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**"For pleasant shade of branches high;  
For fragrant air, and cooling breeze;  
For beauty of the blooming trees,  
Father in heaven we thank Thee!"**

Photo: B. Reynolds.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

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## STATE COMMISSIONER'S DIARY

Well, here I am back home again and been to more meetings in one week than I have for the whole of my 3 months in England. However, I have enjoyed it all very much.

Having in 3 days come from England via Frankfurt, Athens, Cairo, Karachi, Calcutta, Bangkok, Singapore, Darwin, etc., I found myself in the same week at a Guide Revue in Ballan! I have never seen a better Revue put on by Guides. It really was a great success in every way and the actresses were superb. The surrounding towns gave their support by attending one of the two evening performances, and on the night of the 15th July the hall was packed. As usual, we have to thank so many people for their help. This Revue was to raise money for equipment (camping). Financially, also it was a great success. My congratulations and thanks to all those good people who helped to make it the great success it was.

Saturday, 22nd July, I was fortunate to attend the Rangers' Conference held at the University. They are a great band of youth and I know will help to build up this Branch. When one is faced with a big project such as "BUILDING," I think the challenge will be met in the true Guide Spirit and we shall see great things over the next few years. Whose bright idea it was to invite Mr. John Landy I do not know. We are not only grateful to her, but also to Mr. Landy — a very brave young man to face up to so many young women, including myself! His talk gave us a lot to think about — "Training the Body and Mind."

Being away from one's country of birth for a long time, I find meeting old friends again rather a strain after a certain time of conversing, owing to the lack, I suppose, of "things in common," but if they are interested in some way, or have been, in the Guide Movement there seems no end to one's conversation in so many fields. Having this idea in my head, I wondered how many adults found likewise situations and what reactions Guiding had caused in their everyday life. I asked if some of you would let me know. Having received in writing some personal experiences and feelings I now put down these interesting answers as a whole:

**Mentally** it has been a challenge which has "stimulated" in many ways.

- (a) More conscious of others and their interests and troubles.
- (b) More aware of friendliness and appreciation of friends.
- (c) More patient and tolerant.
- (d) Extension of education.
- (e) Thinking more deeply with ability to handle and deal with people more easily.
- (f) To admit mistakes.
- (g) Sense of creation and works.

**Spiritually** —

- (a) Desire to help others.
- (b) Greater humility — as a member it is a passport to all local groups as someone whose word is listened to.
- (c) Wields a family into a stronger group.
- (d) Spiritual strength to carry on UNDER difficulties.
- (e) Firmer Faith that the Lord will provide — mentally, physically and spiritually.
- (f) More appreciation of all blessings.
- (g) To look for the good in everyone.
- (h) Sense of fulfilment.
- (i) In Guiding one has found something stable and steadfast and unending. The fact that GUIDING enfolds everything and everybody, all races and creeds and doing things in everyday life that in Church one is always saying one will try to do. There is immense scope and a never ending supply of depths to explore through the lives of little folk, then the girls, and later on the womanhood of Rangers and Cadets.

**Physically** — Exhausted!

Although happiness and appreciation of Guides and Brownies gives deep satisfaction, described when physically tired as "an enjoyable disease."

All were appreciative of the honour of their positions in the Movement and grateful to a Movement that brings happiness, friends and achievement.

All were thrilled to be a member of such a Movement.

With these lovely thoughts I close my letter and thank everyone for sending them.

IRENE FAIRBAIRN.

## BROWNIE BETTY



Betty was longing to be a Brownie. Her name had been on the waiting list for years, and though she had always known that she would have to wait till she was 7½, now she was seven years and eight months and still she wasn't a Brownie. She asked Julie, who lived next door and was a Fairy Sixer, to ask Brown Owl "When?" and she brought back a reply that it wouldn't be long now. Betty's name was second on the list.

One day there was a knock at the door, and there was Brown Owl come to say there was a place for Betty at last. Brown Owl told Betty's mother about the day, time and place of the meetings. The subscription, 3d of which went to Guide Headquarters and the remainder to pay for things the Pack needed. The religious policy of the Movement — that every member was encouraged to attend the services of her own Church and that Brownies or Guides were never taken to any Church but their own, without written permission of their parents. That Betty would at first be a "Tweenie" (in between an ordinary girl and a Brownie) until she knew the Brownie Promise, Law, Motto and some Brownie Ceremonies and could plait, wash up the tea dishes and tie her own Brownie Tie; and that when Betty had passed her test, she would call again to tell Betty's mother about getting the uniform.

Next Tuesday Betty raced home from school, shone her shoes, cleaned her teeth, scrubbed her nails quite clean and clutching her 6d. ran out to meet Julie. Another Brownie named Robyn went with them too.

When they arrived at Brownies, Julie took Betty to Brown Owl, and as she got near she stood still and saluted with two fingers held up to her cap. Brown Owl saluted her and Betty went to salute too, but Julie said, "No, not till you're a Brownie in uniform." Brown Owl said that Betty could go in the Fairies with Julie, and they ran and got a pile of little groundsheets out of a cupboard and put them in porch. "Fairies are groundsheet Six this month," explained Julie.

Then Brown Owl sent them all outside the gate and magicked Tawny into a blind giant, who stood against one post of the gateway. She explained that to get to Brownieland, the Brownies must try to creep in past her and if anyone made a sound, the giant would grab her and put her behind the open gate. Betty's heart was thumping when her turn came, but she got into Brownieland safely, though three Brownies were caught by the giant, who kept her eyes tightly closed. Brown Owl told Robyn to touch the three prisoners and then the Blind Giant with two fingers and then the whole Pack would be in Brownieland.

Then Tawny put her hands with two fingers up, on either side of her head and all the Brownies jumped in the air and shouted "Pack," then stood quite still like Tawny. "Go into your Sixes," said Tawny, "and choose the nicest Brownie or Tweenie and send her to me." The Fairies looked at each other; they said Betty was very nice except that her hair was a bit untidy; and they chose Lynette, whose hair, nails, teeth, badge, belt and shoes were all clean and shining and who had a reef knot, fawn socks, brown pants and no petticoat. The Elves chose a Brownie too and the Pixies sent a Tweenie; but Lynette was nicest of all.

Then the first two Brownies in uniform to arrive that day chased all the others. As they were caught they joined hands with the catcher and soon two long lines were chasing the few remaining Brownies — only the end people could catch — and no one could be caught while a line was broken. When all were caught, there were nine in one line and eight in the other and the first two Brownies collected the sixpences from their lines and took them to Brown Owl.

Next the Fairies gave everyone a groundsheet and they put them in a circle round the Toadstool under a shady tree; and all together they stepped over their groundsheets, sat down, and put two fingers on the grass in front of them and said "Pack." They discussed things, including an outing, and decided that it would be fun to go to

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the gardens and feed the ducks. Betty noticed that when a Brownie wished to speak she put her hand with two fingers out in front of her and waited for Brown Owl to ask her to speak. They each picked up their groundsheets and put them in a pile. Julie and Robyn took Brown Owl's Tawny's and Pack Leader's. Then Brown Owl taught them a singing game.

Next Betty and the other three Tweenies went with Brown Owl and she gave them each a card with the Brownie Promise on it. They all read it and looked to see if there were any words they didn't understand and there were two — "Duty," which they agreed meant "what you ought to do," and "especially," meaning "most of all." Brown Owl asked them to take their cards home and learn the words and think about what the Promise meant. Then Brown Owl showed them nine big letters; three were yellow and six were brown and they made them into three words, LEND A HAND, which they placed one under the other each beginning with a yellow letter. When they read the yellow letters down they spelt — LAH — Brown Owl explained that "Lend a Hand" was the Brownie Motto and they decided that it meant "Use your hands to help people," and that "Lah" was the short way of saying it. "Listen when we do Brownie Ring and you'll hear us all say "Lah," said Brown Owl. Each Tweenie was then given a piece of cord and they were taught how to tie a reef knot. After they had practised it Betty was sent to ask Pack Leader (who had the big Brownies on the asphalt path) to finish up. As she went Betty saw that one Brownie was holding out blue and white flags and the others were racing to stand on letters written on the path. It looked fun.

When all the Pack were assembled on the grass they were each given a piece of cord and a small curtain ring for a jewel. Tawny told them to put their cord through their jewels and when she said "go" they were to run round the yard touching first the wall, then the three fences, and somewhere on the way they must tie the ends of their cords together, Brownies doing this behind their necks. When they got back they must show their knots and those who

were right would get another jewel. Betty ran hard, but when she tried to tie her knot it wouldn't go right, so Brown Owl showed her again and she joined in the game and had three jewels when it finished.

Then they all sat on their groundsheets again and Brown Owl told them a story. Next, four groundsheets were put near the Toadstool in the centre of the grass, and Betty and the other new Tweenies sat on them. The Pack made a big circle and danced round them singing, then each Six in turn made a little circle round the Toadstool, then they did the big ring again and said "Lah, Lah, Lah" and Betty remembered what Brown Owl had said.

"Come and help tidy the groundsheets," said Julie, and they were soon in a neat pile in the cupboard again. Then Tawny turned into the Giant again, only this time she was asleep by the gate and didn't grab at them as they crept past. Brown Owl turned the Giant back to Tawny and the Brownies saluted them and Pack Leader, and called "Good-bye."

"What was that game you were playing on the path, Julie?" asked Betty.

"Oh, that was 'Semaphore Stand On It.' We each write two letters and then stand in a line on one side of the path with a Brownie holding the flags opposite. She signals a letter and the first to stand on it scores a shell; when someone has six shells she has a turn as signaller and the game starts again," explained Julie.

"I don't suppose I'll learn that till I'm big," said Betty.

"Oh, you might," said Robyn. "I played that game when I first came. All the new ones played together with Tawny and we learnt to signal Banana."

"When everyone plays that game," said Julie, "we always divide into three. Brown Owl says it would be dangerous with about eighteen people rushing to stand on a letter. Well, goodnight, Betty."

Betty was surprised to find she was home already, but she said "Goodnight" to the Brownies, and ran inside to tell Mother and Father all about it. "I wonder what we'll do next time," she said, "I do wish it would come quickly."

We'll tell you about it next month.

## INTERNATIONAL P.P.S.E.A.W.A.

You may have noticed in the Victorian Supplement that the Girl Guides Association is represented on the Pan Pacific and South East Asian Women's Association. I wonder how many know anything about the origin, composition and activity of this organisation which is of tremendous importance to the women of South East Asian countries and the Pacific islands?

It arose as the result of a suggestion, made in 1924 by the Hon. Mark Cohen, of New Zealand, to Mr. Alexander Hume Ford, at that time director of the Pan Pacific Union in Honolulu, that as the Dominion of New Zealand had done such valuable work in connection with child welfare it might be well if an opportunity could be made to pass on this knowledge to other peoples around the Pacific Ocean. A group of women in Hawaii was entrusted with the promotion of the first Pan Pacific Women's Conference, the scope of which was extended to include questions affecting women in matters of health, education, social service, industry and government.

At about this time the necessity for a coordinating committee in Australia for women's organisations with world affiliations was stressed by Dr. Georgina Sweet, on her return from a world tour, during which she attended a meeting of World Y.W.C.A. The outcome of her enthusiasm was the formation of the Australian Liaison Committee, from which representatives were sent to the first P.P.W. conference held in 1928.

It was stated that "The objective of the conference shall be to bring together the women of the Pacific area for better understanding and for co-operation towards the advancement of their common interests, having in view especially the interests of the family, including adjustments to modern industrial and social conditions within each separate country and between international groups."

Following this conference the Australian Liaison Committee set up the Aust. P.P.W.'s Association with groups in each State, consisting mainly of representatives of women's

organisations, national in scope and having international affiliations.

The objects of the Association as outlined in the Constitution are —

- (a) To strengthen the bonds of peace by fostering a better understanding and friendship among women of all Pacific and South East Asia areas.
- (b) To promote co-operation among the women of these regions for the study and improvement of existing social conditions.

This they try to achieve by studying subject matter introduced by, and for, conferences and in such practical ways as exchanging visits with member countries and sending aid to countries in need.

With national and international relations included in its scope, world P.P.S.E.A.W.A. is now a fully accredited non-governmental organisation with a permanent liaison officer at United Nations Headquarters, at present Mrs. Helen Fowler, of U.S.A. Australia has the honour of providing both the International President and Secretary for the present triennial period, Miss Jessie Robertson and Dr. Nancy Burbidge respectively. Other world office bearers come from Pakistan, New Zealand, Taiwan, Western Samoa, Thailand, U.S.A., Hawaii and Singapore.

The ninth conference — the first one to be held in Australia — took place in January of this year in Canberra. The subject was "Education," and as a result of these discussions, steps are being taken to initiate national and regional seminars to promote education for women by exchange of information and material, to encourage education for citizenship and to sponsor courses in leadership. Members have been asked to study and give active support to campaigns in favour of —

- (a) The U.N. Declaration of the Rights of the Child.
- (b) The U.N.E.S.C.O. Convention on Discrimination in Education.
- (c) The Freedom from Hunger Campaign.

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(d) The Recommendations and Conclusions concerning Juvenile Delinquency of the Second U.N. Conference on Crime Prevention held in London, August, 1960.

(e) The Karachi Plan.

The Victorian Group has requested that P.P.S.E.A.W.A. (Australia) plan the exchange of information and material over the whole Pacific area and allocate responsibilities to State groups. It has studied the U.N. Declaration of the Rights of the Child and asks that each organisation examine it in the light of Australian law and conditions. In support of this request, the Girl Guides Association of Victoria has arranged for this Declaration to be printed in "Matilda," so that we may think about it and implement it in any way within our power.

## DECLARATION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

### PREAMBLE.

**Whereas** the peoples of the United Nations have, in the Charter, reaffirmed their faith in fundamental human rights, and in the dignity and worth of the human person, and have determined to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,

**Whereas** the United Nations has, in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, proclaimed that everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth therein, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status,

**Whereas** the child, by reason of his physical and mental immaturity, needs special safeguards and care, including appropriate legal protection, before as well as after birth,

**Whereas** the need for such special safeguards has been stated in the Geneva Declaration of the Rights of the Child of 1924, and recognised in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and in the statutes of specialised agencies and international organ-

isations concerned with the welfare of children,

**Whereas** mankind owes to the child the best it has to give,

**Now, therefore,**

**The General Assembly**

**Proclaims** this Declaration of the Rights of the Child to the end that he may have a happy childhood and enjoy for his own good and for the good of society the rights and freedoms herein set forth, and calls upon parents, upon men and women as individuals and upon voluntary organisations, local authorities and national Governments to recognise these rights and strive for their observance by legislative and other measures progressively taken in accordance with the following principles:—

#### Principle 1:

The child shall enjoy all the rights set forth in the Declaration. All children, without any exception whatsoever, shall be entitled to these rights, without distinction or discrimination, on account of the race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status, whether of himself or of his family.

#### Principle 2:

The child shall enjoy special protection, and shall be given opportunities and facilities, by law and by other means, to enable him to develop physically, mentally, morally, spiritually and socially in a healthy and normal manner and in conditions of freedom and dignity. In the enactment of laws for this purpose the best interests of the child shall be the paramount consideration.

#### Principle 3:

The child shall be entitled from his birth to a name and a nationality.

#### Principle 4:

The child shall enjoy the benefits of social security. He shall be entitled to grow and develop in health; to this end special care and protection shall be provided both to him and to his mother, including adequate pre-natal and post-natal care. The child shall have the right to adequate nutrition, housing, recreational and medical services.

**Principle 5:**

The child who is physically, mentally or socially handicapped shall be given the special treatment, education and care required by his particular condition.

**Principle 6:**

The child, for the full and harmonious development of his personality, needs love and understanding. He shall, whenever possible, grow up in the care and under the responsibility of his parents, and in any case in an atmosphere of affection and of moral and material security; a child of tender years shall not, save in exceptional circumstances, be separated from his mother. Society and the public authorities shall have the duty to extend particular care to children without a family and to those without adequate means of support. Payment of State and other assistance towards the maintenance of children of large families is desirable.

**Principle 7:**

The child is entitled to receive education, which shall be free and compulsory, at least in the elementary stages. He shall be given an education which will promote his general culture, and enable him on a basis of equal opportunity to develop his abilities, his individual judgment, and his sense of moral and social responsibility, and to become a useful member of society.

The best interests of the child shall be the guiding principle of those responsible for his education and guidance; that responsibility lies in the first place with his parents.

The child shall have full opportunity for play and recreation, which should be directed to the same purposes as education; society and the public authorities shall endeavour to promote the enjoyment of this right.

**Principle 8:**

The child shall in all circumstances be among the first to receive protection and relief.

**Principle 9:**

The child shall be protected against all forms of neglect, cruelty and exploitation. He shall not be the subject of traffic, in any form.

The child shall not be admitted to employment before an appropriate minimum age;

he shall in no case be caused or permitted to engage in any occupation or employment which would prejudice his health or education, or interfere with his physical, mental or moral development.

**Principle 10:**

The child shall be protected from practices which may foster racial, religious and any other form of discrimination. He shall be brought up in a spirit of understanding, tolerance, friendship among peoples, peace and universal brotherhood and in full consciousness that his energy and talents should be devoted to the service of his fellow-men.

Adopted unanimously by the United Nations General Assembly, 20th November, 1959.

3rd July, 1961.

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**EN ROUTE BANGKOK**

My sincerest thanks go to all members of the Association who have wished me well for my training job in Thailand. It was so heart-warming to receive greetings from all over the State, and I regret I cannot acknowledge them personally.

Nevertheless, your kind thoughts are much appreciated, and I'll be thinking of you all.

Yours very sincerely,

PEG. BARR.



### MOOROOPNA GUIDE HALL OPENING

On the morning of 1st July, the Mooroopna Guides and Brownies awoke wondering whether the good Lord had been gracious unto us and presented us with a fine day for the opening of our new hall, as on occasions like this the weather plays a big part in success of a venture of this nature. The sky was a little overcast, but later in the day the sun began to shine and make the day perfect.

This was to be a great day for the 1st Mooroopna Guide Company, as many hours of hard work on behalf of the fathers of the Guides and Brownies and the Local Association had gone into bringing our hall to the opening stage.

Our hall in the first instant was the Presbyterian Church situated at North Mooroopna about 10 miles from Mooroopna. As this Church was not used, the Board of Management of the Church decided to call tenders for the sale and its removal. The L.A. sought the advice of a local builder and the fathers of some of the Guides, to make an estimate of the value of the hall. It was decided on their advice to offer a tender of £200; this was accepted by the Board, this was a start toward our hall. The next thing was to obtain land to remove the hall to. With the help of our local councillors and the Shire of Rodney they granted us a block in McKean Street, Mooroopna.

Our hall was removed by a local house removalist at a cost of £285. After the hall was placed on our block the "dads" had a lot of hard work to do and after many weeks our hall was at the stage where it was ready to be opened.

The State Secretary, Miss B. M. Macartney, was invited to do the honours at the opening ceremony, to which she replied she would be only too happy to accede to our request.

On the afternoon of the opening — after much fuss and bother — we were ready for the great moment. Guides and Brownies formed a guard of honour on one side of the path at the front of the hall, and the 1st Mooroopna Cubs and Scouts on the other side. Many were the visitors—Shire President and his good lady, Shire Councillors and their wives, visiting Guides and Guiders, Scouters and members of the public.

The official party arrived on time at exactly 2.30 p.m.; this consisted of Miss B. M. Macartney, State Secretary; Miss M. Lambe, Adviser for Handicapped Guides; Miss M. Holaday, a visiting Canadian Guider; Division Commissioner Lady McDonald, and our District Commissioner, Mrs. Clydesdale.

The car doors were opened by Guides Denise Hall and Helen Watt; everybody came to the alert and saluted while the National Anthem was played. Mrs. Breen, President of the L.A., gave an address of welcome to all the V.I.P.'s and gave an outline of the history of our hall and of the very good people who helped us manually and financially, and thanked everyone.

She then called on the Shire President, who gave a very inspiring address; then the Division Commissioner and our District Commissioner, who both addressed the gathering. The moment we had been waiting for finally arrived — Miss Macartney addressed us and was then presented with the key by Guide Janet Thomson. Just before she entered the hall, Guide Beverly Wilson and Brownie Gail Robertson moved a vote of thanks on behalf of the Company and Pack. P.L. Judy Davidson escorted the official party on a tour of inspection of the hall and surroundings. Afternoon tea was served by the L.A. to all present, and this brought our ceremony to a close.

P.L. JUDY DAVIDSON, 1st Mooroopna.



## Lone Adviser's Annual Report, 1960-1961

In her last Adviser's Report, Mrs. Davies stated that when she had taken over the Lone Section in 1955 it was built on very solid foundations. Mrs. Davies continued to build on those solid foundations, and so in December last year I was fortunate in being able to step into a situation where everything was running smoothly and everyone was happy. I sincerely hope that things will continue in this vein.

Contrary to the rest of the Guide Movement, the Lone Section has its largest membership at present in the "Senior Branch"—i.e., Rangers and Cadets, who number 66. We have 44 enrolled Guides and 15 Recruits in the Tenderfoot Co. There are 21 Guiders, 12 Guide Guiders and nine working with Rangers and Cadets. Of these 21, seven are new since the last Report. Mrs. Winter of Cobram and Miss Hauser of Frankston, have opened the Lone Sea Ranger Crew; Deaconess Alfred, formerly Captain of Bendigo Rangers, has opened 2nd Ranger Co. As a very experienced Ranger Guider and former member of the Lone Section, she is a great asset to us. Mrs. Walker, of Learmonth, a member of Ballarat Trefoil Guild, has joined 12th Guide Co. as Lieutenant; Miss Ruth Kirsner, an active Ranger Guider, is working with 5th Ranger Co. as Lieutenant; Mrs. Campbell, an ex-Guider from Campbell's Creek, is Lieutenant with 5th Guide Co., and Mrs. Haines, formerly Guide Captain at Heywood, opened the Hermitage Lone Co. late last year.

Since the Senior members of our Section are in the majority, I will comment on them first. We have 5 Lone Ranger Companies, two of which have been opened within the last four months. Most of the Rangers are in the younger age group, 16-18, but we have one married member of 6th Co.

1st Co. (Mrs. Anderson) and 6th Co. (Mrs. Woolaccott) both have as many members as their Captains can cope with at present, being without Lieutenants.

2nd Co. (Deaconess Alfred) is very new, and still has vacancies.

5th Co. (Mrs. Stone and Miss Kirsner) is full.

7th or S.R.S. "Wongala" (Mrs. Winter and Miss Hauser) also has vacancies, but its membership is restricted as applicants must have access to water in the form of lake, river or sea suitable for boating work, and must be able to obtain the help of a competent person to instruct them in boatwork. This crew is in the nature of an experiment, as we have not had Lone Sea Rangers in Victoria before, but they have been operating successfully in Queensland and S.A. for a number of years, so there is no reason why they should not do so here.

In the last 12 months several Rangers have passed various sections of the Ranger Service Star and one has completed the Full Star. A number of Rangers have camped, two in W.A. last August, one as orderly at the Guiders' Training Week in January, and others with active Rangers or as helpers at Guide camps. A Victorian Lone Ranger Adventure Camp is planned for September this year, and present indications promise a good attendance.

One Ranger was awarded a certificate from Commonwealth Headquarters in London for her entry in last year's Lone Ranger Jubilee Competition.

The Cadets (Miss Barr and Mrs. Sharpe) are still very popular. They are all linked with active Companies and Packs and so join in all local activities and service projects. They had a weekend camp at Guide House in January, and two of them are now invested Cadets.

Quite a number of girls have left Lone Guides to become active, but we still have eight Lone Companies in operation:

The Tenderfoot Co. continues to do a wonderful job getting Recruits to the stage of enrolment, then passing them on to one of the other Companies. Mrs. Anguey and Mrs. Herbert have handled as many as 30 at a time.

Ist Co. opened at the Hermitage towards the end of 1960 with Mrs. Haines as Captain. As Mrs. Haines is now living in Geelong, these girls will have more opportunity than most Lones of meeting their Captain.

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3rd Co. is doing very well with Mrs. Craddock as Captain, assisted by Mrs. Thompson.

4th Co. was re-opened in March by Mrs. Davies. We are very glad indeed to be keeping Mrs. Davies in the Lone Section, as by reason of her experience she has so much to give to Lones.

5th and 6th Cos. are being run jointly by Mrs. Bulkely with Mrs. Campbell as Lieutenant.

8th Co. is still with Mrs. Oke and her Lieutenant, formerly Miss Lewis, who has now married and become Mrs. Morley.

12th Co. continues under the guidance of Mrs. Perry and her new Lieutenant, Mrs. Walker.

In the last twelve months Lone Guides have gained two First Class Badges, four Jubilee Adventure Badges, two Cook, two Child Nurse and one each of Toymaker, Emergency Helper, Homemaker, Camper, Collector, Athlete, Map Reader, Hostess, Laundress, Needlewoman and Swimmer Badges. One Second Class, one All Round Cord.

We have two candidates for the Queen's Guide Award, Margaret Gooch, from 5th Co., and Shirley Hempel, from 12th Co.

Several Guides camped over the Christmas vacation with active Cos. We are very grateful to the Cos. who invite Lones to camp with them, and hope they will continue to do so.

Three Lone Guides formed a Colour Party in last year's Jubilee Pageant, being trained by the Scouter father of one of the girls, and about 20 Lones attended the Pageant as spectators.

Six Guides attended the Youth Garden Party at Government House earlier this year.

In the Willing Shilling Drive for 1961, Lones raised £27/5/-.

The Lone Guiders deserve much praise for the wonderful work they do in making Guiding interesting on paper. This is in many ways a more difficult and more time-consuming task than being an active Guider, and they all put a great deal of imagination and enthusiasm into it.

I am very grateful to the Lone L.A. for its support and interest in all the activities of the Section, particularly to the retiring Office Bearers. Mrs. Harley has been a

very efficient Treasurer for many years and Mrs. Willis a valuable Secretary. Mrs. Long has handled badges and equipment also for many years, and this includes, too, the supervision of our uniform pool, which in some cases has involved Mrs. Long in quite a bit of extra work. Mrs. Higgs has looked after the Lone Library for a very long period, and although earlier this year we were somewhat concerned about the little use being made of the Library, Mrs. Higgs reports that in recent months there has been an improved demand for books.

Although I have been working with the L.A. for only six months, that has been long enough to make me fully aware of its immense value and I do say a very big "thank you" to them all.

B. J. STONE.

### GUIDERS' CONFERENCE, 1961

Wilson Hall, and Old Arts Building, Melbourne University, Saturday, 14th October.

Morning Session — 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Miss Margaret Watson is arranging Woodcraft Outdoor Activities for ALL Guiders, in the University Grounds. Those attending are asked to meet Miss Watson outside the Old Arts Building at 10 a.m.

This will be followed by a film on the "Mouth-to-Mouth Resuscitation Method," which should be of interest to all Guiders.

#### Afternoon Session:

We are delighted to be able to tell you that Mrs. C. O. Fairbairn, our State Commissioner, will be with us, and that Miss E. Manning, Chief Commissioner for Australia, will open the Conference. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Elwyn Morey, of the School of Education, University of Melbourne.

#### Evening:

Details will be available later — the programme will include slides and a Camp Fire.

#### Friday Training

Training sessions will be arranged if applications warrant them. Details will be sent to Guiders who apply for this; please refer to Training Notices for further information.

ELIZABETH ALFRED, Convener.

## TRAINING NOTES

Last month I told you about the Willie Wagtail attacking a Kookaburra and me! But the greatest fun I have with the Willies is watching them with my cats. In the nesting season they make their life a misery and the cats are almost afraid to leave the safety of the house. Once when I was wanting to lock up the house I put one cat out the back door and its feet had hardly touched the ground when a furious Willie had delivered a sharp peck on its back!

But, although the Willies attack mainly to defend their nest and young, I am convinced they enjoy teasing the cats, for quite often, even when not nesting, they will fly some distance from where they were happily darting about collecting food and "dive bomb" a poor cat who was minding its own business, just going for an evening stroll.

It is interesting to see the reaction of individual cats too. Some can put up with it more than others, but almost invariably when first faced with furious attack they will crouch and flash out a paw — when suddenly springing to attack, and it gets them just nowhere. The Willies are far too fast for them. So, after a time when they realise this, they give up trying to get the Willie and are forced to deal with the situation as best they can. One cat's idea of coping is just frankly to run for cover at the first "pitter-pitter" of rage from the Willie. Another cat, however, continues to walk with great dignity slowly across the lawn, simply ignoring the whole situation. The Willies might just as well not be there for all the notice she takes of them, and naturally enough, they get madder and madder, simply shrieking abuse and dive bombing furiously, but puss is not perturbed and calmly goes her way.

I said the Willies, in their rage, shout "pitter-pitter." This is an entirely different call from what they say when they are in a better frame of mind or when they are feeling romantic. I said last month that to my way of thinking the Willie Wagtail is one of the very few birds who actually say

what, according to the experts in books, he is supposed to say. His "sweet pretty creature" may be heard repeated over and over again, particularly in the nesting season. And, in fact, I often wonder when they sleep, for by day they may be seen tirelessly darting about in search of food, and often at night I have fallen asleep, while outside my window "sweet pretty creature" was being sung over and over again, and on waking the song was unfinished.

One rather interesting thing about Willie Wagtails is that they seem to like the company of Pee Wees when they are nesting, and on many occasions both these birds have been found to be nesting in the same tree. So if you see a nest of a Mudlark or Pee Wee, look again in the tree and see if you can find Willie too. The Mudlark's nest is very like a flower pot made of mud. It even has a thickened rim around the top. In my own garden last year the Willies built their nest in an old gum tree in the front of the house, and higher up and above them was a Pee Wee's nest. And the previous year in the willow tree on my back lawn, right at the top, was a Pee Wee's nest and down below it was the home of the Willies.

C.W.

### FIELD DAY

A Field Day has been arranged by the Training Department for Sunday, 15th October. This will take the form of bird watching and general observations of bird movements. Country Guiders who come to Melbourne for the Conference may like to take part in this Field Day. Another on the same lines will be arranged for the autumn, and Guiders who cannot attend the October Field Day may like to attend the autumn one.

The locality and other details have yet to be arranged, but Miss M. Mellor, the Convener of the Field Day, expects that such details will be published in next month's "Matilda."



## NATURE IN THE PACK

These are some suggestions for outdoor games and activities based on collecting, matching, observing (quietly), using the facilities of seeing or hearing (being most suited to the age group).

Have you ever tried, as an opening ceremony, to let each Brownie find her own key to open Brownieland? Make sure there is a magic keyhole everybody can use, and whatever the Brownie brought back as her key is put away carefully as a treasure to lock up Brownieland when going home. See that there is time to compare and discuss "keys."

Winter time is seed-pod time. Have a ramble through your grounds and parks and collect as many different kinds of seed-pods as you can. Look for rare ones — and don't forget that rose pips, berries, mock oranges, japonica apples, etc., are seed-pods too.

The Sixes keep their haul in their treasure boxes and next Brownie meeting you can have real fun introducing a delightful nature handcraft — animals made from the various pods, using sticks for legs, dry grass for tails, ears, etc. All Brown Owl or Tawny would need is a strong meat needle to help prick those obstinate hard animal bodies, and perhaps off and on, a drop of "Tarzan's Grip" to hold odd bits together. What fun to have young Patrick mind his swine in the oak forests of his Irish landowner: all and sundry made from acorns and their little cups; and even the horses and curious cows have come to have a look.

Timothy Turtle ambles lazily on his way — his shell-back used to have a lofty seat in the top of a jacaranda tree and his scaly head is goodness knows what! Gerry Giraffe has a big gumnut tummy, and a small gumnut head. Little Robin Redbreast is easily made from a kurrajong seed; two silky oak seeds (and a little fine wire) make an exquisite dainty Ibis; the young pine cone still covered with white fluff is specially

designed for the erect body of Pepi Penguin; and what you need to make a proud Lyrebird or an Emu you had better find out for yourselves! Of course there must be time for a grand parade round the Toadstool before Father Noah gathers them all into his Ark.

Matching colours is good fun if the Sixer gets a handful of coloured wool as samples, but it is far more real if the wicked witch has snatched Susie from the Pixies and locked her up in the tower. As ransom she demands something to match every bit of colour on Susie, and the Brownies have a busy time to find things to match everything — even Susie's teeth and the blue and green specks in her eyes.

Have you played nature dominoes? Brown Owl starts the game by putting down one object — perhaps a golden plane leaf. The first Brownie who is able to find a leaf to match, can lay hers down next to Brown Owl's and also add a new object, perhaps a white pebble. The Brownies hunt now for a pebble to match, and the first one back with one can add that to the collection and also her new specimen. Immediately everybody has to switch over to hunting for the last object. With inexperienced players it is a good idea to call the name of the last object loudly. It is a lively game and is best played in Sixes to avoid chaos. At the end of the game the domino trails can be visited and discussed, and the number of objects counted.

Has your Pack ever "adopted" a spider and his web under the bridge you have to cross on your way to Brownies? Or paid frequent visits to the wasp's nest under construction under the eaves of the shed near the Guide Hall to see how the master builders are getting on? Are your Brownies allowed, on their way home from school, to make a little detour through the nearby park to have a look at Father Kookaburra, who seems to like the same dead tree for his afternoon nap in the sun every day? Do you think you could persuade your Sixes on a warm summer day to lie really still for three minutes, and to have their eyes closed too, that they might listen to what they can hear where there is "actually"

nothing to hear? Perhaps the Gnomes would like to listen to the pine tree, the Pixies to the muddy little creek and the Elves to the far-away road?

And if you get a flying visit from one of your Brownies before breakfast to tell you the urgent news that she had really seen her grub, which she is watching near the back door, E-A-T with it's tiny mouth, or when another Brownie gives you a vivid description of the visitors she has had on these frosty mornings when she emptied the rubbish bucket for Mum — then you have achieved something, and some of your Brownies are ready to pass their "observation." Undoubtedly, though active and practical little people as they are, the Brownies generally prefer to collect, especially when in our games we have taught them the methods of identification and presentation.

G.M.K.

### WANTED

The address of PEARLY TAN, Air Ranger, Malaya.

Anyone knowing the address of Pearly Tan, who attended the International Camp at Yarra Junction in 1959, would they be so kind as to let me know.

Could I ask Guiders to bring this request to the notice of any Guide or Ranger who attended the International Camp, in the hope that someone may have a record of it.

S. B. LONG, c/o Headquarters.



### BROWNIE OPENING CEREMONY

This opening could be done in two or three circles and the words are sung to the tune of the "Chestnut Tree."

Brownies pair off and face each other in a large circle and sing —

"All the Brownie feet go tap, tap, tap (tapping feet).

All the Brownie hands go clap, clap, clap (clapping).

I've got something to say to you (shaking left finger and nodding heads).

Hullo, friend, and how do you do (giving a good smart salute to each other).

Now we dance and skip and play

Before we bow and run away. (Skip round holding hands with the Brownies opposite, then bow and smile and pass on to a new partner, each circle moving to their right).

### THE NEW RECRUIT

Have you ever thought of carrying out your laws in relation to a new Recruit?

You all, no doubt, have experienced the feeling of strangeness, shyness and perhaps nervousness, when joining Guides or a club or a group, for the first time. You really feel the odd man out don't you? Doesn't it help tremendously if someone takes you under their wing, coming up to you as you enter the room and introducing you to Captain or the Leader, and showing you around. This probably happens in most Companies . . . we hope! But I wonder if sometimes the new Recruit gets left to her own devices a little bit too much. She may not know anyone at all, and everyone else seems to know everyone else. The kind person who helped her first probably vanished.

Each Guide can help the new Recruit — not only her P.L. or Second in teaching her the Tenderfoot, but all the Company. By carrying out our Law and Promise we can help — it's not much good knowing your Laws frontwards and even backwards if you don't carry them out.

The most successful hostess is the person who makes the newcomer feel at ease, makes her feel welcome and not wanting to get out of the place — quick!

I may put down the Laws which I feel are related to the new Recruit — you may even think of some more.

1. A Guide's Honour is to be trusted — Captain **trusts** the Comany and especially the new Recruit's Patrol, to look after her — not to neglect her and make her feel out of it. Captain can't be with the new Recruit all the time so she trusts her Guides to do their best in helping the new Recruit.

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2. A Guide is Loyal — You can be loyal to your Company by explaining to the new Recruit what you are doing, what that whistle or sign means and helping her to understand things.
3. A Guide's duty is to be useful and to help others — This one is fairly easy to see. Naturally you would want to be helpful and useful to the new Recruit.
4. A Guide is a friend to all and a sister to every other Guide — This is also fairly easy. You can be friendly to this new Recruit. She may not know anyone at all in the Company and even if she doesn't say it, will appreciate you going out of your way to be nice to her.
5. A Guide is Courteous — If each person makes the new Recruit feel welcome, happy, at ease and wanting to come again, they will be doing their best to carry out this Law. Courtesy doesn't only mean helping blind people across the street and giving up your seats to others you know! You can be courteous all the time.
10. A Guide is pure in thought, word and deed — The new Recruit will be hoping that all the Company, especially her Patrol will like her and you must not think, say or do anything that would be embarrassing or hurtful to her if you want to carry out this Law. It's not much good being nice to her, but behind her back remarking to your mates "Doesn't she wear funny clothes" or something similar. The new Recruit would soon sense that something was wrong.

The next time a new Recruit comes to your Company, remember it's up to you — not just the P.L. or Second — but YOU!

J.M.W.

### GAME FOR GUIDES

#### Railway Carriages —

The Patrols are stationed round the hall, numbered evenly. No. 1 of each Patrol represents the engine; No. 2, a passenger carriage; No. 3, a carriage of pigs (or sheep or horses, etc.) and so on until the last Guide in each Patrol represents the guard's van.

No. 1 from each Patrol runs clockwise round the hall, making her version of the

engine's sound. On reaching her Patrol again, No. 2 hooks on behind her — No. 1 still making her engine sound and No. 2 imitating the chatter of the passengers.

Then No. 3 hooks on and so on, each making their appropriate noises.

If Patrol numbers are uneven trains with only six carriages must of course do an extra leg to be equal with those of seven carriages, and so on.

The winning Patrol is the one which first returns to their original position with all members of the team still attached.

### PARTNERS IN ADVENTURE THE COMMONWEALTH TODAY

This new book by Derek Ingram is a challenging survey of the Commonwealth of Nations that has developed from the British Empire, and was for a time called the British Commonwealth of Nations. It is published in paper covers as a Pan Original at 4/- and is available at the Guide Equipment Depot.

Partners in Adventure is of great interest and significance because changes have come so quickly that we need this information to accustom ourselves to new ideas and new words. 'Above all this vital survey conveys the whole spirit in which our peoples and nations must approach the development of the Commonwealth if it is to grow in stature and influence.'

Mr. Ingram writes in a personal, lively style as if he were speaking directly to his readers. He is decided in his opinions and critical of mistakes and indifference; he necessarily covers some questions that are highly controversial, but with the broad constructive idea in view. He quotes political leaders, but in no spirit of party politics; — only if their words are important to his creative ideas.

Guiders and Rangers will find this book full of information and a lead to responsibility of citizenship in our own country and in the wider world of our family of nations of which our Queen is the Head.

There is an excellent map, and subjects for discussion could be found in many chapters. Rangers who are planning to earn the special badge will find it useful to themselves and to interest others.

Guides of 15 would mostly find some chapters rather stiff and technical, but for them also many chapters would be inspiring and interesting. The very names are intriguing — Our Court at Melbourne; Leaders in Every Continent; Uncles and Nephews (how stronger nations are helping the weaker ones); A Multitude of Cousins, and several others.

Information about various countries, useful for the Guide Badge, is scattered through the book and if Guides were told that certain chapters were not necessary and shown the ones suitable they could handle it themselves and find inspiration and help.

Guiders could find some instances and incidents to use in talks to the companies both of Rangers and Guides.

Good use of this book might make Knowledge of the Commonwealth a general Company interest and encourage Guides to win the badge when they are younger than at present so that it is not limited to Queen's Guide Candidates nor left till very late in life in the Company.

And ideas such as Knowing our Relations could be linked with talks on the living symbol of our loyalty and unity, and to bring a wider vision to Our Duty to Our Queen.

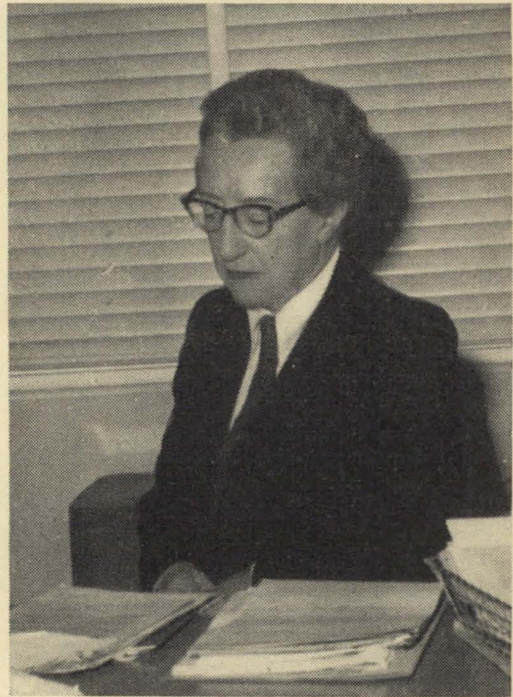
G. H. SWINBURNE.

### THE SCRIBE'S BADGE

12th July: This morning I was called over to my neighbour's garden to see "Squidgy," the grey squirrel. Some parrot food had been placed on a little low table on the lawn, and on this "Squidgy" was seated, having a wonderful feast. Now and again he scampered round the lawn or up the trees, but he seemed to have no fear of us at all.

13th July: An Indian myna surprised me in the garden by uttering a song quite new to me. It was really quite pleasing to hear. He is really a handsome fellow, but "familiarity breeds contempt", even with our bird life I'm afraid.

14th July: Walking home from Church this morning, I was chatting about robins, when to my delight I suddenly noticed a



Miss C. Broadhurst, Training Adviser, Australia, has recently returned from a trip to Papua-New Guinea, and the Philippines.

She travelled extensively, visiting Brownies, Guides, and Guiders, and reports that three native Guiders successfully completed their Training Certificates. In the Philippines, which Miss Broadhurst visited in an unofficial capacity, she renewed friendships with many of the Girl Scout Leaders who, over the last few years, have visited Victoria for training.

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female robin in my neighbour's garden. This is the first robin I have seen in suburbia this winter, and I wish it had been a scarlet breast. The female is a little brown bird, more like a sparrow than a robin.

15th July: The first leaves of the almond tree are out; I noticed a little bunch on the trunk. Of course, the rest of the leaves will not appear till the blossom is finished. It is lovely to see the new green foliage with its promise of spring.

J.H.



Courtesy: "The Age."

### AUSTRALIAN WATTLES

**Golden Wattle** — Golden Wattle is probably the most widespread wattle of those with flat, leaf-like phyllodes, and can often be found wherever there is dry, stony ground, especially on hillsides.

Usually a small tree, the bright foliage is often touched with yellow and bronze when young. September is the main flowering season and the balls of blossom are large, bright and golden. The true leaves of the

Golden Wattle come out between the seed leaves like folded feathers, but when the seedling has only half a dozen leaves the midribs begin to flatten, the pinnate "reathers" tend to disappear and soon there are efficient substitutes looking much like gum leaves, but which are really winged leaf stalks, known as phyllodes.

**The Blackwood Wattle** — This is found in the sheltered valleys and kinder soils — it is a forest tree of the higher rainfall areas.



It belongs to a group of Wattles which has several long veins in each phyllode, and there is no other that one could mistake for it.

The Blackwood has sober green phyllodes up to six inches long and an inch wide, rather stiff and narrowed to the base. It is a large and stately tree, and begins to flower after the Silver and Golden Wattles are in bloom.

Solitary Blackwood trees are not always long-lived, but several together may outlive generations of men and still increase in vigour and beauty.

**The Myrtle Wattle** — Myrtle Wattle may be seen beside hundreds of roads and railway sides, on both hills and in valleys. It is a shrub, usually two or three feet high, but sometimes twice as tall.

It has single veined leaves under three inches long, always rather lopsided. They are, as a rule, less than an inch wide at the widest part, easily recognisable because the edges are thickened as if a strong vein outlined the whole leaf. The shape reminds me of those ellipses of early school days — too pointed at the ends and never the same width on each side of the axis.

The Myrtle Wattle is a Cinderella plant, for as well as the happy flower of good soils it can be a meagre, sprawling under-shrub in poor dry soils and on dry hilltops.

(Extracts from the "Victorian Naturalist," 1959).

#### **N.S.W. TRAINING — DENILIQUN — OCTOBER 20th-22nd.**

An invitation has been extended to any Guider wishing to take part in Campcraft Training to be held at Deniliquin, 20th-22nd October.

Entries close 29th September. Applications should be made through Training Secretary, at Headquarters, Victoria.

#### **GUIDE TRAVELLING TRAINER**

A position is available as Guide Travelling Trainer for Victorian Headquarters. It is not necessary to have special training qualifications, provided applicant is experienced and up-to-date Guider. Further details may be obtained from the Training Adviser, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne.

C.W.

## **TRAINING DEPARTMENT:**

### **CENTRAL COURSES:—GUIDE**

Daytime: 10 Weeks Course — Commencing 14th September.

Place — National Fitness Council Training Centre, 4th Floor, 161 Flinders Lane.

Time — 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

G.I.C. — Mrs. D. Moors.

Evening: 8 Weeks Course — Commencing 21st September — plus one weekend — 30th September-1st October.

Place — National Fitness Council Training Centre, 4th Floor, 161 Flinders Lane.

Time — 7.45 p.m. to 9.45 p.m.

G.I.C. — Miss E. Bunning.

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

### **CENTRAL COURSES:—BROWNIE**

Daytime: 8 Weeks Course commencing 27th September.

Place — National Fitness Council Training Centre, 4th Floor, 161 Flinders Lane.

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Time — 10 a.m. — 12 noon.

G.I.C. — Mrs. J. Barratt.

Evening: 8 Weeks Course — Commencing 12th September.

Time — 7.45 p.m. to 9.45 p.m.

Place — National Fitness Council Training Centre, 4th Floor, 161 Flinders Lane.

G.I.C. — Miss D. Holtz.

### **GREENSBOROUGH:—BROWNIE**

6 Weeks Course — Commencing 14th September.

Place — 20 Ellen Court, Greensborough.

Time — 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

G.I.C. — Mrs. A. Sharp.

GUIDERS WISHING TO APPLY 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.

### **SPECIALISED TRAINING:—1st CLASS**

Evening: 29th August — Mapping and Compass.

5th September — Knowledge of Movement.

12th September — Commonwealth Knowledge Badge.

19th September — Child Nurse — 1st Class Proficiency Badge.

26th September — First Aid.

3rd October — Home Nursing (to be held at 8 Pine Ave., Camberwell).

Place — 4th Floor, National Fitness Training Centre, 161 Flinders Lane.

Time — 7.45 p.m. — 9.45 p.m.

Daytime: 27th September — Knowledge of Movement.

4th October — Child Nurse — 1st Class Proficiency Badge.

11th October — Mapping and Compass.

18th October — First Aid — 1st Class.

25th October — Commonwealth Knowledge.

1st November — Home Nursing — 1st Class.

Place — 2nd Floor, National Fitness Training Centre, 161 Flinders Lane.

Time — 10 a.m. — 12 noon.

**GUIDERS MAY APPLY FOR THE WHOLE OF THIS COURSE, OR FOR ANY PARTICULAR SESSION THEY MAY WISH TO ATTEND. APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE FORWARDED ON THE OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM TO TRAINING SECRETARY ONE WEEK BEFORE COMMENCEMENT OF THE COURSE.**

### **SUMMER TRAINING WEEK**

#### **Reminder of dates:**

27th December — 3rd January.

Place — Guide House, Yarra Junction.

Fee:—£5/10/- plus fares.

#### **GUIDERS' CONFERENCE — TRAINING**

If applications warrant it, Training will be given on Friday, 13th October. Please advise Training Secretary if you would like to receive training on this date, type of training required, and times you would be available.

Training will also be held on Saturday morning, 14th October, at University from 10.30 to 12 noon.

G.I.C. — Miss M. Watson.

### **BROWNIE BRANCH NATIONAL SAFETY BADGE**

The Executive has approved the following Syllabus for a Brownie National Safety Badge, and that a GOLDEN BAR Brownie be permitted to gain the National Safety Badge in ADDITION to the two Proficiency Badges mentioned in Rule 100, P.O.R.

The District Commissioner, after consultation with the Brown Owl, to appoint a Tester.

The National Safety Council (Victoria) has sponsored this Badge, and it is with the idea of fostering and encouraging the Brownies to gain this Badge that it has been made in addition to the two Proficiency Badges previously permitted.

The Badge is available at Headquarters, with the same procedure as for other Proficiency Badges, and depicts the Red, Yellow and Green Traffic Lights on a brown background with yellow border.

### **SYLLABUS FOR PROPOSED SAFETY BADGE FOR BROWNIES**

Candidates are required to know the rules, and their reasons. When being examined, each rule should be demonstrated.

**Rule 1. WHERE THERE IS A FOOTPATH USE IT. AND KEEP TO THE LEFT.**

Footpaths are made specially for pedestrians. Roads are for cars, trucks and bicycles, and these vehicles are not allowed on footpaths. The drivers of vehicles expect pedestrians to keep on the footpath, except at recognised crossing places. This is only fair. Drivers have many things to watch and are not always able to see children on the road. If you keep to the left it is easier for everyone to get along the footpaths in comfort and without jostling.

**Rule 2. WHERE THERE IS NO FOOTPATH ALWAYS WALK ON THE RIGHT HAND EDGE OF THE ROAD, FACING ONCOMING TRAFFIC. AT NIGHT WEAR LIGHT COLOURED CLOTHING, OR CARRY SOMETHING WHITE, SAY A HANDKERCHIEF**

If you walk on the edge of the road it is easy to step quickly off the road. When someone walks in the centre of the road, a driver may not know which way the pedestrian will go. It is advisable to wear or carry something white when walking

on a roadway at night, because light coloured objects are more easily seen, particularly in the headlights of a car.

**Rule 3. ALWAYS USE THE KERB DRILL.**

At the kerb — stop.

Eyes right.

Eyes left.

Eyes right again, then if the road is clear Quick march. Walk straight across Don't run.

If you stop at the kerb, you can make sure that the road is clear. By stopping you give a driver a chance to know what you are likely to do. It is better to walk smartly across a road, because when running, it is difficult for anyone to stop, and running may cause you to trip. If there is not enough time to get across the road by walking, it is better to wait until the traffic has passed. By going straight across, drivers know what you are doing, and it is the shortest way. If you drop something, continue to walk across, and get what you have dropped when the road is clear.

**Rule 4. WHEN CROSSING ONE-WAY STREETS, LOOK TOWARD APPROACHING TRAFFIC.**

On one-way streets, traffic will only approach from one direction. You should be sure which direction this is, and look carefully before crossing.

**Rule 5. USE PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS AND OBEY THE SIGNALS OF A POLICEMAN.**

It is better to use proper crossings where they exist, because drivers expect to see pedestrians. They are the safest places, but the kerb drill must still be used. Learn the various police signals, and the meaning of traffic lights.

**Rule 6. TAKE SPECIAL CARE IF YOU HAVE TO CROSS NEAR PARKED VEHICLES.**

It is dangerous to walk out from behind or between parked cars. You may not be able to see approaching traffic, and drivers cannot see you until you are right on the road. Never run from behind or between parked cars.

**Rule 7. BEFORE CROSSING A ROAD AT A CORNER, LOOK CAREFULLY FOR CARS TURNING THE CORNER.**

It is important to use the kerb drill when crossing a road at a corner, and to be quite sure that there are no vehicles just about to come around the corner.

**Rule 8. NEVER CHASE A BALL OR A PLAYMATE ON TO THE ROAD.**

Playing by a roadway often leads children to dash on to the road after a ball. If the ball does go on to the road, wait for all traffic to pass before going after it. It is better to play in safe places.

**Rule 9. NEVER TRY TO GET OFF OR ON A TRAM, TRAIN OR BUS WHILE IT IS MOVING.**

It is so easy to fall if this rule is disobeyed. Even the slight movement of a vehicle may make you lose your balance. If you jump off a moving tram or bus, you will be right in the path of any oncoming traffic.

**Rule 10. WHEN RIDING IN A VEHICLE, ALWAYS KEEP WITHIN THE VEHICLE AND SIT DOWN OR STAND QUIETLY.**

You should be orderly and polite when boarding or alighting from public vehicles. Moving about when the vehicle is in motion could cause you to fall — it also causes annoyance to other passengers. It is very dangerous to put your head or arms out of windows of trains, trams, cars or buses. Never throw anything out of a vehicle.

### DAY VISITS TO GUIDE HOUSE

It would be appreciated if visitors to Guide House would notify Miss Thurgood of Guide Headquarters of the day they intend going. It is interesting to have a record or numbers.

There is no charge, but of course there IS a "Thank You Box" (near the Visitors' Book in the House), and all donations help towards the upkeep of YOUR property.

### CORRECTION

**N.S.W. TRAINING.**—Please note that the date of this Training are from 29th December, 1961, to 7th January, 1962, not 29th December to 3rd January as published on page 12 of August "Matilda."

## GUIDING LIGHTS

(Some Lighter than Others)

### Guiders' Representatives on the State Council

At the Guiders' Conference this year we will be electing three persons to the State Council. Guiders, like Commissioners and Local Associations, elect six of the Council members, two of them retire each year. When one of these members is elected to the Executive Committee or (as has happened this year with Miss Bunning) is elected a State Council member in her own right a third person is elected at the next Conference to fill the vacancy.

Only Warranted Guiders have the right to vote and they may nominate any person, Guide or non-Guide, who is willing to stand, including the retiring members. Commissioners unless they are also Warranted Guiders, do not vote for Guiders' representatives, but have their vote at the Commissioners' Conference.

### Royal Visit

Brown Owl to Brownie preparing for Golden Hand, "What does, 'Send her victorious, happy and glorious' mean?"

Brownie, "Send her to Victoria and we will make her happy."

### Not on the list.

The ex-Brownie had just cooked her first hike meal and Captain said, "You've made a very good job of that, Dawn."

"That is because she was a Brownie," said Pack Leader.

"But we didn't go for hikes and cook at Brownies," said Dawn.

"No," said Pack Leader, "but you did other things and learnt initiative."

"Oh, no," said Dawn. "I didn't learn that. I passed my Golden Bar and coloured in all the balloons on the chart, but there wasn't one for that."

### Commonwealth Day Stall

Due to the hard work of the Committee and the generous support of members and friends, the splendid total of £165 was taken at the Commonwealth Day Stall. Of this a donation of £40 has been made to the Commonwealth Day Movement.

## HEADQUARTERS JOTTINGS

Business dealt with by the Executive Committee at its meeting on 20th July, 1961.

### GENERAL BUSINESS:

**Capital Building Grants** — Sub-Committee's report and recommendations approved.

**Recording of Pageant Music** — Agreed to discuss with Mrs. Clarke the possibility of the Choir making a record of Campfire Songs to include some of the Pageant music.

**Liaison Commissioner for Roman Catholic Members** — Further consideration given to this new appointment.

**Leave of Absence** — Application from Mrs. Wallace approved.

**National Safety Council of Australia: Guide Representative — Home Committee**— Consideration given to the appointment of a new representative to replace Mrs. Wallace.

**Guide Stand — Royal Agricultural Show, 1962** — Mrs. McKay to follow up our official approach to obtain the necessary details.

**Annual Meeting** — Consideration given to suggested amendments to form of meeting.

**Civil Defence Training Schools** — Mrs. Barwick's nomination as Guide representative at Indoctrination Course (Women) confirmed.

Recommendations received from representatives at previous Schools approved.

**Youth Council of Victoria** — Appointment or successor to Miss Waudby, resigned, considered.

Request for nominations for the positions of Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Executive Committee discussed.

**Moomba Float** — Report given on decision of State Council regarding the suggested team of marching Guides.

**National Youth Council of Australia:** First Australian Assembly of Youth to be held in N.S.W. in January, 1962 — suggestions received for Victoria's nominations.

**Annual Report** — Agreed that additional copies of the Report should be ordered for sale in the Guide Shop after distribution of copies to Commissioners, Local Associations and Units.

**National Gallery and Cultural Centre Appeal** — Request received for support of Guide Association in fund raising. Agreed

to insert notice in "Matilda" that Packs and Companies have "our blessing" should they wish to do a good turn by raising funds for the proposed Cultural Centre.

**Public Relations Sub-Committee** — Appointment of Chairman to replace Mrs. Wallace considered.

Suggestions received for new members of Sub-Committee.

**International** — Report received from State International Representative.

**Property Sub-Committee** — Convener's report and recommendations on the following Districts received and approved — Daylesford, Scoresby, Altona, Euroa, Yarraville, Footscray, Walwa, Broadmeadows, Nullawarre, Eaglehawk.

**Camping Department** — Adviser's report received.

**New Commissioners and Boundaries** — Report and recommendations from Sub-Committee received and approved.

**Awards Sub-Committee** — Report received.

**Brownie Branch** — National Safety Badge — Recommendation from Brownie Adviser approved.

**Correspondence** — From States, Australian Headquarters and World Bureau received and opinions given where requested.

### ALTERATIONS TO GUIDE TEST

Please note that in all Guide tests the Mouth-to-Mouth Method of artificial respiration will replace the Holger Nielsen Method. Full details will be published in the 1961 Annual Supplement. Tests involved will be as follows:—

- First Class Test — Clause 14.
- Emergency Helper Badge — Clause 6.
- Life Saver Badge — Clause 2.
- Rescuer Badge — Clause 1 (c).

M. STUART, Guide Adviser.

### EDUCATIONAL TOUR

#### Mirboo North.

Accommodation — Guest House.

Fee — £10/10/- for week.

Tours include visits to — Wilson's Promontory, Yallourn, Morwell, Tara Valley, Inverloch.

Guiders who would be interested in such a tour in February, 1962, please apply in writing to — Secretary for Camping Adviser, Mrs. B. D. McNally, for further particulars.

### VICTORIAN SUPPLEMENT AVAILABLE AT ANNUAL MEETING

In accordance with our usual policy, the 1961 Victorian Supplement will be distributed at the Annual Meeting to be held at the St. Kilda Town Hall on Monday, 30th October, and as a REMINDER I set out below the procedure which will be followed:

1. DISTRICTS expecting to have representation at the meeting to advise Headquarters by 20th OCTOBER the exact number of Supplements required for the DISTRICT on the basis of ONE for each Unit, Local Association and Commissioner. These will be made up into parcels and taken to the meeting for collection by a representative of the DISTRICT concerned.
  2. METROPOLITAN DISTRICTS not expecting to be represented at the meeting may collect Supplements from Headquarters at any time AFTER the meeting. If it were possible for Districts to nominate a representative to collect sufficient Supplements from Headquarters on the BASIS of ONE per Company/Pack/L.A./Commissioner, this would be of great assistance to us.
  3. COUNTRY DISTRICTS not expecting to be represented at the meeting: Supplements may be collected at any time after the meeting, OR will be forwarded to District Commissioners (or L.A.'s in the absence of D.C.'s) for distribution to the various units.
  4. Copies for METROPOLITAN DIVISION COMMISSIONERS not present at the meeting will await collection at Headquarters.
  5. Copies for COUNTRY DIVISION COMMISSIONERS will be posted as in the past, though it is hoped that many of you will be present on 30th October.
- BETTY M. MACARTNEY, State Secretary.

### DAY VISITS TO GUIDE HOUSE AND BROWNIE COTTAGE

Come and visit! There is a charge of THREEPENCE PER HEAD for use of "facilities," doormats, beautiful surroundings, etc. Ridiculously cheap, you will agree. And please let Miss Thurgood at Guide Headquarters know you intend going.

JUDY BIERWIRTH, Secretary.

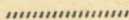
### FAREWELL TO MRS. MURIEL EBELING

On Tuesday, 27th July, Guides and Guiders of Ebeling Division met at the Town Hall, Footscray, to say farewell to our retiring Division Commissioner, Mrs. Muriel Ebeling, M.B.E.

Each of us present, from the youngest Guide to the oldest Guider, felt this to be such a special occasion, as Mrs. Ebeling has done so much for Guiding, especially throughout the old South Western Division which included Sunshine, Deer Park, Footscray, Yarraville, Newport, Williamstown, Altona and Laverton, and it was such a wonderful opportunity to thank her.

For the past 33 years Mrs. Ebeling has been an active Guide, and a finer example of a real Guide would be hard to find. Hundreds of girls, many of them now mothers with daughters of their own now in the Movement, have been touched by her enthusiasm, tolerance and wonderful understanding.

We were all thrilled that the Division has now been renamed Ebeling Division, and only hope we can live up to the Guide Promise and Law in the way she has shown us. From the bottom of our hearts, Mrs. Ebeling, we all say, "Thank you, Cap. Eb., for a job well done."



### FOR SERVICE

#### Long Service Award:

Congratulations to the following recipients:— Miss P. Barr, Mrs. I. M. Bridge, Mrs. I. M. Burnell, Miss M. Canobbio, Miss A. Cockerell, Mrs. F. Darby, Mrs. M. Ebeling, Mrs. E. Graham, Miss M. Lambe, Miss B. M. Macartney, Miss J. Mitchell, Mrs. E. Moss, Miss J. McDonald, Miss R. Nelson, Miss H. Porter, Mrs. I. Robinson, Mrs. A. G. Rylah, Miss N. Sharron, Mrs. W. Whyte.

Thanks Badge awarded to Mrs. R. Greed, Kyabram.

### NATIONAL GALLERY AND CULTURAL CENTRE APPEAL

You will all have read of the proposed National Gallery and Cultural Centre, which will be situated in St. Kilda Road at the gateway of Melbourne. This will comprise: Three miles of display and storage space; A Great Reception Hall; An Exhibition Hall; Open Courts; Education Centre; The 415ft. Spire; Country Centre; Meeting Rooms; Cafes and Restaurant; Theatres for ballet, drama, music, films, opera and television; an Art School with the most modern and comprehensive facilities.

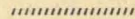
We are told that the Cultural Centre is more than a new National Gallery — it is a new approach to the cultural life of the State, and therefore, the raising of the necessary funds is a challenge to the Community.

Should any Pack, Company, District or Division wish to contribute to, or raise funds for, the "Special Appeal," which will be held officially in August and September for the Centre, they have the blessing of the Executive Committee of the Girl Guides Association to do so.

#### Donations should be sent to

The Treasurer,  
National Gallery and Cultural Centre  
Appeal, 353 Flinders Lane, Melbourne.

#### AND NOT TO GUIDE HEADQUARTERS.



### RESIGNATIONS

#### With regret

District Commissioners — Mrs. F. N. Chivers, Templestowe; Mrs. R. P. Hawker, Heathmont; Mrs. T. R. Howell, Euroa; Mrs. V. Ludwell, Sorrento/Rye; Mrs. D. Elwers, Rosebud/Dromana.

Division Commissioners — Mrs. J. W. Nash, Western; Mrs. M. Ebeling, South Western.

**APPOINTMENTS****Welcome and Congratulations —**

**District Commissioners** — Mrs. R. Wallace, Broadmeadows; Mrs. G. Farrow, Kew; Mrs. L. H. King, Maryborough; Mrs. L. C. Yandell, Seymour; Mrs. A. M. Doble, Oakleigh.

**Division Commissioners** — Mrs. C. N. Bucknall, Clunes; Mrs. J. W. Paine, Western; Mrs. P. Jaques, Upper Mallee.

**WARRANTS:**

**Captains:** Mrs. R. B. Hooper, 1st East Reservoir; Miss B. Burch, 1st Heidelberg; Mrs. H. J. Malcolm, 2nd East Ringwood; Mrs. L. Simms, 2nd Pascoe Vale; Mrs. G. Wood, 3rd Bairnsdale; Miss L. Orgill, 2nd Bairnsdale; Miss E. Birch, 2nd East Brighton; Mrs. G. Bell, 1st Benalla; Mrs. L. K. Ford, 1st Katandra; Miss J. A. Maynard, 4th East Malvern; Mrs. R. E. Rae, 1st Flinders; Mrs. J. Nightingale, 2nd Swan Hill; Miss K. Shortridge, 2nd Croydon; Miss B. Hill, 1st Yarrowonga; Miss M. Boyd, 1st Black Rock; Mrs. F. M. Cookson, Dandenong District Ranger Coy.; Mrs. J. E. K. Derham, 1st Stratford; Miss P. MacKinnon, S.R.S. Yarra.

**Lieutenants:** Miss C. A. Bushell, 1st East Ringwood; Miss J. Jennings, 2nd Pascoe Vale; Miss J. Jenkins, 1st Pascoe Vale; Mrs. D. M. Jones, 2nd Canterbury; Miss B. Long, 1st Coburg; Mrs. J. Wallace, 1st North Sunshine; Mrs. E. Stafford, 1st Doncaster; Mrs. T. Fletcher, 1st Skipton; Mrs. A. F. Parker, 2nd Maryborough; Mrs. M. Thompson, 1st Hazelwood; Miss V. Ashworth, 2nd Croydon; Mrs. H. M. Skinner, 1st Yallourn North; Miss M. Beaumont, 2nd Highett; Mrs. N. E. Lewis, 1st Springvale; Miss B. Wren, 1st Katamatite; Miss J. A. Beach, 2nd Wangaratta; Miss J. Orchard, 1st Moorabbin; Mrs. E. M. Nightingale, 1st Belgrave; Miss L. D. Grant, 1st Trafalgar; Mrs. V. Harris, 2nd Swan Hill.

**Brown Owls:** Mrs. E. Rainbow, 4th Mildura; Mrs. F. White, 2nd Sale; Miss R. Landry, 2nd Templestowe; Mrs. Y. Houghton, 2nd Colac; Mrs. S. G. Fielder, 1st Yallourn North; Miss I. Nurthen, 1st Birre-

gurra; Miss A. Lowe, 1st Carrum Downs; Mrs. W. Brown, 1st Flinders; Mrs. M. Ferguson, 3rd Sale; Mrs. E. M. Park, 1st Lockington; Mrs. E. McDonald, 1st Burwood; Mrs. M. George, 3rd Pascoe Vale; Mrs. A. Billing, 3rd Ringwood; Mrs. C. M. L. Annand, 1st Inverloch; Mrs. F. Read, 1st Wonga Park; Mrs. N. Genge, 2nd Frankston.

**Tawny Owls:** Mrs. T. Knox, 1st East Ringwood; Mrs. M. Wood, 1st Murrumbena; Mrs. R. Bromley, 2nd Templestowe; Mrs. R. Holland, 2nd Colac; Mrs. J. Gracie, 1st Langwarrin; Mrs. A. J. Turner, 1st East Doncaster; Miss W. Neal, 5th Moorabbin; Mrs. W. J. Brown, 1st Flinders; Mrs. J. Metcalf, 2nd Dareton; Mrs. A. V. Seater, 2nd Horsham; Mrs. J. Mills, 1st Horsham; Miss E. Simms, 3rd Pascoe Vale.

**WARRANTS RETURNED FOR CANCELLATION:**

**Captains:** Mrs. V. Dyer, 3rd Northcote; Mrs. S. J. Graham, 2nd Vermont; Mrs. P. Jones, 1st Tatura; Mrs. C. Battista, 2nd Bairnsdale; Mrs. E. Martin, 1st Sunshine; Miss J. Walker, 3rd Sunshine; Mrs. N. Ward, 2nd Mt. Waverley; Miss G. M. Steer, 1st Sebastopol; Mrs. N. T. White, 1st Altona; Mrs. E. Tyson, 2nd Kerang.

**Lieutenants:** Miss A. I. Moffatt, 3rd Geelong; Miss K. Shortridge, 2nd Croydon; Mrs. A. E. Ackerly, 1st Rosebud.

**Brown Owls:** Miss L. Whyte, 2nd Shepparton; Mrs. S. E. Bacon, 2nd Collingwood.

**Tawny Owls:** Miss V. A. Paterson, 1st Northcote; Mrs. I. Ludlow, 1st Northcote; Mrs. H. McD. Starr, 1st Lilydale; Miss V. Cranwell, 1st Hazelwood; Mrs. M. Goodrich, 1st Chadstone; Mrs. N. Genge, 2nd Frankston; Mrs. H. McCallum, 2nd Benalla.

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