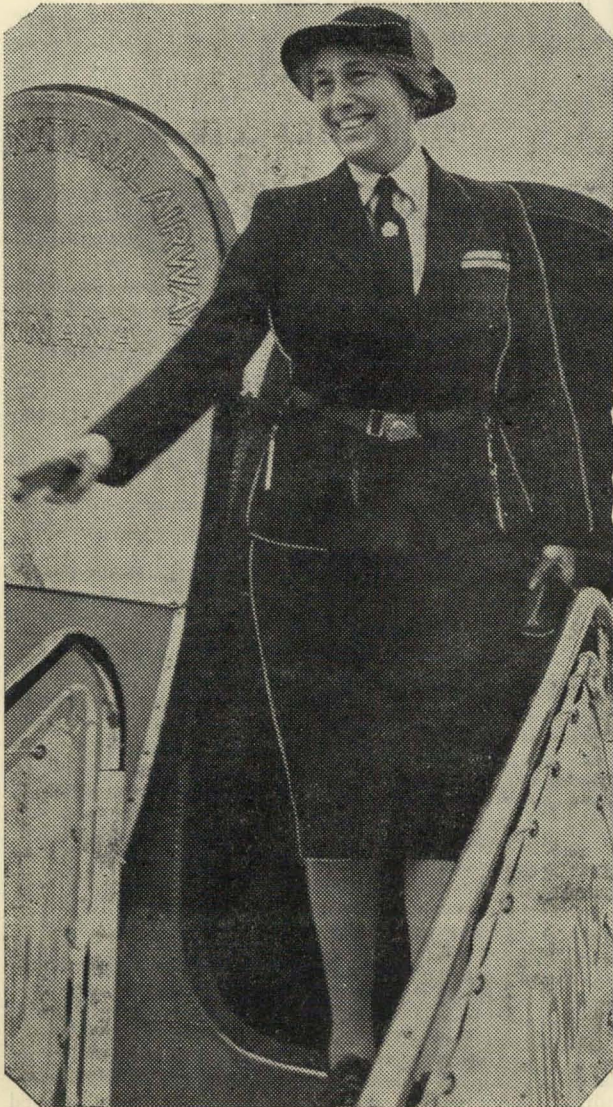


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STAMPS

Competition "H," 1950.

As only two small entries were received, no prize was awarded for this competition. Thanks are extended to 1st Donald Co. and 10th Geelong St. Matthew's Co. for their entries.

Competition "Q," 1950.

Closed. No entries received.

1951 Main Competitions.

Watch for Special Competitions from month to month.

March—Commemorative Vic. and N.S.W. early stamps.

April—½d. Kangaroo and 5½d. Emu.

May—3d. and 3½d.

June—1d. Queen and 1/- Lyre.

July—5d. Ram and 1/3 Bull.

August—6d. Kookaburra and 1/6.

September—4d. Koala and 9d. Platypus.

October—1d. Princess.

November—8½d. Abo. and 2d. K.G. VI.

Closing dates for all the above competitions will be 15th of the month listed.

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All British and foreign stamps may be sent in at any time, as competitions are only held for Australian stamps.

HELPERS will be welcomed to sort and count stamps.

THANKS are due the following friends: Catherine Crow, Annabel and Michael Rylah, Miss Swinburne, Mrs. J. Wright, 1st Drouin Guides, 1st Ascot Vale Guides, Miss P. Craig,

MESSAGE FOR THINKING DAY

THINKING DAY, 1951.

Guides, the 22nd of February is here again. Do you remember what we did last year?

At 8 a.m. we joined together in silent prayer and thought of our Sister Guides in every part of the world. Please, will you do this again and on future Thinking Days? Prayer has always been the strongest force in the world, but in these days of hustle and bustle it is, unfortunately, forgotten.

Thinking Day is a birthday, and definitely we must celebrate. Lord and Lady Baden Powell have given so much joy and happiness, allowing us to join their game of Scouting and Guiding.

I do hope you all have a little party to celebrate this day.

At my party I will wish the Chief Guide a Happy Birthday and you all Many Happy Returns of Thinking Day.

IRENE FAIRBAIRN,

Chief Commissioner.

VISIT OF CHIEF COMMISSIONER, I.H.Q.

The Chief Commissioner, I.H.Q., Lady Strathedon and Campbell, will be visiting Australia, and hopes to be in Melbourne about the second week in March.

Plans are going ahead for her to meet Guiders, Commissioners and Local Associations. Notices will be sent out shortly.

D. HAYMAN.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

15th February—Closing date Stamp Competition "K." (December, page 2.)

19th February—Closing Date Guide Training. (Page 14.)

20th February—Brownie Training commences. (Page 14.)

22nd February—THINKING DAY.
Chief Guide's Birthday.
Applications close Easter Training and Ranger Training. (Page 14.)

1st March—Ranger Training commences. (Page 14.)

15th March—Closing date Stamp Competition. (Page 2.)

1st May—Festival of Music. (Page 15.)

3rd May—Window on Youth. (Page 15.)

9th-12th July—Commissioners' Conference. (Page 16.)

14th July—Brownie Guiders' Conference. (Page 16.)

21st-22nd July—Ranger Conference (if residential). (Page 16.)

11th-12th August—Guiders' Conference. (Page 16.)

STAMPS (Continued).

Hawthorn L.A., Mrs. Hogg, Mrs. Hughes, and Miss R. Denny.

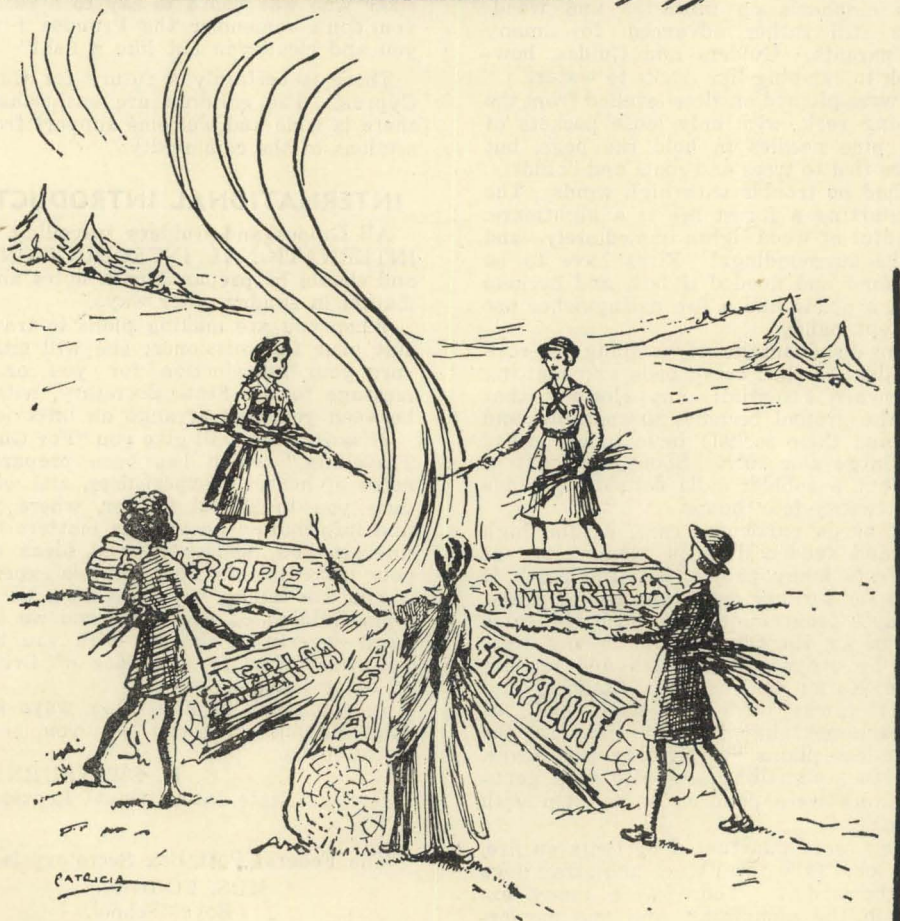
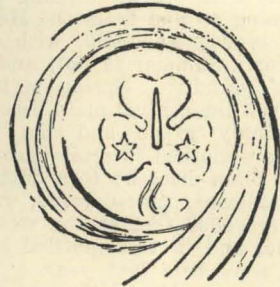
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THE WORLD CHIEF GUIDE

"From these windows I look out towards you, and—seeing you in my mind's eye—my thoughts fly to you."



HAMPTON COURT PALACE.



—Reproduced from section of Chief Guide's Christmas Card.

GUIDES ALL THE WORLD OVER

GUIDING IN CYPRUS

By TRYCE TAYLOR (from "The Guider").

Cyprus was a favourite stopping place for Crusaders going to and from the Holy Land. The winter is wet and cold, with snow on the mountains. Summer is hot, and the sea a swimmers' paradise. Spring is incredibly beautiful—even the central plain becomes suddenly startlingly green and the foot-hills and valleys are clothed in fruit blossom. All too soon the plain dries up to a dusty brown, but the mountains, pine-covered, rise to a height of over 6000 feet at the western end of the island, and in this mottled shade the first camps were held last year.

Residents were surprised that even a small number of Guides were allowed to camp, as three hundred years of Turkish rule up to 1878 has left its mark so far as the status of women is concerned, and our programme, with its emphasis on initiative and woodcraft, is still rather advanced for many Cypriot parents. Guiders and Guides, however, took to camping like ducks to water.

Tents were pitched on sites levelled from the outcropping rock, with only loose pockets of soil and pine needles to hold the pegs, but guys were tied to trees and roots and boulders, and we had no trouble with high winds. The risk of starting a forest fire is a nightmare. Any handful of wood lights immediately—and so do the surroundings! Fires have to be walled round and flooded if left, and buckets of water, a spade and a fire extinguisher are always kept handy.

Another disadvantage of camping on rock and red dust is that camp beds and matting for tents are essential; any clothing that touches the ground becomes unwearable, and Guides (and their socks!) have to be bathed daily in large zinc tubs. Shoes wear out in a week, but a cobbler calls daily and mends them in twenty-four hours.

Health needs particular care, as the high altitude and sudden drop in temperature at night affects many people, and the earth is notorious for turning septic any cut or graze.

The day's programme was much the same as that in an English camp. Colours were followed by prayers in English and reading from the Koran in Turkish. Stalking and woodcraft games were a special thrill, as these are almost impossible to play on the bare tree-less plains surrounding the towns. Long-distance signalling was also very popular. Visitors were pounced on to help with "emergencies."

The days were punctuated by tents on fire, scalded cooks, falls from trees and stray dogs raiding the larder. There were many excursions in the mountains, and one memorable evening we lit our campfire on the very roof of the world—Mount Olympus, the highest point in Cyprus. A great fire was

built with wood carried up from below the tree-line, and lovely singing in English, French and German, as well as in Turkish and Armenian, broke the silence of the home of the Gods.

There is great variety among the Companies, due to the different races and religions. The Turkish Cypriots are practical, and like making things, whilst the Greek Cypriots prefer discussions and expeditions; but all are attracted by uniform, and like to wear as many badges and emblems as possible. Though test-work is practised enthusiastically, it is inclined to be regarded as "lessons"—one Guide asked if she could "sit for her examination," which turned out to be a mile at Scout's pace!

Brownies are the same the world over, and any of the Poulakia (Little Birds) would feel quite at home in an English Pack—even the sixer who was heard to say to a recruit: "If you don't remember the Promise I will kill you and clean you out like a fish!"

There is certainly a future for Guiding in Cyprus. The children are enthusiastic, and there is wide and welcome support from most sections of the community.

INTERNATIONAL INTRODUCTIONS

All Guides and Guiders travelling need an INTERNATIONAL INTRODUCTION CARD, and should be prepared with notes and information in sundry other ways.

When you are making plans to travel, consult your Commissioner; she will either procure your introduction for you or send a message to the State Secretary, with whom, between you, you arrange an interview.

Miss Hayman will give you "For Guide Folk Travelling," which has been prepared from notes of her own experiences, and will introduce you to Travel Corner, where you will find information on various matters that will interest you, addresses, and ideas to make your travelling the best possible experience.

You are taking with you from us all gifts from Guiding of Australia, and we look forward eagerly to sharing with you the gifts you will bring from Guides of Britain and of other lands.

If you think of any other ways in which Miss Hayman or I can help you, be sure to write to us.

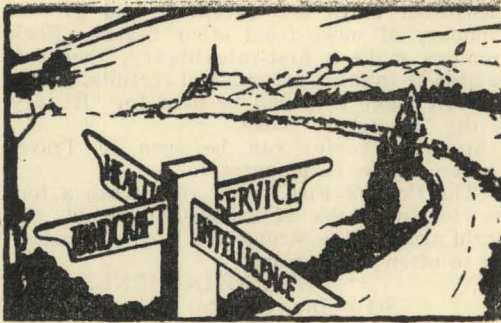
G. H. SWINBURNE,
State International Representative.

The Federal Post Box Secretary is—

MRS. FOGGIN,
Boys' School,

Ipswich, Queensland.

But write first to the Post Box Commissioner in Victoria, Miss L. Kelly.



When did you last hear someone say, with a shake of the head, "Things aren't what they were when I was a girl," or "How I pity the poor young people of to-day, growing up in these terrible times"?

In "Scouting for Boys," B.P. wrote the following about mountaineering, which could just as truly have been written about life:—

" . . . It is a grand sport, and brings out into practice all your Scoutcraft to enable you to find your way. . . . You are, of course, continually losing your direction because moving up and down in the deep gullies of the mountainside you lose sight of the landmarks which usually guide you, so that you have to watch your direction by the sun and by your compass and keep on estimating in what direction your proper line of travel lies. Then, again, you are very liable to be caught in fogs and mists, which are at times upsetting to the calculations, even to men who know every inch of the country. . . ."

First of all, life is a grand sport. Some of us older ones may be a bit short of breath, may wish at times that we were back in the quiet valleys, lying sleepily in the sun, taking things easily . . . back in the quiet valleys. But were they really so quiet ten, twenty, thirty years ago? Was life so very easy when we were young? Let us be honest and admit that life for the young—whether to-day or yesterday—is never easy, and, if it were, it would be dreadfully dull. If we have an illusion that things used to be easier, surely it is because we were young—because we were stronger physically and had greater powers of endurance and recuperation. We remember this perhaps, and forget how often we were puzzled—unsure of ourselves—hoping nevertheless that others would be taken in by our air of confidence.

The children of to-day have never known the quiet valleys which, at any rate, we believe we knew. This is their world—chaotic perhaps, uncomfortable often, tragic sometimes, but at any rate exciting and unpredictable.

The inter-war period is not so different from the post-war period. It is we who are bowed down by our own personal weight of years. It is we who have ceased to dream the dreams of youth, when we so easily saw ourselves as the heroines of any and every situation. Now we see ourselves as middle-aged house-

wives, trudging along with a heavy basket, or weary office clerks scrambling for a bus, or frustrated welfare workers, or teachers with tired eyes.

Perhaps we have lost our direction in one of the steep gullies, or perhaps the mists have come down, obscuring the sun and the familiar landmarks. In greater or lesser degree we see our ideals obliterated by some power outside our control. We no longer know where we stand or which path to follow.

Now is the time when we need most to go back to the wisdom of the Founder, to study our compass, the needle of which is symbolised by the vein in the world trefoil—to remember that the same blue sky and the same golden sun are above us. To some the fog may seem impenetrable, to others it may be just a rather maddening mist, and for still others the sky is blue and the mountain peak towards which we are all climbing is clearly discernible—at any rate, for the moment.

To the Brownie just enrolled nothing could be clearer, and she believes that the goal is equally clear to her elders. The Guide finds a number of boulders on the path which distract her attention, but she knows the summit is ahead of her. The Ranger often plunges into baffling patches of mist, and has grave doubts as to whether she will ever again find the right path.

It is the Leader's job to help the Brownie, Guide or Ranger according to her special need. She may start the Brownie off on the right path; she can give the Guide a hand over the boulders, though she cannot—indeed, should not—roll them off the path. She can perhaps, with the aid of her compass, help the Ranger to find her bearings.

In all these ways she can help the young if she loves them and is close to them.

But let us for a moment on Thinking Day reverse the picture, and consider how the young can help us.

Let us throw off our adult burden of care and stoop down beside the Brownie and see through her eyes the vision of the mountaintop which seems so near—so easy to attain with a little effort. Let us enter into the mind of the thirteen-year-old when we go to camp, and see the fresh, bright colours of the grass and sea and sky. Let us stand behind the Ranger on the threshold of life, and see the wide and wonderful prospect ahead, with the world so new and all.

And then let us ask ourselves: "Are we too wise in our generation? Do we ever, in our clumsiness, accidentally blur the vision with our grown-up cleverness?"

Finally let us read once more "Scouting for Boys." This is no theoretical study; this is the real thing, telling you how to make a boat, catch a thief, follow up a track. In it we shall recapture the zest of boyhood and find that life is indeed a grand sport.

—Alix Liddell (from "The Council Fire").

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Ten thousand Guides, with Brownies and Rangers, in Victoria this year! Four hundred and twenty-five Packs and Companies! and fifty copies of each issue of the International magazine. Yet this magazine, "The Council Fire," is the basic Company equipment for news, activities and interest concerned with International Guiding.

Can we, on Thinking Day, resolve to spread News of World Guiding more thoroughly among our children here?

Two plans have been set on foot to improve the proportion between copies and Companies.

A Hidden Number— Apply at Once.

Some subscription to "The Council Fire" for 1951 have been paid as a gift to Guide folk in Victoria. The number is a secret, but until the gift subscriptions are used up each Company or Pack that applies will receive the four issues for 1951 free of cost on two conditions:—

1. That responsibility is taken to see that the numbers are passed round among the Guides or Rangers, or that the Brownies see the pictures.

2. That a responsible decision is made before October, 1951, whether or not a subscription for future years will be paid from Company funds, for one idea behind the gift subscriptions is to enable the children to know "The Council Fire" before they decide to spend their money on it.

The number of gift copies is fairly large; to share in them apply at once, accepting the conditions, to—

Miss G. SWINBURNE,
41 Kinkora Road, Hawthorn, E.2.

Advance Subscriptions.

Also Apply at Once.

In addition to the gift subscriptions, fifty subscriptions have been paid in advance, so that Guiders and/or Companies that wish to read the magazine can obtain their copies without the delay of ordering from England. If you decide on Thinking Day to take it, you will have your first copy almost at once.

To take advantage of one of these advance subscriptions, apply to Mrs. Barclay, Girl Guides, 60 Market Street, and enclose 4/-.

Do take part in one of these two plans, and talk about your experience with them at next Conference.

What grand news we might all have in our minds by then!

Notes on "The Council Fire."

The International magazine called "The Council Fire," is a quarterly, and costs 4/- a year. Wartime austerity is over—it is improving, enlarging and available. At least four-fifths is written in English, and nearly all is for the Guides themselves to read. The pictures are so many and so good that even French, German and adult articles have something that the children can understand. The

Australian notes are excellent, and give a summary of news from other States. Back numbers make a first-rate library; they can be used to interest parents and recruits, and in the last stage they can be used for "History of the Movement" books.

Specimen copies can be seen in Travel Corner, Guide Headquarters.

"The Council Fire" is in very truth a tool for forging links of friendship round the world and making strong and long the "cable" we so often speak about.

G. H. SWINBURNE,
State International Representative.

PEN FRIENDS OVERSEAS

2131 S. Grange Avenue,
Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Dear Miss Thomas,

Thank you for your Thinking Day card. I've been looking forward to an answer to my letter. My Scouts are anxious for me to write and ask if you have any girls of 11-12 years of age in your troop that would like a pen-pal. They were interested to hear that you have gum-trees. We sing a song, "The Kookaburra Sits on the Old Gum-tree," and they have wondered what one looked like. We started to make nature scrap-books last fall, but did not get very far before it turned too cold to be out. We intend to study trees this spring. My co-leader and I designed and sewed costumes for ten foreign countries for small plastic dolls, and then bound scrap-books to contain pictures, drawings of flags, folk tunes and more common translations of each country. The girls add to them themselves whenever they wish, and I think they will really learn something about Europe through them.

Right now we have gathered a large collection of clothing, and are going to fill a box of things for a girl or more in Europe. We have a few nice warm things for a baby. Our mothers contributed quite a few grown-up pieces, and, as there is an Indian tribe in the Black Hills of South Dakota that has had a very hard winter and is very short of clothing, we have decided to send these to them, and have a neighbourhood drive later to send overseas.

We took time off at Christmas to have a party at the Catholic Children's Home. They have two Scout Troops. We spent the evening playing games, singing carols, exchanging gifts and getting acquainted. My girls enjoyed the party very much, probably because it was nearly postponed because snow had been falling heavily all day, and it was almost impossible to drive. But it was a light snow by evening, so I decided to risk it. My girls sang two Arkansas hillbilly songs and went dressed for the act. They love to sing, and often someone will start a song while they are all working.

It will soon be time to start our meetings out of doors; it looks like we will have an early spring. Our winter as a whole has

been mild, although we had quite a spell of 20 deg. BELOW zero in January. (Note—If U.S.A. uses centigrade thermometer, zero would be freezing point.) We have had quite a lot of snow, but only two short blizzards round Sioux Falls.

I wish you would send me your own birthday and also the birthday of your Troop.

Yours sincerely,

GRACE FISHBACK.

74th Toronto Pack.

We formed just over three years ago with five Brownies and myself, who had never been to a Brownie meeting. We have made much progress since then. Our membership is now twenty-two, and the four originals have just flown up. We are a poor Pack financially, being located in a very poor section of town, where living quarters are very much congested. We are quite cosmopolitan, having two darkies, one Japanese, and two Chinese, which creates quite a sunshine when I have them out for an outing.

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Would you like to receive letters such as these? They came through penfriendships to Miss Janet Thomas, Brown Owl of 1st Belgrave Pack. She writes:—

I began penfriendships so that I would have interesting things to tell my Brownies, and it has been a greater success than ever I could have thought.

This is a very good way to begin penfriendships: For the Guider to write, and through the Guider in another country put Guides or Scouts in touch with one another.

To begin penfriendships, either for yourself or for your Guides, write to the
COMMISSIONER FOR POST BOX,
GUIDE HEADQUARTERS,

60 MARKET STREET, C.1.

You can begin in either of two ways—

1. Write a letter and ask that it be sent to a Guider or Guide in a certain other country. This will be sent on by surface mail, and the answer will not arrive for a considerable time, but it does ensure that a letter from Australia reaches a Guider or a Guide abroad.

2. Write for an address, and send your own.

Addresses can be forwarded by air mail, and, if they are dealt with promptly in the corresponding country, an answer should not be long delayed.

Suggested that, when addresses have been exchanged, the first letter be sent air mail; that the second be sent very soon afterwards, without waiting for reply, by surface mail, so that pictures, etc., can be enclosed, and so that regular letters can go back and forth at short intervals without the expense of constant air mail postage.

Many Guiders have penfriends abroad through other associations. Guiders would find great interest if they became aware of this and encouraged the penfriends to bring their letters to Company meetings and read extracts from them, or show anything that was enclosed.



FORTUNATUS

Fortunatus, the legendary hero of a 16th century popular European story. He possessed an old hat, which carried him wherever he pleased, and a magic, inexhaustible purse.

Life would be simpler if we all possessed magic hats and purses, but in this 20th century the average person must work with hand or brain and earn every penny he receives, money being the reward of labour.

And, having earned your money—SAVE IT—put it where it is safe—in the State Savings Bank of Victoria.

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IRELAND'S MEMORIAL TO THE FOUNDER

WHEN Lord Baden-Powell died in 1941, the Irish Girl Guides determined to do something to remind the Guides of later years of the Founder and all that he had done for the youth of the world. Many should be helped, and, secondly, that there should be a Cottage (a permanent memorial to B-P in Ireland), where Irish Guides and Guides from other countries could stay and make friends and learn about Guiding.

The Guides worked hard and raised a fund of £1900. When the war ended, £800 was spent in various ways to help children on the Continent. Clothing and food were sent out for them, a camp was organised in Ireland for Dutch and French Guides, and a van was bought for the World Bureau to enable trainers to visit the groups of Guides that were springing up in Germany and Austria, and an Irish Guider went as trainer with this team for two periods.

The Cottage still had to be built. A Committee was formed, and the search for a suitable site began. Out it went in sun and shower, in frost and snow, looking for a place on which to build. What a lot of snags there were! One site had no water, another was too swampy, some were miles from transport, churches and shops, and some owners asked such a large price that there would have been no money left to build the Cottage. At last a fairy godfather appeared! Viscount Powerscourt offered the Guides a site in his demesne at Enniskerry, about twelve miles from Dublin. Several possible sites were inspected, and finally a perfect one was chosen, of one and a quarter acres, with a superb view of the Sugarloaf Mountain to the south and a glimpse of the sea to the east. At last the Committee could think of building. But here another snag appeared! The cost of building was rising by leaps and bounds, and

it was realised that a fresh effort must be made if the Cottage was to be big enough to house a number of Guides.

A huge handicraft exhibition and sale was organised in Dublin last November, and everyone worked hard to make it a success, and £700 was added to the Building Fund. Another sale was later held in Cork, which brought another £100 to hand. Meanwhile the walls were rising. Sometimes the layout of the Cottage looked quite large, and at other times it looked so small that one felt doubtful if there really was room for the Guiders to lie down in their bedroom! At last the roof went on, and the Guide Cottage stood complete with rusty red tiles over snowy walls, set off by green shutters.

The Cottage is planned to hold twenty-two—twenty Guiders and two Guiders. There is a big living-room, with a window looking south to the mountains, and two more windows facing west. A big dormitory will accommodate the Guides in double-decker bunks, and there is a small bedroom for the Guiders, a washroom with basins and running water, lavatories, and a kitchen with a big oil stove, and packed with shining equipment of every kind.

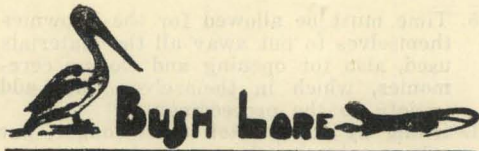
The furniture in the living-room has been presented in memory of Ethel Moore, a dearly loved Commissioner, who died in 1947. A piano has been given by some musical Guiders who raised the money for it by a concert; cushions have been made by the Brownie Packs, and many other gifts are to be seen, including a beautifully carved plaque to let all know that the Cottage is a memorial to Lord Baden-Powell, the Founder of Scouting and Guiding. Nearly every Company and Pack has sent a gift to the Cottage, and past members of the movement and other friends have and helped to equip it and make it beautiful.

INTERSTATE NEWS

South Australia.

Sponsored by the National Fitness Council, at the Adelaide Show a grand march past of Youth organisations was held. In the Guide group the State Colour Party was made of Queen's Guides, followed by 34 other Colour Parties and 160 Guides marching ten abreast; then a long international banner and a group representing 24 different countries. Later came displays, the Guide one being a "Chain of Friendship." A world about 7½ feet in diameter was in the centre; a girl in national dress of each country stood circled about it; a second girl, in similar dress, approached, received a streamer and carried it to the group of blue-clad S.A. Guides on the outer circle. She chose one as partner, and the grand chain was made round the world. The effect was most colourful.

Fourteen Immigrant Guides from Woodside Holding Camp were given a four-days' holiday at Paxlease. It proved much more than this, as it was the first real home any of them had experienced. Patrol house jobs were a sheer joy, and the place was swept and garnished more than once a day. Cooking was a thrill too. The outdoor side was introduced, and laying trails a popular activity. Few had seen fires, so building a hike fire and cooking on it was another excitement, though some of the sausages got eaten raw! It was an unwritten law among the Guides to speak English, except when singing their beautiful songs at campfire. By the end of the time, six were ready for enrolment, two almost, and the rest well on the way.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

It is a most interesting fact that every State has its Christmas bush, but in each case it is a different flower. In Victoria the mint bush of the hill gullies is the Christmas bush. Its fragrant flowers begin to open in late November, and by Christmas time the gullies are white with the snow-like blossom. In the heart of the lip-shaped flower is a little purple and gold patch. The sweet scent attracts many moths and winged insects. The leaf, too, has a most refreshing mint flavour. Our Christmas bush is very fond of growing near running water. In our gardens it is also being cultivated by nature-lovers.

New South Wales has a red Christmas bush. The interesting thing about this shrub is that the true flowers appear about November, and are white. Later these drop, and the green leaves of the calyx turn brilliant scarlet. This, then, is the plant that N.S.W. has chosen to honour at Christmas time. Another typical Christmas flower of this State is the lovely red and orange Christmas bell, found also in Queensland and Tasmania.

Tasmania's Christmas bush is the Sweet Bursaria, the white flowers of which are very similar to the Bursaria of the mainland. Campers will probably know this prickly shrub.

Western Australia's Christmas bush is orange-gold in colour and quite a big tree.

South Australia has no special Christmas flower, though many lovely blooms are out at this season.

—J.H.

INTERSTATE NEWS (Continued).

Federal Council.

The Federal Council and its Sub-Committee Meetings, recently held in Victoria, as well as the delightful hospitality shown to guest members and the happy atmosphere at all discussions, made history on several counts. It was the first occasion at which the Chief Commissioner for Australia and each of the six State Commissioners have all been present; it was the occasion of the first meeting of the State International Representative with the Federal International Commissioner for Australia. Last, but no least, on the first morning of the Council proper, the Bearer was presented to Miss Margaret Fowler, Federal Secretary, for the great service she has given to the Movement.



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PLANNING PACK PROGRAMMES

At this time of year most Packs and Companies have just restarted their meetings after the summer holidays. In the Guide Company the Court of Honour is discussing forthcoming events, but it is left to Brown Owl and Tawny to make these plans for the Pack.

In these busy days, how often we wish that Headquarters would publish a book of Pack programmes, but what muddle and disappointment would follow such a scheme! Each Pack is so very different, and conditions vary so much that it would be impossible to suggest programmes to suit everyone. There are, however, certain fundamental principles which help in planning programmes, and plan we must, if our meetings are to give the variety, excitement and sound character training so vital to children of Brownie age.

Every meeting should be fun, giving complete freedom of choice to each Brownie really to do something. Children of this age have little use for theory and talk. With this broad aim in view, other points may be considered.

How far ahead should we plan? Choosing a main theme round which to build our programmes, and following it for five or six weeks, is more likely to ensure a balance of training than if isolated meetings are planned. This theme usually takes about twenty minutes each week (unless it is handwork, in which case longer, though perhaps fewer, periods are necessary). Some people make rough plans for even longer periods than this.

What points should we consider when planning the detailed programmes?

1. The needs of each child in the Pack should be considered, so that each progresses at her own speed and each enjoys at least most of the meeting.
2. There should be a balance of quiet and active spells.
3. Continuity is desirable, but variety essential. (This may sound contradictory, but the same facts, presented in another way, make for variety.)
4. Whenever possible, at least some part of each meeting should be out of doors.

5. Time must be allowed for the Brownies themselves to put away all the materials used, also for opening and closing ceremonies, which in themselves can add variety to the proceedings.

Learning by doing often takes longer, but is much sounder in almost every case than other methods. Opportunities should be seized as they occur to put into practical use any of the Brownie test work. This brings us to another point, that we must put aside our carefully planned programmes should there be opportunity for adventure or excitement.

Last, but not least, what about the Guiders? Probably we will each have our special line and our own ideas, so, as two heads are better than one, let it be a joint effort, Tawny taking her full share in both the planning and carrying out of programmes.

If there is a Pack Leader, she, too, will be able to help, especially with teaching technical subjects, such as knots. Her greatest value, however, is as a link between Pack and Company. This value varies according to age, being almost at its height between thirteen and fourteen.

Look at your programme book now. Does it provide for something for Jean, aged seven and a half, who is shy and rather quiet; Marjorie, aged nine, boisterous, full of fun and rather inclined to try to be first every time; and Ann, who is older in thought than her ten years warrant? Will each of them enjoy the meeting and gain something from it? That is the supreme test.

—Mary Weatherill ("The Guider").

A THINKING DAY MEETING FOR BROWNIES

Brownies, being full of curiosity, are very interested in the doings of other people, and by using this curiosity and interest we can help them to begin to realise the world-wide nature of the Guide Movement.

The meeting before Thinking Day is a good time to begin; then, when 22nd February comes, the Brownies will have some understanding of it. The whole Pack meeting can be devoted to a pretended visit to one or more countries where there are Brownies. At powwow the decision can be made—shall just one country be visited, and, if so, which? Or shall each Six choose a country and a tour of all these places be made?

The usual items from the programme can all be fitted into the meeting in a special way. Perhaps the Pack has decided to go by air; then their luggage must be very compact, as only a limited amount is allowed. All the Brownies are taught to fold their coats or cardigans properly, and on arrival at the "air port" the folded clothes are inspected before the passengers pay their fare (subscriptions). Next a compass game can be adapted to suit sea or air travel. (See compass games in the book, "Brownie Games.")

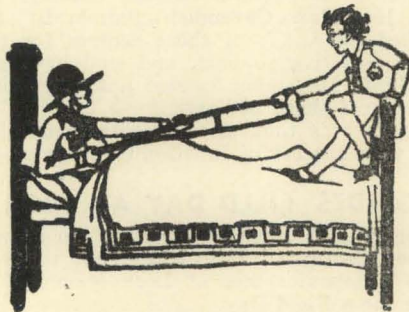
Using the Girl Guides and Girl Scouts' Painting Book (obtainable at H.Q.), pictures of the Guides, Brownies and flag of the country visited can be coloured. They can be shown pictures of, and any things which have come from, that particular land. Stamps and coins are a popular exhibit. A folk story belonging to the country could be told, and afterwards the Brownies either illustrate it or act it in their Sixes.

We have to remember to leave time at the end of the meeting to travel back by either sea or air. Brownies get much more immersed in these imaginative meetings than many of us realise, and they like to see the whole thing through to a proper conclusion. Once a Pack had spent a meeting in England, and had returned to their own home town by air, when one Brownie announced: "I've left my hat in England!" The only thing to be done was for her to take a private plane and fly to England (running three times around the garden) and collect her hat. As she picked it up, she said to her imaginary friends: "Thanks for keeping it. I'll be back next year!"

THE BROWNIE BRANCH

As I will be in England for six months from January, 1951, all correspondence concerning the Brownie Branch should be addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Brownies, Miss Marjorie Fairlie, care of Headquarters.

GRETA M. ROACH.



IN APPRECIATION— NAN MARTIN AND SUE HARRISON.

Late last year two "foreigners" (one from England, the other from Ireland) appeared in Melbourne. Tracked down, they were inveigled into the Extension Branch, and for the past year or more Nan Martin and Sue Harrison have given wholeheartedly of their time and ideas for the good of the branch and of Guiding.

The Company at the Blind Institute was reopened under their leadership; they have worked willingly and hard on committees for and at Christmas parties, Extension camps, Training week-ends, etc., etc., etc. They gave freely of their experiences and training in work with handicapped children (particularly at the Trefoil School in Scotland), and we

will miss their fellowship and inspiration as they move on.

The Extension Branch has farewelled them, and our thoughts may best be expressed in the "song" written for that party to the tune of "Waltzing Matilda":

Once two jolly Guiders
Came to us from Trefoil School,
And our Extension Branch did join;
But, alas! they cannot stay
So to-night we've come to say
"Good luck be with them wherever they go."

Nancy and Sue, good luck to you;
It has been grand knowing you;
If again you chance to roam,
Please make Melbourne town your home;
We will always welcome you.

The best wishes of the Guiders and Guides of the Extension Branch go with them both in their travels.
—M.S.

EXTENSION GUIDE EXHIBITION, ENGLAND.

This week I went to I.H.Q. to set up the Extension Exhibition, which was on show for the World Delegates at Foxlease. There were really some very interesting things there— aids for the blind of all sorts (compass points raised, etc.) and a magnificent model of Foxlease, so that any blind Guider could know the layout of the place before she got there. There was also an excellent model camp made at the Trefoil School, near Edinburgh, a little tent about five inches high, with five little bedding rolls to go inside, store tent, lats, etc., etc., and a well-painted wooded scene and tents in the background—most impressive. Also another model of a hospital ward, and a model house, to show Guiding in hospital and in the home, and various hospital Guiding gadgets and Post letters.

It took the whole day to set up, and was to be on view for a fortnight.

—From C. de Pledge, England.

Girl Guiding is but the lengthened shadow of its leaders.

Leaders—

- Who believe in girls and want them to have fun and to be useful citizens;
- Who believe in the capacity of girls for right living;
- Who believe in tolerance and integrity of youth;
- Who believe that in skills and attitudes of the girls of to-day lie the guarantee of the security of the homes of to-morrow;
- Who believe that the influences of youth extend from girl to girl, from community to community, even from nation to nation.

—From "The Girl Scout" (magazine of the Girl Scouts of the Philippines), August, 1949.

COUNTRY NEWS

KANIYA GUIDES

On Friday, 8th September, the 1st Kaniva Guides, Scouts and Cubs held a combined concert in the Kaniva Shire Hall. The attendance was good, and the various plays, songs, poems and activities were much enjoyed. One play which deserved special mention was "Oh! Betsy," which was written and produced by a twelve-year-old Guide, Diana Edwards. It was very amusing and well acted. The concert, which was brought to a close with "Taps," was enjoyed by all and raised £24 towards the Scout and Guide Building Fund.

By request, on the 22nd, the Guides took the concert to Serviceton, and everyone returned happy in the knowledge that another £14 had been raised towards the Hut.

On Saturday, 7th October, the girls who hope to be the members of the proposed Goroke Guides and Brownies were entertained by the Kaniva Guides. Twenty-two girls and six adults travelled 42 miles to attend. After watching the Robin Patrol erect a tent and then arrive at the hilarious conclusion that it was back to front, the Goroke visitors followed a trail laid by the Kookaburras. This trail finally led back to the grounds of the hall, where the Swallow Patrol gave an excellent demonstration in fire lighting and damper making, and incidentally boiled the billy for afternoon tea. Whilst all waited for the water to boil, the Rosellas sent Morse messages, which caused much fun, and resulted in Captain almost losing her hair, as one message, when decoded, read, "Get Captain's beret."

Inspection of the Robin's First Aid tent and a demonstration with a real live casualty came next. Each bandage, sling, splint, etc., was carefully explained and demonstrated to the visitors, and it was a long time before the long-suffering patient came completely into view again.

The Blue Wrens then had their turn with a demonstration of Tenderfoot knots, and the Union Jack was folded, hoisted and broken for the occasion. The Enrolment Ceremony, with Colours, was also shown, and two Lieutenants made the threefold promise for the first time. It was a very impressed group of girls who finally gathered into horse-shoe formation to watch the six-months-old Kaniva Company close their meeting with "Taps."
—Scribe.

HAMILTON-CAVENDISH GUIDES' CAMPFIRE CONCERT

The Cavendish Hall was filled on the evening of 13th October, when the Hamilton and Cavendish Girl Guides presented a repeat performance of their combined Indoor Campfire Concert.

To create an appropriate atmosphere, the walls of the hall were decorated with gum boughs, while across the stage, beyond the

campfire circle, were hung flags of all countries in which Guiding had flourished before the war.

The Guides entered the hall singing a Czechoslovakian marching song, and grouped themselves around the unlit campfire.

The campfire ceremony, incorporating the ten basic laws of Guiding, was brief and impressive, and the red glow from the lighted fire (artificial) spread itself over the forty Guides who sang.

It was a most appreciative audience, who listened with obvious interest and enjoyment as the Guides wandered the world in song—singing unaccompanied both in unison and in harmony. It was a veritable feast of folk song, including about forty songs of all nations.

At the conclusion, the audience rose with the Guides when the Triple Colour Party marched into the circle bearing the Union Jack, the Guide World Flag and the Australian Flag. The Guides sang the Ranger Song, then joined with the people in the singing of the National Anthem.

Mrs. Glyn Parry, District Commissioner for Balmoral-Cavendish, expressed appreciation on behalf of the audience of this most enjoyable performance, and thanked the Hamilton Guides for coming to Cavendish, and Miss Pedrina, their Captain, for it was she who wrote the script and compered the concert.

Mrs. G. G. Pern, Divisional Commissioner for Hamilton-Cavendish-Balmoral, then thanked the L.A.'s of these centres for their help and active support, and said how much the Guide Movement needed and appreciated the help of these bodies.

Supper was then served by the ladies, and so a very successful function came to an end.

GUIDES' FIELD DAY AT LOCH

Korumburra and Loch Guides had a happy day on Saturday, 11th November, when the three Companies met at Loch Memorial Reserve for a Field Day.

After placing wreaths at the base of the memorial gates, Loch R.S.L. joined with the Guides and Brownies, who formed a horse-shoe around the flagpole for the observance of Remembrance Day. 1st Korumburra's Colour Party performed their part of the ceremony admirably.

The three Companies joined together, forming special Patrols for the day, and all Guides joined with great enthusiasm in competitive team games. A Treasure Hunt was followed by a Wide Game, which included decoding a message, first aid, and a whispered message relay about a bandit who was tied up with a granny knot and got away. Finally, a woodcraft trail led to the bandit's lair. Bandit Betty certainly looked the part in military hat, khaki shirt and breeches, and spurred Wellington boots. A scarlet bandana kerchief masked

her face, and a brace of pistols kept the sleuths at bay until she was captured after an exciting chase and securely tied to a tree—not with a granny knot!

Loch won the Company Flag Race, with 2nd Korumburra in second place. A Fire Lighting Competition was won by Betty Stewart, 1st Korumburra, with Marion Clymo (1st Loch) in second place.

The only mishap to mar the day's fun was when Gwen Kurrle, of 1st Korumburra, had the misfortune to twist her ankle during the Sack Relay.

Betty Stewart, of 1st Korumburra, gained pride of place for the Guide with the greatest number of wins, whilst Loch won the pennant for the best Company average with 7.5 wins. 1st Korumburra had an average of 6.9 wins, and 2nd Korumburra 6.5, so that the Companies were very evenly matched.

Towards evening a move was made towards the creek for tea, and soon there was a mingled aroma of burning gum and grilling chops. All hands combined to build a really big fire to celebrate Victoria's Centenary as a separate State. Startled by the crackle of leaping flames, several kookaburras sat high up in the big gums to listen to the Guide songs and add a few sound effects to such favourites as the "Lion Hunt." As dusk fell the peace of the evening was rudely disturbed by the flare of fireworks, after which numerous happy, but very weary, Guides and Guiders departed homewards.

Lone Guides

Mail day in the out-back! A most important mail day, for it is the culmination of some months of preliminary waiting, working and writing. Jean is to be enrolled as a Lone Guide! Captain, away in the big city, has given her all directions in the Company Letter, and passed all her tests. There has been no opportunity for Jean to go to the city for her enrolment, and no Commissioner or Guider lives within many miles. But a ceremony she must have, so all the family is assembled, including Jean's army brother, in uniform for the occasion. The wife of one of the station hands had been a Guide as a child, so it is she who hands over the badge as Jean makes her Promise. The little Company then sings the National Anthem, and finally—rather an anti-climax—but their way, "For She's a Jolly Good Fellow," and one more proud Guide wears her shining trefoil.

Lone Guiding for the out-back child has plenty of scope in this country, but, as in other sections, Lone Guiders are hard to find. Lones are so scattered that Company Letters often take three months to go round. On the other hand, it is often remarked how keen are these children, who may pass through much of their Guide life without ever even seeing their Captain or other Guides.

Enrolments do not always take place by post. This is only the last resource. If possible, a nearby Commissioner or Guider, or a travelling Trainer, will visit the Lone and conduct her enrolment. Or the girl may come to the city or to camp, where she may make her Promise with other Guides to support her. In more than one instance the nearest contact has been a Scout Group, and Horseshoe, Colours and Enrolment have been provided by the Troop and its Scouter.

Here is a Tale of Lone Enterprise.

A small Lone went to live in a scattered community, gathered various recruits, and got a Commissioner out to enrol them. They invited Guides from the nearest town to show them how to run a meeting, organised a Church Parade (for which they had uniforms, but no berets, so they wore their best Sunday hats!), heard that all Guides went camping, so ran a dance to pay their camping expenses. A camp had to be found for them. Nine months later three have their 2nd Class, two are half-way through 1st Class, and one has Horsewoman and Dairymaid Badges. Their "sealed order" and other tests have not been made easy.

CONCESSIONS ON MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS

It may not be generally known that Guides and Rangers in full uniform are permitted to travel at children's fares, irrespective of age. This does not apply to Guiders. If Rangers are questioned by a Conductor, quote Section 45 of the Section and Fares Book.

D. HAYMAN, State Secretary.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MOONEE PONDS EX-GUIDES

There is only a handful of them, but they are working enthusiastically for our Movement.

Their first effort has been a Fete, from which £50 has gone to the Appeal.

Thank you very much, Moonee Ponds Ex-Guides.

TO YOU WHO PASS BY.

Ye who pass by and would raise your hand against me, hearken ere you harm me. I am the heat of your hearth on the cold winter nights; the friendly shade screening you from the summer sun; and my fruits are refreshing draughts quenching your thirst as you journey on.

I am the beam that holds your house, the board of your table, the bed in which you lie, and the timber that builds your boat. I am the handle of your hoe, the door of your homestead, the wood of your cradle, and the shell of your coffin.

I am the bread of kindness and the flower of beauty. Ye who pass by listen to my prayer: HARM ME NOT.

A NOTICE ON A TREE IN A SPANISH PARK.

TRAINING

PRE-WARRANT TRAINING COURSES FOR GUIDERS.

Brownie.—This will commence at the Girl Guide Office at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 20th February. It will consist of eight nights and one Saturday afternoon. Guider-in-Charge: Miss D. Holtz. Fee, 3/-, to be paid at first class. Applications should reach Hon. Training Secretary by 13th February. The course will cover Brownie Tests and Pack Management only. Guide Tenderfoot and Second Class will not be dealt with at all.

Guide.—This will commence at the Girl Guide Office at 7.30 p.m. on Monday, 26th February. It will consist of twelve nights and three Saturday afternoons. Guider-in-Charge: Miss E. Moran. Fee, 5/-, to be paid at first class. Applications should reach Hon. Training Secretary by 19th February.

Ranger.—This will commence at the Girl Guide Office at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, 1st March. It will consist of seven nights and one Saturday afternoon. Fee, 2/6, to be paid at first class. Applications should reach Hon. Training Secretary by 22nd February.

1950 COURSES NOT COMPLETED OWING TO TRAIN STRIKE.

Brownie.—This will be combined with the Brownie Course advertised above.

Guide.—Will continue on Friday, 23rd February, to consist of six more nights and two Saturday afternoons. Trainees attending both these courses were notified direct, by letter, of the arrangements made at the end of November.

Easter Training.

A special woodcraft training for Guiders (all branches) will be held at the Guide House next Easter, from Thursday, 22nd March, to Tuesday, 27th March, 1951. No special application forms are required, but Guiders wishing to attend should apply to the Hon. Training Secretary by 22nd February, enclosing 10/- deposit and giving rank, name of Pack or Company and previous experience. Guiders will travel by the 5 p.m. train on 22nd March and be back in the city at 8.30 p.m. on 27th March. It is essential that they state with their application if they will be able to be present for the full time or not. Numbers will be limited (the House only holds 25, including staff), so Guiders should make certain of applying in time and giving the required information. Fee, 30/- and fares. Deposit will not be refunded if withdrawal is made after 1st March. Programme will include mapping and compass, wide games, bird observation and other woodcraft activities. Guider-in-Charge: Miss Sheila MacLeod. Miss Ina Watson, known to many as an ex-Guider and an authority on birds, will be present, and it is hoped to get other experts to visit the Training.

Sheila M. MacLeod,
Commissioner for Training.

NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE

2nd and 23rd November, 1950.

Present: Mrs. Orr, chair (1), Miss Russell (1), Miss Mitchell (1), Mrs. Reid (2), Mrs. Rylah (2), chair (1), Miss Andrews (2), Miss Gross (2), Miss Swinburne (2), Miss MacLeod (2), Mrs. Hall (2), Mrs. Patterson (1), Mrs. Littlejohn (1), Miss Broadhurst (1), Mrs. Wallace (1), Mrs. McKay (1).

At the meeting (23rd November) Mrs. Rylah welcomed Mrs. McKay and Mrs. Wallace, new members of the Executive.

Reported that The Lady Strathedon and Campbell, Chief Commissioner, I.H.Q., will be visiting Australia, and may be in Victoria during March.

Lady Cooper, Overseas Commissioner, I.H.Q., will be visiting Australia during the early part of 1951.

A Jubilee Camp for Guides from neighbouring countries to Australia—e.g., New Zealand, Malaya, Pakistan, etc.—would be held probably in New South Wales in the spring of 1951. The Federal Government have offered financial assistance.

Reported that "Matilda" had shown a profit for the year of £10, which was considered a big achievement, and that thanks to the Editor should be sent.

The State International Representative reported that there had been an excellent response for toys for the New Australian children at Somers Camp. In co-operation with the Commonwealth Immigration Department, a Christmas Party would be held. The annual meeting had been a great success, and, in spite of the train strike, the hall was full. H.E. the Governor and Lady Brooks were present, also the Honorable the Premier, Mr. McDonald, the Attorney-General, Mr. T. N. Mitchell, Mr. Anderson, Chief Commissioner of the Boy Scouts.

Thanks to Mrs. McKay and her helpers from the Toorak L.A., an excellent tea was served.

The Brownie Branch reported that 800 Brownies had visited the Flinders Naval Base, and had had a wonderful time.

The Equipment Secretary reported that it was becoming increasingly difficult to obtain Guide felt hats. Two sizes were out of stock, and it looked as if in the future the prices would rise considerably. The 10,000 yards of Cesarine material ordered from England has not yet left, and it has been necessary to have pink cotton material died blue. This is not satisfactory, but it is the best that can be obtained in large quantities.

Last June, Kent County, England, asked Victoria to send a complete Guide uniform to add to their collection of world uniforms. This was sent, and a letter from Kent received thanking us.

The Training Department reported that a Scotch Guider, Miss Ferguson, will be training in Queensland next year. It was decided to ask Queensland if Miss Ferguson could visit

Victoria for three months at the end of her term.

Reported that the Gift Shop at Guide Headquarters had been most successful. A stall had been held at Croydon Market, and this had been well patronised.

It was reported that Mrs. G. Smith would be Division Commissioner for Mornington Peninsula, excluding the Frankston District.

1951 CELEBRATIONS

Next year being Jubilee Year, the Associated Youth Committee has been asked by the Government to participate in the 1951 Celebrations, and it has been decided to hold a Youth Week, 1951, in which every Youth Organisation is asked to co-operate.

Proposed Functions.

It is proposed to hold a demonstration in the Exhibition Building on Thursday, 3rd May, entitled "WINDOW ON YOUTH." An alcove will be allotted to each organisation to dress to the best advantage, giving an indication of the type of work carried out.

The Girl Guides Association will be taking part, and a committee is being formed to organise this.

Festival of Music.

This will be held on Tuesday, 1st May, in which organisations are invited to submit entries for choirs and individual items—i.e., instrumental and vocal.

As our musical activities are as a rule not up to the standard of a choir, the Girl Guides Association will not, as a whole, take part, but anybody wishing to submit individual items could get in touch with the State Secretary immediately.

Stage Entertainment.

It is hoped that the Guides will be able to produce an entertainment item during the week. Further details available later.

The Chairman of the A.Y.C., Mr. A. Duncan, thanks all organisations for their co-operation in the Youth Rally at the Showgrounds.

D. HAYMAN, State Secretary.

WARRANTS AND REGISTRATIONS

REGISTRATIONS.

1st Seymour Brownie Pack.
2nd Blackburn Guide Company.
Corryong Local Association.
Cudgewa Local Association.
East Brighton Local Association.

WARRANTS.

Commissioners.

Mrs. K. Davidson, Division Commissioner, Western.
Mrs. H. Brittain, District Commissioner, Castlemaine.
Mrs. W. J. Cooper, District Commissioner, Lancaster.
Mrs. E. M. May, District Commissioner, Fitzroy.
Mrs. R. H. Street, District Commissioner, Malvern.

Captains.

Miss S. Aldridge, 6th Bendigo Company.

Miss J. R. Cant, 11th Geelong Company.
Miss M. Christopher, 2nd Camperdown Company.

Miss V. Dickenson, 1st Sale Company.

Miss I. Sutton, 2nd Blackburn Company.

Miss B. McL. Warnock, 3rd Sunshine Company. (Cancelled Lieutenant.)

Lieutenants.

Miss D. M. Bonney, 11th Geelong Company.

Miss E. Goynes, 1st Bendigo Company.

Mrs. D. Mayo, 1st Hartwell Company.

Miss G. McKechnie, 1st Numurkah Company.

Miss M. E. Patten, 8th Malvern Company.

Cancellations.

Miss G. Gilbert, Captain, 14th Ballarat Company.

Miss H. Warnock, Captain, 3rd Sunshine Company.

Miss B. McL. Warnock, Lieutenant, 3rd Sunshine Company.

CONGRATULATIONS

Guide First Class:

Ann Chesterfield, 2nd Caulfield.

Freda Dods, 4th Kew.

Elsbeth Fettell, 2nd Horsham.

Little House Emblem:

Marjorie Wilford, 1st Hawksburn.

Judith Gilmore, 1st Hawksburn.

Helen Taylor, 6th Kew.

Beverley Woolley, 6th Kew.

Janice McLean, 2nd Surrey Hills.

Jill Cooke, 2nd Surrey Hills.

Margaret Longoy, 2nd Surrey Hills.

HEADQUARTERS DONATIONS

OCTOBER, 1950.

From Packs: 5th Kew, £1; Mildura Packs, £1/12/-; 1st Murtoa, 14/7.

From Companies: 1st Benteleigh, 9/2; Caulfield Rangers, £2/3/-; 1st Fish Creek, £1/8/-; 1a Gardenvale, 8/4; 17th Geelong, £1/5/-; 2nd Hamilton, £1/2/6; 9th Hawthorn, £1; Mildura Companies, £2; 1st North Melbourne, 10/-; 1st Prahran, £1; 1st Sandringham, 1; 4th St. Kilda, £1/14/-; 3rd Sunshine, 6/10; 1st Wangaratta, £2/14/9; 1st Waubra, 12/6; 1st Yarra-wonga, 6/10.

From Local Associations: Camberwell South, £1/1/-; Hawthorn, £1/1/-; Heidelberg, £5; Swan Hill, £1; Waubra, £1/1/-.

Individual Donations: Foy & Gibson, Miss Wainwright, £3/2/-.

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Guide, 36 in. wide	yard 4/9
Navy Flannel, 54 in. wide	yard 16/6
Wool de Chene, 54 in. wide	yard 19/6
Lystav, 36 in. wide	yard 7/11
Ranger Blouse, 27 in. wide	yard 3/3
We are expecting Cesarine in the New Year.	
Uniforms—	
Brownie	30/-
Guide	34/6, 36/-, 39/6, 40/-
Guider, Wool de Chene	67/6
Guider, Lystav	45/-
Uniforms made to measure, 5/- extra	
Ranger—Flannel Skirts, made to measure	35/-
Stockings—Fine Lisle	pair 8/9
Hats—	
Brownie—Cotton	6/9
Guide—Wool Felt	10/11
Guider—Fur Felt	15/6
Berets	5/-
Beret Patches	1/-
Sea Ranger Caps	19/6, 23/6
Brownie Caps	4/-
Cockades	3/9
Belts—	
Brownie, 30 in. and 32 in.	3/6
Guide, 34 in., 38 in., 40 in., 44 in., 46 in.	5/9
Patterns—	
Brownie	1/6
Guide and Guider	1/9
Cloth Badges—	
Proficiency, Brownie and Guide	9d.
Ties—	
Guider	4/6
Brownie and Guide	2/6
Ranger	3/6
Emblems	10d.
Shoulder Knots	4d.
Metal Badges—	
Brownie Recruit	1/3
Guide Trefoil	1/-
Ranger Trefoil	3/6
Lone Guide Trefoil	1/7
Lone Ranger Trefoil	2/-
Commissioner's Trefoil	3/6
Miniature Guide Trefoil	1/3
Miniature Ranger Trefoil	1/3
Miniature Sea Ranger Trefoil	1/3
Division Commissioner's Lapel Badge	5/6
District Commissioner's Lapel Badge	5/6
Captain's Warrant Badge	2/10
Ranger Captain's Warrant Badge	1/6
Sea Ranger Captain's Warrant Badge	1/6
Lieutenant's Warrant Badge	1/3
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Tawny Owl's Warrant Badge	1/9
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Flag Carrier	12/6
Flag Trefoil	39/-
Plastic Plate	2/3
Plastic Bowl	1/9
Plastic Mug	1/3
Plastic Collapsible Beaker	1/9
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Frying Pans, 7 in.	3/6
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Sheath Knives	8/6 and 17/3
Pocket Knives	3/9, 5/-, 6/9, 10/-
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CONFERENCES

Dates for the forthcoming Conferences are:
 Commissioners' Conference, 9th to 12th July,
 1951.
 Guiders' Conference, 11th and 12th August,
 1951.
 Brownie Guiders' Conference, 14th July,
 1951.
 Ranger Conference, 21st and 22nd July, 1951
 (if residential).

GUIDERS' CONFERENCE

The 1951 Guiders' Conference will be held
 at the Melbourne University on 11th and 12th
 August, 1951.

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