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Birthday Issue

State Commissioner's Diary

Just a few jottings about the Senior Branch here in England during the Centenary Year. It was gay and hard work like ours was "down under," as they call Australia here. They were very busy helping International Camps, joined ski-ing and summer parties at "Our Chalet" and other Guide Centres in Europe. It is a great help to speak languages other than one's own; this makes camping in Europe and other places so much more fun. Quite a number worked for the Duke of Edinburgh Award; Scotland, Ulster and thirteen English Counties took over administration of the Bronze and Silver stages of the scheme. Thirty-two Gold Awards were presented to the Rangers by Prince Philip. Needless to say how thrilled they were!

The new Training Ship loaned by the Admiralty has been named Golden Hinde. Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret, accompanied by her husband, performed the ceremony. All counties of the United Kingdom were represented in the Sea Ranger Crew and had the honour of meeting Her Royal Highness.

I hear the Air Section is growing. A Flight for British Rangers was formed in Germany, and Air Rangers helped as Stewards at the R.A.F. Station, Biggin Hill, on the Open Day commemorating the Battle of Britain. More interest is being taken in week-end Conferences, House Parties, Camp and Service Projects planned jointly with Rovers and Senior Scouts.

When one is used to camping in sunshine, I feel one should appreciate one's blessings more. So many camps are almost entirely ruined by rain. It becomes extremely difficult smiling for ten days, getting wetter and colder and bluer! However, if one massages one's face long enough to defreeze it, no doubt the smile will be less set, so to speak!

During this Jubilee Year there were 76 International Camps. That makes in itself a real Jubilee Year. To me it has been interesting reading about it and listening to Guiders still talking about the wonderful Jubilee Year. So many Guides from the Commonwealth have visited the United Kingdom, a real "getting together." We

know how thrilled we are to have overseas visitors to our country—everyone enjoys that privilege now I think.

Our Director, Dame Leslie Whateley, who travels around the world, had a very unfortunate experience recently; she just missed being shot—the bullet went through her skirt. However, this news came to me through a friend of Dame Leslie's, and not a Girl Guide. My Diary this month consists of what I have read in the Annual Report and conversations with sister Guides.

I have seen Miss Merle Bush, whom you know has been away from Victoria for so long, and Miss Barfus. Both tell me they are returning to Australia, and I am glad we will have them back with us; they should have so much to tell us apart from Girl Guides.

Well, as you can imagine, I have been touring around the lovely countryside. I have visited the most beautiful gardens. At the moment they are full of Rhododendrons, Azaleas and flowering Chestnuts (mostly red ones). I saw one in Hampshire the other day consisting of 24 acres, quite a lot of gums and other Australian trees and shrubs mixed in together. I did invite the owner to Australia, but his reply was very definitely "No," it is too far away! Pity!

As I write this, I am thinking of the Local Association, who will be having their Annual Meeting shortly. I am sure it will be a most successful one, and I will be interested to hear all about it. I am sorry, too, that I will be missing the Commissioners' Conference, but I sincerely hope I will be able to attend the following year, as it will be my last one as State Commissioner. I always think they are great fun.

I feel the Senior Service is up and coming; there is so much they can do and so much they can give. It's mostly when one is old one realises one has missed so much by mostly being not interested. All opportunities should be taken. You could have a wonderful life.

Steve Farbar

Senior Branch

WHAT ABOUT MAKING IT "THE WIDEST POSSIBLE WORLD" AS AN EXPERIMENT?

This is the bold suggestion made by Mrs. Woollacott, Victoria's Ranger Adviser, and, what is more, not only did she outline her suggestions at the Commissioners' Conference, but she has been given permission to try out her scheme on an experimental basis for two years, and has had no difficulty in arousing the interest and enthusiasm of three Division Commissioners—Mrs. May, Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Price—to undertake the experiment in some part of their Divisions of Merri, Bendigo and South-Eastern Suburbs.

Briefly, the purpose of this scheme is to halt the terrific loss of members in the 13½ to 21 age group. In the past five years the number of girls in the Senior Branch in Victoria has never been more than 3% of the total membership, or, conversely, one might say the wastage in this age group each year has been well over 90%.

"Face the facts and seek for real reasons . . . it is no use just bewailing the wastage and being so certain that young people of to-day have lower ideals and standards and leave our Movement because they do not believe in it or understand its value. I feel certain it is largely our fault, and that we are driving them away." These are some of the statements Mrs. Woollacott made, and she went on further to say: "We are NOT sending our enrolled members of Ranger age 'out into a wider world,' we are segregating them and sheltering them at an age when they should be learning to stand on their own feet and make their own decisions; also we are using methods of training, and organising out-of-door week-end activities, and advocating forms of dress and social conduct that were truly bold and 'adventurous' twenty years ago, but are no longer; and, worst of all, we persist in laying down rules and telling them what they

should be doing and learning, when fifty years ago our Founder led the way in education as pioneer of the idea that 'young people learn by finding out for themselves and by doing practical things on their own out of doors.'

How is This Experiment Going to be Tried Out?

Well, of course, it will be quite different in every Division according to the needs of the girls in each Group and the actual facilities available in the area, but, broadly speaking, something on the following lines:

1. Find out how many young people between the ages of 13½ and 21 who have either left, or are just leaving, would still like to be members of the Movement, but are seeking change, new friends, new interests for their leisure time. This task could probably best be done by the interested Leaders in the area.
2. The Commissioner, or someone she asks to help her, will find out ALL the public facilities in the area—e.g., sports grounds and clubs, swimming baths, badminton halls, gymnasiums, running tracks, table tennis, squash, tennis courts, etc. Any Drama Clubs, Music Clubs, Dancing Classes, Art Classes, Handcrafts, Choirs, etc., run by churches, youth centres, schools, colleges, or private individuals. Details about Rambling Clubs, Field Societies, Climbing Clubs, Skiing Clubs, etc., will also be investigated, so that every possible avenue for doing things and getting out and about amongst other young people of both sexes will be explored.

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3. GET THE YOUNG PEOPLE THEMSELVES TO FORM A CLUB for one of the above activities, either at their church, or in their school hall, or as a week-end outing; and in this way they will be of public service in their community. This is a definite task for Rangers and Cadets and young teenage Guiders in an area.
4. The Commissioner, Local Association official, or any other interested adult who is eager to form the Senior Branch Group should do their best to get all the existing clubs to accept "junior members from the Guide Movement" on the basis that they would be a helpful asset to the club.

Lastly we come to the actual formation of a Senior Branch Group. WHO will be eligible to join it? Any girl between the ages of 13½ and 21? NO! Only those who have been enrolled as Guides and have left, or are about to leave, their Guide, Ranger or Cadet Company. Anybody else? YES! All the young teenage Guiders acting as Tawnies and Lieutenants, who still need training and the fun and companionship of their contemporaries. And what about existing Rangers and Cadets? Are they eligible to join? YES, if they are interested and would like to take part in all the outside activities, or they might like to get some started as part of their "service to the community." The same thing applies to Senior Guides. When the Group is a going concern, they will probably want to apply for membership.

What are we going to offer these young people in order that they may want to stay with us?

1. MEMBERSHIP—i.e., the right to belong to this wonderful, world-wide Movement.
2. FRIENDSHIP and INTEREST in their growth, development and achievements.
3. HELP, SUPPORT and ADVICE (if they ask for it) as to how they can join groups of other young people, widen their interests, and have opportunities

of further training and making new friends.

Are we going to make any demands on them? If so, what? YES. We are going to ask them when they decide to join the Senior Branch Group if they really WANT to belong to this huge, world-wide body of many millions of girls and women of all races, colours and creeds, who voluntarily take a simple promise to try and do their duty to God and their country, to help other people at all times, and try and live according to the simple Law given us by our Founder, "B-P". That's all! They are quite old enough to know what they hope to do with their lives, and in any case we cannot do it for them, nor can we tell them HOW to do it. They will be asked to pay an annual subscription, which will entitle them to participate in any Guide function and also keep in touch with the Leaders of the Senior Branch Group. By keeping in touch we mean what friends do—they telephone, or write, or visit each other from time to time, and they let each other know about any major changes of address, or work, and they tell each other about any new ventures undertaken or achievements successfully attained.

What does all this boil down to? Well, we hope it may mean that the Matric Prefect at school, the College student, the University undergraduate, the leading lady in the amateur theatricals, the sporting champion, the leading soprano in the church choir, the enthusiastic walker, climber, skier, etc., in any area in Victoria, will say proudly, "I am a member of the Senior Branch of the Guide Movement."

Will this scheme be a real help to our thoroughly nice, serious-minded young people who have been forced to leave us over the past years because we were unwilling to take off the pressure of our demands on them? Only time can tell, and the only way to prove the value or the failure of this scheme is to try it out. Like every experiment, new discoveries will come to light all along the line, and by the end of the two years the Senior Branch Group will probably have evolved into something really good.



WHEN SHALL I GET MY WARRANT?

Even if we don't say this as often as the Brownies say "When can I be tested?" it probably comes into our minds as soon as, if not before, our minimum time of three months' work with the Pack has been completed. And, just as it falls to Brown Owl to train and ultimately test her Brownies, so it does to the Commissioner to do the same for her Guiders.

It isn't just that we want the satisfaction of being given our Warrant Badge to wear, though, to be honest, isn't that one of the first things we notice about each other?—but the inner confidence that the Warrant brings us, that we have measured up to the requirements of the Warrant Test; and, of course, the thrill of now being able to test and enrol the children we have worked so hard to train.

What are the requirements for a Brownie Guider's Warrant?

P.O. & R., as usual, supplies the answer, and we find them set out in the five parts and two sections of Rule 32, with which we become increasingly familiar as we work towards mastering them.

But are we equally familiar with Rules 25, 26 and 27? Because, if we're not, our Commissioner will be, and especially with No. 25, about which she will have thought really hard before appointing us at all. For, however desperate she is to find new Guiders—and, poor dear, she nearly always is—still it is her fundamental responsibility to be positive that we conform to those basic requirements if she wishes us to be a Guider.

Apart from the lower ages, 19 for Brown Owls and 17 for Tawny Owls, there is no difference in Victoria from P.O. & R., and do let us remember that every word and comma has been weighed and discussed, and particularly that the order of the

clauses will have been given careful consideration.

If a new Guider has not been a Guide, then she must become one, by passing her Tenderfoot and being enrolled. This takes a Guide Recruit a minimum of four weeks. As adults, we can master the necessary knowledge more quickly, but it's just as important, if not more so, that our Tenderfoot Test is a thorough one and passed at a good standard.

If possible, it's a good idea to attend the three Company meetings at spaced intervals, so that we can think about them in between. The ideal way is to have someone with us who can explain things as they go on, or if Captain has time to show us her Programme before hand, and to go through it thoroughly afterwards, with her own summing up as to whether the meeting went well or not, and the reasons why. It's also very worthwhile to visit different Companies if possible.

The fundamentals of Guide Training methods were perfectly summed up for us by B-P himself in Part 3 of "Scouting for Boys." This is something we can never read too often, and where we can always find the answer to any problem. In fact, I'd like to suggest that it be required reading at least annually for every adult in the Movement, together with the Founder's Foreword to P.O. & R.

District Meetings help us to an understanding of co-operation between the Company and the Pack, and let us keep the first sentence under the Brownie Branch ever before us: "A Brownie is a girl under 11 who is preparing to be a Guide." As Brownie Guiders this is our job.

All Guiders have the next two clauses in common. That we have a full appreciation of the principles underlying the scheme of training, and that we have some knowledge of the world-wide aspect of the Movement within the British Commonwealth and in other countries, and that we can apply it in our unit.

These offer up a wealth of thought for Guiders new to the Movement, or Guides and Rangers coming back as adults to be

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Leaders, and indeed for those who have served for many years in a variety of capacities, for there is always a deeper understanding and a wider knowledge to be acquired.

There are a great many ways to seek it:—From each other at District Meetings; from books—the H.Q. Library is temporarily unavailable due to the rebuilding, but often Divisions or Districts have libraries, and we can borrow from one another (and be scrupulous as Guides about returning!) if we can't afford to buy at once all the books we would like; films and slides are a grand source of information about International Guiding—especially in the visual age in which we live seeing things makes them all the more real; there is an increasing amount of publicity about the Movement in the press. The more we learn, the prouder we become to have the privilege of being in uniform. At Training we shall be given all sorts of ideas about applying our knowledge, and here we can exercise that imagination and creative ability for which, as Brownie Guiders, we are noted!

Brownie Guiders no longer have to pass their Second Class on a teaching basis, but to have an understanding of the educational value of the Brownie Tests implies exactly the same thing, even if it's not so specifically worded. Obviously, if we are to satisfy our Commissioner on this score, we **must** know our Test Work (hateful expression, but it's hard to think of a clearer) well enough to teach it, and that's very well indeed. Training Classes will teach it to us; then it's up to us to go home, learn it thoroughly for ourselves, and then set out to learn how we can pass on our own knowledge to the Brownies. The process, of course, goes on ad infinitum, but not, I hope, ad nauseam, for anyone, and especially not for the Brownies themselves. Because it implies a lot of hard thinking about why we have tests, what they achieve and what proportion of importance they hold in the whole scheme of training.

Story **telling** IS A MUST, and this is much easier for some people than others. **But**, painful as it may be, the art can be acquired, and how worth while it is! Once you've experienced the thrill of holding the attention of the Brownies, you'll never dread tell-

ing a story again—not if you're a Brownie Guider at heart.

Ability to run a meeting comes like most other things, from practice, by trial and error, infinite patience and perseverance, and to use B-P's word, "stickability," but we all need those, as long as we remain Guiders. More than likely, the day of the actual Warrant Test, it'll be one of those days when everything seems to go wrong, possibly because we are apprehensive. **RELAX!** The Brownies love a special visitor, such as their own Commissioner, and, if we help them to plan and then carry out a welcome for her, and to show her what fun and happiness we have in our Pack, the other things will fall into place.

The Commissioner will need to see all our books; we can save her the necessity of asking for them by having them out ready for her. Record-keeping certainly comes more easily to some of us than others, but this is the history of **our** Pack, and it can be quite fascinating as time goes on to read the old records, especially our Programme books, if they are detailed and have a place for comments. We let our Brownies down if we don't keep their individual records well and know who has achieved what and when; because even the most careful Brownie can lose her Test Card, or the most interested Mum put it through the washing machine in a pocket.

The Brownies' money is entrusted to our charge, so we must be absolutely scrupulous about keeping a record of how it is spent, and the Brownies themselves are always keen to discuss their financial affairs at Pow-Wow, if decisions have to be made about some special purchase or donation.

The word principles comes in again in connection with having read the Brownie and Wolf Cub Handbooks. The former at present is out of print, as some of the wording is being revised, but everything basic will remain unaltered, and there are plenty of copies about. The latter is lots of fun, especially in small helpings at a time. If it's gulped down as a required meal, it can be hard to digest, but we can return to it again and again, and always find something new and fresh and exciting, and always the wisdom of B-P so simply expressed that it's easy to take it for granted.

The Commissioner will help us to find a suitable Meeting Place for the Pack and with any difficulties arising therefrom. Even if it has no grounds, somewhere near at hand we can, AND MUST, be able to get outside. Why? Because Guiding is a jolly game largely played in the out-of-doors, and let's never be guilty of trying to make it anything else.

Well, these are the requirements for our Warrant; in some ways it's a pretty terrifying list. Let's comfort ourselves by feeling that, if no one ever achieves perfection, it might be dull if we did, and that we can always continue to work towards that end.

Because even when we're wearing our Warrant Badge with pride, there will always be more to learn, but the joy of belonging to the Guide Movement is that there's always someone to help us, and, whilst we are there to serve the Children, we too shall pick up health and happiness, handcraft and helpfulness, as B-P wanted us to do. —C.M.



BROWNIES ENJOY PACK HOLIDAY

Twelve Brownies of the 2nd Portland Pack were given a real Brownie outing when they attended the Easter Pack Holiday which was held at the shearers' quarters on "Koor-nong" Station, the property of Mrs. Beggs, of Hamilton.

A report from the Pack Brown Owl (Mrs. Norma Stuchbery) gives a detailed report of the activities in which the young girls participated and the fun which they enjoyed.

The spirit of adventure is captured in the report, which states:—

The twelve Brownies left Brown Owl's home at 6 p.m. heavily laden with supplies of meat, milk, fruit, vegetables, groceries, Brownies' luggage, bedding, stretchers, first-aid supplies, tent for Guide Pack, Leaders Diane Bitten and Meryl Fisher, motor mower, axe, spade, extra crockery, cutlery, Toadstool, balls, ropes and other equipment for activities, and last, but not least, twelve excited Brownies, two Pack Leaders and three Guiders, Brown Owl, Tawny Owl and Whity Owl.

The trip was completed without incident, and, after arrival at "Koor-nong" at twilight, everyone went to work to unload gear. The fire was lit, stretchers up, rooms assigned, beds made, milk drink brewed and Brownies, after supper, wash and prayers, then off to bed and sleep. Guiders and Pack Leaders then completed the task of unpacking, setting up tent for Pack Leaders and stowing gear by the light of a bright moon. But Proprietor Mr. Ed. Stuchbery (Brown Owl's husband), who donated the expense of the bus trip, approximately £15 at current rates, was given the camp name of "Tige," and was very helpful in assisting with all operations.

Twelve eager little people awaited the rising bell, so that they could greet the morning, which was bright and warm, and, when the bell went at 7 a.m., Brownies flew everywhere to wash and dress so that they could get on with their jobs.

Cook Six made toast on the long-handled wire toaster before the open fire, and also helped Q.M. "Whity" (Joan Dufty).

Waitress Six helped to set the table with brightly coloured plastic table mats and a variety of cutlery—some spoons of huge dimensions more suited to shearers' hands than those of Brownies.

House Six swept and dusted all rooms and set the fire in the dining-room.

Prayers in the open air, then in to breakfast, after singing grace. After breakfast the washing-up, done in groups, then beds and persons ready for inspection by 9.30 a.m., for which coloured ribbons were awarded—blue, excellent; red, very good; green, good; and yellow, poor. No green or yellow ribbons were handed out during the duration of the camp.

The twelve pair of hands assisting made quick work of preparations for dinner, then after fruit juice and biscuits, the activity hour from 11 to 12, then first morning, of course; this consisted of the exploration of surroundings, places out of bounds to Brownies unless accompanied.

Dinner at 12.30, then rest hour, with books and issue of boiled sweets from First-Aider Kitty Bennett. Three to four, activity period, with different activities planned for

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each day and including games, Easter Egg hunt, Brownie cut-out dolls, Nature hunt, and other interesting activities.

4.15 to 5.15 was free time, with the Pack Leaders in charge of Brownies.

Much hilarity was heard when Brownies used the patent showers, where a bucket of water was placed in a cubicle, a hose inserted into the bucket and, by pumping the handle to and fro the water was pumped up and out of the shower rose overhead.

Shoe and Badge cleaning followed, then a change into Brownie uniform for Fairy Ring around the Toadstool outside, while the magpies carolled their evening song and the kookaburras laughed with delight.

After tea and washing-up, the hour of evening activities, 7-8 p.m. was held with the first night concert of Brownie and Guide songs, with individual items of singing, dancing and recitation.

8 o'clock, into pyjamas for prayers and Brownie Bells around the fire, then into bed, lights out and silence.

On Sunday morning the Brownies attended church and in the afternoon visitors were welcomed and shown over the quarters. Among the visitors were Guiders and Brownies from Hamilton; Mrs. Beggs and son, Mr. Geoff Beggs, who were accorded a Grand Salute, and Camp Adviser, Miss McDonald.

Each day of the holiday was filled with fun, work and good fellowship, and, when home-time came, it was difficult to always find that Brownie smile.

As a result of this holiday, and the visit of Miss McDonald, Camp Adviser from Guide Headquarters, Brown Owl Norma Stuchbery obtained her Pack Holiday Permit.



AN ADVANCE NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY

The 1961 Guiders' Conference will be held in Wilson Hall and the Old Arts Building at the University on Saturday, 14th October.

Further details available next month.



CAMPERDOWN DIVISION BROWNIE REVELS

Brownies in the Camperdown Division were invited to visit Nursery Rhyme Land, and the Cobden Racecourse made an ideal setting for the varied and exciting activity. 160 Brownies and Brownie Guiders joined together in fun and games, and it was also very pleasing to see the Division Commissioner (Mrs. J. A. Bell) and many District Commissioners and friends present. The Revels were organised by Cobden Brownie Pack and run by Brown Owl (Mrs. G. Crawford).

As the Brownies arrived they were met by Old Mother Hubbard and her dog, who collected sixpence from each Brownie for Brownie Cottage, in her small cupboard. With much excitement, a trail of painted pine cones was followed to The Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe, and there, from a dip, the Brownies received a card (written in rhyme), which told them into which home they would belong.

There were eight "homes," each one representing a Nursery Rhyme, and a Cobden Brownie, dressed in character, welcomed each Brownie to her "home." There was Jack and Jill, Little Miss Muffet, Mary and Her Lamb, Little Jack Horner, Wee Willie Winkie, Mary, Mary Quite Contrary, Little Tommy Tucker and Little Bo-Peep. The Cobden Brownies had great fun dressing up, and during the first game quickly changed into uniform. Progressive games were enjoyed for an hour, and Brown Owl had really gone to a lot of trouble finding an appropriate game for their "home." Mary and Her Lamb group had a relay, tying tails (cords) with a reef knot on to two lambs, these being beautifully made by Timboon Guiders. Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary group had a race picking up silver bells and cockle shells, and Little Miss Muffet group had a singing game about a spider.

District Commissioner (Mrs. J. Sartori) gave a welcome to all present, and left a thought with the Brownies about always being helpful.

Our National Board of Directors plans to visit the Edith Macy Training School during our May Board Meeting. We shall take this opportunity to formally receive this Plaque of Friendship from Australia and to place it in the Great Hall. Your choice of the Australian Friendship Badge for the plaque is both fitting and symbolic.

May I take this opportunity to extend my personal best wishes and special greetings from the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. to the Girl Guides of Australia."

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BENALLA DIVISION

National Marriage and Family Week is such a new movement, perhaps "Matilda" readers would like to know how, in a small way, Benalla Guides and Brownies helped to foster and encourage it.

In the Benalla Memorial Hall an open night was arranged by the Guiders under the leadership of District Commissioner Mrs. D. J. Mackenzie, to try and show parents and interested folk some of the activities of Guides and Brownies during their weekly meetings.

After the singing of the National Anthem and Grand Salute by Brownies, Mrs. Mackenzie welcomed a very large gathering of families and friends, and explained to them the purpose of the function; then, to the enjoyment of all, each Brownie Pack and Guide Company contributed an item to a very well-chosen programme, concluding with a huge Horseshoe of Brownies and Guides and the singing of favourite campfire songs, after which everyone enjoyed supper.

The organisers of the evening were very thrilled with the success of this new venture, and hope it will become an annual event.

Photo: Camera Craft Pty. Ltd.

PLAQUE OF FRIENDSHIP

As a gesture of friendship, the Girl Guides Association of Australia has sent a plaque to the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. for the Edith Macy Training School, well known to Guides and Girl Scouts of many lands.

This plaque is made of Queensland cedar, with the background unpolished, whilst the Australian Friendship Badge is carved in Queensland maple (cedar finish) and polished a darker shade.

Over the years, a number of members of the Association in Australia have enjoyed the hospitality of the Girl Scouts at Camp Edith Macy—some on private visits and others being official representatives of Australia under the Exchange Scheme sponsored by the Juliette Low Friendship Fund. Miss Enid Bunning, a Victorian Camp Trainer, whom many of you will remember as Convener of our Jubilee Celebrations, is at present in the U.S.A. with a Tasmanian Trainer under such a Visitor-Exchange Project.

On receipt of the plaque, which arrived in U.S.A. late in March, the following message of appreciation was sent to the Girl Guides of Australia by the President on behalf of the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.:—

"It is my special privilege to acknowledge with deep appreciation the gift of the very beautiful hand-carved wooden plaque which was sent by Australian Guides as a gift to Edith Macy Training School."

Stop Press

ANNUAL MEETING—TREFOIL GUILD

The Annual Meeting and Social Gathering of all Trefoil Guilds in Victoria will be held at Y.W.C.A. Memorial Hall, 56 Russell Street, Melbourne, on Saturday, 7th October, at 2.30 p.m.

Because of building alterations, it is not possible to hold it, as usual, at Girl Guide Headquarters.

BON VOYAGE

During the first week-end in May, in Ballarat, there was a happy gathering of Guide friends, which seemed to exemplify what the fellowship of Trefoil Guild can mean if Guilds function as parts of an active section of the Movement, and not as isolated groups of "ex-Guides."

The 2nd Ballarat Trefoil Guild (Ballarat Base Hospital Nursing Staff) had planned a farewell for their President, Erol Plummer, who will leave shortly for a working holiday abroad. The attractive Baxter Lounge of the Nurses' Home was lent for the occasion by the Matron of the Hospital, who, with the Deputy Matron, members were glad to have with them on the evening of 16th May.

Those present included the State Recorder for Trefoil Guilds (Mrs. E. G. Cameron), Divisional Commissioner (Mrs. J. T. Johns), District Commissioners, Representatives of Ballarat Divisional Council and Ballarat and neighbouring Local Associations, Guiders and ex-Guiders of Ballarat Division, members of 1st and 2nd Ballarat Guilds, and ten members of various Melbourne Guilds.

Apologies were received from Miss E. Purnell (National Recorder for Trefoil Guilds in Australia), and from members of Geelong Guild.

The evening started on a note of surprise for Erol, who, after welcoming guests to a get-together following the Nurses' Graduation Ceremony on the previous night, found herself changed from Hostess to a temporarily overwhelmed Guest of Honour.

Games, competitions and a delightful musical programme by members of the nursing staff were greatly enjoyed.

In making a presentation to Erol, Mrs. Cameron spoke of the enthusiasm she brings

nursing

Hospitality was extended to Melbourne visitors by members of 1st Ballarat Guild, who arranged outings into the surrounding countryside and to places of interest, including the lovely Guide property, "Lingbogel."

Mild weather and the beauty of the country in autumn dress added to the enjoyment of a very happy week-end.

"THANK YOU," Ballarat.

—"MELBOURNIANS."

WORKING BEE

Guiders, Rangers, one and all,
Short or fat, thin or tall,
Leave your husband, leave your boy friends,
And at Guide House spend a week-end.
Come with a friend, or come with two—
There's plenty of work for all to do.
WORKING BEE, that is it's name,
Come to help and spread its fame.
Guiders, Rangers, one and all,
Can't you hear our Guide House call?

—C. U. THERE.

Dates—24th-26th June, 19th-20th August,
30th September-1st October, 4th-5th November,
9th-10th December.

Cost, 12/6.

Bring working clothes, teatowel, bed linen.

Contact Miss L. O'Connor, 1 Ninth Street, Eildon.

TRAINING NOTES

BLACK AND WHITE BIRDS

This month I thought perhaps we'd talk about a few black and white birds. Now, they should be easy enough, shouldn't they? First of all, the Magpie. Do I need to tell anyone about him? He's a large bird, isn't he?—16 to 18 inches long, and his song is something you don't easily forget. At dawn or in the evening his song is so beautiful when I hear it I always find myself involuntarily saying, "Thank you, Magpie, that was glorious."

But, just as with Sparrows, we find that they weren't "just Sparrows"; but, if we really looked, we could distinguish two kinds and also know Mr. and Mrs.. So, with Magpies, there's something to trick you. If you come from Melbourne or South-Eastern Victoria, and you travel to Adelaide or north to N.S.W., you may think that there's something funny about the Magpies there, and you would be quite right. There the Magpies have black backs—whereas the ones you're used to seeing have white backs. Or hadn't you noticed which bits were white and which black? Could you draw a picture of a Magpie and put his black and white bits in the right places? No—neither could I. At least, I couldn't have before I really looked properly when I started to write these articles.

The upper part of a Southern Victorian Magpie is white except for his head and the tip of his tail, which are black. He is black underneath and with black tips to his white wings. Have a proper look next time.

Then there's another black and white bird—much smaller—about 10 or 11 inches, the Magpie-Lark or Pee-Wee as he's more commonly known. There's no mistaking his call—a loud "Pee-Wee, Pee-Wee." In my opinion, he's one of the few birds that really does say what he's supposed to say.

Until recently I would have said that all Pee-Wees were the same—until I read in a book that the "Sexes are really distinguish-

able." So I thought I'd better look again, and, sure enough, one, the female (so the book says) has a white throat, while the other (male) has a black one, and he sports a white eyebrow. Now, when I see a Pee-Wee, I have great fun deciding if it's Mr. or Mrs., or possibly Miss, as their breeding time isn't until August, before it flies away. You try it—you'll find it fun too, and think of the kudos you'll gain if you can nonchalantly say to a friend, "Oh, there's a female Magpie-Lark."

—C.W.



BROWNIE GUIDERS, PLEASE NOTE !

THE BROWNIE RING CEREMONY

The following is the accepted form of Brownie Ring (formerly Fairy Ring) which is being used in Victoria at the present time:

All join hands in a ring around the Toadstool, and skip to the left singing the Brownie Song right through; turn and skip to the right singing the song right through again.

The Guider then calls each Six in turn, and, as it is called, the Six goes to the centre, joins hands in a ring, skips to the left singing the Six rhyme, and then to the right, repeating the rhyme right through each time.

When each Six has done this, the whole Pack joins hands again and skips to the left and then to the right, singing the Brownie Song right through each time.

They then come to attention and say, "Lah, Lah, Lah," saluting on the second "Lah."

THE GRAND SALUTE

Form a circle round the Toadstool, squat on heels, arms between knees and two fingers of each hand touching the ground in front.

All say very softly, "Tu-whit, tu-whit, tu-whoo-oo," rising a little way, and gently sinking back to squatting position. Then all say a second time, "Tu-whit, tu-whit, tu-whoo-oo," a little louder, rising a little further and sinking back again.

The third time the "tu-whit, tu-whit, tu-whoo-oo" gets louder and louder, and all rise to their feet, jump in the air, clapping their hands above their heads as the last "tu-whoo-oo" ends in a shriek. Then everyone comes to attention and salutes.

This Salute is done on GRAND occasions, and anyone receiving this Salute usually stands by the Toadstool and acknowledges it by giving their salute.

GAMES

FOR BROWNIES.

A Compass Game:

Each Brownie is given a small piece of "quad" ruled (graph) paper, on which is drawn an arrow pointing north. Also shown is a dot for the starting point and the compass directions to be followed—e.g., starting from the dot, draw a line west across two spaces, draw a line north up two spaces, etc. When finished, the Brownies should have

outlines of whatever design Brown Owl had planned.

It is, of course, necessary for Brown Owl to draw out the design she wishes on the graph paper and work the compass directions out fully beforehand.

From a starting point near the bottom right-hand corner of the graph paper the following directions will give you the design of a "Terrier."

2 spaces west, 2 spaces north, 3 spaces west, 2 spaces south.

2 spaces west, 3 spaces north, 2 spaces west, 2 spaces north.

2 spaces east, 1 space north-east, 2 spaces south, 6 spaces east.

1 space north, 1 space east, 1 space north, 1 space east.

1 space south, 1 space west, 1 space south, 1 space west, 4 spaces south.

FOR GUIDES.

Kim's Game:

Kim's Game may be varied by providing a series of articles which in themselves represent some aspect of the Guide Laws—e.g., thimble, shoe brush, Trefoil, diary, sheet of clear plastic, etc.

In addition to remembering the various items, the Guides mark down what Law they represent.

A variation is to remove one or two articles, the Guides to mark down, when they look again, which Law is not now represented.

BEATITUDES OF A LEADER

Blessed is the Leader who has sought the high places, but who has been drafted into service because of his ability and willingness to serve.

Blessed is the Leader who knows where he is going, why he is going, and how to get there.

Blessed is the Leader who knows no discouragement, who presents no alibi.

Blessed is the Leader who knows how to lead without being dictatorial; true leaders are humble.

Blessed is the Leader who seeks for the best for those whom he serves.

Blessed is the Leader who leads for the good of the most concerned, and not for the personal gratification of his own ideas.

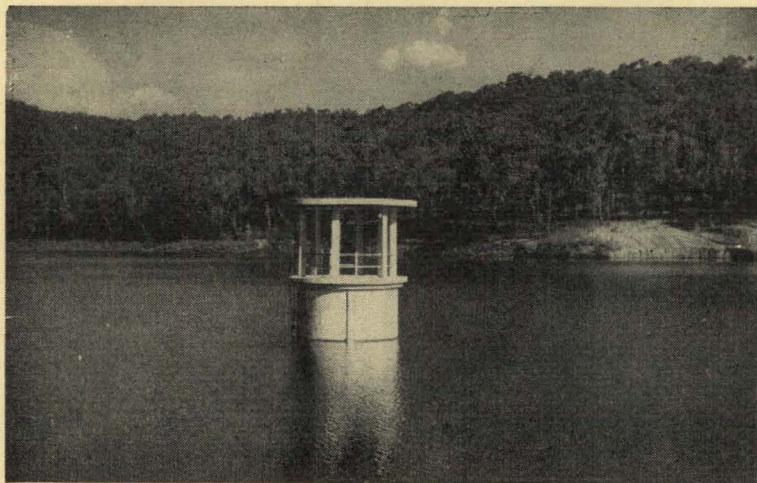
Blessed is the Leader who marches with the Group, interprets correctly the signs on the pathway that leads to success.

Blessed is the Leader who has his head in the clouds but his feet on the ground.

Blessed is the Leader who considers leadership an opportunity for Service.

—From "News and Notes" of the Y.M.C.A., Madras.

(Printed in "Melbourne's Manhood," April, 1961.)



The Benalla Town Water Supply Reservoir on Ryans Creek.

—Block loaned by Natural Resources Conservation League of Victoria.

Why Bother About Pure Water?

(With acknowledgments to an Article by R. R. Richmond, Chief Engineer for Town Supplies, State Rivers and Water Supply Commission. Published in "Victoria's Resources," June, 1959.)

Why all this fuss about keeping the catchments of our town and city water supplies pure and unpolluted? Why take pains to keep the mountain streams and rivulets trickling the whole year round?

Why should a water authority care if the catchment forests are plundered or burned? Or if the cleared lands are overgrazed until the soil can be washed from the hillsides and the rainwater races off in every storm, carrying all mud and animal filth in its path into the reservoir? Surely the Authority's engineers can correct all this?

Could not "super" reservoirs be built large enough to catch the run-off, even if it all rushes down in a few weeks? Is it not well known that filthy waters can be purified by many ingenious processes, so that the water emerging from the tap will be clear, sparkling and safe from the germs of disease?

If sufficient water is not available from our mountain catchments and streams, we could surely use some of the wonderful methods whereby sea water can now be demineralised and supplied in quantities

which will serve whole cities? Even sewage can be reclaimed—did not the small Kansas City of Chanute, during a five months' drought in 1957, derive its water supply from its own sewage treatment works, the effluent being processed in the water treatment plant and re-used no less than seven times over, the water supplied being chemically and bacteriologically so pure that a team of examining scientists could detect no unsafe matter?

It is true. All these things can be done, and in less fortunate parts of the world are done. But, even if we could ignore the claims of posterity and could neglect all aesthetic considerations, the cold facts of cost alone—as far as our town water supplies are concerned—should provide sufficient argument to deter us from any prodigal plundering of our resources of forest, soil and water in the mountain catchments.

Let me show the effect on the water consumer's pocket by a few round figures. Today a Victorian town which is fortunate enough to obtain a water supply from nearby forest-covered hills, and needing a reservoir of only moderate size to store some of the winter stream flow, can supply water at about 1/9 per 1000 gallons. This means an annual water bill of about £10 for the average household.

If the catchment were cleared and soil lost by erosion, there would no longer be the shaded, damp, spongy carpet on the forest floor and deep soil layer to store the rainwater and feed it, clear and pure, to the streams throughout the summer. With the loss of the summer flow, the storage reservoir would probably have to be doubled in size, and this could add about 9d. per 1000 gallons to the cost of water supplied.

Moreover, the water running off the land may become so muddied or "turbid," owing to fine clay or soil particles in suspension, that it may be necessary to install a purification plant. The purification process would, on the average, add another 1/- per 1000 gallons to the cost of the water.

The cost of water supply in our hypothetical town could thus reach about 3/6 per 1000 gallons, and the average family water bill would be doubled to some £20 per annum.

The modern trend is for increasing demand for pure, clear water, but to date no Victorian town with a mountain catchment has had to face the expense of purification. However, an increasing number of towns which pump their supplies from rivers in the plain country, though spared the cost of large reservoirs and long pipelines, have been forced to purify the water.

The devastating effects of excessive clearing and erosion are well known, but much lengthy research is necessary to determine the precise effects on stream flows and water quality of various forms of forestry and farming activity in our catchments.

Meanwhile, on present knowledge, some cases are clear cut. For example, the Otway catchment of 1200 acres, which supplies over 20,000 people. Such mountain catchments in their natural forested state are so valuable for water production that no risks whatever could be taken of any deterioration due to other uses. In other large catchments it is manifestly impossible to justify exclusive reservation for water production, as timber may be cut and farming carried on, under proper control, without raising water supply costs to prohibitive levels.

It is under the various intermediate conditions that it becomes an intricate economic problem to decide on the best utilisation of land and resources—and this is where scientific research can help us.

HEALTH

Are we inclined sometimes, with a subject as large as this, to think only in general terms and forget individual details? Do we relate it to practical and routine activities, or think of it only when the Guide wants to be tested?

Children are receiving more and more tuition at schools on the details of all matters concerned with Health. Guiders should aim at supplementing and underlining this training.

The first step, of course, is **our** health. Do we watch our standards? Or do we excuse ourselves because we're older, busier or perhaps even lazier than we were?

Health covers more than the actual physical standards. Indeed, in a quotation from an address by Lady Eve Balfour, we read: "Health is so important to us that we should be well advised to spend relatively more on knowing our soils and seeing that they are healthy, and relatively less on our illnesses, which are frequently merely the outward sign of an often unrealised deficiency. In considering health, it is misleading to separate men, animals and plants. All are part and parcel of the same nutrition cycle which governs all living cells."

Are we often irritable, forgetful, lethargic? Have we sometimes wondered why, and do we do anything about it?

We must be practical in teaching and testing, considering the Guide's age and background. Despite the school lessons, there are children who do not know what words like carbohydrates mean. We must explain thoroughly, clearly and simply.

Each Guide should be treated as an individual. We should know something at least of her home background and any medical care.

We should cover any personal weakness and keep track of her progress. We should encourage her to maintain that progress, and talk to her and test her alone.

The idea of health can be underlined in many ways at Company Meetings—in the teaching of First Aid, with its stress on antiseptics; by watching the bearing and carriage of the Guides (do you remember the former Second Class Test for good carriage?); by being interested in the Guide's grooming—at inspection, with their uniforms, on hikes and in general wear too;

by seeing that they take care of Company and Patrol equipment and understand the reasons for the case; by encouraging outdoor games and activities during Company Meetings.

Whilst camp, of course, gives untold opportunities for the Guiders to bring home the necessity, the importance and the pleasure of good health.

(Quotation from "Victoria's Resources," Vol. 1, No. 2, June-August, 1959.)

—M.S.

TRAINING DEPARTMENT CENTRAL COURSES FOR GUIDERS.

Brownie Guiders:

Evening—7.45 p.m. to 9.45 p.m., at National Fitness Training Centre, 4th Floor, 161 Flinders Lane, commencing Tuesday, 12th September, and continuing for eight weeks.

Guider-in-charge: Miss D. Holtz. Fee, 5/-.

Daytime—10 a.m. to 12 noon, at National Fitness Council Training Centre, 4th Floor, 161 Flinders Lane, commencing Wednesday, 27th September, and continuing for eight weeks.

Guider-in-charge: Mrs. J. Barratt. Fee, 5/-.

Guide Guiders:

Evening—7.45 p.m. to 9.45 p.m., at National Fitness Council Training Centre, 4th Floor, 161 Flinders Lane, commencing Thursday, 21st September, and continuing for eight weeks. There will be one week-end, 30th September-1st October.

Guider-in-charge: Miss E. Bunning.

(Guiders wishing to apply for this course must have been working at least three months with a Company.)

Fee will be 5/-, plus week-end expenses.

Daytime—10 a.m. to 12 noon, at National Fitness Council Training Centre, 4th Floor, 161 Flinders Lane, commencing Thursday, 14th September, and continuing for ten weeks.

Guider-in-charge: Mrs. J. Moors. Fee, 7/6.

DECENTRALISED COURSES.

Dandenong Area:

Six weeks' course, commencing Tuesday, 1st August, to be held in Guide Hall, Ann Street, Dandenong, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Guider-in-charge: Brownie: Mrs. A. Sharpe. Guide: Mrs. R. Stuart.

Northern Region:

Guide and Brownie—Course will commence on 22nd June, and will be held on the following dates in 5th Brunswick Scout Hall,

Western Street, Brunswick:—22nd June, 29th June, 3rd August, 10th August, 17th August, 24th August.

Guiders applying for the above courses should be enrolled, and, if possible, have attended Pack or Company Meetings. Applications should be sent on the official Nomination Form, and should reach the Training Secretary at Headquarters at least one week before the commencing date for each particular class.

CYNTHIA WALKER, Training Adviser.

TRAINING WEEK-END — ALBURY.

An invitation to attend a Training Week-end for Brownie and Guide Guiders has been extended to Victorian Guiders by New South Wales. The week-end will take place during the N.S.W. long week-end, 30th September-2nd October, at Albury.

Applications close 8th September.

Contact Mrs. P. Heywood, "Hawsvie," via Wondonga (Div. Commissioner), regarding hospitality/accommodation. The L.A. usually caters for morning tea, afternoon tea, lunch and supper, and a charge is made.

ARE YOU A TRAMPER

The Training Department hopes to arrange a tramping, woodcraft expedition to the Bogong High Plains, between Christmas and New Year.

It is intended that this will take the form of a walking trip through the area, and will necessitate lightweight camping. Each Guider to be responsible for her own equipment and food. Those interested are asked to contact Miss Barr at Guide Headquarters. Further plans will be published in the next "Matilda."

This trip will also be open to Rangers and Cadets.

SUMMER TRAINING WEEK.

The Summer Training Week will be held at Guide House, Yarra Junction, from Wednesday, 27th December, to Wednesday, 3rd January. Further details next "Matilda."

INTERNATIONAL TRAINING CONFERENCE (HANDICAPPED) 9th to 19th January, 1962

A limited number of orderlies (Rangers, Cadets and young Guiders) is required to free Delegates from camp chores in the Q.M. Department. If interested, please request further details from Miss M. Mellor, Guide Headquarters, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne.

PATROL LEADERS' CONFERENCE, 19th AUGUST, 1961

A Conference will be held for Patrol Leaders or Seconds at the Melbourne University Arts Building on the 19th August, 1961, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

All Guides attending are asked to bring a cut lunch and a mug. Cordial will be supplied and the fee for the Conference will be 2/-.

Training, from 10 a.m. until 12.30 p.m., will include ideas for Patrol Time activities. From 1.30 p.m. until 5 p.m. will be Conference, Question Box and Campfire.

P.L.'s, this is your chance to discuss IDEAS and problems with other Leaders.

Guiders, encourage your Leaders to attend their Conference.

M. STUART, Guide Adviser.

ALTERATIONS TO THE ANNUAL STATEMENT

Approved by the Executive Committee

Camper Badge:

Addition now reads—Collect, chop and stack firing. Construct a Cobhouse, Hunter or any other recognised type of fire and know the precautions necessary for lighting fires in the open.

Alter to read—Collect, chop and stack firing. Construct a Cobhouse, Hunter or any other recognised type of fire and know the regulations governing the lighting of fires out of doors in the State of Victoria as set down in Pamphlet "What Every Girl Guide Should Know About Fire," issued by the Country Fire Authority of Victoria, available at Headquarters.

Hiker's Badge:

Addition now reads—Know the regulations governing the lighting of fires out of doors in the State of Victoria as set down in the Pamphlet "Questions and Answers," issued by the Forest Commission of Victoria.

Alter to read—Know the regulations governing the lighting of fires out of doors in the State of Victoria as set down in the Pamphlet "What Every Girl Guide Should Know About Fire," issued by the Country Fire Authority of Victoria, available at Headquarters.

Cook's Badge:

As set down in P.O. & R., Part 2, Clause (b), Steaming:—Puddings, suet mixture, suet crust, plain cake mixture.

Alter to read—Steaming: Puddings, plain cake mixture.

Also add—Clause (f): Arrange a salad and make a salad dressing.

Radio Announcer's Badge:

"And use of Microphone" to be added to note following Clause 6.

MINIMUM AGE FOR ATTENDANCE AT BROWNIE COURSES.

Please note that, although permission is sometimes given by a Commissioner for a 16-year-old girl to act as a Guider, no Guider can be accepted for training courses until they have turned 17 years. This is in accordance with a recent decision of the Executive Committee, thus:—

"A Commissioner of a 16-year-old Guider is responsible for her supervision and training and for seeing that she is not left in charge of a Pack or Company for even one meeting.

Guiders of under 17 may not attend Headquarters Training Classes except in country areas where trainings are infrequent, in which case application must be made."

CYNTHIA WALKER, Training Adviser.

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH DAY STALL

To all who responded so magnificently to the appeal of the Organising Committee for assistance with the Guide Stall on British Commonwealth Day, Headquarters conveys a sincere "thank you."

So many people showed their interest by giving support in the way of donations, goods and time that it was an undoubted success.

The total proceeds as at 31st May (including donations of money) was £165/9/-. Isn't that splendid and most gratifying to the members of the Organising Committee (Mrs. H. E. Bolte, Mrs. W. J. Cuming, Mrs. F. Faulkner, Mrs. B. Hall, Mrs. W. H. Hughes, and Mrs. S. McKay), to whom the Association owes a debt of gratitude for accepting the responsibility of the stall on behalf of the State Council?

BETTY M. MACARTNEY,
State Secretary.

EXTRACTS FROM PUBLIC RELATIONS REVIEW RECEIVED FROM THE WORLD ASSOCIATION OF GIRL GUIDES AND GIRL SCOUTS

Education:

A number of Member Countries of the World Association, notably Pakistan, The Philippines, Mexico, are working for adult education.

Pakistan Guides started in 1958 an adult literacy project on an all-Pakistan basis to include a comprehensive programme of activities covering all the aspects of home and community life of interest to women. Since the project has been in operation, a total of more than 1300 girls and women between the ages of 12-45 years and, in a few cases, even as old as 70, have made use of the facilities offered by the Centres of the various branches of the Pakistan Girl Guides Association, or have been taught by individual Guides and Guiders. This project has been carried out in co-operation with the Government of Pakistan, the Education Departments, Village Aid Departments and many other agencies in all parts of Pakistan, as well as UNESCO under its Associated Youth Enterprises Scheme.

All-Africa Conference:

To be held at Makerere College, Kampala, Uganda, in April/May, 1961, this Conference will bring together Girl Guide Leaders from all parts of the continent of Africa, many of whom may never before have travelled beyond the confines of their own countries or territories. Its purpose is to show how Guiding can serve Africa—a broad aim implying that it has been planned not only to be of educational and practical value to the participants themselves, but so that, on their return home, through the Guide activities, they can apply the knowledge and experience they have gained to useful service in their own countries.

The Charter of the United Nations underlines the dignity and worth of the human person, recognises the equal rights of men and women, and the important role that women have to play in promoting human welfare; the All-Africa Conference will help the young women of Africa who attend it to develop a sense of responsibility to the community that Guiding seeks to impart and which is particularly appropriate to the citizens of countries that have recently ac-

quired, or are shortly to acquire, independence. In the same way it can be regarded as a direct response in practical terms to the United Nations Seminar on the Participation of Women in Public Life recently held in Addis Ababa, the purpose of which was "to assist women who have recently acquired political rights, or do not as yet fully exercise these rights, to develop their understanding of civic responsibility and to increase their participation in the public life of their countries."

Co-operation with the Work of United Nations and the Specialised Agencies:

The purpose and work of the World Association has direct relationship with the United Nations' objectives to solve international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character, promote respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, and develop friendly relations among nations.

During 1960 the World Association was represented at a number of Conferences of the United Nations and the Specialised Agencies planned to further these objectives, notably the 16th Session of the Commission on Human Rights in Geneva, the 14th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women in Buenos Aires, the Food and Agriculture Organisation's Conference of International and Non-Governmental Organisations in Rome (one of the first steps in launching the Freedom from Hunger Campaign), the UNESCO World Conference on Adult Education in Montreal, the UNESCO General Conference in Paris; the World Association has also been represented at meetings of the International Committee for World Refugee Year in Geneva. Dame Leslie Whateley, Director of the World Bureau, attended the Seminar on the Participation of Women in Public Life, which took place in Addis Ababa. An article on this will appear in the April issue of "The Council Fire," and a report will be available from the World Bureau.

Participation in World Refugee Year:

The World Association received special mention, as follows, in the report on WRY made by the Secretary-General to the General Assembly of United Nations, September, 1960:—

"Up to 30th June, 1960, reports on the money raised were available from only

7 of the 51 Member Countries of the World Association, and they showed a total of \$53,206. The island of Aitutaki, in the remote Cook Islands of the South Pacific, raised \$45 for WRY, a notable contribution in view of the very limited contacts of this small island with the outside world."

(Readers should note that, at the time of going to press, apart from the outstanding contributions made by many Member Countries to their own national refugee funds, donations amounting to over £6300 have been received at the World Bureau specially for the promotion of Guiding amongst refugee children; they are reminded that the World Association Refugee Fund will remain open until June, 1961.)

Participation in Freedom from

Hunger Campaign:

In the same way that they helped to arouse widespread public consciousness to the refugee problem fundamental to the success of WRY, Member Countries are helping initially to create greater knowledge of the extent of hunger and malnutrition in a world whose population is increasing by more than 50 million people a year, and of what can be done to relieve the situation by man's own efforts allied to the special technical and financial resources and the Action Project programme of the Freedom from Hunger Campaign.

1962 GIRL SCOUT SENIOR ROUND-UP

The following invitation from the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. may be of interest to Rangers with the necessary qualifications, who will be travelling overseas in 1962:—

What It Is:

The 1962 Girl Scout Senior Round-up will be part of the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., which was founded 12th March, 1912. The theme of the 50th Anniversary and of the 1962 Round-up is "Honour the Past—Serve the Future." This third triennial Senior Round-up will be an encampment of approximately 10,000 Girl Scouts. The participants will come from every State and Territory, as well as from other countries.

Where:

Button Bay State Park, near Burlington, Vermont.

From middle of June to 1st August, 1962, for Rangers from overseas countries.

Programme:

Each full member country of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts is invited to send a team of two Rangers (more than one team if they so desire) to participate in the 1962 Round-up. Upon arrival in the U.S.A., each team will be sent to a prearranged Girl Scout Hostess Council for a visit of three to four weeks. While in the Hostess Council, the team will become a part of a Round-up Patrol, with six Senior Scouts. They will travel with this Patrol to the Round-up site, will live with this Patrol during the Round-up, and will participate in all Round-up activities. At the end of the Round-up the visiting Rangers will go directly to the port of embarkation for return to their own countries.

Qualifications:

- The Ranger/Senior Scout must be:
 - 16, 17 or 18 years of age, and an active member in good standing of her home association.
 - in good physical condition.
 - able to converse in the English language and willing to share information about her own country.
 - willing to help others in learning to speak her native language.
 - an experienced camper.

Finances:

Each Ranger will be responsible for the cost of:

- round trip transportation between her home and the port of entry in the U.S.A.
 - all personal equipment and expenses.
- Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. will be responsible for the cost of:
- transportation from the port of entry in the U.S.A. to the Hostess Council.
 - transportation from the Hostess Council to the Round-up site.
 - transportation from the Round-up site to the port of exit.
 - Round-up fee.

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If any Captain has in her Company/Crew/Flight a Ranger who will be travelling in the U.S.A. during the period stated above, and who, in her opinion, would be eligible for nomination as an Australian representative, I should be glad if she would contact me for further particulars.

BETTY PEARSON (Mrs. J. L.),
State International Representative.

HEADQUARTERS JOTTINGS

Business dealt with by the Executive Committee at its Meeting on 18th May, 1961.

General Business:

Australian Council Meeting.—Discussion on suggested items for agenda.

Headquarters Building.—Further report on alterations received.

Annual Meeting.—Suggestions made for guest speaker.

City of Melbourne.—Agreed that State Secretary be enrolled as Association's Voting Representative.

Guide Representative, National Safety Council.—Consideration given to the appointment of a successor to Mrs. R. C. Wallace (resigned).

National Youth Council of Australia.—Latest reports and correspondence received.

Australian Civil Defence School.—Report from Guide representative who attended Indoctrination Course.

Duke of Edinburgh Award.—Report from Association's representative on recent meeting received and suggestion approved that Australian Headquarters be asked to follow progress of scheme in Australia.

Liaison Commissioner for Jewish Members.—Confirmation of Mrs. M. Kirsner's appointment.

Victorian Awards Sub-Committee.—Confirmation of Miss G. Swinburne's appointment as Chairman.

Guide Representative, Good Neighbour Council of Victoria.—Confirmation of Lady Menzies' appointment.

Moomba Celebrations.—Recommendation from Division Commissioners that Association should enter a float in the 1962 Procession, accompanied by a group of marching Guides, approved in principle.

General Correspondence.—From Miss P. Barr, Mrs. B. Holmes (Acting State Commissioner, Tasmania), Mrs. S. McKay, Mrs. K. G. Woollacott, Miss M. Douglas, Mrs. G. Powell and the Prisoners' Aid Society, received.

Finance:

Minutes of Meeting, Finance Sub-Committee, held on 12/4/61, received and recommendation regarding profit from Jubilee Pageant considered.

Guide House:

Appointment of new Convener to succeed Mrs. R. C. Wallace considered.

Public Relations Sub-Committee:

Appointment of Chairman to replace Mrs. R. C. Wallace considered.

Hospitality:

Appointment of Convener for Guiders' Hospitality to replace Mrs. R. C. Wallace considered.

Appointment of Mrs. G. N. Lewis as Co-ordinator for Hospitality confirmed.

Senior Branch:

Mrs. Woollacott's suggestions approved in principle; the scheme to be tried as an experiment in two areas.

Property Sub-Committee:

Convener's report and recommendations regarding the following Districts received: Scoresby, Altona, Colac, Daylesford, Waverley Division, Ararat, Eastern Suburbs Division, Footscray, Deer Park and St. Albans.

International:

Western Australia's proposal to hold a Friendship Camp in 1963 received.

Details of Girl Scout Senior Round-up in 1962 received; invitations to be published in "Matilda."

Handicapped Section:

Gathering for Guiders of Handicapped, January, 1962.—Progress report received.

New Commissioners and Boundaries:

Report from Sub-Committee received and recommendations approved.

Guide Branch:

Recommendations for alterations to Proficiency Badges approved.

Uniform Sub-Committee:

Report from Sub-Committee received and recommendations approved, with slight amendment.

Australian Correspondence:

Correspondence from States and Australian Headquarters on the following matters was received and opinions given when requested:—Commonwealth Grant; Australian funds; Australian Council of Social Service; International Commissioners' Meeting; Plaque—Camp Edith Macy; Travel Grants—Youth Leaders; All-Australia Training—Report from Queensland; Asian World Association Centre; Italian Migrants; Thailand; Chief Commissioner, British Commonwealth.

GUIDING LIGHTS (SOME LIGHTER THAN OTHERS)

Position of Guiders' World Badges:

It has been agreed that Australian Guiders will continue to wear the World Badge on the right breast of their uniforms (whether jacket, blouse, overall or suit), as far as possible in line with the Trefoil. Commissioners wearing a jacket or blouse wear World Badge in line with their Warrant Badge.

What Do You Think?

The Brownies' Badge was very dull, and Brown Owl suggested that she should see how shiny she could get it. "I polish my badge with a toothbrush," she concluded.

The Brownie looked interested. "But, Brown Owl," she said, "doesn't it make your teeth black?"

Camp Edith Macy.

Many Australian Guiders who have visited the U.S.A. have been guests at Camp Edith Macy Training School, and last March Australian Guiders sent to the U.S.A. a wooden plaque, hand carved in the design of the Australian Friendship Badge. This is to be placed in the Great Hall of the Training School with plaques sent by many other countries who have chosen this way of showing their friendship and gratitude to the Girl Scouts.

S.G.S.

The Brownies were learning about the Union Jack, and Brown Owl explained that, if you were in a boat and needed help, you should fly your flag upside down.

"And if you haven't got a flag?" asked one, "and you have to use your skirt, would you turn that upside down too?"

Sunk.

From a Guide's book on the story of the Guide Movement: "Juliette Low founded the Girl Scouts of America."

FOR SERVICE

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LIAISON COMMISSIONER FOR JEWISH MEMBERS

I am sure all members will be interested to hear that the Executive Committee recently decided to create a new appointment in Victorian Guiding—that of a Liaison Commissioner for Jewish members—and will be delighted to know that Mrs. M. Kirsner has consented to accept this position.

Mrs. Kirsner is already well known in the Movement for her work with the Handicapped Section, and, more recently, as Division Commissioner for South-Eastern Suburbs, and we know that you will all want to extend to her a warm welcome in her new work for the Movement.

Apart from the closed Jewish Packs and Companies, of which there are five—three in St. Kilda and two in East Brighton—there are probably many girls of the Jewish faith in open Units. We are, therefore, most anxious to ascertain which Packs and Companies have Jewish members, so that they may, in future, receive, through Mrs. Kirsner, invitations to participate in any Parades organised by the different Synagogues.

Commissioners and Guiders, could you help Mrs. Kirsner, please, by informing Headquarters of the names of the Units in your District which have Jewish members.

Commissioners, in particular, will be glad to know that Mrs. Kirsner will be available to help and advise them on any matters connected with Jewish members.

Thank you, Mrs. Kirsner, for accepting this further work for the Guide Association.

BETTY M. MACARTNEY,
State Secretary.

COMMONWEALTH DAY STALL

The result of the Commonwealth Day Stall, plus donations, was £160, which has been handed in to the Guide Association.

This was quite satisfactory, as the general public bought much more carefully and slowly than last year. It was owing chiefly to the **increased quantity** of small, and thus inexpensive, pots of jam, small packets of biscuits, cakes and holly, etc., and the very useful and attractive aprons sent in.

Many thanks to all those kind people who helped on the stall, and who sent in goods or donations. It was very encouraging to the Conveners, and made the effort well worth while.

ENID FAULKNER.

**Concluding Mr. Tarlton Rayment's article:
"DID YOU GET STUNG?"**

Wasps have no hairy fleece over the body, and the hairs are never feathery, but only simple, like our own, for example. The wasps are not vegetarians, but are meat-eaters, and so are sharply divided from the bees. But wasps are very valuable insects because they prey on many of our pests, and thus help to destroy a horde of caterpillars that eat the leaves of many plants and fruits.

Wasps, however, being meat-eaters, have only simple hairs, and they are easily cleaned after they have been soiled by meaty juices.

Just as bees are the great constructors—that is, the builders of the insect world—wasps are the prime predators—that is, they attack the numberless grubs and caterpillars, and even the cicadas, or locusts. So you can see the meat-eating wasps play a leading part in making the world safe for mankind.

Ants are indeed valuable, although there are some species that have become household pests; but, on the whole, ants render a fine service in ridding the world of a lot of rubbish. Ants do not have any hairy fleece on their bodies, for they have a polished skeleton, and the best mark for the recognition of the species is the peculiar middle segments of the abdomen. These are more or less bead-like, sometimes swollen, or even pear-shaped, and often with a pair of spines, but always remember that the middle segment is enlarged or globular.

On the contrary, many wasps have the middle segments drawn out, until they are extremely slender, and therefore very graceful.

CUSHION PLANTS

Every Australian State, as well as sharing many beautiful wildflowers, have some that are found there only.

This gives Guides a wonderful opportunity to learn something of their own State's special treasures—to share them, through description and drawings, with others, and especially to protect them so that, when Guides from other States visit us, they can be shown something they have never seen before.

Tasmania has two kinds of plants that are

characteristic—the Alpine plants, Cushion plants and Berries.

You people who take your visitors up Mt. Wellington—do you know that the Cushion plant there can be matched in only two other countries in the world?—New Zealand and the South American Andes.

If you do, you will realise how fortunate you are to have something so rare and interesting, and, of course, will try to protect it from injury. If the surface of one of those mosslike cushions is broken, the whole plant may rot and die.

Share your treasure with others by all means, but explain the danger of injuring it.

The Berries are more colourful than the Cushion plant; there are blue, crimson, brown coffee berries and every shade of pink and red—mostly belonging to the Heath family.

If you are tempted to pick them, remember that you are taking away something beautiful that the next visitor will have no chance to see.

ONE branch might not seem to matter, but suppose a hundred or more people each picked one (and that could easily happen).

In the bush the berries fall and become seeds of new plants; away from the bush they merely die.

"Those who carry flowers away

See none when next they pass that way.

But those who leave them growing there
Find many more another year."

And that is as true of berries as flowers.

Guard your own special Wildflowers, whichever State you live in.

JEAN GALBRAITH,

Author of "Wildflowers of Victoria."

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NORTHCOTE DISTRICT OUTING TO GUIDE HOUSE

Brownies and Guides from Northcote went to Guide House in four buses.

When we got there we all had our pictures taken near the flagpole. After lunch, Brown Owl called us and told us we were going on a Treasure Hunt to find some things to make a Brownie Badge with. Each Pack made a Badge on the ground, using twigs, leaves, buttercups and bark, and a lady (L.A. President) came and looked at them. We did not win, but ours was good. 4th Northcote won.

We went for a walk and saw Brownie Cottage and Guide House, and Brown Owl showed us through them. Brownie Cottage is lovely, and we want to go there and stay. Just think of the fun we could have swimming and everything. Guide House is great too, and we all hope to stay there when we are older. We saw the outdoor Chapel, which some liked best of all.

We saw the Guides cooking. One was making pancakes on the top of a fruit tin, with a fire inside; then we saw a Leader cooking damper on a stick, also an egg in an orange skin.

There was also a Brownie Flying-Up Ceremony.

We had afternoon tea and packed up and came home after a very nice day. We do want to go again.

—This is the combined effort of three Brownies, Anne Scott, Jennifer West and Jenny Daley.

SEED DISPERSAL

Some Guides may have seen the very helpful exhibit of seeds and their manner of dispersal, which Miss A. Hooke put in the Moomba Nature Show.

The purpose of these notes is to help Guides who are working for the Naturalist Badge with the sections on seeds.

Seed distribution is important, as it enables plants to spread. If seeds just fell under the parent plant, there would not be enough water, space or light for more than a very few to grow.

Seeds form part of the fruit of plants (fruit is the botanists' name for berries, nuts, pods, etc.). Seeds may be dispersed either with the fruit or after escaping from it. The four agents of dispersal are wind, animals, water and explosive ejection.

Wind.

Seeds or fruit which are dispersed by wind are either very small and light (e.g., seeds of Orchids, Gums, Milkmaids, Early Nancy), or winged, or have a parachute. Hakea and Banksia have winged seeds; Elm and Ash, winged fruit; Clematis, Thistle and Daisy, parachutes.

Animals.

Animals, including birds, carry seeds and fruits, which are attached to their fur, feathers, feet, etc., by hooks or stuck in mud. Examples are sticky seeds (e.g., *Pitosporum*), burrs, grass seeds, etc. Fleshy fruit are often eaten by animals and the hard seeds or pips spat out—think of children spitting out cherry stones! Sometimes animals eat the tiny hard seeds as well as the fleshy part of the fruit, e.g., Tomato, Gooseberry. These hard seeds often pass through the animal unharmed. Use is made of this sometimes by grazing sheep in a paddock, containing lots of White Clover burrs and then moving them on to a pasture into which the farmer wants the Clover introduced.

Water.

Any seed or fruit which, on falling into water, floats and is unharmed by contact with the water may be distributed by it, e.g., Coconuts, Spinifex, Grass at the beach. There are records of Alpine plants growing beside streams much lower down than usual. Presumably the seeds were carried down by water.

Explosion.

In many members of the Pea family (*Leguminosae*), the pods open explosively, throwing the seeds out, e.g., Wattle, Broom, Sweet Pea.

Some sorts of seed may lie on the ground for some years before germinating. This is often because the water necessary for germination cannot penetrate the tough seed coat. This tough seed coat can be cracked by heat from fires. You may have noticed how Wattle seedlings appear in large numbers after fires.

If a plant is to persist and its numbers increase, then most of its flowers must be left on the plant to set seed. This is why we must learn to admire our native flowers on the bushes, instead of picking them, if we want any left for the Guides and others of the future to enjoy. ALISON HOOKE.

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