sizes, sometimes artificially coloured a harsh pink, green or blue, and wondered if the colours were true to the colours of the living

coral! Well, those artificial colours are not true. There are shades of blue, mauve, red, pink, green and all the rainbow colours, even black and white, but the living colours are too elusive for mere paint to capture. They truly are living colours, as coral is living, both soft and hard coral, each tiny depression in it being the home of a polyp—a tiny animal smaller than the head of a pin—and it is millions of these wee creatures which have created Australia's wonder of the world—the Great Barrier Reef.

The corals are all shapes and sizes; some like mushrooms, others like great branching staghorns; some like brains, others like organ pipes; their variety seems to be endless, and their colours even more varied.

### Flowers.

Coral is not the only wonder. The sea anemones are the flowers of the reef, and resemble chrysanthemums and dahlias; and darting through and around the anemones are tiny, brilliantly-coloured fish.

### Fish.

There are many larger fish, too; some all black, others scarlet, and others striped or spotted. There are sea weeds also—fine and lacy or thick and dark.

Starfish of various sizes and colours are everywhere and needle-spined sea urchins, and the slate-pencil sea urchin, which exactly resembles a pin cushion stuck full of slate-pencils. Sea worms, or beche-de-mer, look like black and blue sausages lying on the sand. Some of these worms exude sticky white threads, which, when seen in great numbers, just look like somebody's knitting which has become unravelled.

One cruise over the reef is not enough, as its wonders are never-ending.

## CONGRATULATIONS

### Queen's Guide Award:

Esme Green, 1st Blackburn.

### Little House Emblem:

Judith Stone, 4th Camberwell.

Jacqueline Lewy, 4th Camberwell.

Beryl Spencer, 1st Benalla.

## QUEEN'S GUIDE AWARD

Congratulations to Esme Green, 1st Blackburn, for obtaining this award.

Certificates bearing the Queen's signature are now available in England for holders of this award. We have asked for them, and when the certificates arrive they will be posted to all holders of the award.

D. HAYMAN, State Secretary.

## DOMINION BROADCAST

This will take place on Monday, 23rd October, 0900 G.M.T.; wave length, 13.97 and 16.93. This is 7 p.m. in Eastern Australia. Miss Elaine Moran, of Victoria, will be one of the speakers.

D. HAYMAN, State Secretary.

## ADVENTURES OF N.S.W. GUIDER

From another town, many miles away in the west, we heard of the adventures of a Brown Owl and her sister. Miss Gene Coles, of Forbes, N.S.W., had planned to go to a Brownie Guiders' Training in Victoria. "It was a very anxious time for everyone," she says, "and each person had to think of his own concerns, so by Wednesday we were all thoroughly tired out from lifting furniture and paddling around in water, and sitting up all night wondering if we'd really have to move, for the river runs behind our place and then winds in front. The water had come five different ways, and our well, which was used for irrigation purposes, had collapsed, so my trip to the Training Camp at Mebourne was just not to be thought of

"I tried to ring the agent to cancel my plane ticket, but the 'phone was out of order. The police had been in contact with us, but we could not ring anyone. My mother kept saying, 'You'd better go—a few pounds more is neither here nor there.' I had wired Melbourne on Monday, saying I might not be coming. However, early Thursday morning my sister Gwen put on a haversack and said she was going to South Forbes for supplies. Instead she waded through water to her waist, and then swam out to the railway line. Thence she crawled across a viaduct, crossed the bridge and followed the line for three miles. On the way she met some linesmen, and asked them if they were working out our way later in the day, and if so would they pick me up. Gwen then walked to the railway station and got into the town in the army 'duck.' Half an hour later she rang to say I was to be ready for the linesmen to pick me up at 3 o'clock. You can guess the scramble I had to get ready, but it was a great surprise to think I'd even be going at all.

"The current was running very swiftly in front of our home, and the boat to the railway was very small. I'd always longed for a trip on a trike, but I hung on like grim death, especially when crossing the snake-infested viaduct near the bridge. The viaduct had only been mended that morning, and one man said he did not know how my sister had got over it.

"The plane trip was glorious. It was my first long trip. I had flown previously in a small plane, and with the flying doctor. Forbes looked submerged from the air. About half-an-hour outside Melbourne airport we ran into a cloudburst, and an old Scotchwoman opposite me kept saying 'I shouldna come, I shouldna.' I had the same feeling. The air hostess asked me if I wanted a taxi, and I said 'Yes,' as the storm had delayed the plane, and I had to catch the bus. When I got in I asked the driver to let me out at the stop for the Westburn-bound bus. He just laughed heartily, and drew into the kerb. (It cost me 2/6 to get in and out of the taxi.) The

bus was about to leave! I dropped into a seat, and a voice said: 'Oh, goodness! I'm glad to see you.' Wasn't I glad to see another Guider, after feeling like a country bumpkin. We laughed together over my taxi ride. She was a Guider from Bendigo, and had missed her bus earlier, and it was her first camp. We were met by Miss MacLeod, the Camp Commandant, and Miss Roach, Commissioner for Brownies, Victoria, and driven to their delightful Guide House.

"After a wonderful week-end, I arrived back in time to help clean up after the flood."



## STAMPS!!!

### COMPETITION RESULTS.

"E," 1950—Winner: 10th Geelong St. Matthew's Brownie Pack. Other entries were received from E. Pledge, Red Cliffs L.A.; 1st Camperdown Co., 10th Geelong St. Matthew's Co., 1st Donald Co. Thanks go to all who sent entries for the competition, also to all anonymous donors of stamps received recently.

Competition "H," 1950—For this competition send in all the 1/- and 1/3 stamps you have been collecting. Conditions are the same as for the last competition, and a small prize will be awarded. Closing date, 15th November.

Competition "I," 1950—You have until 15th December to collect and send in the new 8½d. stamp recently issued for registered letters.

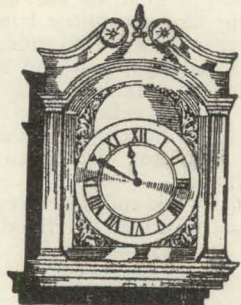
As these are the last competitions for 1950, try to make a worthwhile entry.

Division and District Commissioners, Please Note: The recent appeal for helpers in this section of Guiding is very urgent. Have you been successful in arranging for local helpers? If so, please send their names and addresses to the undersigned as soon as possible. Remember, helpers may be of any age. Retired folk may be pleased to take an interest.

Hopefully yours,

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## GUIDERS' CONFERENCE

Held at Melbourne University on  
12th and 13th August, 1950.

The Conference was attended by 207 Guiders — Metropolitan, 139; Country, 59; Extensions, 9. It was opened by Sir John Medley, who was accompanied by Lady Medley, and, after being welcomed by Miss Wilma Cregan from the chair, he spoke to the Guiders on the part that Guiding can play in the education system—training for citizenship or how to lead a "good life," a balanced life. We are a voluntary association, which is the very essence of the democratic way of life as compared with Communism and Fascism, and so we have a tremendous advantage, because the people who come into Guiding expect to enjoy it.

He emphasised his opinion that Australian youth is the finest raw material in the world to-day, and we Guiders have an opportunity to make what we can of it, which is a particularly fine calling. Every community is going to want every ounce of goodness, virtue and principle that it has, and our organisation, with its very definite standards, is tremendously important.

After the opening of the Conference, talks were given by the Commissioners of the following departments:—

### Camping (Miss Broadhurst):

Camps are an essential part of Guide life, and are to be encouraged. Guiders have to have a Camp Permit before they can take their Guides to camp. Some Guiders say they have no time or confidence, but this can easily be overcome by taking a few Guides at a time for a week-end camp.

This year 1200 more Guides have camped than last, which is a splendid step forward. This results from many Guiders taking courage into their own hands, obtaining their Camp Permits and starting out with their Guides on small camps.

This year 21 Permits were granted. We have three new Camp Advisers, and many others passed the camp First Aid Test. Camps were held at Mildura, Balmoral, Geelong, Colac and other country centres. It is hoped in the future that every Guide will be able to camp as often as possible.

In answer to a question as to the camp sites which are available, Miss Broadhurst described the following sites:—

"Yarra Brae" (Wonga Park)—Convener: Miss Martin, Flat 16, 29 George Street, East Melbourne.

Mt. Morten (Belgrave)—Convener: Mrs. Allen, 376 Wattletree Road, Malvern.

Guide House (Warburton)—Convener: Miss Gwen Corrie, 85 Strathalbyn Street, East Kew.

Gipton (Frankston)—Convener: Miss Joan Goodwin, 5 Daniel Crescent, Caulfield.

### Extensions (Mrs. Matthews):

Mrs. Matthews spoke of the work being done at Frankston, Hampton, Yooralla, Deaf and Blind Institutes and Janefield, but especially of the work of Post Guides. These Post Guides must have contact with active Companies, and be allowed to join in their activities whenever possible. They do not want pity, but encouragement, and, if adopted by a Company, they want continuity.

Extension Companies in institutions also need contacts with active Guides through hikes, camps and visits.

If Guiders hear of handicapped girls, they are asked to give them the opportunity of joining the Extension Branch, and when they are asked to contact a Post Guide it was stressed that they should do so and advise the Extension Branch of the result.

Guiders were also asked to do what they could to help with Extension camps, where much more staff is required than ordinary camps, and to arrange for their Companies to visit Extension Guides in institutions, and so learn about their work.

### Brownies (Miss Roach):

Miss Roach showed coloured slides, illustrating the life of the Brownie from the day she arrives as a recruit till she either flies up or goes up to the Company. In describing these slides, she emphasised that the Brownie training is a preparation for the girl's life in the Company.

### Guides (Miss MacLeod):

There is at present no Commissioner for Guides, as Miss Hayman, who used to hold this position, resigned on her appointment as State Secretary on her return from England.

### Rangers (Miss Macartney):

Miss Macartney started by asking three questions—

1. Are Guides keen to go on to Rangers?
2. Are Guiders interested in Ranger activities?
3. Do Guiders feel, if their Guides knew more about Rangers, they would like to go on to Rangers?

She stressed the importance of letting even the younger Guides know of the interesting things that Rangers do.

Following that, an account of some of the adventures of Victorian Rangers over the last year was given:—Trips to Tasmania, Sydney and Wilson's Promontory, the Interstate Camp at Canberra, and the Annual Ranger Conference held at Point Lonsdale.

### Lones (Mrs. Watson):

In her report Mrs. Watson urged Guiders to give one year to Lones, and to ask older Guides, when leaving the Company, the following questions:—"Have you enjoyed Guiding?" If so, "will you give one year to Guiding to help someone else to enjoy it through the Lone Branch?"

She also urged Companies to adopt Lones and send on to them written work done by Guides.

At present there are five Lone Guide Companies and two Lone Ranger Companies (60 Guides and 24 Rangers) in Victoria, but there are 84 children waiting who cannot be Lones because there are no Guiders.

During the evening session, when Miss Florence Christian was in the chair, the following subjects were discussed by the Guiders:—

1. "Do Guiders think it would be an advantage to adopt the 'Group' method of organisation as has been used by the Scouts with success for over 20 years?" (Sent in by Ivanhoe.)  
Voting—For, 101; against, 18.

(This question has since been discussed by the Executive, and will be brought up at the next Division Commissioners' meeting, and probably at next year's Commissioners' Conference.)

2. "From reading the English 'Glider' one hears of Promise and Law Conferences. It is suggested that we have some similar type of Conference for the benefit of Guiders here." (Sent in by Hawthorn.)

The question, "Should such Conferences be held in Melbourne, and, if so, who would undertake to attend them?" was put to the meeting.

Voting—For, 4; against, the rest.

3. "That 2nd Class Tracking Test should still include ability to lay a trail, as well as follow one." (Sent in by Ivanhoe.)

Voting—For, the rest; against, 3.

(This suggestion has been sent on to the Training Committee.)

4. "May Guides hike on a Sunday?" (Sent in by Oakleigh.)

Voting—No.

5. "What are other Captains' methods of dealing with an unruly Guide?" (Sent in by Yallourn.)

6. "Would it be feasible or practicable for Guides to learn Esperanto? This would make correspondence between Guides of different nationalities much easier." (Sent in by Mitcham.)

Voting—For, 1; against, the rest.

The following questions from the Question Box were then read out and replied to by various Trainers:—

"How long should a new Company be operating before receiving their Colours?"

"How would you conduct a P.L.'s Conference?"

"What is the feeling of Guiders with regard to closed Church Companies?"

"Why has the maximum age for Queen's Guides been changed to 16 years?" Country Guiders would like the old ruling, as country Guides often find it more difficult to pass this test. There are not the same facilities for testing as in the city, and Guides often have to wait for their test; also, it is more difficult to get qualified Trainers.

## GUIDERS' CONFERENCE (Continued).

"When a Guide is over 16, and there are no Rangers, can she stay on and help the Guiders?"

"Taking into consideration that a Guide is of average intelligence, what is the average time after enrolment for her to complete—(a) 2nd Class, (b) 1st Class?"

"What is the usual procedure for a Guide Church Parade? Does the whole Company attend each Church in rotation, or do they meet and then each Group attend its own Church?"

At the close of the evening session it was agreed that messages wishing them a speedy recovery should be sent to our State Commissioner and Miss Mitchell.

On Sunday morning, training sessions were held for Brownie and Guide Guiders, the attendance being—Brownies, 20; Guides, 60. The subjects taken were:—

**Guides**—Games for Testing, Practical Tenderfoot Test, Stalking and Wide Games, Camp Fires, Requirements for 1st Class.

**Brownies**—Handcrafts.

With Miss M. Owen in the chair, the afternoon session commenced with voting for the State Council and the Guide House Committee, with the following results:—

**State Council**—Misses M. Burr, R. Magnus, E. Tobin, M. Shaw, G. Roberts.

**Guide House Committee**—Misses M. Canobio and M. Sedgfield.

The remaining subjects from the Question Box were then dealt with:—

"Is it correct to wear the World Badge in uniform?"

"How can country Guiders keep up to date apart from reading 'Matilda'?"

"What can be done about Guides turning 16 where there is no Ranger Company? Could they be attached to a Ranger Company 30 miles away?"

"How can you bring the Promise and Law into Company meetings?"

"What is the best way to test for Promise and Law for 2nd Class?"

"Sometimes the Guide showing the best understanding of the Law and Promise at 2nd Class does not appear to carry it out. How should we test for this?"

"How can we introduce International Guiding into our Companies?"

"When making up Patrols in a new Company, would you put together the same age group, or have varying ages in each Patrol?"

"Are Guides taught to salute each other when they meet?"

At the conclusion of the 1950 Conference the Guiders assembled for the Guiders' Own Service, at which Miss E. Purnell, from Geelong, gave a most inspiring and helpful address.

## TRAINING

### Brownie Guiders' Training:

The final Pre-Warrant 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.

New Guiders must pass their Tenderfoot and be enrolled before coming to the course, as it will cover Brownie subjects only. Fee, 2/6, to be paid at 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 tram 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 Girl Guide H.Q., by 14th October.

### Training Week for Guide and Brownie Guiders:

Place: Guide House, Brownie Cottage and Camp Site.

Date: 27th December to 4th January.

Type of Training: Guide Refresher and Elementary, Brownie Elementary only.

Fee: 45/- plus fares.

Closing date for applications: 10th November.

Guider-in-charge: Miss Elaine Moran.

Brownie Trainer: Miss M. Fairlie.

Special application forms are available for this Training, and are available from the Hon. Training Secretary on application, accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope. These forms, together with 10/- deposit (which will not be refunded if withdrawal is made after 1st December), should be returned to the Hon. Training Secretary by 10th November. Further details have been sent direct to your Commissioner or L.A. President, and information may be obtained from her.

Sheila M. MacLeod, Comm. for Training.

## ALTERATIONS TO RANGER UNIFORM

**Stockings**—Nylons may be worn by Rangers for official occasions.

**Battle Blouse**—Navy blue. Optional, but in addition to navy blue jumper, which is official uniform.

**Company Distinction**—Triangular patch of Company colour to be worn on left sleeve of jumper, five inches below seam at top of sleeve.

## NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE

### Executive Meetings Held at Headquarters on 3rd and 17th August

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

Reported that the Association should clear about £200 from the sale of buttons on Empire Day and £70 from the street stall. It was decided to donate a further £10, making £15 in all, to the Empire Day Council.

The Annual Meeting will be held on 16th November at the Connibere Hall, Y.W.C.A. It is hoped that His Excellency the Governor will be present.

It was decided to hold the Federal Council Meeting at the Victorian H.Q. This year there will be three Federal meetings—the G.I.S.(A.) on Thursday, 12th October, International Representatives on Friday, 13th October, Federal Council on 16th, 17th and 18th October. There will be approximately 30 representatives from all States.

As the State Government has promised a donation of £2000 to Headquarters, each department was asked to send in suggestions for the best use of the money, taking into consideration long-term expansion.

Reported that already the Bottle Drive had paid all expenses, plus the cost of the hut at Wonga Park.

A suggested design for an Australian Friendship Badge was approved; this to go to the Federal Council.

Reported that the Guiders' Conference had been a great success. The next Division to run it would be Outer Eastern Suburbs.

A letter from the Secretary of the Guiders' Conference, suggesting that the Guides adopt the Group system as used by the Scouts, was received. The Conference had been asked to vote whether the Executive be asked to give the question consideration or not. The voting had been in favour. It was decided that this recommendation should go to the next meeting of Division Commissioners, and after to the Commissioners' Conference.

Reported that the question of Sunday hiking had been discussed, and that the Conference generally was not in favour of hikes on Sundays.

Letter from the Warragul Guides' Association reporting that a broadcast for Scouts and Guides would be organised on Thursdays at 5.30 p.m. through Station 3UL.

Reported that the Commissioners' Conference had asked that a one-day Conference be held. A Committee had been formed, and they had suggested that, as the rest of this year was so full, it would be better to have it early next year.

A letter from Commodore Buchanan, saying that the Navy will be pleased to have 1000 Guides visit Flinders Naval Base on Saturday, 23rd September. The general arrangements will be the same as last year if the Railways can provide a special train.

D. HAYMAN, State Secretary.

## WARRANTS AND REGISTRATIONS

### REGISTRATIONS.

1st Loch Brownie Pack.  
2nd Surrey Hills Brownie Pack.  
2nd Sale Brownie Pack.  
3rd Yallourn Brownie Pack.  
Lang Lang Local Association.  
Manangatang Local Association.  
Ballarat Trefoil Guild.

### WARRANTS.

#### Commissioners:

Mrs. C. E. Richardson, Division Commissioner, Ballarat.

Mrs. E. Benn, District Commissioner, Leon-gatha.

Miss C. Bottomley, District Commissioner, Mornington.

#### Brown Owls:

Mrs. Leitch, 1st Coleraine Pack.

Mrs. K. Jamieson, 1st Birdwoodton Pack.

#### Tawny Owls:

Miss P. Birch, 1st Birdwoodton Pack.

Miss M. Chamberlain, 2nd Merbein Pack.

#### Captains:

Miss R. M. Buckland, 10th Ballarat Co.

Miss E. Bunning, 1st Warragul Co.

Miss G. Corrie, 3rd Hawthorn Co.

Miss W. Cregan, 1st Clifton Hill Co.

Miss G. Greed, 1st Coleraine Co.

Mrs. E. J. Izard, 1st Birdwoodton Co.

Mrs. S. J. Ling, 6th Victorian Lone Rangers.

Miss M. Markes, 1st Clyde Co.

Miss M. Mellor, 1st Werribee Co.

Mrs. J. Tuckfield, 1st Loch Co.

#### Lieutenants:

Miss E. J. Davis, 3rd Elsternwick Co.

Miss R. M. King, 1st Chelsea Co.

Miss R. Nelson, 2nd Colac Co.

Miss M. L. Roberts, 1st Cohuna Co.

Miss J. Symons, 1st Merbein Co.

Miss J. Taylor, 1st Gardiner Co.

#### Change of Name:

9th City of Brunswick re-registered as 1st Moreland Co.

## OVERSEAS MAGAZINES

### NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Subscriptions are now due, and should be sent to Headquarters not later than 12th October. Please mark envelopes "Overseas Magazines."

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"The Ranger," for year March to Feb-

ruary, 1951-52 ..... 7/6

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—A. Wilkinson.

## EQUIPMENT

Shop open first Saturday morning in the month, from 10 to 12.

**Guide Calendar.**—We have had printed a special Calendar, with photos of Rangers, Guides and Brownies from each State, and Australian scenes—one picture to each month. Very suitable for sending overseas. Price, only 2/-.

**Guide Xmas Card.**—We are having printed Xmas Cards with the Guide Badge embossed in gold on good white paper. Price, 8d. Available December.

Alterations in Prices:	s.	d.
Navy Flannel, 54 inches wide .....	16	0
Guide Material, 36 inches wide .....	5	6
Brownie Material, 36 inches wide .....	4	6
Brownie Belts .....	3	6
Brownie Recruit Badges .....	1	3
Torch (focussing) .....	12	9
Flag Carriers .....	12	6
Tins suitable for First Aid Kits .....	0	6
Brownie Secrets .....	6	3
Be Prepared .....	8	11

### New Post-Cards:

Princess Elizabeth .....	0	6
Princess Margaret .....	0	6
Chief Guide .....	0	6
Selection of Guide House and Brownie Cottage .....	0	6

### New Books due to arrive in November:

World Adventure—Life of the Chief Guide.  
Guide Gift Book—Articles on Stalking, Swimming and Mapping; World Chief Guide's Travels in Australia; Stories and Puzzles, etc. Illustrated.

International Song Book.

Sorry we cannot quote prices at present.

Postage Extra. Prices subject to alteration.

## CHEQUES

Will Guiders and Local Associations please be careful to include exchange on country cheques. This may be only 6d. or 1/- on each cheque, but, if we have fifty or more cheques a month, the loss is considerable.

D. HAYMAN, State secretary.

## FILMS

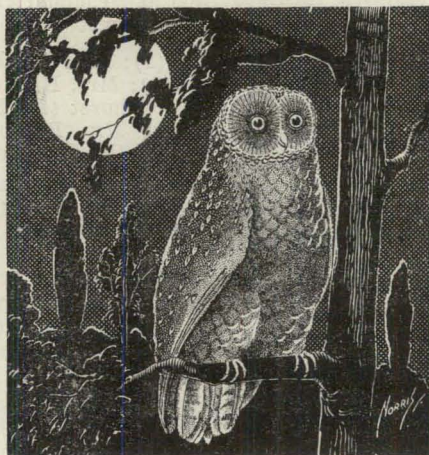
The film, "Follow My Leader," belongs to Federal Council, and it will not be Victoria's turn to have it until June or July next year. Please send your orders in early, as it is always very booked up.

D. HAYMAN, State secretary.

## HEADQUARTERS CONTRIBUTIONS

FOR JULY, 1950.

From Packs: 10th Ballarat, 15/6; 1st Benalla, £2/7/-; 1st Brighton, £1; 5th Brighton, £1/12/4; 2nd Camperdown, £1/12/7; 1st Castlemaine, £10/10/-; 1st Cheltenham, £4/12/4; 1st Fairfield, £1; 1st Glenhuntly, £1/8/2; 1st Glen Iris, 18/1; 1st Hampton, 10/-; 1st Ivanhoe, £2; 1st Loch, 11/7; 1st Marnoo, 5/-; 1st Merlynston, 10/-; 1st Newport, £1/4/-; 1st Nyah, £2/8/4; 1st Poowong, £2; Warrnambool, £1.



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