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Christmas Greetings

*My very best wishes to you all for a very happy and holy Christmas.
May the service you so willingly give through this Movement bring love, joy
and happiness to your homes throughout the coming year.*

IRENE FAIRBAIRN.



State Commissioner's Diary

This has been such a busy month for us all; I for one have enjoyed it. My first engagement was in Echuca. On Saturday, 6th October, an excellent Rally was held at Rochester, a few miles away, the Division turning up in force — over 400 Brownies and Guides. Mrs. Humphrys, Division Commissioner (with whom I was staying), and I commenced our day being photographed at her home; then we went on to a luncheon given by the Shire President and Councillors of Rochester. I do think it was good of them to give up their only free day. I was very spoilt, being given a beautiful wooden bowl containing fruit and a book telling me about the products and industries in that part of Victoria. I treasure these gifts. It was a beautiful day, warm, but glorious. The March Past took place at 1.30 p.m., and we finally had the Horseshoe, presentations and speeches on the Cricket Ground, the cricketers even delaying their game until we had finished with the Ceremony. I find such kindness in the people of Australia — everyone seems keen to help the young in every possible way.

Following the Ceremony came Brownie Revels and Games, then tea with the Local Association Members, who catered for tea and refreshments for all. I then visited all the Guides in separate groups, which were busy making wonderful animals and birds from pine cones and other seeds. Evening tea with the Brownies and then to the hall where the Brownies gave an excellent concert. Then back to the Campfire which Miss Norma Young of Bendigo conducted. It was a refreshing day even if slightly exhausting. The only Members who could have gone on until daybreak were the Brownies! They were in terrific form.

The Division gave me a basket containing their tinned fruit and other products — rice, etc., which was delightful. Also in the basket was a sprig of every kind of wild flower and native tree that grows in the area. These I was able to bring down to the Australian Council Meeting where all delegates could see them, and they were very much admired. Next day the Mayor and Mayoress of Echuca visited us at Mrs. Humphry's home with some of the District Commissioners and Guiders, after which I was driven to Melbourne. A big thank you to Echuca Division for all their many kindnesses — which made my stay such a happy one. I loved meeting so many members and friends from the various Branches and Districts.

Rallies everywhere take a great deal of organisation. Everyone has to get together in Divisions and Districts and work hard to make things go successfully. I do know this and, therefore, appreciate a combined effort more than I can say.

Monday, 9th October, was the commencement of the Australian Council Meeting. A large gathering attended the "Opening," at which our State President, Lady Brooks, officially opened the Council Meeting. The speaker was The Hon. Arthur Rylah, Chief Secretary and Deputy Premier. The Chief Commissioner's report was excellent, and will appear for you to see in due course. Every day we were in Conference and a very happy one it was. For information of all, a detailed report will be given later on.

The Government of Victoria gave our visiting Delegates and Observers (every State was represented, including Papua-New Guinea) a lovely reception at Parliament House during the week. Everyone appreciated this gesture and we do thank the Government of Victoria for honouring the Girl Guides Association of Australia in this way. Mrs. S. McKay and Mrs. R. Graeme Orr also gave parties for the visitors. Such lovely letters of thanks have been received from everyone.

This is where I can add another thank you to all of you who did so much to make this Conference go so smoothly. The thanks we received from States go to you all.

Saturday, 14th October, I was invited to attend the Guiders' Conference at Wilson Hall, Melbourne University, and to introduce Miss Manning, our Chief Commissioner, who opened the Conference. To see so many was a great compliment to us all, and Miss Manning was most impressed. I was very, very proud, and thank you for inviting me.

On Monday, 15th October, I was invited to the State Secretaries' Conference, which was held at the home of Mrs. S. McKay, and it was my privilege to close this Conference, which was the first of its kind, so it made history. I was most thrilled to be part of the history.

On 24th October, I was privileged to go to Caramut to attend their Annual Meeting, where I enjoyed hearing the reports on which I congratulate all concerned — a rather poor evening, heavy rain, cold and windy, but there was a good attendance. Thank you, Caramut, for inviting me.

30th October—our Annual Meeting at which we were privileged to have The Right Rev. Dr. A. C. Watson as guest speaker. It was so good of him to come when he is such a busy person. Everyone enjoyed his inspiring and interesting address, and we do thank him for coming. I thought it was an excellent Meeting. Did you notice we cut out a good many speeches, which shortened the business proceedings?

To you all I convey my sincere thanks for all you have done this year to help. You have made this year a happy and successful one.

Gene Farbaru

CHIEF COMMISSIONER DESIGNATE, AUSTRALIA

Mrs. M. A. Buntine, M.B.E., who for seven years was Division Commissioner of the Barwon Division, during which time she made outstanding contribution to Victorian Guiding, has been elected Chief Commissioner Designate of the Girl Guides Association of Australia; she will take office when the present Chief Commissioner, Miss E. Manning, O.B.E., concludes her term in 1963.

This news was announced during the 1961 meeting of the Australian Council held in Melbourne in October last.

Though Mrs Buntine is at present living in Sydney, where she is a member of the Hospitality Committee of the Girl Guides Association of Australia, for many years she was a valued friend of the Movement in West Australia and Victoria, in which States she worked tirelessly in many capacities for the furtherance of Guiding.

In 1951, she was elected to the Victorian Executive Committee and served as a mem-

ber until her departure from Victoria in 1960.

For "Service to Youth," Mrs. Buntine was made a Member of the Order of the British Empire in 1961.

Apart from Guiding, Mrs. Buntine's interests have included the following:

Member of the Executive Committee of the Western Australian National Fitness Council, and Vice-President of its Youth Committee.

Member of the Executive Committee of the Geelong (Vic.) branch of the "Call to the Nation" and of the National Council of Women.

President for five years of the Geelong Presbyterian Association.

The Girl Guides Association of Victoria extends to Mrs. Buntine a very warm welcome and congratulations on her appointment as Chief Commissioner Designate.

Lady Baden-Powell

WORLD CHIEF GUIDE

Knowing that your thoughts and prayers have been with our blessed Chief Guide since the announcement in the daily press that she had suffered a heart attack on 13th October whilst touring Canada, we felt you would be interested to read the following news sent by the World Bureau to all Member Countries of the World Association:

"Knowing how sincerely the Chief Guide would wish to spare her many friends and well-wishers all over the world any undue anxiety on her behalf, I am sending you the latest information received today both from herself and from the Canadian Commissioner who has been accompanying her on her tour:

"As you know, I set out on a wonderfully planned tour, first to visit the U.S.A., then right across Canada, and as a third lap right down the U.S.A., again visiting Guides and Brownies and sometimes Scouts and Cubs at very many ports of call for six months on end. One cannot ensure against acts of God and two of these have occurred already.

The first trouble was the cloud breaking over the town of Sydney (Nova Scotia), preventing my landing to meet a keen bunch of about a thousand who were coming to greet me on my arrival. It was very distressing to me to have to let them down. Anyhow a tape recording took my voice to them even though we could not meet in person.

The second occurred at a Guiders' Luncheon and I am writing this from bed in hospital, interned for a few days' rest. For the first time in my life I passed out completely unexpectedly, with no warning and no pain whatsoever. My "ticker" went on strike for a few brief moments, warning me that a bit of rest is essential before resuming my tour."

Extract from a letter of 15th October, from the Canadian Commissioner —

"I want to reassure you that the Chief Guide is not very ill. She had a slight heart attack and needs some little time in bed resting. She was at a small Guiders' luncheon when she fainted. Prince Edward Islanders were splendid and very efficient. Lady Baden-Powell herself was a true Guide

and she has never lost her smile and good spirit . . . and she has been wonderful."

I know how much the immense wave of goodwill and thoughts from the Guide family all over the world will be appreciated by the Chief and will help towards her recovery.

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CHRISTMAS STALLS AT GUIDE HEADQUARTERS

PLEASE REMEMBER

Thursday, 14th December and Friday, 15th December, are days to visit H.Q. to buy your Christmas presents, to see all the exciting improvements being made to H.Q. and to help Guide funds.

PLEASE COME

GIFTS

PRODUCE

PLEASE HELP

More help is needed at our Wednesday morning Work Party — more materials to make up and more ideas. So come if you can any Wednesday to Flat 2, No. 7 Como Avenue, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and stay on longer if you like. If you can help in any way or promise anything for the Christmas Stalls in December PLEASE RING Enid Faulkner, BJ 4035.

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PLEASE NOTE !!

Calling all Guiders — please keep the following date free:

FRIDAY, 15th DECEMBER, 1961

and come along to the Guiders' Christmas Party. Place: Nicholas Hall, Lonsdale Street, Melbourne.

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HEADQUARTERS STAFF

Early in the New Year there will be a vacancy on HEADQUARTERS STAFF for an experienced STENOGRAPHER-TYPIST to act as SECRETARY TO THE TRAINING DEPARTMENT to replace Mrs. L. Bell.

This position carries responsibility and a wide variety of work using modern equipment in congenial surroundings.

An attractive salary is offered with Provident Fund benefits for a five-day week.

Further details about this interesting position may be obtained from STATE SECRETARY, GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION.

To All Leaders of the Guide Movement— Wherever You May Be



THINKING DAY, 22nd FEBRUARY, 1962

In two months' time we will once more be celebrating our VERY WONERFUL DAY — the day in which we join thought and different ceremonies with our sister Girl Guides and Girl Scouts all over the world. To all in our Movement it is a very happy occasion.

Many of you are at this very moment preparing programmes and sending out invitations for your service, or party, or in whatever form your own particular Division or District is going to contemplate. I do hope that it will be a very happy day, and one to look back on from time to time.

There is a very serious side to this day, and I would like to just tell you of some of the things that happen with the money that is sent in to the World Bureau from member countries of the World Association.

Dame Leslie Whateley, the Director of the World Bureau, has sent to all countries and members of the World Association a very long and comprehensive letter, telling of just what the money from the THINKING DAY FUND was spent on during 1960-61, and just how important finance is to this great work that is being done by members from the World Association. The demand on the Thinking Day Fund is enormous, as you will see from just a few excerpts I will print here. We would need another "Matilda" to tell you of all the details from this letter.

Director's Travels.—These covered twelve countries and included some, such as Cyprus, Finland (to work with Commissioner for Tenderfoot Membership), Greece, Israel, Liberia, Uganda and many others.

Travelling Commissioners. — Visits and Training went to 17 countries, and amongst those were the following:—Nicaragua, Thailand, Burma, India, Peru, Chile, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, and many others.

World Association Trainers to Countries.—Liberia, Sudan, Ghana, Portugal, Jordan and Thailand, where our own Miss Pegg Barr is at the moment doing just this Training.

Public Relations.—This is a most important part of the organisation, and many people were sent to Conferences, Seminars and Meetings throughout the world. Paris, Rhodesia, New York, Addis Ababa, Geneva, Germany, Dublin, and so on. The main purposes to attend these gatherings were to present the International aspect of the World Association to members of the Movement itself, and to other International organisations and to the general public.

To show how the aims and activities of the World Association play their part in the non-political working programme of the United Nations and Specialised Agencies.

With regard to this, Thinking Day money is involved only indirectly; the information was given so that countries could assess the value of Public Relations work that is carried out at the World Bureau.

World Association Regional Trainings and Conferences. Assistance to Pre-Tenderfoot Countries and Tenderfoot Countries for Publications in Their Own Language.—These are just a few ways that the money is spent. We all know just what it takes to run our own Packs, Companies, Districts and Divisions. Think just what a vast sum would be needed to do all these things.

I think that we in this wonderful country, with all its advantages, should rally around and see just what we can do to help with those of our family who want assistance from our World Bureau. I know that you need not be urged in this matter. It brings a nice warm feeling around the heart when one goes to the aid of somebody that needs a helping hand.

OUR WORLD BUREAU needs a helping hand from us all.

BETTY PEARSON, S.I.R.

International Window

I have received a very interesting letter from Vanee Nontarat, who is at the moment in the Campus of the University of California. She is studying Social Welfare Work. Vanee won a type of scholarship to go to America, and will travel many countries before she returns to Bangkok, but unfortunately will miss Australia.

Lenna Astillero also sends her kindest regards to her many friends in Victoria. I received their magazine, "The Girl Scout," which is packed with interesting articles, very much like our own "Matilda." It is nice to hear what others are doing in another part of this ever-growing Girl Guide and Girl Scout world of ours.

Invitations:

Once more we have some very exciting invitations from other countries. I would like to hear from Guides of Guiders who might be travelling in these countries and would be able to attend any of these gatherings as **early as possible, 5th MARCH, 1962.** All the applications for these invitations go through our International Commissioner for Australia, and that gives her time to write letters.

BETTY PEARSON,
State International Representative.

Invitations were received from:

The Netherlands International Camp for Guides —

The NATIONALE PADVINDSTERSRAAD, the Joint Guide Council of Netherlands, is organising an international camp for Guides in August, 1962, and would be very pleased if some Guides and/or Guiders from your country could take part.

In case any of your members happen to be in Europe next summer they will be heartily welcome in our camp.

Below we are giving you particulars regarding the camp and further arrangements.

Name: "STOP-CONTACT."

Date: 10 days during first fortnight of August, 1962.

Place: To be announced later.

Numbers: 500 Guides will take part; 250 from the Netherlands. There will be 8 sub-camps. 250 from other countries.

Delegations: Guides (14-16 years old) who have, at least, taken part in one camp, preferably under canvas. Guiders (age between 20-30 years), who have their camper's licence, who speak either English, French or German, and who will be asked to serve on the staff.

Costs: The camp fee will be 55 Dutch guilders (£5/10/-), which sum includes the cost for two excursions.

Hospitality: To Guides and Guiders one week's hospitality is offered **before the camp.**

Norway —

Norges K.F.U.K.: Speiders are planning to arrange a national camp in 1962. More than 3,000 Guides and Guiders from the whole country will participate in this camp.

It is a great pleasure to invite 10 members from your country to take part in our national camp.

Date: 11th-18th July, 1962.

Site: Bogengard, Stokke, Vestfold, Norway.

Terms: Minimum age 14 years, experience from previous camping.

Cost: Camp fee n.kr. 70 — and travelling expenses (£4/8/3 Australian).

Denmark —

On behalf of The Y.W.C.A. Girl Guides of Denmark it gives me much pleasure to invite a party from your country to take part in our National Camp, 1962.

The Camp will be held at "Hald Hovedgard," near Viborg, in North Jutland. It will be divided into five smaller parts, the so-called "Villages," and besides these there will be a special campsite for Rangers with a programme of its own. We expect to have approximately 10,000 campers to take part in this camp and all have to live in tents.

Party: 5 Leaders, 20 Guides, Rangers or Cadets. 2 Rangers/Senior Girl Scouts (age 15-21) who have worked on the Rangers' programme.

Dates: Camp — 18th-27th July, 1962.

Price: 100 kr. (Danish Valuta), including excursions, etc., but not travel expenses to or from camp or to and from hostess. (£6/10/4 Australian.)

Qualifications: Must have some experience in camping.

Note: Nominations for above should reach International Commissioner by 1st March, 1962.

Ranger Adventure Week, 1962 —

Dates: 27th May to 7th June, at Our Chalet.
7th June to 9th June, at the Youth Hostel,
Bern.

Rangers, Cadets and Senior Girl Scouts, who must be between the ages of 16 and 21 years, will be accepted with the approval of their National Headquarters. No special qualifications are required, but every girl should be eager to take part in the whole programme and must bring a certificate of good health. This event is intended primarily for girls at work and is, therefore, not planned to take place during school holidays.

Cost: 10 Swiss francs per day. Up to 25 Swiss francs for excursions.

Note: The journey through Bern will involve no extra travelling expenses except for those coming from the south via Brig.

Applications: These can be made at any time, but if possible before 1st March, 1962, to the Secretary, Our Chalet.

If you have a Leader experienced in Ranger work and with a good knowledge of at least two languages who would be interested in helping on the staff, I should be glad to hear from you as soon as possible, so that we may be able to select a team from the various recommendations received.

THANK YOU, AUSTRALIA

We have to hand a report from Mrs. Jolly of South Australia, who was one of the representatives with Miss Hayman, our International Commissioner, to attend the INTERNATIONAL COMMISSIONERS' MEETING, which was held at "Our Chalet," in Switzerland.

Mrs. Jolly wishes to thank the Girl Guides Association for nominating her as an Observer to this Meeting. It was a wonderful experience, and enabled her to see the working of International Guiding.

The theme of this meeting was "No Man is An Island," and it brought forth much discussion.

Morning prayers were read each morning, by a different country in their own language.

Many countries sent books and pamphlets on Guiding in their countries, these were tabled and caused a great deal of interest. The "Shell" maps of Australian flowers and animals would be excellent, and postcards

to give away also a good idea, as it was found that short, gay literature is the best.

Many good suggestions came from this meeting, and here are a few of them—Mdm Aline Coutrot suggested that Guides be encouraged to meet girls **outside** the Movement, thus enlarging their world and probably persuading others to join in.

Miss Frith, England, pointed out that this was the most important Guide Conference next to the World Conference.

Mrs. Jolly was astounded by the wisdom and far-reaching knowledge of International affairs displayed by the various delegates.

One most outstanding thing brought to mind by Mrs. Jolly was the fact that our young people here in Australia mostly had only one language, and that was English. Now we are so much closer to the rest of the world, inasmuch as jet planes can take us to many countries in a few hours makes us aware that it would be better if we were to have at least another language to help us in our acquaintance with others. Actually learning languages can be so much fun, especially if there are a few learning together. Many books are so much better read in their original language, and learning is certainly not a burden to carry through life. Consideration should be given to this, and an effort made to learn at least one other language. Many of the delegates at this Conference spoke at least three languages.

This Conference did not go right through without many humorous episodes. One in particular, when the huge cows wandered past when an outdoor session was being held, and their bells drowned the speakers, so they had to be chased away.

One other interesting little item of news. Our Miss Hayman was thought the best of the various Chairmen. Dame Leslie Whately was an inspiration to all.

Our International relations will no doubt benefit a great deal from this INTERNATIONAL COMMISSIONERS' MEETING of 1961.

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WELCOME !

To Miss Peg. Barr, who has returned from a three-months' trip to Thailand.

She visited that country as Administration Adviser and Trainer.



BROWNIE BETTY

Betty knew that there were lots of other Brownie Packs in Australia, and that there were Brownies in England, too, because she had seen pictures of Princess Anne in Brownie uniform, but one day she discovered that there were Brownies all over the world: The Fairies' job was "Tidy Up Six," which included putting out charts as well as putting them away, and seeing that the hall, toilets and the grounds were left perfectly tidy; and Brown Owl asked them to pin up a long strip of brown paper with pictures stuck on it like a frieze. The pictures were all of girls, some in Brownie uniform and some in blue, white, or some other colour, and many of them had brown or yellow faces. At the top of each picture was the name of a country and a picture of a badge, and at the bottom a list of colours of the parts of the uniform.

"Are they all Brownies?" asked Betty.

"Yes," said Julie, "They're pages from the 'Brownies of the World Painting Book.' Every Tweenie colours one."

"That's mine," said Robyn, "The Panama Brownie in the green dress. Perhaps you'll be doing yours today, Betty. You must be nearly ready to turn into a Brownie."

Sure enough, Brown Owl produced some uncoloured pictures and let each Tweenie choose one. Betty chose a Brownie from Sudan.

"Where's that Pack?" she asked Pack Leader, who was looking after the group.

"In Africa," said Pack Leader, "So colour her skin brown." It said — Dress, light blue; Tie, Pack colour. "I'll do that yellow, it'll be like ours," thought Betty. She coloured it all very carefully, including the badge, which was a gilt bird, the Brownie's toy camel and the palm fronds in the background.

Robyn was right, too, about Betty being nearly ready to be a Brownie. A few weeks after she joined the Pack, Brown Owl had

given her a card, with a list of all the things she must do to become a Brownie, and a picture of a Brownie Badge on one side, and on the other side a little red Toadstool with two circles around it. On the big circle were the words of the song the whole Pack sang in Brownie Ring, and on the inside circle the Fairy song. The Tweenies discussed the meaning of the songs with Brown Owl. None of them knew what, "Here's Our Aim" meant, so Brown Owl explained that an aim is something we are trying to do. "Like when you want a ball to go somewhere, you have to aim it when you throw?" asked Dianne, and Brown Owl said that was the idea. They all understood about "Lend a Hand" and decided that "Play the Game" meant to be fair, not only in games, but in everything. Betty knew what the Fairy Song meant.

Another day they discussed the Brownie Law and decided that the older folk at home were their mothers and fathers and any grown-up relations, and older brothers and sisters only when they were left in charge by a grown-up. At school they were the teachers; at Sunday School or Church, the teachers, minister or priest; on trams and buses, the conductor or driver; and at Brownies, Brown Owl, Tawny and Pack Leader and Sixers when they were working as a Six. "Giving in," they agreed, meant doing what the older person wanted, quickly and cheerfully.

"What does the second part of the Law mean?" asked Brown Owl.

"A Brownie doesn't do what she wants," said Betty.

"When doesn't she?"

"When she's told to do something else," said Anne.

"Any other time?"

"When she wants to do something wrong," said Dianne, and Brown Owl said that was a good answer and they thought of things they could try not to do — being selfish or sulky or bad-tempered, or giving up trying because a thing was hard. They decided that they should wear their Brownie smile when they met their friends, and also when things went wrong, that when they were disappointed or they hurt themselves they should smile instead of crying or grumbling.

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★ Christmas ★

"Peace on Earth
Goodwill Towards Men."

Once again we join together in recalling the birth of the Holy Child, Jesus Christ, and we pause to think how God sent Him into the world to be a friend to everyone and a gift to the world. In all parts of the world everyone is preparing for this festive season, thinking of their friends and making gifts for their loved ones. We, too, must interest the Brownies by helping them to think of others, too—many need food, clothing, and many need medical supplies.

By miming the story of the birth of Christ, and the visit of the wise men and the shepherds, we will help to give the Brownies a reverence for this special season; and by singing their favourite Christmas Carols and reciting Christmas poems they will recapture the real Christmas spirit.

It is interesting to introduce as many pictures as possible for the Christ Child, and if there is any chance of showing the Brownie through an art gallery now is the time to link up beauty with joy.

"Little Lord, Oh Little Brother,
Teach us how to love each other,
May each lovely thing we see
Help us to remember Thee."

—Mary Osborn.

We must not forget at this time the old legends regarding Christmas Trees and Saint Nicholas. These can be found in any Encyclopaedia. The customs of the other countries also provide interest for the Brownie and models and pictures of other countries could be collected by them in greaseproof.

—Printed in "The Waratah," 1953.



Nature has given us two ears, but only one mouth.—Disraeli.

SPREADING HAPPINESS

Let us give our Brownies a task to spread happiness this Xmas. First of all, we must think of our Brownie smile.

"I've something in my pocket
That belongs upon my face,
And I keep it very close at hand,
In a most convenient place.
You really couldn't guess it,
If you tried a long, long while
So I'll take it out and put it on,
It's a great big Brownie smile."

Ask each Brownie at a quiet moment just what she is really doing to help her mother. Have we ourselves been to our Brownies' home this year? Have we given our Brownies all the understanding and sympathy we might have? Can we think of an extra Pack Good Turn?

Are we remembering our Maker and helping our Brownies to remember Him and to say "Thank You"?

A very merry and happy Christmas to all.
—GENE COLES ("The Waratah," 1953)

PACK HOLIDAY

On the 14th September, 18 excited Brownies, with two Pack Leaders and 3 Guiders, met at the Albury station to catch the Spirit of Progress to Melbourne. On arrival we visited Guide Headquarters, then continued on our way to Guide House; arriving at 3.45 p.m., we made a hurried inspection of the surroundings. We were delighted with what we saw.

Our theme for the holiday was Enid Blyton's "The Magic Wishing Chair."

The Brownies helped with the work, Sixes being waitresses, cooks and housemaids.

Days were spent playing games after duties were finished, and during the evenings we did some handcraft.

We went to two Guide Camps, one was on Miss Jermyn's property. We also visited the Wild Life Sanctuary and Britannia Creek Falls.

A Brownies' Own was held on Sunday in the beautiful chapel. Guides of the 4th Balwyn Company joined us; Mrs. Fox, Brownie Adviser, was the guest speaker.

At last came the day to go home; although the Brownies wanted to see their parents, no one was anxious to leave Guide House.

INA POST.

Brownie Revels at Whorouly South

21st October found carloads of Brownies driving towards Whorouly South, eagerly watching for Red Toadstool signs which were to guide them to Brownie Revels at "Silverlea," the property of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Walpole. The first Red Toadstool, with its arrow, four more, then a gateway with its sign of two Owls on Toadstools sitting each side of a large Brownie Revels notice. By the garden gate a drawing of a little Aboriginal boy said "welcome."

We were told to search around the garden for our Pack home and found there were Brownies from Wangaratta, Bright, Beechworth, Myrtleford, Yarrawonga, Milawa and Whorouly South present. Brown Owl said 170. There was time to see the museum of Aboriginal things, to meet three kittens, a hen with 13 chickens, a pet lamb and, of course, lots of other Brownies before going back to our Pack homes for lunch. One of the District Commissioners joined us to sing grace. Just as we finished lunch we heard a cowbell ring.

At the gate were four Brownies dressed as Aboriginal chiefs, with four Brownies dressed as Aboriginal message carriers. A Brown Owl told us to pick up one animal from the cut-outs scattered in the grass and go to the chief with that coloured boomerang. There were emus, kangaroos, kookaburras and galahs. We went with the galahs and followed our chief to his gunyah under a big tree by the creek. The Brown Owl in charge of our tribe was from Whorouly South, the other three tribes were with a Whorouly South Guider and two Milawa Guiders.



We were told to find a white flower and a yellow flower to give to the chief to turn us into Aborigines. Then we played debbil-debbils and gunyahs. While we were playing this, Brown Owl's dilly bag disappeared. We searched and found some emu foot-

marks which led us to where it was hidden under a hawthorn bush. We brought it back to the gunyah and from it were each given a whitchetty grub and a boomerang (sweets) to eat while we had an Aboriginal story about Wullu Barl, the little bark lizard. We drew Wullu Barl on some small flat stones from the creek, using another stone as a pencil. Later we used our drawing for a stalking game. We had a Corroboree when we divided into four groups, and emus, kangaroos, broglas and frogs danced before our chief.



We were hunting under the trees for leaves the shape of boomerangs and stones like stone axes when a message came for us to go to the big Chief Wise Owl. Forming a snake line and chanting our cry, Wah Wah, we went across the creek to join the other tribes around a Toadstool on a small flat. We sang our Revels song, "Oomarroo, oomarroo we are Aborigines," then the Big Chief told us to turn around three times and say our Brownie Law to turn back into Brownies. She took off her kangaroo-skin cloak, dropped her spear and became D.C. Mrs. Webb (Whorouly Sth-Milawa) to lead us in Brownie Ring around the D.C.s for Bright, Yarrawonga, Beechworth and Myrtleford. The Div. Sec., Mrs. Wolfe, read a prayer before we sang Brownie Bells.

Starting with the Whorouly South Brownies, each Pack formed a train behind their Brown Owl, and chuffed back to the homestead. At the gate each Brownie was given a packet of food and there was lots of cordial to drink. We heard about the games the other tribes had played by their gunyahs. Later we gathered by the front steps and Div. Com., Mrs. Cox, spoke to us before we left for home.

ALISON WALPOLE,
Brown Owl, Whorouly South.



BIRDS FOR BEGINNERS

This will be my last bird article for the present. I hope by now you are beginning really to know your birds and finding it easier to notice quickly size and markings, which make it possible for you to identify from reference books any new bird you see. I'm sure you are beginning to surprise yourself with your knowledge, for, given real interest, it doesn't take long to acquire and retain knowledge of the ever-fascinating bird family.

Perhaps, in this last article, you might like to hear of an experience I had recently with a charming little bird — the "Welcome Swallow." The swallow, of course, is well-known throughout the world, being famous for his incredibly long flights at changes of season — flying often thousands of miles from a cold to a warm climate and returning again in spring. His name, "Welcome Swallow" has, of course, been given him because his appearance heralds the approach of warmer days.

Driving home one day, my attention was suddenly caught by a fluttering in the centre of the road ahead of me, and there was an injured swallow unable to fly, and helpless in the midst of heavy traffic. I stopped my car a short distance past it and jumped out, fearful of what I might see, as cars were flashing past all the time. I stood helpless as four cars drove over the swallow, but miraculously the wheels went either side of it. Then, at last, I was able to pick it up. It seemed all right except for one wing hanging limply. Much as I would have liked to hold him and inspect him closely to admire his striking blue and chestnut colouring, I knew the only chance he had to recover quickly

from his shock was to put him in a fairly dark, quiet place as soon as possible, and leave him alone for some considerable time. I popped him in a zip shoulder bag I had in the car till I reached home and then transferred him to an empty cage and covered it over, having put some water and also a dish of water and milk in it before moving the bird from the bag.

Then the fun started! For it was easy enough to supply drink, but what about food. What do swallows eat? Insects — usually you see them swooping on those tiny little insects which fly around and drive you mad on summer nights. I ask you! Could you see me catching those? And whereas the day before had been hot and quite a few early summer flies had been buzzing about — the weather had suddenly turned cold and there was not a fly to be seen — well, almost none. After searching every room in the house I managed to find one solitary fly, obviously a hardy character, who wasn't bothered by the cold snap and was enjoying his independence. But not for long. He was smartly despatched with my fly swat, and I carried him in triumph to the bird cage. There had also been a plague of moths two days before, and I was able to find a few bodies round the house; my daughter went outside and "bumped off" a few ants and I put all this tempting array of dishes in the cage and then left my swallow overnight.

Next morning all the food, including every bit of moth and the dish of milk and water were gone. Obviously I hadn't done too badly as a foster-parent.

But then it was on again — this hunt to find food for my hungry young bird. After

many minutes with no success, I remembered that upturned bowls under lights were a good source of supply — and they were — masses of insects, if perhaps a little old and tough.

But it was obvious I wouldn't be able to keep it up. I rang the Fisheries and Wild Life Department to ask for further suggestions of food and then found that they would take the bird over from me — and, as they had far more time than I to look for flies, I decided to take advantage of their offer.

The swallow was fascinating to watch — I was amazed to see how he polished off those big moths, in one or two swallows, whereas an old moth that I'd found lying about, he found much tougher and took a long while to swallow.

I haven't told you about the startled look I got when I'd go into a room and say, "May I have those two flies that are on your wall?"—on the day when I took the swallow to the place where I work where he was to be collected by an officer of the Fisheries and Game Department — and of the moth I pounced on in the passage, and when I went to explain why to the cleaner, found he was a New Australian who couldn't understand me! Heavens knows what he thought!

But I've rambled on too long already, suffice it to say Mr. Swallow was duly handed over safely. I knew he would have the best possible care. May I wish you all the best of luck and many delights in your bird-watching.

G.W.

HANDCRAFT FOR BROWNIES

Save the wrappings off toilet soap — the glittering, coloured ones such as those on Lux, Coronet, etc.

When you have sufficient of enough different colours to give a colour for each Six make them into butterflies.

Paste the soap wrappers onto stiff white paper or very thin cardboard. Make a number of templates in the shape of a small butterfly, and let the Brownies draw around these on the coloured paper. Then cut out the butterflies — each wrapper might make two or three butterflies if it has been carefully undone.

Pack Leader or Tawny place the butterflies round the room while Brownies are outside.

At a given command the Brownies scatter and try to find as many butterflies as they can. They take them to their Sixer — she can be mother duck and call "quack, quack" whilst the Six can be ducklings chirping "cheep, cheep."

When all the butterflies are found Brown Owl counts up to see which Six has won. Each butterfly of the Six's own colour counts three points, and each one of another Six's colour scores one point.

The Pixie duck family could have green butterflies, the Elf duck family, blue, etc. At least 36 butterflies are needed. The game is very quick.



TENDERFOOT TEST ACTIVITIES

Knowledge of the Union Jack

This is an activity one or two Recruits could do alone. Get three circles of card and on each draw or write several items about a country or its Saint.

Then cut the circles into irregular pieces — when the Recruit fits them together the information will be correct.

Alternatively, paste a picture on the back of the card, and when the details of the Saint or country are put together correctly, the picture will be complete and correct.

(b) Show and explain a Union Jack — the bigger the better. Give each Patrol a set of small cards with clues — e.g., banished snakes, St. Andrew, is often shown killing a dragon. Each set should be the same, but on different coloured cards or written with different coloured inks.

Allow a few minutes for discussion in Patrols; then at a given signal one Guide from each Patrol brings up one clue and places it on the part of the flag to which it belongs — e.g., the third clue above would be put on the red cross of St. George.

Give a point for each clue placed correctly and extra for first and second Patrols to finish.

This could also be used for small numbers of Guides.

(From "The Guider" — August, 1961)

SCOUTING FOR BOYS

Just over 53 years ago boys all over England were in a fever, eagerly saving or earning their fourpences to buy Part 2 of an exciting new booklet for boys. The contents, listed at the end of Part 1, promised plenty of interest and things to learn and do — “How to Find Out Things”; “Spooring Men and Animals”; “Sherlock Holmes-ism”; “Stories, Games, and Practices in Tracking” and so on.

Yes, it was the second fortnightly part of “Scouting for Boys” which they waited — the book that was to start something that would last more than half a century and touch boys and girls, men and women, in their millions in nearly every corner of the world.

The book has run to many editions and been translated into many tongues, and it has to be read by Guides working for their First Class Badge and by Guide Guiders before they take their warrants.

It has been criticised by some as being out of date, inaccurate in places and inapplicable to girls — and there is reason for these criticisms if “Scouting for Boys” is looked upon as a modern handbook of Guiding. It is **not** that — and it is not as such that it has been included in the tests and recommended to Guiders as a book to be read yearly.

What is “Scouting for Boys” for us today? Firstly we should remember that this was not primarily a book to stimulate adults to undertake youth work — but it was **the** book that fired boys with the enthusiasm to be Scouts — that unlikely, but apparently appealing cross between knights-errant and pioneering backwoodsman. More than that — it gave **girls** the determination to be Scouts too.

So we should look in “Scouting for Boys” for the ideas that appealed to the girls and attracted them to join — the bold assumption that young people **want** to serve their country and their fellows; the demand of high standards in behaviour and achievement; the delight in being one of a gang, and the satisfaction of things to do and things to learn, with Badges to wear to show progress. These ideas hold that magic appeal for girls in 1961 as in 1910 — however else their world has changed.

Secondly, we should remember that B-P wrote the book in the idiom of the time. He was a soldier-hero, and naturally used the material with which he was familiar, and gave his book the flavour that was already associated with him as a national figure. He also wrote according to the needs of the time — empire builders, pioneers and settlers were needed, and so the book is full of references to them.

If B-P were starting today he would not write “Scouting for Boys.” Knowledge has grown, the world has grown both smaller and bigger, now we can get further from it and closer to its details; interests have changed and education has undergone a revolution; the pendulum of fashion has swung to and fro — girls have gone from black stockings via knee socks and ankle socks back to black stockings.

The Empire has become a Commonwealth and what are needed today are Commonwealth workers, world builders, ambassadors for peace and not soldiers, people who can live and grow in cities as well as pioneers for the bush.

Yet, if the idioms and needs of the times are different, boys and girls still need, and perhaps need more than ever, discipline, understanding and character training, and “Scouting for Boys” can still show us how these things may be given to young people.

B-P’s insight into the young, but growing, mind shows through on every page, and for this alone “Scouting for Boys” is worth reading and studying. Another of his books which helps us to understand what we, as Guiders, are about is aids to Scoutmastery — a book which tells those who read with care all that is needed about how to run a Company, and why!

Thirdly, “Scouting for Boys” is full of ideas for practical activities with the Company; games for indoors and outdoors in town and country; suggestions for Patrol activities and Company outings and camps, spare time activities that help to raise money or help towards hobbies and Proficiency Badges or just for the fun of the thing; and stories that give one ideas on Scouting games. Those Guiders who use “Scouting for Boys” in this way will never find their meetings dull and stereotyped.

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Lastly, but not at all least, it is in "Scouting for Boys" that we find the very essence of Scouting. After reading this book we can be left in no doubt as to what the whole thing is about. A picture is built up steadily of the Scout as B-P saw him — chivalrous, handy, clean-living, open-air minded, a friend to all, a child of his father. If we catch nothing else from this book we have still caught what matters most.

(From the "Guider" — M. E. Brimelow, February, 1961)

"Scouts are of all religions — but they all serve the same God and the first Promise that they make on joining the Scouts is that they will do their duty towards God. The Scout is "on his honour" to carry out this duty in accordance with his conscience."

Sunday is a day of rest. Idleness is not rest. Change of occupation is what human nature demands as rest and if it is not offered in a good form it is very likely to be taken in a vicious form, a sin the old adage where Satan is described as generally having something available for idle hands to do." (From "27 Years With Baden-Powell" by E. K. Wade. Published by Blanford Press Ltd.)

THE RANGER INVESTITURE TEST

Attendance and Appearance —

A Ranger is expected to attend meetings regularly and punctually for three months before she may be invested. This period should give her time to get to know her fellow-Rangers, to study the Ranger way of life, and to decide whether or not she really is willing to accept it and wishes to be invested as a Ranger. If, at the end of three months, she does not feel ready for this she may take longer.

No matter how much, or how little, we may spend on clothes, any one of us can be well groomed by paying regular attention to the appearance of our clothes and ourselves. Discuss with friends how we can make our clothes look their best at all times and then try it!

A Ranger will be a member of a uniformed organisation, so do not forget that the rules apply to uniform as well. There is nothing smarter than the Ranger uniform when it is correctly worn.

Unit Ceremonial —

There is little point in achieving a well-groomed appearance if we spoil it by standing or walking badly.

Each section — Land, Sea and Air — has evolved its own special ceremonial, which may be used regularly, perhaps to start the meeting or to close it, or for a special occasion such as an investiture. As we practise and take part in these ceremonials we will learn to walk smartly and easily so that we may have confidence in appearing in public on formal occasions, such as at Church parades and rallies.

As an alternative for Lone Rangers, they may know the commands given for their own ceremonial that they can take part in it when the opportunity arises.

They can plan a series of health exercises and submit them to their Captain for approval — carrying them out for three months, sending in a record at regular intervals. (From "The Ranger," 1961.)

CALLING ALL RANGER GUIDERS

It was suggested at the Guiders' Conference that it might be possible to arrange a weekend training for Ranger Guiders early next year, and we want to know how many Ranger Guiders would be interested, and what they want at such a training weekend.

Would you please tell us what you think about —

- (a) Time: March or May?
- (b) Place: Melbourne, Guide House or country? (If country, where?)
- (c) Programme; What do you want included in the programme?

Would you please reply to Deaconess Elizabeth Alfred, 31 Station Street, Fairfield, by 1st December, 1961?

SUMMER TRAINING

SUMMER TRAINING WEEK — GUIDE HOUSE, YARRA JUNCTION. Training for BROWNIE and GUIDE GUIDERS for both new and experienced Guiders will be given.

Applications closed 1st December, but late applications will be considered up till 18th December.

Training Fee is £5/10/- plus fares.

Dates: 27th December to 3rd January.

Guider in Charge of the Training Week: Miss Norma Sims.

CYNTHIA WALKER, Training Adviser.

TRAINING AVAILABLE FOR GUIDERS

1. Residential Training Week.

Held in late December or early January, and at Easter, known as the Summer Training Week, or the Easter Training Week. Trainees for the most part sleep in Guide House, but some like to avail themselves of the opportunity to experience sleeping in tents.

These weeks are undoubtedly as valuable to Guiders as the Pack Holiday or Company Camp is to Brownies and Guides. Training sessions are held for Brownie and Guide Guiders and are for both new and experienced people. Guiders have a wonderful opportunity of meeting others who have similar problems to their own, ideas are exchanged and friendship made. They share the inspiration of Camp Colour Ceremonial and prayers and the fun of Campfires.

2. Country Training

When it is impossible for Guiders to attend a Training Course, on application, Headquarters will arrange area Training. It is desirable that when Training is arranged for an area, that every effort be made by all Guiders in the District to attend.

3. Metropolitan Courses — Area Trainings

This type of course was introduced early in 1961 and is meeting the needs of many Guiders who find it difficult to attend a Headquarters Course.

These Trainings are usually held once weekly for six weeks, and the Training given is for new and experienced Guiders, according to the needs of the Guiders applying for the Course.

Areas requiring this type of Training should make application for it.

4. Central Headquarters Courses, 1962

These courses will take a new form as from February, 1962.

Courses will be of six weeks' duration and will be classified:—

"For new Guiders."

"For experienced Guiders."

"Refresher Course."

Commissioners nominating Guiders for Training are asked to pay particular attention to these types of Training to make sure

that the applicant applies for the Training she needs.

5. Correspondence Training

This Course is available as a last resort — when a Guider is unable to obtain Training by any of the above methods.

6. Specialised Trainings

Will be held for experienced Guiders who may wish to complete their own First Class or who wish to gain new ideas in presenting First Class to the Company, or in the case of Brownie Guiders new ideas for the Golden Hand Test.

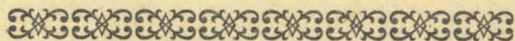
Specialised Training is necessary for the following qualifications:—

First Aider; Camp Permit; Quartermaster; Pack Holiday Permit.

These Courses are arranged by the Camping Adviser.

For General Training all applications MUST be sent to Training Secretary at Headquarters.

For Specialised Camp Training apply to Camping Secretary at Headquarters.



A BOORT GUIDE IS HONOURED

At the conclusion of the Queen's Guide and Scout Ceremony held in perfect weather in the lovely gardens of Government House on Saturday, 4th November, Margaret Bannan, a 13-year-old Guide from the 1st Boort Company, was presented with the Award of the Gilt Cross by the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir Edmund Herring.

On 10th December, 1960, Margaret, who was then only 12-years-old, played an important part in saving her father's life when their boat capsized and was swamped on the Boort Lake during a heavy gale.

Margaret, who was recovering at the time from a severe illness, showed courage, presence of mind and initiative by keeping her father, who could not swim, afloat while help was sought, later swimming one mile to the shore.

Congratulations, Margaret, from all Victorian Brownies, Guides and Rangers.



LONE RANGER ADVENTURE CAMP

On Monday, 4th September, hike tents began to sprout among the gum trees at Lingbogol as we settled in for our Lone Ranger Adventure Camp. 437

Organisation was entirely on a Patrol basis, for sleeping and cooking as well as other routine Camp duties. Each day Q.M. handed out various ingredients to the Patrols who then invented their own menus — for better or worse!

On Tuesday the Camp went on a fact-finding expedition into the township of Creswick and from the information gained, they compiled a brochure (handsomely illustrated), on the locality, under the headings: Public Facilities; History; Housing and Occupations; Tourist Attractions.

Wednesday afternoon became an extended rest hour in preparation for our all-night hike! We left the camp just after tea and went through Creswick, then on a long climb through the pine forests around Lake St. George. It was a magnificent night for star-gazing and we were very fortunate in having an expert with us — Miss Mellor. Leaving the Lake, we continued along the main road until we came to the Jackass Gully turn-off. A few miles up here we stopped for Camp Fire and supper. We could (perhaps!) have made our fire without matches, as we discovered that by rubbing the soles of our shoes on the road surface, the friction of the small quartz pebbles produced an impressive shower of sparks. On then to the town of Springmount, around Spring Hill to Broomfield and home through North Creswick.

Next morning didn't see many Rangers about until hunger woke them around lunch time. Even then there was no rest for the wicked. That night, Thursday, according to "reliable" sources, (the Guiders anyway!) there was to be a devastating hurricane which would make it QUITE unsafe for the Rangers to sleep in their hike tents; in fact, they would have to go and build themselves substantial shelters down in the hollow in which to spend the night. These, when finished, appeared somewhat draughty, but proved so popular that they were occupied again the following night.



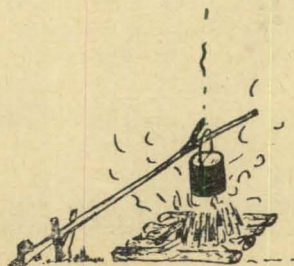
On Friday morning we were shown over the Creswick School of Forestry and spent a very interesting hour and a half there learning all about pine trees. We went on to Koala Park for lunch. Unfortunately, there seemed to be no koalas in residence as the fence has ceased to be effective, and most, if not all, of the bears have got out into the surrounding countryside. Nevertheless, we enjoyed lunching in their park, even if they were not home to entertain us.

On Thursday and Friday we were happy to have with us some of the Ballarat Rangers who were able to spend a couple of days with us.

First-Aiders for the Camp were supplied by the 2nd Ballarat Trefoil Guild, which consists of nurses at the Ballarat Hospital, who very kindly came to us in turn on their days off — one came on horseback, and "Dolly" (the horse) was probably the most popular girl at the camp!

Next year's Lone Ranger Camp will be at the same time, Lones, so KEEP THAT WEEK FREE.

B.S.



The Walter Donald Ross (Vancouver, B.C.) Perpetual Trophy

Advice has just been received from the World Bureau that the above Award for 1960 has been given to the Guides of the Serowe District of the Bechuanaland Protectorate.

The nature of this service rendered to the large African town of Serowe, which is practically without any sanitation, calls for very high commendation. Although the task appears mundane and unspectacular, it was, however, a very necessary undertaking to improve hygienic conditions in the neighbourhood.

The following account of the work undertaken by the Guides of Serowe is given by the Territorial Commissioner, Bechuanaland Protectorate:

"Guiding started in Serowe, Bechuanaland Protectorate, in 1954. The village is a very large one — over 20,000 inhabitants living in huts and small houses and divided into groups known as "wards" under different headmen. The tribe, the Bamangwato, used to be ruled by its hereditary chief, but since the Tshekedi-Seretse dispute there is a Native Authority and Council.

In 1958 the Court of Honour discussed the Good Turn project for the year and after hearing from their District Commissioner, Miss G. Chiepe, what Guides in other countries did, they put forward many suggestions. It was finally decided to build lavatories near the large London Missionary Society Church, which is attended by most of the tribe and to which people travel on Sundays from far and wide. Situated on the top of one of the hills on and around which Serowe is built, no such facilities were available and it was felt that they were a long-felt want. The Commissioner wrote that they "hoped to encourage a sense of modesty among our people."

No money at all was available so the Guides set out to raise what was necessary for materials to make bricks. This they did by various means: bringing basins of soil of the right kind for someone to build a lwana (wall and entrance to a hut); washing; sweeping; weeding; building a hut; holding concerts; all manner of jobs. They then borrowed the Tribal Administration brick mould and the African Authority, much im-

pressed by the Guides' determination, offered free sand, the normal charge being £4/10/- a lorry load. So whenever a tribal lorry left Serowe on some errand, it returned full of sand for the Guides. They made the bricks themselves, of concrete.

The question arose as to whether the lavatories should be of the pit or bucket type and it was decided that the latter was more suitable and easier, but the removal charges which the Church would have to pay would be £12 a year. However, the District Commissioner (Government) offered to arrange for removal of night soil by the convicts, free, so this settled the question.

The African Authority then requested that four instead of two latrines should be built and he would give the roofing material. He provided a builder and the Guides provided the unskilled labour.

The project, including the brick-making, lasted six months.

In all, four Companies were involved in the scheme. All the Guides are African."

POST BOX SECRETARY, VICTORIA

This brings to you the news that Mrs. B. Hall, who is so well known in Guiding circles in Victoria, has agreed, at the invitation of the Executive Committee, to succeed Mrs. F. Faulkner, who has just completed her term as Victorian Post Box Secretary.

To Mrs. Faulkner, who has been responsible for arranging many contacts in other lands for Victorian Guides and Rangers during the last five years, we say a sincere "thank you" and to Mrs. Hall we give a warm welcome.

Mrs. Hall took over her duties on 1st November, and she would be pleased to hear from any Guides and Rangers desiring pen friends. For your information, her address is —

Mrs. B. HALL, 37 Bond St., Ringwood.

ONE YEAR OLD

"Being Merrigum 1st Pack Brownies
Is cause for great elation
Because after a year's fun, and work,
Comes the Birthday celebration."

Ballan Guides Stage a Revue

"How can we raise money for much-needed equipment?" — This thought sooner or later arises in the minds of keen Guides and Guiders.

Ballan Company was fortunate when this inevitable question arose in having as a keen supporter Mr. Bruce Morey, experienced in the production of amateur theatricals. He enthusiastically offered his co-operation. From modest beginnings, the idea developed into an ambitious Revue, aptly called "Guides Galore," having three main objects as its goal.

Firstly, to teach the girls Stagecraft, and so develop in them confidence and poise. By setting as high a standard as possible, show that the average girl is capable, with careful coaching, of reaching that standard.

The second object was to publicise the Movement in Ballan and district. In addition to the Revue itself, and a specially designed programme for this purpose, two local business firms gave window space — one for the portrayal of a camp scene showing equipment used and needed, and the other to illustrate the International character of the Movement.

Finally, the raising of funds to purchase Camping Equipment, £153 being the net result of this object.

In conjunction with the Guiders, Mr. Morey developed a format for the production, and the personnel of the production committee was then carefully selected. The infectious enthusiasm of the producer aroused to quick response in all members of the committee and "perfection" soon became the aim of each sub-committee. Every Guide in the Company was used in the cast, and after months of rehearsals, with the minimum of interruptions to normal Guide activities and school work, the opening night arrived.

Packed audiences on both nights of the Revue acknowledged the high standard achieved. The story of those two never-to-be-forgotten nights, the result of months of work by 50 parents and friends co-operating

with the girls in staging this Revue, is best told by the local press correspondent who wrote:—

"The tremendous success of the presentation by the 1st Ballan Girl Guide Company on Friday and Saturday nights, 14th and 15th July, of their Revue, "Guides Galore," was unmistakably evident.

650 people watched the Revue, produced by Mr. Bruce Morey, and directed by Mrs. R. A. Stirling, Captain of the Company. The cast was composed of 32 Girl Guides, all members of the Ballan Company, and District Guiders including Mrs. Bruce Morey, Company Lieutenant, who admirably compered the Show. Largely due to the capable handling by the Comperer, the entire production ran with clockwork precision, without hitch or hesitation.

On the Saturday night, the 1st and 2nd Ballan and Mt. Wallace Brownie Packs formed a Guard of Honour along the centre aisle for the entry of Mrs. C. O. Fairbairn, Victorian State Commissioner of Girl Guides, with District Commissioner, Mrs. R. Molesworth.

At the close of the production, Mrs. Fairbairn, who only last week returned from abroad, took the opportunity to convey the message of love and good wishes to Victoria, from the World Chief Guide, Lady Baden-Powell. After congratulating the producer and the performers, Mrs. Fairbairn also stated that it was a very long time since she had so enjoyed an evening's entertainment as that provided by the very high standard of Saturday night's production.



EVERYONE MUST COME
to the
GUIDER'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

FRIDAY, 15th DECEMBER
Nicholas Hall, Lonsdale Street.

HUMAN RELATIONS

(Printed in "Coo-ee")

by Dr. Estefania Aldaba-Lim.

I ran across an interesting survey which I should like to share with my colleagues in the Movement because I feel we could all profit from its message. In this survey several hundred teenagers were asked this question of what they think an adult Leader should be like? Here is what they said:

1. Age does not matter as long as there is understanding.
2. She must be sincerely interested and be alert.
3. She must know more than we do and have more experience.
4. She must not force her ideas on us, but willing to say what they are if we ask her. If ideas are voted down, no ponding, please.
5. She must be willing to listen to our ideas.
6. She must be willing to talk to us as though we had some sense and minds of our own.
7. She must be willing to put in hours of work with us even if it involves dirty work.
8. She must not be jealous and have respect for others in community.
9. She must be able to put self in shoes of youth occasionally, even acting like them (when in good taste).
10. She must like us and trust us.
11. She must be dependable, responsible, and one we can be proud of!

At this point it would be interesting to "take a reading" of ourselves using these criteria as a yardstick and see how we rate. In a general way, most of us who have volunteered to work in Girl Scouting have some of these requirements or we would not have volunteered to join the Movement in the first place.

(By courtesy of "The Girl Scout"—
Philippines)

(Note: Dr. Lim, who is a foremost psychologist in the Philippines, is a very active member of the Girl Scout Movement, and has recently been elected International Commissioner.)

COLOURFUL CEREMONY FOR GUIDES

Golden, Silver, Brown and Tawny Owls met on the lawn facing the children's section of Bairnsdale District Hospital, on Saturday, when eleven-years-old Denise Fleischer "flew-up" from the 1st Paynesville Brownie Pack to the 1st Paynesville Girl Guide Company.

Denise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Fleischer, of Paynesville, was the first of four Paynesville Brownies to qualify for her "Golden Hand."

Her flight from Brownie Pack to Guide Company was delayed when she became a patient in the hospital four months ago.

The weather was perfect, and there was quite a large gathering to watch the unusual ceremony, which made history because it was the first of its kind performed in any East Gippsland hospital.

Interested spectators included the matron (Miss F. Thomas) and members of the hospital staff; parents of Guides and Brownies; members of the Paynesville Local Association, and friends, including Mrs. E. Wilson, formerly Captain of the 1st Paynesville Guide Company.



East Gippsland Divisional Commissioner, Mrs. K. Mitchell, "Golden Owl" to the Brownies; Mrs. A. E. Murdoch, who is District Commissioner of Bairnsdale, joined the Paynesville Guides who, with the Captain and Lieutenant, Miss Y. Neill and Mrs. B. Handley, were drawn up around their Colour Party waiting to receive the new Guide.

Denise, wearing her Brownie uniform, was wheeled by Sister A. Saunders through an avenue of flowers to the ring where all the Brownies lay sleeping on the lawn around their Toadstool.

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IDEAS! INFORMATION! INTEREST!

Yes, all these were found at the 1961 Guiders' Conference, and our thanks and congratulations go to Miss Elizabeth Alfred and her Committee for proving us with such fare.

It is difficult to pick out highlights in such a successful Conference — from the Training Sessions on Saturday morning to the Camp-fire Saturday night, every moment was packed with interest and enjoyment.

Although the weather was damp, our spirits were high, and after rushing in from abruptly concluded outdoor sessions (when the rain finally decided to stay), we were interested in the film on Mouth-to-Mouth Resuscitation, which was educational and helpful.

The Chief Guide sent us a message of love through the medium of our State Commissioner, Mrs. Fairbairn, and we were all thrilled to hear news of our beloved Chief from one who had seen her so recently. Mrs. Fairbairn then introduced Miss Eleanor Manning, our Chief Commissioner for Australia, who officially opened the Conference with a message which we shall all take to heart. Miss Manning stressed to us that Guiding is not a thing apart — it is a part of life. The children to whom we are trying to give Guiding, and whom we are trying to help must have the fullest possible lives, and the leader has a great responsibility to see that this is so. We must look out from our own confined views and look at life. We mustn't put our heads down into Guiding and lose sight of the world around. We cannot help but feel happiness in what we are doing — we have responsibility and duty, but we also have the joy of service, which is the important factor in our programme. Service performed with joy is service for love of humanity in the highest possible sense.

Our guest speaker for the afternoon was Dr. Elwyn Morey, Senior Lecturer in Education at Melbourne University. I would like to give you verbatim Dr. Morey's talk to us, as I felt it was one which every Guider would appreciate and from which we could all learn so much. She spoke to us on the needs of the child of today and the differ-

ence our attitude could make to the child. Some of the needs Dr. Morey listed were "Love" — the need of feeling that she belongs; "Independence" — the need to stand on her own two feet and take responsibility; "To feel adequate" — learning to face her limitations and know her assets; "To be socially accepted" — Guiding comes at a time when a child needs to be "one of a mob" — to be important in a group

In Guide teaching we give them responsibility and help them to find their identity in adolescence. We are providing them with a model — not by what we say, not exactly by what we do, but by what we are — and this is how they learn. This is a tremendous responsibility, but is one to which we rise because we believe in the things which we are doing.

I could take practically the whole of "Matilda" to tell you of the activities we crammed into that one Saturday! Miss Broadhurst, Training Adviser for Australia, gave us a most interesting account of training in New Guinea and Papua. Of how vastly different Guide training is in this country to Australia — most of the women who come are entirely uneducated and Guide Training time is spent teaching them health and hygiene and how to live a more healthy life. Only a few of the women who attend Trainings will be Guiders, but the others will go back to their villages with a greater understanding of how they want to live.

Miss J. Bierwirth spoke to the Conference about a proposed memorial to the late Mrs. O. G. M. Knight, and received a most sympathetic hearing. Many Guiders took the opportunity of contributing to the memorial to this much-loved Guider and Commissioner.

Then we had a short time with the Panel, who answered questions, and Branch Time was spent thrashing out the problems and answering the questions which Guiders asked.

Miss Mary Lambe gave a friendly chat about Handicapped Guides and how we could help, and showed some slides of Handicapped Guides in Germany and at home.

Following this, Mrs. Clarke led a most enjoyable Campfire when we sang happily for an hour which passed far too swiftly.

Our congratulations to Miss Doris Kane and Mrs. M. Lawson, who are to represent us on the State Council for the next three years, and to the Guiders who have undertaken to work on Conference and Social Committees.

I must not close without mentioning the beautiful and well set out display arranged by the Public Relations section of H.Q. We all found a great deal to interest us in the pictures and crafts displayed.

Once again we have met old friends and made new ones, and so our interest is stimulated for another year — we have new ideas, new songs and a stronger faith in what we are doing.

N.D.Y.



FLINDERS L.A.

At the meeting of the Flinders L.A. on 12th September, our Scout Master, Mr. H. Salisbury, and our Guide Captain, Mrs. W. Rae, made an official presentation to Mr. and Mrs. A. Smith.

All members were delighted to express their thanks in this way, and both these wonderful people were taken completely by surprise.

Mr. Smith responded beautifully on behalf of his wife, and he said, "It had given them both pleasure in giving and doing these things for Scouting and Guiding."

It is over 20 years since Mr. and Mrs. Smith first began helping our young people, firstly as Guide Captain and Scout Master, and then as members of the L.A.

Mrs. Smith has been our President until this year. Mr. Smith and his wife have always been most helpful with all our efforts.

On behalf of all members and the youth of the community, Flinders L.A. say "thank you."

Mrs. G. THOMAS, Hon. Secretary.

DRYSDALE OPENS A NEW GUIDE AND SCOUT HALL

From the moment our Parents' Committee sighted a small school building in West Geelong, work began in earnest to make it possible for the building to be bought, removed and transferred to Drysdale for use as a Guide and Scout Hall.

Following the acceptance of our tender for £150, the hall was prepared for removal. This was completed in two sections, and replaced on new stumps for £150. The land was made available through the efforts of our Local Council.

Then the work began — it was decided to add to the length of the hall, making it 45 ft. by 21 ft. — and so each week parents and friends spent much time in remaking it for our use.

The Guides took a great interest in the proceedings, painting chairs and furniture (some very modern art), cleaning windows, and serving refreshments.

At last all was in readiness, and the GREAT DAY dawned in a burst of glorious sunshine.

Parents and friends watched Brownies, Cubs, Guides and Scouts take up their places outside.

Guests included Councillors, Church leaders, and visiting Guiders and Scouters.

Scouts raised the Australian Flag, and the National Anthem was sung. We felt very proud when our Company Flag was raised.

The President of our Parents' Committee welcomed everyone and told the story of how the Hall came to Drysdale for our use.

The District Commissioner, Mrs. Miles, spoke on behalf of the Girl Guide Association, and Mr. W. Stinton, County Commissioner, for the Boy Scout Association.

THE MOMENT had arrived, Mr. C. Deeth, G.S.M. opened the door.

We all enjoyed refreshments and the display of Guide and Scout work which was set out in the beautiful new Hall.

E. DEEATH,

Guide Captain, 1st Drysdale Coy.

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Magic Wand

Despite efforts by Paynesville's "Silver Owl," District Commissioner Mrs. W. Robinson, "Brown Owl," Mrs. J. Murphy, and "Tawny Owl," Mrs. L. Buller, assisted by Mrs. E. McLeod, "Brown Owl" of the 1st Bairnsdale Pack, to awaken them, they slept soundly until Denise was wheeled around the ring to touch each one with a magic wand.

At her touch they woke and danced the "Brownie Ring," with Denise as Sixer of the Fairies, wheeled by her "Fiver," Sue Roderick.



Mrs. Robinson, "Silver Owl" for Paynesville, presented Denise with her wings, Denise saluted the Pack and they returned the salute. Wings were fastened to the wheelchair, and Denise held a mass of farewell streamers, one from each of her fellow-Brownies.

A rope was attached to the "chair-plane" which "Silver Owl" piloted as it "flew" across to the Guides.

Members of the Guide Company sang a song of welcome, and decorated Denise and chair with leis and flowers. A welcome was also extended by the Divisional and District Commissioners.



Denise handed a lovely sheaf of flowers to a member of the hospital staff for presentation to Matrom Thomas, and then led all the Guides and Brownies in a game of "Simon Says."

All present were guests of Paynesville Local Association at an afternoon tea party on the hospital lawn.

(Courtesy: "Bairnsdale Advertiser")

THE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

O Most High, Almighty, Good Lord God, to Thee belong Praise, Glory, Honour, and all Blessing!

Praised be my Lord God with all His Creatures, and specially our brother the Sun, who brings us the day, and who brings us the Light! fair is he and shines with a very great Splendour; O Lord, he signifies to us Thee.

Praised be my Lord for our sister the Moon, and for the Stars, the which He has set clear and lovely in Heaven.

Praised by my Lord for our brother the Wind, and for air and cloud, Calms and all weather, by which Thou upholdest life in all creatures.

Praised be my Lord for our sister Water, who is very serviceable to us, and humble and precious and clear.

Praised by my Lord for our brother Fire, through whom Thou givest light in the darkness, and he is bright and pleasant and very mighty and strong.

Praised by my Lord for our Mother and earth, Thee which doth sustain us and keep us, and bringeth forth divers fruits, and many colours, and grass.

Spoken by St. Francis on His Passing.
(From "Girl Guide Hymns and Prayers")



Guiders' Christmas Party

15th December



Captains:**WARRANTS**

Mrs. P. J. Hutchison, 7th Bendigo; Mrs. L. Reid, 7th Geelong; Mrs. M. Kuningas, 1st Kyabram; Mrs. M. J. Smith, 4th Northcote; Miss D. Ogden, 3rd Ashburton; Mrs. L. Salter, 1st Rupanyup; Mrs. J. Meadows, 4th Bairnsdale; Mrs. E. Fletcher, 1st Queenscliff; Miss S. Maher, 1st Dandenong; Mrs. B. Meadowcroft, 1st Hurstbridge; Mrs. R. Radosavljevic, 1st Mt. Beauty; Miss S. R. Coleman, 4th St. Kilda 'A'; Miss E. Eastmond, 2nd Mildura; Mrs. J. Robin, 3rd North Balwyn; Mrs. E. Tyack, 1st Werrimull; Mrs. M. J. Malcolm, 1st Hopetoun; Miss M. Bywaters, 1st Upper Fern Tree Gully; Mrs. M. R. Sandeman, 1st Canterbury.

Lieutenants:

Miss R. Kirsner, Caulfield District Rangers; Mrs. W. M. Maddox, 1st Heywood; Miss C. Rose, 1st Forest Hill; Miss L. Smith, 4th South Yarra; Mrs. P. Fleming, 3rd Cheltenham; Mrs. V. E. Meldrum, 2nd Cheltenham; Miss G. E. Simson, 1st Cheltenham; Mrs. B. King, 4th Moorabbin; Miss M. Pollard, 1st Creswick; Miss B. Smith, 1st Newborough; Miss B. Cook, 1st Newborough; Miss K. Hamilton, 1a Mildura; Miss M. I. Forbes, 3rd St. Kilda; Mrs. M. J. Stephens, 2nd Mildura; Miss S. M. Deveson, 4th Ballarat; Miss S. M. Gibbs, 2nd Hamilton; Miss J. McDougall, 1st Byaduk.

Brown Owls:

Mrs. D. M. Harkin, 1st Lake Bolac; Mrs. H. W. McKay, 2nd Lake Bolac; Mrs. V. J. Slade, 1st Dandenong; Mrs. C. Jouaneau, 1st Katunga; Mrs. J. Norman, 1st Katunga South; Miss W. Young, 1st Hampton; Mrs. B. J. Duff, 1st Cheltenham; Mrs. K. Evans, 2nd Myrtleford; Mrs. J. A. Lory, 1st Marnoo; Miss D. Turner, 2nd Northcote; Miss L. J. Poulton, 2nd Hopetoun; Mrs. V. Akers, 1st Werrimull; Mrs. M. Middleton, 1st South Oakleigh; Mrs. L. M. Neil, 1st Sale; Mrs. F. M. Howell, 2nd Moorleigh; Mrs. B. Richmond, 2nd Bellfield; Mrs. M. U. Findlay, 3rd Surrey Hills; Mrs. L. Wellard, 12th Ballarat.

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Miss E. Collins, 1st Melton.

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Miss M. Dando, 10th Geelong; Mrs. M. J. Stephens, 2nd Tatura; Miss S. R. Coleman, 4th St. Kilda 'A'; Mrs. E. Fletcher, 1st Queenscliff.

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Tawny Owls:

Miss P. E. Wadeson, 1st Melton; Miss W. Young, 1st Hampton; Mrs. E. F. Sibbett, 2nd Stawell.

Correction: Mrs. Edwards is still Captain of 1st Ascot Vale, but has resigned as Brown Owl, 1st Ascot Vale.

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