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A little Blue-Bird who is one of our near Asian neighbours
in Thailand, gives a Brownie smile.

Photo by: PEG. BARR.



Photo by: BETTY REYNOLDS.

*Lady Brooks, State President, Victoria,
sends a "Thinking Day" Message
to Victorian members*

As you all know, the twenty-second day of this month of February is what we call "Thinking Day." It is a day when we think with gratitude and pride of our World Chief Guide — Lady Baden-Powell — whose birthday it is, and whom we love and admire.

It is the desire of Lady Baden-Powell that, on this day of the 22nd February, we should give a donation to our World Association. For, by so doing, we shall make possible the continued growth and strength of our wonderful Movement.

If we can accomplish this task, we shall be making a worthwhile contribution to the cause which we all espouse. It is that there shall be peace on earth, and good-will amongst all.

I want our Victorian Guides to be in the van in answering Lady Baden-Powell's call. So please give your pennies with true generosity, in thanksgiving for your own good fortune.

Thinking Day Message

From HER EXCELLENCY, THE VISCOUNTESS DE L'ISLE, AUSTRALIAN
PRESIDENT.

1962 will be my first Thinking Day in Australia, and I am happy to be able to send you a message on this important day in our calendar.

There are many Guides from other lands who have come to Australia, either to live permanently or who still hope one day to be able to return to their own countries. Many of these will already have made contact with Guide Companies, but there must be many who have not yet found their local group.

Let us then, this Thinking Day, give a special thought to our sister Guides from other lands; especially those in our own locality, and hope that through their knowledge of Guiding, they may find relief from loneliness and the happy companionship of other Guides, wherever they may be.



Another Ice Cream for Chief

As Thinking Day approaches, our thoughts turn to our dearly-loved and wonderful Chief Guide, Olave, Lady Baden Powell.

To celebrate the Chief's seventieth anniversary, Australia gave a special present (an ice-cream for the Chief). In this way a cheque for about £700 was collected and presented to her on her birthday by Members from Australia who were in England at that time. This cheque was a present for herself to do exactly what she wished with it. Well, the Chief bought a garden seat, new covers for her chairs and sofas — oh, yes, and a new hat which I think she has lost! However, on her tours, the Chief was able to help in many ways, especially with books for countries which were unable to afford them. This gave the Chief untold enjoyment and never has she ceased talking about it.

At the Australian Council Meeting held last October, it was decided that we (Australia) would give our Chief another present on her seventy-fourth birthday in February, 1963. We are to do the same as before — give the money for an ice-cream — only this time it will be another ice-cream for the Chief. We can all join in — going without an ice-cream just when we need and want it most — that makes it a real present. The money will have to be in at Headquarters by the end of November in order to make necessary arrangements for it to be presented on time. We must not talk too loudly about it, because it is to be another surprise as well as another ice-cream.

This present is for our Chief Guide. We will never have another Chief.

IRENE FAIRBAIRN.

STATE COMMISSIONER'S DIARY

November was a busy month. I seem to have been here, there and everywhere.

On Saturday, 4th November, the Queen's Guide and Scout awards were presented at Government House. It is indeed extremely good of the Governor, Sir Dallas Brooks, to have this every year. We were very proud of our Queen's Guides. I am sure this award means a great deal, not only for now, but ever afterwards.

The same afternoon I was invited to open the new Guide Hall at Cheltenham. Mrs. Kirkham very kindly had a luncheon party for me, which I appreciated and enjoyed very much, especially as it gave me the opportunity to meet all the Guiders. The Hall is truly beautiful and as it was a lovely afternoon many kind and good people came. I do appreciate this, specially when they are such busy people. I think those who worked so hard to raise the money are to be congratulated as well as thanked.

Apart from extra usual meetings, my next appointment was at Moorabbin — again to open a new hall. I don't know how we are so fortunate to have so many good friends, but here again was a lovely hall for me to officially open.

As I go around the State, I meet so many dear people who quietly spend their lives helping us. It is done so very quietly, but I would like them to know how much we appreciate their support — it means everything to the Movement.

On 20th November, I went off to Dunkeld to show some of my slides to help the Local Association to make a little money. Again friends came and filled the Hall and considerably helped this new L.A.

On Saturday, 2nd December, I went to Carngham, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Russell, for a garden fete in aid of the Scouts and Guides. It was a huge success and extremely kind of the Russells to lend their lovely garden.

On 12th December, we had a Brownie Party in Skipton in which they entertained us in many ways and I showed some films. The Hall was filled, which is always exciting.

On Saturday, 16th December, I just managed on my way back from Melbourne, to pop in after the Flying Up Ceremony for a Christmas morning tea party with the Skipton Guides.

Did many of you visit Headquarters to see the lovely things that Mrs. Faulkner and her helpers had made for the Christmas Gift Stall to help Headquarters? We do thank Mrs. Faulkner and her workers for that successful effort. It was indeed very good of them. Have you seen our Headquarters? It has had a large gusset put into it and we are enjoying the extra space we needed so badly. Please remember this gusset has to be paid for, and this is where we all must help to the best of our ability.

Thank you, Guiders, for a lovely Christmas Party. It was fun, and the singing of the carols delightful. The Christmas Staff Party went with a bang at the home of Peg Barr— Chinese food plus chopsticks followed by a Christmas tree and slides of Thailand. It was a lovely party, and thank you, Peg, very much.

Now Christmas has come and gone. What a lovely, joyous time it is! Everyone so happy and keen to make others happy too. If everyone in every country would carry the spirit of Christmas all through the year, what a happy, peaceful place this world would be.

Thank you, everyone, for your lovely Christmas cards and messages. I wish I could write personally to you all, but it would be too big a task, I fear, for me.

Thinking Day greetings to all of you with my love and I hope this next Guide year will be as successful and as good as this last one was.

A happy New Year to you all.

IRENE FAIRBAIRN.

THANK YOU TO ALL

The State Commissioners and Headquarters Staff acknowledge with very warm appreciation, each one of the many cards they received, bringing to them and the Girl Guides Association the Season's Greetings and Good Wishes for Christmas and the New Year.



Photo by: PEG. BARR.

A happy group of Guides belonging to 1st Nakorn Pathon Company, Thailand.

THINKING DAY PRAYER

"O Lord, our God, this day we have set apart to think of our sister Guides in other lands, beyond racial frontiers, beyond lands and seas. We are many, and we are strong; grant us to grow in numbers and strength that we may resolve to work steadfastly for Thee, in this world that is Thine. Grant that the uniform we wear may never be put on simply from force of habit; let it be a perpetual reminder to us of Whose servants we are, and of what we are striving to be. Grant that the Law which we have promised to obey may never become to us a mere string of empty words; let it be the Guiding principle of our lives. Grant that our Promise may be a help to us each morning, as we prepare to face a new day, and a strength to us each evening when, wearied by our work, cheered or saddened by events, we turn to rest. O Lord, our God, this is the day we have set apart to think of our sister Guides beyond the narrow confines of race and creed. We are many and we are strong, grant us to grow in numbers and in strength, and give us courage to work for Thee in this world which is Thine. Amen."



THINKING DAY

"Nurture your mind with great thoughts.
To believe in the heroic makes heroes."
—Disraeli.

Right from our earliest days our habits of thought and ways of looking at things are being moulded by circumstances almost beyond our control. We are surrounded by the customary modes of thought and behaviour which we adopt as a rule without question, for most of us dislike being thought different from those with whom we are in daily contact.

Today we are striving to think widely and overcome prejudices, to listen patiently and tolerantly to other people's opinions, to learn to stick to a point, to face facts squarely, and judge them on their merits. We can do this because we have "Guiding." What a wonderful word it is! So we turn our thoughts to our founder, the late Lord Baden-Powell, to whom we owe the conception of this great scheme, built upon a firm foundation and with a high standard to follow—a Promise and Law which aim for truth, purpose, courage, helpfulness, service, achievement and tolerance, with a desire to work for our Creator. "Thou shalt love the Lord Thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all they strength; that is the first and great commandment."

With this in our minds, we think of our sister Guides and their different customs and attitudes, and we pray that we may help to spread peace and comradeship throughout the world. At this time we especially pray and thank God for Lady Baden-Powell, with her never-failing inspiration to us all; and we thank her for all her great work, and wish her a very happy birthday, good health and a long life.

We must remember that clear thinking will help to show us how far our ideals are feasible—how they can be attained—how far they are compatible with one another. So, in all our Guide work, let us make a bigger and better effort to think wisely and clearly, and so act bravely.

—Printed in "The Waratah."

A GIRL GUIDE AMONG THE GIRL SCOUTS

I thoroughly enjoyed my three months in U.S.A. as Visitor-Observer under the Juliette Low Scheme. The Girl Scouts World Friendship Fund, in honour of their Founder, is a very generous one. Before I left here, I answered a quiz on my varied interests and activities for the Personnel Department of their National Headquarters. Everywhere I went, I found that my hostess knew of my answers on that yellow sheet, and was prepared to help me in every possible way, not just with my Girl Scouting programme. I enjoyed a great deal of private hospitality, spending more than three hours (sometimes three days, and in one case three weeks!) in at least forty American homes.

Miss Taylor and I spent five days "orientation period" as guests of the Oakland Council, a very satisfactory introduction to both U.S. people in general, and to Girl Scouting in particular, and to that beautiful "Bay area" which includes San Francisco, Oakland and Richmond. Their unit of administration and organisation is not state by state, as is ours here, but under their strong national set-up, is in Area Councils. If a city is large enough, with sufficient Girl Scout personnel, then that city, with its own suburbs or outlying districts, has its own Council.

We crossed United States by train, with a day's stop-over at Denver on our way to Chicago, where we parted. From Chicago, I went for a month to Minneapolis. I think the plan whereby a Visitor-Observer spends that length of time in one place a very good one. While a guest of the Minneapolis Girl Scout Council, I attended all manner of meetings and functions . . . just soaking in Girl Scouting, and forming in my mind parallels between their jobs and the corresponding ones in our own country. Among other things, I attended meetings of Trainers, Education and Programme Planning Committees, and of the Senior Planning Board. (That would correspond, roughly, to our Ranger Committee.) I was invited to Neighbourhood (equivalent to our District) Field Days and Breakfasts, visited a Handicapped Troop, a Training Course for Day Camp Counsellors, a mass Brownie fly-

up ceremony, and also two Troop weekend camps. I spent a few days in their "twin" city, St. Paul, and camped with one of the Troops there. (An intermediate G.S. Troop, girls about 12 years.)

My next move was to the south, to the Tenn.-Ark.-Miss. Council, with its headquarters at Memphis. A Senior Scout Mariner Troop took me on a sailing trip to Lake Catherine State Park, in Arkansas, and I had the interest and pleasure of meeting with Negro Girl Scouts and their Leaders, and of visiting Day Camps in session.

This summer, the U.S. Girl Scouts were organising "Heritage Trails." Four groups of Senior Scouts were organised from National H.Q. starting in — literally — the four corners of the States, and meeting together at a central spot, the campus of the University of Kansas City, some three weeks later, to compare notes. Region 5, consisting of the five States which border the lower Mississippi, had planned its own heritage idea, a cruise on the stern paddle wheeler river steamer, the Avalon, from Memphis to New Orleans, and I was lucky enough to be "signed on" as a Programme Consultant. Conditions on board were rather crowded, but each day we went ashore, and very interesting programmes had been planned for each place visited, all teaching the girls more of the history of their own area.

I spent three days in Washington, with some sight-seeing fitted in between G.S. activities, which included visiting day camps and their national campsite, Rockwood. Then on to New York, to make contact with the National H.Q. folk, and to attend a nine-day training course, "Senior Programme in Troops and Camps," at the Edith Macy Training Centre. This enabled me to meet Troop Leaders from all over the States, as well as many of the other Visitor-Observers currently in the States. (Girl Scouting was hostess to 34 of us in the course of the one summer.) The opportunity to visit Macy was another of the highlights of the trip, as was also the two-day visit on the way back to San Francisco to the All-States Wilderness Camp, held near Bend, in Oregon. Two Senior Girl Scouts had been chosen from each State to attend the Camp, run on lightweight lines, which include a backpack five-day trip into the State Forest area.

In the course of 3½ months, I was given time off from my Visitor-Observer activities so that I could make a flying trip to Mexico to visit Our Cabana, and later, to spend a weekend in Vancouver. The way these two private excursions were dove-tailed into the G.S. programme arranged for me was a measure of the kindly and thoughtful planning that went into the details of my travelling round the States, and I am very grateful to the Girl Scouts that I was able to make these trips, as well as to see so much varied G.S. activity in so many parts of the country.

To Victoria I say, "Thank you for nominating me"; to Australia I say, "Thank you for naming me to go." I had a wonderful time.

ENID BUNNING.

REPORT ON REGIONAL CONFERENCE AT DANDENONG

18th November was the date chosen for the first Guiders' Conference to be held in the Dandenong Region, and 46 Commissioners and Guiders met in the Dandenong Guide Hall, which was made most attractive by Miss Brumley, D.C., and Miss Pobjoy, with lovely floral arrangements.

The Conference was timed to start at 2 p.m. and continued through into the evening, closing around 9 p.m. after a Campfire Session.

In the absence of the Chairman, Mrs. Reveleigh, through illness, Mrs. J. Pearson welcomed the Headquarters Panel led by Mrs. S. McKay, Assistant State Commissioner, with Mrs. Woollacot (Rangers), Mrs. Fox (Brownies) and Miss Waudby (Guides), to lead various sessions and conduct Trainings. Miss Jermyn led the Campfire Session.

Mrs. McKay gave the gathering a lot to think about as she outlined the work being done through Headquarters, and thanked those present for their help through the Willing Shilling, etc., to make this growth possible.

Later, the gathering was split into four groups for discussion on what could be done to better Headquarters and, apart from the fact of allowing discussion on a wide basis, it helped the Guiders to mix.

Many interesting things came out of the discussions. More Regional Trainings, of short duration, were much sought after.

One group thought a Mail Order System would be of value, while yet another would like to have a Guide Shop in Dandenong.

The Sessions led by the Advisers for the various branches were of real value. Miss Waudby spoke on the Patrol System and just how it worked right through Guiding, and illustrated her talk with a number of charts.

Mrs. Fox chose to speak on Golden Ladder and Golden Hand Training and by a game, illustrated how the Brownies could be helped in their First Class, and at the same time have a lot of fun.

Mrs. Woollacot spoke on what some people consider the problem of Rangers, and her talk was very stimulating, giving much food for thought to all present.

The Training Sessions conducted later in the day and into the evening were tremendously helpful, as there are so many new Guiders in the Region, everyone going away with the feeling that they had learned so much which they could now put into practice in the Company or Pack.

It is felt that a great deal of good will come from this, our first Regional Conference, and so that Guiders who were not able to attend, many being on farming properties, it is hoped to hold the 1962 Conference earlier in the year.

Our thanks go to the Dandenong L.A., who so kindly supplied us with afternoon tea and supper, and who were on hand to see we had a cup of tea with our cut teas.

We would like to thank Mrs. McKay and her Panel for giving us of their valuable time at this specially busy time of the year, and for all the help they were able to give with their talks and Trainings. Miss Jermyn, we would also like to thank, for the lovely Campfire she conducted for us. It really was lovely. One Guider said it was the first Campfire she had attended, as, as a Guide during the war, they did not have Campfires. Our thanks also to Miss M. Brumley, D.C., and Miss June Pobjoy, for their arrangement of the Hall, and to Mrs. Davies (Springvale South), who saw that everyone had a name-tag.

And now we are looking forward to our next Regional activity.

G. REVELEIGH, Regional Chairman.

OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO QUEEN'S GUIDES

Mrs. Fairbairn, State Commissioner, has received from Buckingham Palace the following message:—

Buckingham Palace.

Dear Madam,

I am commanded to ask you to convey to the Queen's Guides of Victoria, Her Majesty's sincere thanks for their kind message of loyal greetings sent on the day of their Investiture, which, as Patron of the Association, she greatly appreciated.

Yours truly, (Signed) Edward Ford.

1961 QUEEN'S GUIDE PRESENTATION

A wide expanse of blue sky made up for the minority of blue when six ranks of Queen's Guides marched onto the lawns of Government House on Saturday, 4th November, followed by seemingly infinite ranks of khaki clad Queen's Scouts.

A green lawn bordered with beds of brightly blooming flowers added to the colour of this year's Queen's Guide and Scout Presentation Ceremony.

Sir Edmund Herring presented each Guide and Scout with an impressive certificate bearing the Queen's signature. Unfortunately, the Governor of Victoria was unable to attend, due to his recent illness. However, he had prepared an address which was read to the thousands of parents and youth present.

An outstanding feature of the programme was the awarding of the Guide Cross to 13-year-old Boort Guide, Margaret Bannon. Margaret courageously proved herself a real Guide when she rescued her father from a boating accident last year. Very modest about her bravery, Margaret smilingly showed her gold medal around afterwards, especially to her very proud parents.

Sea Ranger, Susan Anderson, wrote a sincere message of Loyalty to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, which was read during the morning.

Forty-two Guides gained their Queen's Guides in 1961. Perhaps 1962 will see double this number to receive this award in as memorable a Ceremony as this year's Presentation was to me.

CHERYL PITMAN, 2nd Croydon Coy.

PRESENTATION OF QUEEN'S GUIDES' CERTIFICATES

On Saturday, 4th November, 1961, the Queen's Guides' and Queen's Scouts' Certificates were presented at Government House. The Guides and Scouts met outside the gates of Government House in ideal weather conditions, and just after ten o'clock, we marched into the gardens, which were looking lovely. When we were assembled, the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir Edmund Herring, and Dame Mary, came out of Government House and, after greeting everyone, Sir Edmund explained the absence of the Governor, Sir Dallas Brooks, and said he had a message from him which he would read after the ceremony.

The certificates were then presented. The Guides who received them were:

Helen Buckler 8th Hawthorn Company.
 Margaret Stewart ... 10th Ballarat Company.
 Margaret Conway 2nd Echuca Company
 Ngaire Thompson ... 5th North Kew Company
 Susan Anderson 1st Essendon Company
 Nina Rulevich 2nd Murrumbeena Coy.
 Irene Hutchinson 2nd Benalla Company
 Joy Fryer 1st North Balwyn Company
 Lesley Albertson 1st Portland Company
 Frances Bainbridge ... 1st Burwood Company
 Cheryl Pitman 2nd Croydon Company
 Marjory Hobday 2nd Balwyn Company
 Barbara Phillips ... 1st Heidelberg Company
 Margaret Littlehales 6th Ballarat Coy.
 Margaret Cutcliffe 1st Burwood Company
 Wendy Greer 1st Glenroy Company
 Beverley Beattie ... 1st Ringwood Company
 Joselyn Pedler 2nd Benalla Company
 Roslyn Westwood 2nd (St. Andrew's) Colac
 Company
 Anne Collins 2nd Cheltenham Company
 Sandra Barnes 1st Glenhuntly Company
 Isabelle Burnell ... 1st Cheltenham Company
 Alda McDonald ... 2nd Merlynston Company
 Meryl Sandlant 2nd Benalla Company
 Shirley Williamson ... 4th South Yarra Coy.
 Carol Wiseman ... 1st North Balwyn Company
 Margaret Waterson 1st Murtoa Company
 Jill Lester 2nd Benalla Company
 Ronda Wilkins 1st Ringwood Company
 Maren Lorentzen 1st Hampton Company
 Wilma Hutchinson ... 1st Drysdale Company
 Carol Robbins 6th Bendigo Company
 Lorraine May ... 1st North Fitzroy Company
 Judith Buntine 2nd Warragul Company
 Marianne Trip 2nd Traralgon Company
 Judith Simmons ... 1st Numurkah Company

Robyn Cooper ... 1st Yarrowonga Company
 Susan Murray 3rd Newport Company
 Nancy Moors 1st Balwyn Company
 Roselyn King ... 2nd Maryborough Company
 Diana Ward ... 1st Brighton Beach Company
 Margaret Vowles ... 2nd East Brighton (St.
 Mary's) Company

A record number of forty-two were presented.

After the three hundred and two Scouts had been presented with their Certificates, Margaret Bannon, from Boort, was awarded a Gilt Cross for showing courage and presence of mind when the boat she and her family were in capsized in a storm. She saved her father, who could not swim, and younger brother from drowning, and then swam a mile to shore. Margaret was 12 at the time, and was convalescing after a serious illness.

The Guides' Message of Loyalty was written by Queen's Guide, Susan Anderson, and read by Queen's Guide, Cheryl Pitman.

A Queen's Scout read the Scouts' Message of Loyalty, and then Sir Edmund read the Message from Sir Dallas. In it, Sir Dallas said that we should now try to do more than one good turn every day. Sir Edmund also spoke to us and told us that the Queen does have a personal interest in us. After that, we had morning tea. It was a memorable occasion.

"By one of the Guides who attended."

THE 7th ANNUAL HOLIDAY WEEKEND AT GUIDE HOUSE

The 7th Annual Holiday Weekend at Guide House will be held from 6 p.m. on Friday, 23rd February, to 6 p.m. on Sunday, 25th February, 1962. For members of Trefoil Guilds.

On Saturday, 24th February, members and their families of the Baden-Powell Scout Guild of Victoria will visit us from 2 p.m. till 8 p.m.

Programme includes Thinking Day Ceremony and Camp Fire Sing-Song.

Afternoon tea will be provided.

Trefoil Guild members and their families attending this function only, please bring own picnic hamper for evening meal.

Those attending for weekend (cost £1/15/- approximately) send deposit of 10/- to Mrs. E. G. Cameron, 100 Humffray Street North, Ballarat, by 14th February, 1962.

Transport is the individual members' responsibility.

BALLARAT DIVISION GARDEN PARTY

On Saturday afternoon, 4th November, the Ballarat Division Girl Guide Council held a Garden Party, which was officially opened by the Right Reverend W. A. Hardie, the Bishop of Ballarat.

Brownie Packs, Guide Companies, the Trefoil Guild, Local Association and Council members, as well as a large number of friends, assembled in the grounds of St. Andrew's Kirk for the function, which was a great success.

Representation included Central, Eureka, Sebastopol, Wendouree and Creswick Districts. The Streatham Guide Company attended as visitors.

The young people formed a Guard of Honour when Bishop Hardie arrived, and he was welcomed to St. Andrew's Kirk by the Rev. S. A. Goddard, and to the Garden Party by the President of the Council, Mrs. L. J. Rizzoli, the Secretary, Mrs. W. B. Wheeler, and the Treasurer, Mrs. Booth.

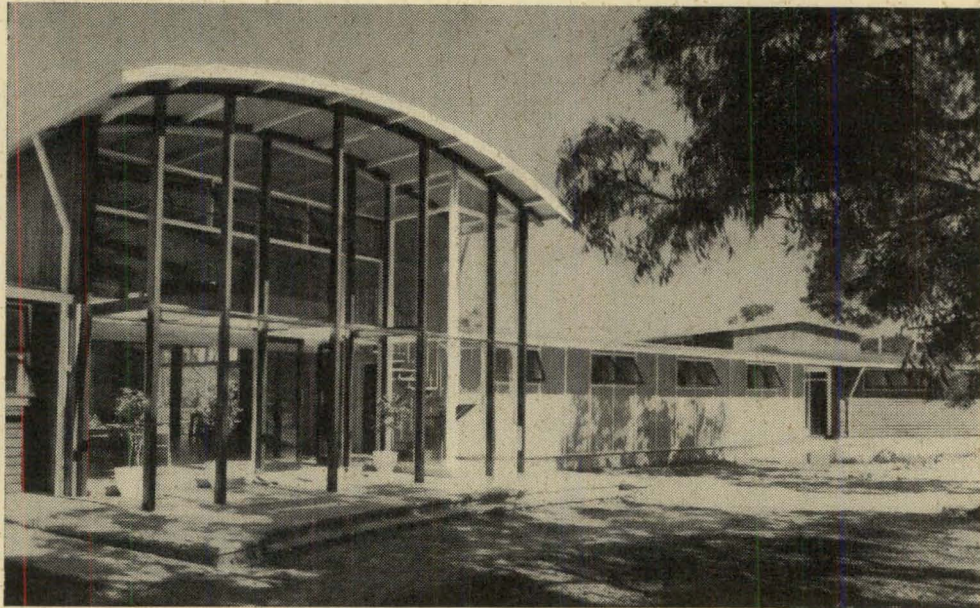
Other official guests included the Mayoress of Sebastopol, Mrs. F. S. Wilson; the Scout Commissioner of Geelong; Mr. W. Stinton; the Commissioner of the Barwon Division of Girl Guides, Miss M. Taylor; the Secretary of Geelong Division, Miss Freeman, and the Ballarat District Scout Commissioner, Mr. Ashton Batten.

In St. Andrew's Hall there was a fine display of craft work, and Mrs. Rawson, from the Melbourne Guide Shop, was assisted by the Trefoil Guild with an exhibition of a wide variety of goods which could be purchased.

Competitions included Christmas decorations and a nature display. Afternoon tea was served in the shade of the trees where the various stalls were also located. The profit from the function was almost £100.

LONG SERVICE BADGES BALLARAT DIVISION

These, marking the recipients' service of fifteen and more years, were pinned by Mrs. J. T. John, Commissioner of the Ballarat Council, to the uniforms of Mrs. R. V. Ince, Mrs. C. Walker and Miss A. Allan.



"GLENGARRY"

1st Bentleigh Guides Visit Sydney

(This article is the result of a diary that was kept daily by the House Patrol.)

We adopted the Patrol names of Casuarina, Angophora, Mountain Ash and Banksia for the Sydney trip because these belonged to "Glengarry," where we stayed from the 2nd to 11th of September, 1961.

"Glengarry," the Girl Guide Training Centre at North Turramurra, New South Wales, is a wonderful property. We stayed in the new main building, but there are other buildings, including the Brownie Cottage, Warden's Cottage, and the Margaret Radford Hut. The camp sites were very green and the bell tents looked like crinolines from the height of the main building. The ninety-nine acres were looking their best and the rugged cliffs and steep valley, with its waterfall, were splendid settings for, oh, just so many varieties of colourful wild-flowers.

After our outdoor camps earlier this year, we had planned to go to New South Wales. Exams came — and went. At last, the end of Term 2 and . . . the trip to Sydney! We arrived very late on the Saturday night after the long train journey and were greeted by the large, well-lit windows and — supper; prepared! "Mac," alias Miss Maconaghie,

is the Warden and she was our firm friend throughout our stay. Miss Veitch was there, too, and she and Mac had prepared our soup, toast and cocoa.

It wasn't long before the top dormitory, with its seven rows of three beds (a dressing room for each three beds, too!), looked like home. The twenty of us showered and were in bed in a remarkably short time!

Sunday was gloriously sunny and the large dormitories, bedroom wing, "Lady David" Room, kitchen, and the "Loveday Barton" Memorial Hall with its magnificent floor to ceiling fireplace, polished floor and window-walls were soon looking very "house proud." Strangely enough, when we saw through the windows the large area of bush-land to explore we weren't a bit tired, and early Colours and breakfast were the signal for us to be out and about. After tea we went to Church in a fleet of taxis and were we glad they didn't go up the steep hill or, better still, come down it after!

We had colours every morning at the tall, straight flagpole in front of "Glengarry," and the House Patrol decided on the Ceremony to be used, prayers and the reading,

and the setting for prayers. On the last morning we realised that we had gone into Horseshoe formation in a different manner each day.

The large hall is also the dining room, and there were five small tables. Patrols in Council were held at "Patrol" tables during breakfast, but at other meals we sat at any table. As well as our Captain and "Lefty," we had our two "adopted" Guiders—"Lieut" from Brighton, and "Burringi" from Dandenong, who have been with us on previous camps. Courts of Honour were usually held in the "Lady David" Room, which is the small sitting room at the beginning of the bedroom wing. Each bedroom has been furnished by a Division and the curtain materials, bedspreads and mats are beautifully decorative. We found, too, that each of the dressing rooms has been adopted by a District or Division, and the patchwork quilts for the beds are rather like ours at Brownie Cottage.

On Monday we went on a bus tour of Sydney, including the beaches and the historic "Vaucluse House." We had some wonderful views of the harbour and different parts of Sydney, and as we had the coach to ourselves we sang and learnt a new song — "Jacob's Ladder," which became our favourite two-part song for the rest of the trip.

We went to the Tooronga Park Zoo on Tuesday and after lunch we went looking in Patrols. When we met for the journey home, we were amazed to find that we had seen the same things, and yet had only had occasional glimpses of other Patrols. Cunning "King Kong" was voted the general favourite, although the whole day as a success. Inevitably though we go back to the subject — is this really kindness to animals?

On Wednesday morning we wrote so many letters that the mailbag on the notice board collapsed under the weight! We had so many people to write to and, as we had heard about Maryborough (most of the rest of the Company had been there a week before with the District), we had to tell them about our outings. We had been presented with our Belt Badges on the Sunday, but we had bought brooches and cloth badges to send to Victoria, as well as postcards and bookmarks. Didn't we keep Mac busy at canteen time!

After an early lunch we went into Sydney and spent a wonderful afternoon on the Harbour Ferry. We met some interesting people on the ferry and, of course, the views were majestic. The man who explained everything through a microphone as we went along welcomed us early in the afternoon and people were very friendly to the Guides in bright blue with the "Victoria" flashes. When we left the ferry we were wearing our raincoats. It wasn't raining, but the spray from the bows had been very heavy! We took our place in the underground at Circular Quay with peak-hour crowds and enjoyed the views from the Bridge even more than before because we felt now that we really knew the delightful Sydney Harbour.

The bus we had on Thursday for our trip to Katoomba and the Hawkesbury was very new and mainly windows! We had a most enjoyable drive out to Katoomba and then we had rides on the "Skyway" and the "Scenic Railway." Despite our early qualms we found these two rides most exciting and the views (and the rides) were breathtaking. We would have had second rides if the bus driver hadn't a schedule to keep! We took a lot of photographs that day, especially of the Three Sisters.

We had several visitors during our stay, but on the Thursday night Mrs. Relton, Miss McNeill and Miss Coleman stayed for a Campfire and a long session where we had "Red River Valley"; "Strip the Willow"; "Shoo Fly" and a new dance from Papua-New Guinea. We were not tired even then, and so we sat in the hall, which was lit only by a large fire in the beautiful memorial fireplace, Mrs. Relton told us some haunting Aboriginal stories.

After much discussion at Court of Honour, we decided how we would spend our Friday in Sydney. We had lunch in Hyde Park. Mess Patrols had become expert at sandwich making by now because the Patrols were on their second round of orderly duties. Nevertheless the comments flew — always followed by cheerful grins!

Each group this time was provided with a map and spending money. We had visited Guide Headquarters in the morning, but the afternoon was to be spent exploring Sydney itself. When we met again much later we

had many tales to swap of our afternoon's adventures!

Mac visited us that evening and stayed for Campfire. Of course, we included "Jacob's Ladder." It had been heard everywhere — under the four showers, and especially with orderly work. Mac had heard it from the distance so often she could join in!

On Saturday we went out for hikes and most of us managed to cross the valley and climb up the cliff to view "Glengarry" from the other side. We were very interested in the camps because we had not seen bell tents before except in English Guide Magazines. The Company that was Patrol Camping on the "Nindethana" Site will no doubt appear in many of our photographs. We had been shown over the Brownie Cottage and were only sorry we could not buy the small Toadstool Brownie Cottage brooches, which are worn by people who have slept there!

Sunday was a free day, and some Guides were collected by relatives or friends and taken out for the day. After Church we had lunch, and during the afternoon it was amazing to see the rush when Lefty started to play the piano; the weather was unkind, and so there was some more country dancing. We polished badges, belts and shoes, and "Glengarry," too, and had an early night. Why? Well, at 4.15 a.m. on Monday we were up! Early breakfast, pack, and we left at 6 a.m. to join the first division of the "Daylight" at Strathfield.

You've guessed it! As the train drew in to Melbourne that night we sang "Jacob's Ladder" and "Kum Ba Yah" to end a happy ten days in Sydney.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

From 13th-19th January, 1962, the FIRST AUSTRALIAN ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH, organised by the National Youth Council of Australia, was held in New South Wales. The Girl Guides Association, Australia, was represented by Miss M. Woodlock, Captain of the 5th South Yarra Guide Company, Miss H. Hamilton, Brown Owl of the 1st Surrey Hills Brownie Pack (who also represents the Australian Guides on the National Youth Council of Australia) and Miss N. Carr and Miss N. Cain, of Queensland.

This Assembly, the first of its kind to be organised in Australia, was a forum for youth. Young people from all walks of life met, and together looked at and discovered common needs and interests. These young people were challenged to find solutions to problems in aspects of Education, Work, Social Relationships and International Affairs, so that they might help bring about the best possible situation in which young people can develop and establish themselves in this country — Australia.

Elanora Youth Camp, the Conference site, is set in Australian bushland sixty minutes from Sydney Harbour Bridge, and overlooks the ocean view of nearby Narrabeen Beach. Waterfalls and natural rock pools are within easy walking distance. Participants at the Assembly took time off for films, dancing, barbecue and a sight-seeing tour.

Mr. Alan Gregory led the **International Commission** which covered such aspects as the relationship of Australia to the rest of the world, particularly Asia; Australia in the Commonwealth; and situations of youth in other countries.

Mr. Gregory is a graduate of Melbourne University and is a former Secretary of the Students' Representative Council. He was Secretary of the Australian-Indonesian Association, spent 12 months studying Economics at the Bombay University in India on a Rotary Foundation Scholarship, and has visited several South-East Asian countries.

The **Education Commission** was chaired by Rev. Norman Curry, a Lecturer in Education at Melbourne University. Mr. Curry has visited America and in 1960 spent three months in India as a leader at an International Conference of the New Education Fellowship. After his return, Mr. Curry was appointed Assistant at St. Paul's Cathedral in addition to his University work. The Education Commission discussed — What is Education? The Ratio of Students to Teachers; New Methods of Teaching; Sport in Education; Student Counselling and Finance.

Leader of the **Work Commission** was Mr. Jim Ross. This discussion concerned itself with work attitudes, conditions, preparation for work, and the wider problems of automation, science and mass production.

Mr. Ross was Deputy-President of the

N.Y.C.A. at its inception and was a full-time worker for the Young Christian Workers for 4½ years. After attending a WAY Seminar on "Work" in New Delhi in 1958, Mr. Ross spent six months viewing young workers' conditions in Europe and South-East Asia. He attended the Seminar on "Work" organised by the Australian National Advisory Committee for Unesco in 1959.

Social Relationships was the fourth area of concern studied at the Assembly. Mr. V. K. Brown, Director of the General Board of Religious Education of the Church of England, was its leader. Mr. Brown was one of the Australian delegates to the Third Assembly of the World Council of Churches, held in New Delhi, India. Before taking up his present appointment Mr. Brown was a teacher. He visited Japan in 1959 as a delegate to a World Council of Christian Education Conference.

This last Commission took in aspects of home, leisure, preparation for marriage, religion, youth delinquency and conformity.

Mr. N. Krishnaswamy, Regional Secretary for Asia for the World Assembly of Youth, and Mr. P. Wilenski, Australian WAY Executive Member, represented the World Assembly of Youth at this gathering.

Watch "Matilda" for detailed report on this gathering.

NORTH-EASTERN REGION NEWS

An inaugural meeting of the North-Eastern Region was called at Wodonga, central point of the Region, on 1st November, by Mrs. K. A. Embling, the Regional Chairman.

There are four Divisions in the Region, containing 14 Districts. All were asked to send an L.A. representative, as well as the Commissioner. Enthusiasm for the new scheme was shown by the absence of representatives from only three Districts. It was a tribute to all present, as most had to travel at least 50 miles to attend.

The Chairman made some suggestions for future functions, then each person was asked to comment on, and add to, the ideas.

Definite plans are now under way to hold a Regional Conference in the Methodist Hall, Wodonga, on 18th April, 1962. In the morning, Commissioners will hold a meeting, and L.A. members will hold a separate meeting. After lunch, both will combine for further

discussions and an address by a visiting guest speaker.

Regional Guider Camp Training, by Miss Mellor, is also being planned for early in the coming year.

We feel that, if the enthusiasm shown at the first meeting continues, this new Regional Scheme will be a success.

COMMONWEALTH PAINTING COMPETITION, 1962

We have received from Commonwealth Headquarters in London, details of their Annual Painting Competition, and thought some of our Victorian members might be interested in submitting entries. The winning entries are hung on the walls at Commonwealth Headquarters for the year, to be inspected and admired by all visitors. Details of the competition are as under:

SUBJECT

Brownies —

1. Washing Day.
2. Something I Want to Remember.

Guides Under 13 —

1. Modern Transport.
2. Free Choice.

Senior Branch —

1. Preparing for the Dance.
2. Free Choice.

Entries should be in by 1st May, and pictures by 1st June, and sent to The Secretary, Commonwealth Training Department, The Girl Guides Association, P.O. Box 269, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1, England, and marked "5th Headquarters Painting Competition" in the top left-hand corner of the envelope. Details are to be under the following headings:— Name, Address, Rank (state whether Brownie, Guide, Ranger or Cadet), Age, Subject chosen, Medium (water-colour, oils, crayon, etc.) The fee for the Competition is 6d.

Rules:

1. It is important that the size of the completed picture should be 12 in. x 16 in.
2. All work must be original, and unaided.
3. Any medium may be used.
4. Name and address and Company must be written on the back of each picture.

Full details of the method to be used for sending the pictures to London will be published in the March issue of "Matilda."

THE RANFURLY LIBRARY

Under the auspices of the English Speaking Union in London, the Ranfurly Library was started two years ago by Lady Ranfurly. Its aim is to collect books written in English and to send them to Commonwealth countries where a vast and urgent need exists. These books act as a "follow on" for native peoples after they have left school, as they have no other means of keeping up their English reading. To date, 260,000 books have been sent from England to Africa, the Bahamas, Fiji, and other Commonwealth countries and letters of thanks and appreciation pour into Headquarters with urgent requests for more. This scheme has recently been started in Melbourne by a sub-committee of "Books Across the Sea," sponsored by the English Speaking Union of Melbourne.

Children's illustrated books in simple English are being collected and sent to Papua and New Guinea and, thanks to interested supporters giving books and cash donations, four cartons of books have already been sent (air freighted free of charge by TAA) to Port Moresby and Madang. As the scheme develops more and more books will be needed and we ask anyone who can spare children's unwanted books to either leave them at the English Speaking Union, Toorak Road, South Yarra, or to get in touch with Mrs. R. K. Wilson, 82 6765. We like them in moderately good repair and as fully illustrated as possible, although this is not absolutely essential.

We do not send Readers' Digest or war or crime books. Fairy tales such as Grimms and Hans Anderson would not be understood easily and could lead to confusion. Any donations of books will be most gratefully received, and a personal letter of thanks sent to the donor.

MINIATURE PAGEANT

Stawell Division had a busy time recently with Divisional Sports and a Pageant, during the Festival of Wildflowers.

Stawell 2nd Coy. came first in the Sports, with Rupanyup second, our Coy. was equal third with Glenorchy and Marnoo.

Stawell Companies and Packs worked for weeks before the Pageant, and welcomed five Colour Parties from other Districts to take part in the Parade of Colours.

C.H., 1st Stawell Coy.



"OPERATION KOALA"

Following the success of last year's tree-planting at Phillip Island, the Girl Guides Association was asked if they would once again take part.

To the complete amazement of all concerned, 1300 arrived — Brownies, Guides, Rangers, Cadets, mothers, fathers, and all other known relatives — quite a number of whom had been last year. One group of Guides had set out at 7 a.m. from Heyfield and Sale, and although they would not be home again until 9 p.m. that evening, were very thrilled that they had made the effort. A great many came by bus and the Guides and Brownies from the Mornington Peninsula came across on the Ferry.

Through the courtesy of the Wild Life and Fisheries Department, provision had been made to eat lunch in the Reserve, but many picnicked on the way; several groups had arranged for their buses to take them on trips around the island.

At 2 p.m. everyone gathered to hear representatives from the Phillip Island Shire and the Wild Life and Fisheries Department welcome the Guides to the island, and explain why it was necessary to plant trees and so provide future food for the Koala Bears. Mr. Wilkie from the Treeplanters Nursery, who grows the trees, showed how to plant the seedling, then gave instructions to the children to take up their position by a hole with a seedling and, on a given signal, they would all bend down and plant their trees at the same time. It was amazing to see how well this was carried out; in about 15 minutes over 2000 trees were planted, then the Guides were free to go and look at last year's trees, which were at least three feet high. Before they went home, there was a Koala on display, which was a great thrill for all the children who had never seen one at close quarters. Some of us stayed on at the island to see the Penguins some ashore at dusk, and so ended a happy day for all, with the thought also that another good turn had been completed.



TRAINING FOR TREATMENT OF SNAKEBITE

Now that summer is upon us again, we will want to be sure we know exactly what to do should an emergency of snakebite arise. We will want to be sure, too, that our Guides are well-trained in what to do, so that they may act speedily and confidently should it be necessary. There are many occasions when their knowledge may be the means of saving a life, on an outing with parents, or friends, or even at home, when "Cap." is not around to cope.

There have been changing ideas on the best way to deal with snakebite and different teachings, some say a ligature should be released after half-an-hour, and some after 20 minutes, and also different opinions are expressed as to the overall length of time which a ligature is to be left in place — some saying two hours, some three.

In order to clarify this, I have discussed these points with Sir Macfarlane Burnet of the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Research, who is our authority on snakebite, and the following is what he recommends be taught.

1. Ligature.—(Round single-boned part of limb.) Apply ligature over clothes to minimise bruising. It must be tight enough to ensure that no blood passes into the limb. Allow it to remain in place for half-an-hour — then loosen for half-a-minute to allow fresh blood to enter the part. Tighten again and continue to release every 15 minutes for half-a-minute, continuing in this manner for two hours, after which time the ligature may be left off. It must be remembered that a ligature is extremely painful and, therefore, should not be left on longer than is necessary, and Sir Macfarlane Burnet considers

two hours sufficient. (After the first half-hour, tighten for periods of ¼-hour. It would be an easy formula for the Guides to remember — on half-hour — off half-minute — then on quarter-hour — off half-a-minute for two hours.) The use of the ligature is to cover the period before treatment with antivenene, and it is hoped that this will have been obtained well before the two hour period is up.

2. Wash, Cut, and Suck.—Extra poison may have been left on the outer surface of the skin when the bite was made and, therefore, it is essential to wash the area before cutting, or this poison may be let into the bloodstream. Incision is only useful if performed within the first few minutes after the bite. It consists of a cut or cuts through each of the puncture marks, about ¼-inch deep. Always cut in the direction of the limb, e.g., if puncture marks are placed like this $\cdot \cdot \cdot |$ two cuts are necessary $| \cdot \cdot \cdot |$, but if puncture marks $\cdot \cdot \cdot$ one cut only $| \cdot \cdot \cdot$.

After cutting, the wound may be sucked in an attempt to extract some of the poison injected. If possible, place your body so as to block the patient's view of the actual cutting, e.g., in cutting near the hand, stand with your back to the patient and draw the arm around your waist. Also, if you fix your own hand in contact with the patient's body as you cut, if he should attempt to pull away, you will avoid the danger of a long slit as he moves.

There is great urgency in the administration of antivenene in the bite of a venomous snake. Therefore, get medical aid as soon as possible. If possible, it is better to take the patient to a hospital rather than a local

doctor, as stocks of antivenene are more likely to be readily available there.

General Treatment.—The patient should be made to rest. He should not walk about, for the increased circulatory rate induced by exercise will hasten the absorption of the poison. Furthermore, rest is desirable on general grounds.

The best drink as a stimulant is hot, black coffee. Circulatory shock should be combatted by keeping the patient warm and giving plenty of fluid.

It is very important to calm the patient by reassurance.

(N.B.—Condy's Crystals are no longer used in the treatment of snakebite.)

As well as actually "what to do" — train your Guides to "be prepared" in advance. Ask them, for instance, "If on a picnic with your parents and someone gets bitten by a snake, what would you use for a ligature?" — and don't let them say, "Tear a strip off my petticoat." They probably wouldn't have one on anyway, and Mum probably wouldn't be too pleased in spite of the snake. But principally, of course, because there are so many other things that would be there and ready to use if only they could realise it. What about Dad's handkerchief? Mum's scarf or stockings? Teach them to think.



And similarly ask, "What would you cut it with?" They may say "A knife" — well, the sort of knives most people take on picnics are hardly suitable for making a fine incision in the skin! A piece of broken glass is probably easy to come by and as good as anything. Break one of Dad's beer bottles, or a milk bottle. Or if out walking, away from food and stores, still think of glass — perhaps someone's sunglasses or reading glasses, or the glass of a watch. It may go against the grain to break them, but a life is at stake and a glass can easily be replaced later.

If your Guides have been trained like this to think for themselves and imagine certain eventualities, they are much more likely to be able to act speedily in an emergency.

C. WALKER.

A THINKING DAY JOURNEY

It was an Australian summer day in February — 22nd February to be exact — and I was lying sun-bathing on the warm beach, watching the sea and thinking and dozing . . . I had given up reading, the sun was too bright. It was very hot and I gradually became aware of crowds around me, and much movement and colour and noise and little bells tinkling. I was part of the crowd on this hot, hot day, and there were friends with me, I recognised their faces. I wasn't lying on the beach either, but walking in the crowd. We were going into the courtyard of a Buddhist Temple. There were string lines up everywhere, and people had pinned streamers of white paper on the lines, to represent prayers, just like Christians sometimes burn candles. The crowd consisted of family parties of all ages, all going to the Temple and carrying lotus flowers. I knew it must be a national holiday, and everyone was going to pay their respects to the Buddha. There were many monks in bright saffron robes.

When we got to the doors of the Temple we took off our outdoor shoes, so as not to deface the Temple. A lot of the young couples had their babies with them, making their first visit to the Temple, and the babies, although very young, were dressed up in their best clothes, in bright colours embroidered with beads and edged with lace. I saw one little baby near me who was in bright blue silk, with a little close-fitting bonnet. She had a couple of soft curls escaping from her bonnet, and the mother, who seemed very young, kept moistening her finger with her tongue and tried to make the little curls sit down flat on the baby's forehead. Besides the babies-in-arms, there were the old people being helped along by their sons and daughters and grandchildren. The women were dressed in their best and brightest saris and the men were in white. We moved slowly on in the crowd up a flight of stairs and along a gallery until we came to the inner Temple, where there was a great gold statue of Buddha in its own special shrine, with drawn curtains. The curtains were drawn apart, as was the custom at this special hour, and the host of people left their lotus flowers all round the Buddha, until there was a great carpet of

flowers and the air was heavy with scent. I passed on with my friends, and when we came back to the great door, we put on our outdoor shoes and went across the courtyard into the teeming crowds in the streets, where the little bells were still tinkling . . . I knew I must be in Ceylon, because there were some girls wearing Girl Guide Badges, and they were wearing white saris and as we passed, they made the Guide Sign. The bells went on tinkling, tinkling . . . and then I was aware they were not tinkling any more, they were deep bells tolling, tolling . . . a minute between each tolling.

The people were still there, in family parties, carrying little posies of flowers, but they wore different clothes and it was cold and I could see bright blue sea in the distance. I was still with friends, but not the same ones, and we went along with the crowds who were all going to the Church where the bells were tolling. Every house and building had a flag flying and the flags were all hoisted at half-mast. At the Church a little boy was tolling the bell, he was giving it one pull every minute. As I watched him, an old man came and relieved him of the job; they all seemed to be taking it in turns, perhaps ten minutes each.

At other Churches in the neighbourhood the bells were tolling too — there was a continuous mournful tolling everywhere, and a continuous stream of people carrying little posies to the Church.

We went inside and some Boy Scouts were controlling, very quietly, a silent queue of people, moving up to the Sanctuary. They were making a sepulchre of flowers, and each person — man, woman and child — wove his flowers into the sepulchre, before passing on. There were some Girl Guides in grey among the people.

Outside in the sunny, cold air, the flags on the houses were blue with a white cross, and I knew that I was in Greece, and that I had been to the Greek Orthodox Church. The bells tolled from noon until three o'clock and I knew it was Good Friday . . .

It was quite cold as I lay on the beach — I shivered and found the sun had gone under and the weather had changed! But what a lovely thought-journey I had taken.

E.E.M.

HERALDRY

By Lt.-Col. Stoyles, Secretary of the Heraldry Society in Australia — Part I.

The study of heraldry is a fascinating one, leading us into a world of colour and romance, and promoting a justifiable pride in family, school, corporation or association, town, and country — most of which are entitled to bear arms, and many of which, in fact, do.

And apart from this, coats of arms are fun, and their study is of historical value and interest.

What Constitutes a Coat of Arms?

Coats of Arms originated in the days of knighthood. The complete coat of arms is known as an achievement. Details of the various parts which make up an achievement are referred to below.

Helmet: In a coat of arms, the position and type of helmet denotes the rank of the bearer, e.g., the sovereign's helmet is of gold, shown full face; a nobleman's is of silver, in profile; a baronet's is of steel, full face; and an esquire or gentleman's of steel in profile.

Crest: In the melee of battle, the knight wanted to be recognised by his followers, and for this purpose placed the crest on his helmet, which stood out above the heads of the contestants.

At the same time the crest served a protective purpose, breaking the blows of the opponents' sword or mace; while in the tourney it was often a very attractive ornament. In this last respect it should be noted that it cost as much in the old days to equip a knight and his esquire for a tournament as it does today to buy a Rolls-Royce; and when Prince Edward — after Edward I of England — wanted to take part in a tourney and was without funds to do so, he persuaded his mother to pawn her jewels to enable him to enter the lists. In the resulting contest he was defeated, and by the rules of the joust had to surrender his horse, armour, arms, accoutrements and pavilion to the victor. One wonders what Mama had to say about that!

Torse or Wreath: As you all know, if you are well up in your French, the word "torse" comes from the French verb "tordre" to

twist; which explains exactly what this particular item was — a piece of twisted cloth worn on the helmet to hide the join between the crest and the helmet.

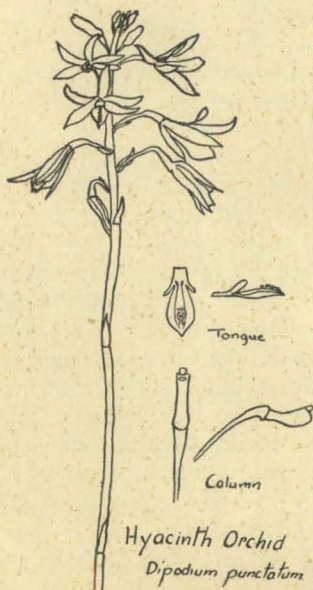
Mantling: This is the name for the scroll seen on either side of the coat of arms, and which emanates from the helmet.

The mantling originated in Palestine, where the knights found it a little cosy in their armour with the fierce sun beating down on their backs, and draped on their helmets' protective cloth, much the same as our soldiers did in the Indian Mutiny.

Motto: This is usually a saying or sentence adopted by the bearer of the arms, on which he modelled his life — e.g., "Bear and Forbear of the Barnard family (whose shield is charged with a bear), and "Set On" of the Seton family. Or sometimes a war cry is used, e.g., "Dieu and mon Droit" of the British Coat of Arms.

Supporters: These are the figures you sometimes see in coats of arms, standing on either side of the shield and supporting it. e.g., the lion and the unicorn in the British coat of arms.

In England, supporters are only granted to noble families and to certain civic and corporate bodies.



Hyacinth Orchid
Dipodium punctatum

Block courtesy Mr. J. Hyett.

HYACINTH ORCHID

One of our most attractive orchids is the tall pink Hyacinth Orchid, which is often spotted. It has no leaves, and the stem of pink flowers, sometimes four feet high, is found during the summer, from December to May. February is the month to see it, when most of the other flowers are finished. I have seen it in the tea tree scrub at Frankston and in the hilly country like Belgrave, Kallista and Sylvan. It is found in all the States except Western Australia. *Dipodium Punctatum* is the botanical name of this handsome orchid. Like all our native orchids, it is protected by law, and may not be picked. This gives the plant a chance to seed, and thus keep up its numbers. It has no leaves in the ordinary sense of the word, as it lives in association with a fungus in the soil, which makes it unnecessary to manufacture its own food. Sepals and petals are nearly equal, $\frac{1}{4}$ -1 inch in length. (Sepals are the green leaves round a flower; in lilies and orchids they are white or coloured, and like the petals.)

Orchids form a big order of plants, though they all belong to one family, Orchidaceae. Some are conspicuous, and others minute. The flowers are mostly insect pollinated and extremely complicated. They are found everywhere except in the coldest and driest regions. Many kinds growing in Southern Australia are known to children. Some suggest spiders, some mosquitoes, some goats and rabbits, and children use such names for them.

Orchids have a rare charm about them which appeals to children. Many of them are quaint in appearance. Jean Galbraith, in her book, "Wildflowers of Victoria," says "They can often be recognised by their distinctive formations, which is due to the highly specialised pollinating devices in this once common family. The colouring of petals and sepals is similar, but except in Sun Orchids, the lowest of the three petals is modified to form the labellum or lip. This variously decorated and unusually enlarged tongue, designed to attract the right insect to pollinate the flower, is often very noticeable, but the important characteristic of the family is the often-conspicuous column, formed by the junction of fusing of the stamens and pistil (seedbox). J.H.

GAMES

To help even the youngest Brownie feel that she is part of our world family.

I've been travelling — no equipment is required. Brownies skip round in a circle until Brown Owl says, "I've been travelling the wide world over."

Pack: "What did you see as you travelled along?"

Brown Owl: "I saw Brownies in Holland going to Church by boat," or "I saw Brownies in Switzerland snowballing," and so on.

The Brownies do the actions and Brown Owl chooses the best actress.

We are flying round the world — Equipment needed — cards with the names or pictures of member countries of the World Association; small cut-out or model aeroplanes.

Brownies stand in a circle, each one holding a card on which is written the name of a member country of the World Association; model or cut-out aeroplanes are placed in front of two Brownies at opposite sides of the circle. The Pack is reminded that there are Brownies almost all over the world and that there is a special way of greeting them.

The Brownies then skip round in their circle singing, to the tune of "London Bridge,"

We are flying round the world, round the world, round the world,

We are flying round the world
Meeting all the Brownies.

At the end of the song the two who are standing by the aeroplanes cross the world to each other's country. As they pass they salute, smile, shake hands, and say the name of their country.

(Backs of old Christmas cards are useful for games like this. Even more interesting than just the name of a country would be pictures or postcards of the country, a word in its language, or a picture of the Brownie uniform of the country.)

International Games for Guides —

The Silken Slipper (from the Philippines).

The Guides are in two lines, facing each other — one line is the Sun, the other is the Moon. The sole of the silken slipper (a soft gym shoe will do) is the Moon, and the upper side is the Sun.

The slipper is thrown up between the two lines; if it lands with the moon uppermost the moon is rising and chases the sun out of the sky. If it lands with the sun uppermost, the sun is rising and chases the moon out of the sky. In either case one line chases the other line to the wall behind them.

Anyone who is caught joins the other line. The game finishes when one line has captured all the other line, or at a given time limit.

International Kim's Game —

In a circle, Captain opens a bag of treasures from other countries — e.g., a Friendship Badge from U.S.A., a photo of Our Chalet, a fan from Japan, etc., etc., and explains where each one comes from and something of the Guides there. The objects are placed in the centre of the circle and removed one at a time — the Guides to know which one has been removed and what country it represented.

(From "The Guider," May, 1961.)

UNIFORM

Did you notice the uniform worn by the Guide on the cover of the December "Matilda"?

Have you noticed the uniform worn by the Guide in the Guide Diary for 1962?

This is the "All-Australia" uniform of pale blue long-sleeved blouse and dark blue six-gored skirt, chosen at the Australian Council Meeting in Perth in 1960.

The States were to decide if, and when, they wished to adopt it. Victoria has now decided to follow the other States and have this "All-Australia" uniform.

It will be available in the Guide Shop in February. However, Guides are not expected to buy this new uniform unless they have outgrown or outworn their overalls.

A Guiders' shoe, for wear on formal occasions, is now available at two city shops — Williams The Shoemen, of 272 Little Collins Street, and Wallace and Co., 267 King Street. A sample will be on display at the Guide Shop.

Would Guiders please ask Patrol Leaders and Seconds to stitch the knots on their lanyards so that they will not slide.

L. GREGORY,

Convener, Uniform Sub-Committee.

FUTURE COURSES

INTRODUCTORY COURSE : 4 weeks' course commencing Tuesday, 6th March, at Headquarters, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. (This Course is for Commissioners, Brownie, Guide and Ranger Guiders new to the Movement.)

G.I.C.: Miss P. Barr.

BROWNIE GUIDERS : 6 weeks' General Course, to commence Wednesday, 16th May, at Headquarters, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

G.I.C.: Mrs. J. Barratt.

8 weeks' Pre-Warrant Course, to commence Thursday, 8th March, at Headquarters, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

G.I.C.: Mrs. A. Sharp.

6 weeks' General Course, to commence Tuesday, 10th April, at Headquarters, from 7.45 p.m. to 9.45 p.m.

G.I.C.: Mrs. C. Morton.

8 weeks' Pre-Warrant Course, to commence Wednesday, 7th March, at Headquarters, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

G.I.C.: Miss H. Gross.

GUIDE GUIDERS : 6 weeks' General Course, to commence Thursday, 3rd May, at Headquarters, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

G.I.C.: Mrs. D. James.

8 weeks' Pre-Warrant Course, to commence Wednesday, 14th March, at Headquarters, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

G.I.C.: Miss M. Lambe.

6 weeks' General Course, to commence Thursday, 31st May, at Headquarters, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

G.I.C.: Miss E. Bunning.

8 weeks' Pre-Warrant Course, to commence Thursday, 8th March, at Headquarters, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

G.I.C.: Mrs. M. Ellis.

If applications warrant it, a **6 weeks' Pre-Warrant Course** will be held for Guiders who have been First Class Guides, commencing Friday, 9th March, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

G.I.C.: Miss S. Macleod.

NOTE : It is suggested that Guiders new to the Movement attend the Introductory Course for 4 weeks, then attend the General Course of 6 weeks.

Fee for all Courses — 5/-.

APPLICATIONS FOR TRAINING COURSES SHOULD BE FORWARDED ON THE OFFI-

CIAL NOMINATION FORM TO THE TRAINING SECRETARY AT HEADQUARTERS, NO LATER THAN ONE WEEK BEFORE COMMENCEMENT OF EACH COURSE.

C. Walker, Training Adviser.

CAMPERS, PLEASE NOTE !

When sending cheques for equipment, please make them payable to **Victorian Girl Guide Camping Fund**. Money Orders and Postal Notes to be made payable to **Northcote South**.

M. McDONALD, Camping Adviser.

THINKING DAY — REMINDER

Catholic Guiders are reminded that there will be a special Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, 25th February, followed by a Breakfast at Guide Headquarters. Assembly will take place in Lansdowne Street, at not later than 9.30 a.m.

Guiders are reminded that Headquarters must be notified of the numbers attending, in order to facilitate catering arrangements.

CAMPING DEPARTMENT

Campers, Please Note: As from 1st February, 1962, the Testing Fee for P.L. Permits and Ranger Overnight Tests will be 7/6, all other Tests will be 12/6. There will still be a booking fee of 1/-, but the 1/- or 2/6 fee with Permission to Camp forms will no longer be required, **but two stamped and addressed envelopes must be enclosed.**

Camp First Aid Certificate Testing: Would Guiders please give Testers reasonable notice when they require to be tested?

Campcraft First Aid Course: A course has been arranged to commence on Wednesday, 7th March, 1962, at the Ivanhoe Scout Hall. Guiders interested, please contact Miss M. Owen, 383 Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe.

LUNCHEON PARTY AT HEADQUARTERS

The Victorian Executive Committee entertained delegates from all States, England, New Zealand, Hong Kong and the Philippines, also Leaders of the Handicapped Section of the Movement, and Rangers and Guiders who are attending a Conference, and a National Camp at Guide House.

While enjoying a very nice lunch they were given the opportunity to get to know one another before being transported to Guide House.

WHAT EVERY GIRL GUIDE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT FIRE

(Issued by the Country Fire Authority of Victoria.

Fire is one of the tools used by Guides and like all tools it must be handled with care. Fire is essential for the success of outdoor camping. It cooks your food and provides light, but it can be (however) a most dangerous tool to use. A lighted match is a small fire and the tiny flame of one match can become the roaring tornado of a bush fire. Bush fires have destroyed whole forests, valuable pasture, many homes and much livestock. In 1939, 71 human lives were lost in bush fires.

Every summer, our bushlands and grasslands are sensitive to fire, because heat and dry north winds turn the green verdure of spring into the brown dryness of summer. As Guides you owe a special duty to the community to use fire safely and wisely. You must learn how to use it for your purposes and keep it within bounds. To help you do this the Country Fire Authority has prepared the following information for the guidance of Rangers, Cadets and Guiders as well as all Guides.

Fire Regulations:

Parliament has brought into being for the general welfare laws intended to control the use of fire in the open air during the summer months and it is essential that you know how these controls affect your outdoor activities.

In the first place, "summer periods" are declared by the Chief Secretary for all parts of the country area of Victoria, commencing and ending on different dates in different regions according to the conditions of dryness. It is during these periods that special controls are in force and not to comply with these regulations is a legal offence for which the maximum penalty is a fine of £100 or imprisonment for twelve months, or both fine and imprisonment. Care is, of course, needed with fire at all times of the year.

Under the Forests Act restrictions on the lighting of fires apply throughout the whole year in State Forests and national parks and during "prohibited periods" within one mile of the boundaries of any State Forest or national park.

Information concerning the restricted periods and the areas concerned can be ob-

tained from the Country Fire Authority (JA 4101) and the Forests Commission (60 0361).

In summary form, the regulations covering the lighting of fires during the restricted periods state:—

- (a) The fire shall not be lighted within twenty-five feet of any log or stump.
- (b) The fire shall be lighted in a properly constructed fireplace or in a properly constructed trench at least eighteen inches deep. If made with stones, the fireplace should be thoroughly walled in to prevent sparks or burning twigs escaping in a strong wind and setting alight to nearby grass or undergrowth.
- (c) The ground within a radius of ten feet shall be thoroughly cleared of all inflammable material (such as dry grass, leaves, twigs, papers or anything which will burn). Before clearing the site make sure that your fire will not be underneath overhanging tree branches.
- (d) No fire must ever be left unattended and every fire must be completely extinguished before leaving it. Pour water on the ashes and stir the embers with a stick to wet both sides of them. A trench should always be refilled with earth after thorough wetting of the ashes.

Guides are taught not only to extinguish their fires, but hide where they have been. Every care should be taken to see that clean earth and not leaves and twigs are scattered over the ashes, and that half-burned logs are not thrown into the undergrowth.

Do not use more wood than is needed to boil the billy. Thick branches take longer to burn away than thin branches. Wood stacks should be placed outside the cleared space and on the side of the fire from which the wind is coming.

Acute Fire Danger Day:

Provision has also been made for declaring a day of "Acute Fire Danger" when strong northerly winds and high temperatures could cause the rapid spread of fire. On such days positively **no** fire may be lit in the open air even in coppers or stoves. These days are announced by broadcast from the

national broadcasting stations at 7 p.m. on the previous evening when possible.

If the day is very hot and windy, use your own judgment, and if you have not heard the broadcast — do without a fire. In some circumstances it is much safer to cook at night and eat cold the next day. The penalties mentioned previously are doubled for offences on such days of "Acute Fire Danger."

Choosing a Camp Site:

Always try to choose a camp site near water. You will need water for cooking and washing and to extinguish your camp fire when you have finished cooking your meal. The locality should be as safe from approaching fire as possible. Remember that fire will usually come from the north or west, but may come from any direction.

Advantage can be taken of any natural obstacles to the progress of a fire — for example, a stream, road or cleared ground. Make your camp on the south or east side of the obstacle. If your camp is in scrub country, with little or no natural protection, seek out the nearest safe place for an emergency evacuation. Overnight roving camps should avoid fire-traps where there is no easy way of making a quick escape. When hiking through uninhabited bush, let the nearest police and fire officer know where you are going. Gullies and valleys are more dangerous than open ground. They act like a chimney and draw the fire upwards. Slopes facing the south are safer than those facing the north with similar vegetation.

Pre-Camp Preparations:

(a) **The Local Fire Brigade.** The locality of the nearest fire brigade and police station can always be ascertained from the headquarters of the respective authorities and on arrival at the locality arrangements made beforehand for reporting fires if they do occur. A telephone may be available at a nearby farmhouse, and if a little trouble is taken to find out from the local post office how to call out the fire brigade, it could well save precious time and avert a disaster. Where possible, make contact with the local fire officer on arrival. Knowing where your camp is could be of great assistance to him in an emergency.

(b) **Inflammable Liquids.** Inflammable liquids are highly dangerous. Do not handle

them casually. Keep them in well stoppered tins, clearly marked, from which they can be poured without spilling. Do not put petrol in kerosene appliances. In camp, keep inflammable liquids stored away from other inflammable material. Fill lamps and stoves out of doors and well away from any naked flame.

(c) **Clothing.** Severe and sometimes fatal burns can be suffered when clothing catches alight. Do not wear very loose clothes near a fire. Loose clothing should be tucked in tight, particularly plastic raincoats, which are highly inflammable. Ties should be either removed or pinned, and long plaits of hair prevented from hanging down when tending a fire or looking after cooking utensils over a fire. Woollen garments are safest at a fire. When ignited, wool will not flare up like cotton. Keep your arms and legs covered when near a fire. Should you be called upon to do any fire-fighting, be fully clothed with as little bare skin as possible. Great care must be exercised with all plastic materials, such as ground sheets and plastic bags which may easily be blown on to a fire.

(d) **Fire-Fighting Equipment.** Some fire-fighting equipment is essential, even if it is only a bucket full of water. Water is the best weapon with which to fight fires, and where it is available in plentiful supply, take as many buckets as possible with you. Place them at various strategic positions around the camp. When using fire during the summer always provide a tin of water with a sack soaking in it beside the fire. If your fire escapes, you have the means of dousing it immediately.

Knapsack spray pumps are very effective and will conserve water. They do, however, require experience if the best use is to be made of them. They are used extensively by fire brigades. Beaters also require experience, the flat kind (as with a bough or wet sack) tending to spread the sparks unless an enveloping action is used instead of a flapping motion. Beat the fire with a sweeping stroke towards the area already burned. Rakes are useful for fire in dry leaves and sticks. Rake into the fire unless preparing a break ahead of it. Whatever equipment is provided should be readily available for instant use.

Light sandy soil is often effective when spread over a fire.

What To Do In Case Of Fire:

If fire spreads from your campfire or starts anywhere else in your camp, attack it immediately. Do not panic. Small fires can be dealt with easily. If your camp is threatened by an approaching fire, act in accordance with evacuation plans, which should be worked out immediately on arrival at the site.

Do not underestimate the speed of a fire. You are not safe just because you think the fire is "miles away." Fanned by a strong wind, fire will travel very quickly.

If caught unawares or unable to evacuate, tents should be dropped and all equipment placed in the centre of the cleared areas of the camp site, keeping tins of inflammable liquids separate. With as much water and food as possible, all personnel should seek safety on the downwind side of the nearest and biggest clearing. This should have been located on the first day of camp. Wet all blankets and sleeping bags, wet hair and clothes, tie wet cloth over face and lie down. If there is time, a small fire-break on the upwind side of the party will give added protection from an approaching grass fire and may even stop it. This can be quickly made by turning the soil over with a spade or digging a shallow trench, throwing the earth to the side from which the fire is coming. The wider the break the more effective it will be. Be prepared to extinguish any sparks which cross the fire-break. In an extreme emergency, wide, shallow areas in a river may afford the only protection available.

In a fast-burning fire the safest place is in the burnt-out area behind the fire-front. Run quickly through the flame, which, under these conditions, is not wide. If the grass is thick and slow burning this should not be attempted — the distance to safety is much greater.

Conclusion:

Your greatest enemy in a fire is panic. Calmness and action along thought-out lines will save lives.

During the summer you must never throw down any lighted substance on to the ground. This means you must be careful to blow out any match you have used to light

a lamp or kerosene stove. If you have any visitors in your camp, do not let them throw down any burning cigarette ends. Remember to be CAREFUL with fire. Never play with fire or matches. Fire is too dangerous to be treated lightly. Use it only for ESSENTIAL purposes.



NATIONAL GALLERY CULTURAL CENTRE

At the meeting of the State Council on 4th December, it was decided that we should join with other women's organisations in Victoria to contribute to a gallery to be called the "Victorian Women's Gallery."

Members of the Council agreed that no Brownies or Guides should be asked to support the fund, as they are already doing their bit in another way, but that all others should be given the opportunity of joining in giving and that it would thus be shown to future generations that the Girl Guides Association played their part in helping towards the building of one of Melbourne's — and indeed Australia's — great centres.

All women in Victoria are being asked to give 5/- (or 2/6 at two separate times) and special 2/6 stamps will be given in the form of a receipt.

Further information will be circulated to Divisional Commissioners and this will be followed by the issue of books of stamps.

We feel sure that Commissioners, Local Association Secretaries, Trefoil Guilds and Guiders will welcome the opportunity of helping with this appeal.

Mrs. Searby will represent the State Council on the Women's Gallery Committee and will conduct our effort with the assistance of Mrs. F. W. Faulkner and Mrs. T. M. Ramsay.

IRENE FAIRBAIRN.

AWARDS FOR VICTORIANS

It was with pride and joy that we heard in December last the splendid news that approval had been granted for the presentation of certain Guide Awards to quite a number of our Victorian members, who have given loyal and outstanding service to the Guide Movement in this State, in many capacities, for a great number of years.

On 4th December last, Mrs. Fairbairn, in the presence of members of the State Council, presented the following Awards:

Beaver — to Miss M. Cooper:

Miss Cooper has used her knowledge as a highly qualified Accountant in the service of the Guide Movement as Hon. Treasurer of Treasurer, assistant to the Hon. Treasurer of Victoria, Assistant State Commissioner and Headquarters Commissioner of Victoria. Her work on the annual balance sheets and in organising finance and initiating plans had been of inestimable value and is known throughout Australia; and beyond her specialised services in finance, her interest and influence in every aspect of Guiding have been an inspiration to the Movement.

Beaver — to Mrs. F. Faulkner:

As a pioneer member of the Guide Movement in Victoria, Mrs. Faulkner has given loyal and unselfish service in many capacities since 1920 — as a member of the Executive Committee, Deputy and Acting State Commissioner, member of Finance Sub-Committee, Commissioner for Lones and Rangers, Convener Guide House Committee, Division Commissioner (on two separate occasions). Other activities have included responsibility for transport for All-Australian Camp in N.S.W., organiser of "Handcraft Village" to raise funds; represented Victoria at Federal Council Meeting and Australia at "Paxting" in Hungary. At all times her service to the Movement has been characterised by whole-hearted enthusiasm and a spirit of understanding and friendliness to all. Mrs. Faulkner recently completed a five-year term as Victorian Post Box Secretary.

Medal of Merit — to Miss M. Moore:

Miss M. Moore has been a most active member of the Movement as Guider and Commissioner since the early days of the organisation in Victoria (1924) and has given especially distinguished service to Camping and to First Aid Training and in setting a

high standard for gaining Badges. For seven years during and after the war of 1939-45 she gave outstanding service as Superintendent of the Girl Guides Red Cross Emergency Company. She has represented Australia at an International Conference and during several journeys abroad she has been a valuable liaison with Guiding in Great Britain and other countries and with the other international societies of Red Cross and Y.W.C.A.

Medal of Merit — to Mrs. G. O. Reid:

With a long record of Guiding as Guider, Commissioner and L.A. President, Mrs. Reid has given outstanding service by devoting her professional knowledge as a lawyer to all aspects of the Guide Movement in Victoria where it has been needed. She has worked on Constitutions, insurance schemes and the passage through Parliament of an Act incorporating the Association, but above all, she has worked constantly for years on the Sub-Committee for Properties. She has prepared regulation documents and brought former agreements into line with them. She has attended many meetings and, with tact and patience, explained the necessary principles and formalities, and has won the co-operation of organisations which were eager to help.

Her work has been exacting and required constant correspondence and attention to detail, but it has been a prominent factor in the expansion of Guiding through the State, and is responsible for the sound financial position of the many properties held in the name of the Girl Guides Association. It is a most lasting contribution to the Movement, and in addition to her specialised legal work, Mrs. Reid's clear judgment and advice as member of Council and Executive Committee have been of the greatest value to general policy.

On 14th December, Mrs. Fairbairn presented three further Awards to:

Beaver — to Mrs. E. Littlejohn:

Mrs. Littlejohn has had wide experience of the Girl Guide Movement as Commissioner and Guider, has, with only a short break, been a member of the Council since 1929, was a member of Executive Committee for many years, and has served in many projects and capacities, including Equipment Department and Finance Sub-Committee. Her three outstanding contributions have been in

Guide House Property — Mrs. Littlejohn helped to find the property, organised the fund and the adaption of the property as Convener of the Guide House Committee.

Guide War Effort — Her initiative and definite ideas helped the Guides to formulate and organise a plan within the first days of the declaration of war and it was carried on with great enthusiasm.

Headquarters Building Fund — When move from 60 Market Street became necessary, Mrs. Littlejohn was energetic in organising the appeal for Headquarters Building Fund.

The influence of her initiative and meticulous attention to all details of any project with which she was associated, thus ensuring its success, has been felt in many phases of the Movement.

Beaver — to Miss B. M. Macartney:

From the beginning of her Guiding, Miss Macartney took a position of Leadership and responsibility and has been especially outstanding for her services to the Ranger Branch and as State Secretary of Victoria. She has been a successful and progressive Captain and Ranger Adviser (Commissioner for Rangers) and has gained the Ranger Training Diploma and taken trainings for Ranger Guiders of Companies throughout the State.

As State Secretary for the last nine years, Miss Macartney has gained the affectionate admiration and gratitude of the whole Movement in Victoria, and the high esteem of the Guide Associations of the other States of Australia.

Medal of Merit — to Miss H. Gross:

Though her longest service has been as Brownie Guider and Brownie Trainer, the influence of Miss Gross has been felt throughout the Movement through her special qualifications, and her willingness to use them in many capacities. She has been Quartermaster to Guide Camps, First Aider to Guide Camps and to large combined functions, Head of Tests and Badges for Guides, and has taken Brownie Trainings in many parts of the State at Training Weeks and Weekends. In addition, she has undertaken special projects at Guide Headquarters — Minute Secretary to Executive Committee, organiser of appeal for Building Fund; and above all, she has for seven years prepared

the Supplement for Victoria to the Annual Report, which is an invaluable record of the Movement, both for the present and the future.

The following night, at the Guiders' Christmas Party, came another presentation:

Beaver — to Miss V. Harrison:

In addition to long service as Guider and Commissioner, Miss V. Harrison has given distinguished service over many years to the Ranger Branch and to the Camping Department throughout the State and has organised with great success several large projects for the Guide Movement in Victoria as a whole.

On Wednesday, 20th December, during Headquarters Staff Christmas Party, Mrs. Fairbairn had the honour of presenting yet a further Award:

Beaver — to Miss E. Bunning:

Miss Bunning has been a member of the Movement for over thirty years, during which time she has given conspicuous service as Guider, Organiser and Trainer in City and Country Districts. As she was moved to various high schools, she opened Guide Companies wherever possible, e.g., Boronia and Warragul. At present Captain 5th North Kew Company.

We extend to all these people our very warm and sincere congratulations.

CHOIR ACTIVITIES

You enjoyed the Camp Fire at the Melbourne Guiders' Conference, and the carols at the Guiders' Christmas Party? You would like to learn some of the songs?

Then join the Guide Choir and sing with us. During 1961, the Choir prepared and sang five folk songs at the Annual Meeting in October. In addition to singing two special groups of carols at the Guiders' Party, the Choir went carol singing at Royal Park, where we visited several Trefoil Guild members in particular.

We have learned many new songs and some old favourites have been revived. In doing so, we have had a great deal of fun and enjoyment.

We look forward to welcoming you to our next Choir practice, which will be held in the Training Room at Headquarters on Tuesday, 27th February, from 5.30-6.30 p.m.

B.L.W.

BROWNIE BETTY

When the Pack re-opened in February, they played a game with the Brownies of the World pictures they had coloured. The pictures were covered with strips of clear plastic and placed round the sides of a grassy place; and the Brownies skipped round in a circle singing, to the tune of "Three Blind Mice":—

All round the world, all round the world,
The Brownies are, Brownies are,
They've yellow, brown and white skins
too,
And some wear green or white or blue;
But they all wear smiles like me and you,
All round the world.

Then, if Tawny said "white uniforms," they had to tell the name of the country where the Brownies wear white, and also something else about their uniform. If they knew without looking at the pictures, they told Brown Owl, those who had to look then told Tawny, and each gave the first correct one a shell. (Pack Leader ran and checked any which the Guiders weren't sure about.) When Tawny said, "Their Badge is a bird," Betty rushed straight to Brown Owl and said: "Sudan, and they wear a white thing on their heads," and she won a shell.

Then they had a Pow-wow about Thinking Day. Brown Owl explained that the birthdays of both Lord Baden-Powell, who started Scouts and Guides, and Lady Baden-Powell, who is the Chief Guide, were on 22nd February; so Guiders and Brownies all over the world had chosen that day to specially think of each other.

On the Thinking Day meeting, which would be next week, every Brownie and Guide who could, brought some money to be used to help other Brownies and Guides who needed help.

The Thinking Day money from all over Australia was collected together, and last year it had been over £1000. "Why do they need help, Brown Owl?" asked Lynette. Well, if there has been a bad flood or an earthquake, some Brownies and Guides will have lost their equipment and uniforms," said Brown Owl, "In some countries there are no Guide Captains, Brown Owls or Tawnies, and someone has to go from another country to teach the grown-ups, so they

can start Brownies and Guides, and that costs a lot of money. And in some places the people are so poor that they can't buy uniforms, in fact, they can't buy enough food for the children." The Brownies decided that they would all save up and go without sweets and bring the money; but Betty had a problem, her mother's birthday was at the end of February, and she was saving hard for a special present. She made the sign that she wanted to speak and when Brown Owl said "Yes, Betty," Betty asked, "Would it be all right to walk to school and save my bus fares?" and Brown Owl said, "Yes, if your mother says you may."

They decided they'd like their Thinking Day meeting to be about India; and Tawny asked what sort of things they'd expect to see in India. Tigers, elephants, Indians, snakes, Rajahs, palaces and monkeys were their suggestions. Betty told her mother about Thinking Day and asked about walking to school; and her mother said that if she was very careful crossing roads she could do so on the fine days when she had plenty of time. So Betty did that, and one day she walked home with Marea, who was a Tweenie in the Pack and a Fairy like Betty. She told Betty that she had been born in Greece, but she didn't remember seeing any Greek Brownies. Betty arranged to help Marea learn the words of Brownie Ring, because she had lost her card, and to call for her before Brownies.

The Thinking Day meeting began with Brown Owl looking to see if they were nice and tidy to fly to India, while Tawny collected sixpences for their fares. Pack Leader, who was the Air Hostess, had arranged chairs for the plane and every chair had a safety belt made of two pieces of cord. Brown Owl explained that when the Air Hostess said, "Fasten your safety belts, please," everyone had to join their cords with a safe knot. The Tweenies' cords were both the same thickness, but the Brownies had a thinner cord at their right hand; and Brown Owl showed Betty how to tie a sheet-bend, which is the proper knot for cords of different thickness.

When they arrived in India, Tawny had pictures of things they had expected to see.

She gave them 16 cards, four pictures of each of the things they were likely to see in a city — Indians, Rajahs, palaces and elephants, and they scattered them on the grass and stood in a line in front of them. Tawny showed them how the initial letters, Item, Roger, Peter and Easy are signalled in semaphore and told them when they recognised a letter to run and bring her a picture beginning with it. The first two received two shells and any one else correct scored one. Betty got one each for Rajah and Elephant. Then Tawny added Tigers, Monkeys and Snakes. When anyone scored six she became signaller and the game began again. It was fun!

Then at Pow-wow Brown Owl told them that Brownies in India are called Bulbuls, after a pretty bird; and Brown Owl is Wise Bird, and Tawny, Little Wise Bird. She showed them how Bulbuls salute by bowing and raising both hands, each with two fingers held up, to their foreheads. Everyone had to try this, of course; and then Pack Leader and Julie brought in some rice which Julie had boiled and some curry which Brown Owl had brought for them to heat; and they served everyone a little of each in a patty-pan and ate it with ice cream spoons.

Brown Owl explained that Indian people didn't get much meat, and have to eat rice for most meals, so they have curry with it to make it tasty. They looked at the picture of a Bulbul and then placed a map of the world in the centre and each one put her Thinking Day money on it.

Betty had saved 1/3 on her bus fares; but Marea had forgotten, so Betty gave her the 3d. to put in. The Pack's total was £2/6/3.

They came into Brownie Ring the way some Bulbuls come into Bulbul Ring. Brown Owl, Tawny and Pack Leader stood near the Toadstool and sang:—

Where, oh where, are the little pigeons,
Where, oh where, are the jays and mynahs?
Where, oh where, are the happy Bulbuls?
Come, come to the Bulbul Ring.

Then they followed their Sixers round the circle and into the Ring singing:—

Flying, flying, flying, flying,
Flying, flying, flying, flying,
Flying, flying to you, our Wise Birds,
To the Bulbul Ring we love.

Then Pack Leader taught them an Indian game. She gave everyone an empty matchbox and two match sticks, and they had to put the matchboxes on their heads and go up to someone else and both sit down cross-legged and stand up again without touching the matchbox or the ground with their hands. If anyone dropped her box or touched it, she had to give the other one of her matches. Anyone who lost both matches was out, and when above half were out, Pack Leader made it harder as they had to keep their arms folded while they sat down. Susan won the first time and they did it again and Marea won. Betty was pleased and patted her on the back.

Tawny told a story about India and then they learnt a Bulbul way of finishing a meeting in which they made the Bulbul Salute each time they sang "Good-bye." (Betty had learnt the tune at kindergarten to words about leaves falling down.)

We are Bulbuls of India in our frocks of
light blue,

We have worked and been helpful and we
say goodbye to you.

Goodbye to our Wise Birds, goodbye,
goodbye,

We have finished our meeting and home
we must fly.

On the last line they all ran out of the Circle flapping their arms for wings.

They had a last look to see they hadn't left a match or a patty-pan behind, then got into the plane, fastened their safety belts, flew back to Australia and put away the cords and the aeroplane seats.

It was arranged that Julie and the other 10-year-old Brownies were to go with the Guiders to a District Thinking Day Ceremony and hand in the Pack's Thinking Day money. Then they said a Thinking Day prayer:

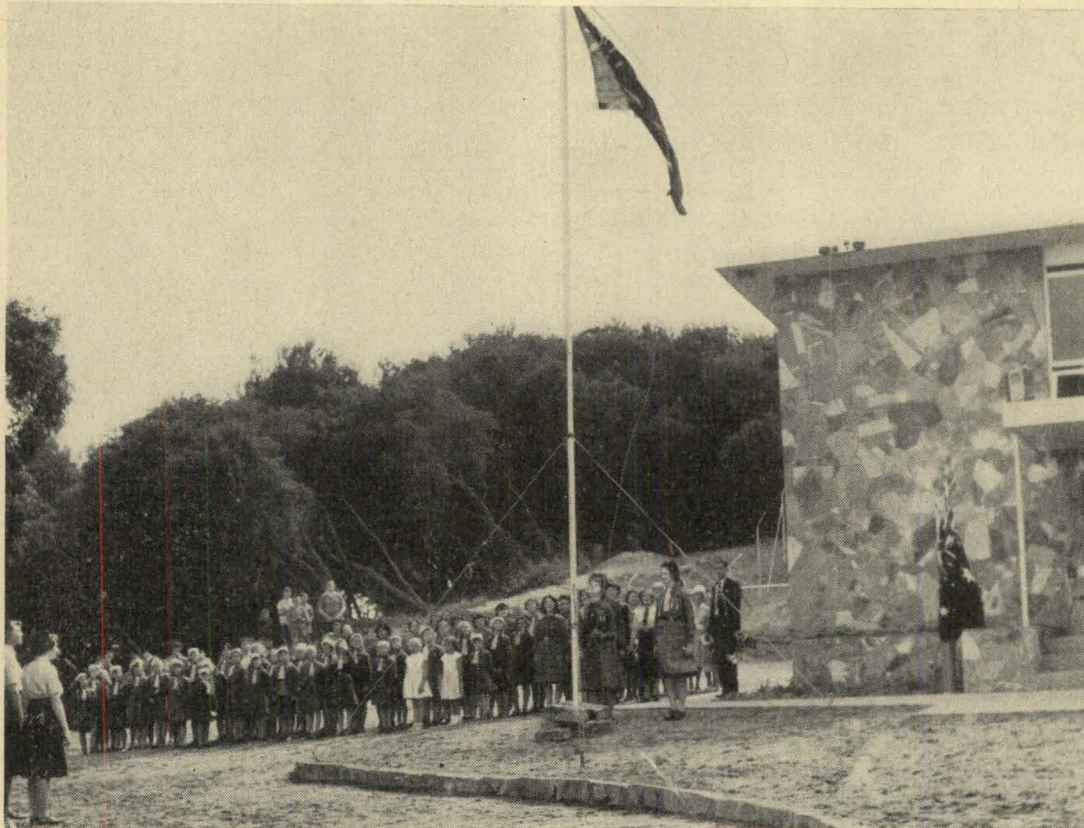
God bless the Brownies of this land,
And those across the sea.

Be near them as we think of them,
Wherever they may be.

"Don't forget to think of other Brownies on Thursday," said Brown Owl, as they said goodnight.

"I'll remember," said Betty, and she did. She thought specially of Bulbuls and the El Tur el Zirkas, of the Sudan. "Wouldn't it be

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OPENING OF THE CHELTENHAM DISTRICT GUIDE HALL

Saturday, 4th November was the day that had been marked on calendars in the homes of Guiding people of the Cheltenham District.

It was to be a busy day, last-minute jobs at the Hall, Uniforms to be made spic and span, scones to make, and for some families an early start because two of our Guides were to receive their Queen's Guide Awards at the Investiture at Government House.

For our State Commissioner, Mrs. Fairbairn, it was also to be a full day.

First attending the Investiture at Government House, then on to a luncheon at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Kirkham, where she was able to meet all the Guiders of the District, and Representatives of the Cheltenham L.A.

At the Hall, over 300 guests were assembled, the Ceremony commenced, Guides and Brownies formed a half circle around the Flagpole, when Colours were broken all joined in the singing of the National An-

them, after which Prayers were led by Guide Captain, Mrs. Williamson.

The guests were officially welcomed by the Chairman on behalf of the L.A.

Our District Commissioner, Mrs. Kirkham, said "thank you" to all those people who had helped Guiding in the District, and especially those who had made the building of the Hall possible.

The programme concluded with afternoon tea served by L.A. members, and we were proud to hear the many favourable comments made by our guests about the Hall.

BROWNIE BETTY (cont. from page 27) lovely if we could really go and play with them?" she said to Marea, "still, I can really play with you, and you come from Greece, so that's almost as good."—H.G.

(The story of "Brownie Betty," printed in the December issue, will be continued in March "Matilda.")

HEADQUARTERS JOTTINGS

Business dealt with by the Executive Committee at its meetings on 2nd November and 14th December, 1961:

General Business:

Victorian Post Box Secretary — Acceptance received from Mrs. B. Y. Hall.

National Council of Women — Guide Representative: Acceptance received from Mrs. H. A. M. Watson.

Youth Council of Victoria — Guide Representative: Resignation from Miss S. Wirth received with regret. Consideration to be given to appointment of a new representative.

N.S.W. Training Weekend — Report received from Mrs. G. J. Duncan, Victoria's representative.

B-P and Trefoil Guilds National Joint Committee — reported that advice had been received that Australia had been admitted to the International Fellowship of Former Scouts and Guides; also, that Miss E. Moran had agreed to represent the Victorian Executive Committee on the National Joint Committee.

Trefoil Guilds — Report on year's activities received from State Recorder.

Awards — Reported that Guide Awards had been approved by the Australian Awards Sub-Committee for the following:

Beaver: Mrs. F. Faulkner, Miss M. Cooper, Miss E. Bunning, Miss V. Harrison, Mrs. E. Littlejohn, Miss B. M. Macartney.

Medal of Merit: Miss H. Gross, Miss M. Moore, Mrs. G. O. Reid.

Outward Bound School — Report from Victorian representative, Misses S. Wirth and M. Woodlock, received.

Youth Rally at Showgrounds — Report received from official representatives of Guide Association.

Ballarat Division Council — Constitution adopted by Council accepted.

Annual Meeting — Date and Guest Speaker for 1962 considered.

Britain's Panorama 1962 — Reported that Robin O'Brien (Cadet) and Lindsey Pearson (Lone Ranger) had been selected as Victoria's nominees.

United Nations' Association of Australia, Victorian Division — Guide Representative: Mrs. J. L. Pearson, State International Re-

presentative, agreed to replace Mrs. H. Cock resigned.

Junior Tree Lovers' League — Approval given to Association's participation in this Tree-Planting Scheme for young people.

Moomba Float 1963 — Reported that Diamond Valley Division had consented to arrange the Guide Float in the 1963 Procession.

Ex-Commissioners' Guild — Reported that Division Commissioners had approved this suggestion.

Combined Scout and Guide Mass, 25th February, 1962 — Plan to hold a Breakfast at Headquarters for Catholic Members following the Mass approved. Reported that Mrs. E. J. Angel and Mrs. M. Lawson had agreed to organise this.

Australian Council Meeting — Minutes received and items requiring comments and opinions considered.

Finance:

Minutes of meetings held on 20th and 26th September and 22nd November, 1961, accepted.

Personnel of Finance Sub-Committee considered and suggestions for new members approved.

Brownie Branch:

Suggested project to raise money for a canoe to assist the Guide Association in Papua-New Guinea with their work approved

Camping Department:

Approval given to appointment of Miss M. Mellor as Assistant Camp Adviser approved.

Offer from Boy Scouts Association to paint equipment hut at Wonga Park as a "good turn" gratefully received.

Report on Victoria's delegation to Australian Guiders' Camp, 1962, received.

Training Department:

Report received from Adviser on progress of prospective Trainers; suggestion for decentralisation by using Regions for purpose of administration, types of trainings available for Guiders.

International:

Reports received from State International Representative and Australian Guiders who had attended overseas gatherings.

Property Sub-Committee:

Reports and recommendations on the following districts received and approved —

Newport, St. Albans, Glenroy, Waaia, Lakes Entrance, Bentleigh, Scoresby, Kerang, Clunes, Cardross, Beaumaris, Deer Park, Colac, Warrnambool, Springvale, Oakleigh, Robinvale, Lockington, St. Albans, Yea, Lang Croydon, Drysdale, Yarraville, Swan Hill, Lang and Pakenham, Mitcham.

New Commissioners and Boundaries:

Report and recommendations received from Sub-Committee approved.

World Bureau:

Correspondence received for opinion and action — Joint Guide-Girl Scout and Boy Scouts Associations; World Association Travelling Commissioners; Freedom from Hunger Campaign; Conference — UNESCO's Major Project on Mutual Appreciation of Eastern and Western Cultural Values; World Association Regional Training Conference for National Leaders, West Africa; Training Conference for National Leaders, Asian Area.

Opinion and Action:

Election of Australian Office-Bearers; World Conference, Denmark; Britain's Panorama 1962; Australian P.O. & R.; World Chief Guide; Nominations for World Committee and Sub-Committees; Proposed Regional Youth Seminar, 1962; Premises — Australian Headquarters; UNESCO Travel Grants for Youth Leaders; Honorary Auditor; Girl Scouts — Cuba; Catholic Secretariat; Australian Executive.

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DIAMOND VALLEY DIVISION

The Diamond Valley Division conducted a competition among the Brownies and Guides in the Division on "Where I Think my 'Thinking Day' Pennies Will Go."

Kerry O'Hara won the Brownie Section, and Sue Bell the Guide Section. Well done, Kerry and Sue.

FOR SERVICE

Thanks Badges awarded to:

Mrs. E. Reed, South Barwon; Mr. W. Allan, Mr. J. James, Cheltenham; Mrs. Greer, Camberwell North; Mrs. H. Morris, Byaduk; Mrs. R. Thompson, Mrs. W. Pimm, Mrs. J. Taylor, Kew; Mrs. C. Cook, Mrs. W. Matthews, Mrs. C. Young, Mrs. Flood, Mrs. A. Cook, Mrs. W. Robinson, Mrs. R. Davey, Trafalgar; Mrs. A. Bell, Gippsland Western Port; Mr. L. Sack, Syndal; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hayes, 1st Montrose Company; Mrs. R. Kirwin, Merebein.

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Congratulations to the following recipients:

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WARRANTS RETURNED FOR CANCELLATION

Captains:

Miss G. Colquhoun, 3rd Hamilton.

Lieutenants:

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Brown Owls:

Mrs. J. Bigmore, 1st Drysdale; Mrs. M. D. McDonald, 1st Maffra; Mrs. H. G. Schroder, 1st Katunga.

Tawny Owls:

Miss L. C. Truscott, 1st Toora; Mrs. D. B. J. McCarthy, 1st Pyramid Hill; Miss P. M. Gaston, 1st Springvale South; Miss J. Rowe, 1st Glen Waverley.

RESULTS OF PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Black and White — Under 13:

1st Prize—Susan Bell, Eltham.

2nd Prize—Susan Albertson, Portland.

Black and White — Under 17:

1st Prize—Lesley Albertson, Portland.

2nd Prize—Anita Jillings, Eltham.

Black and White — Open:

1st Prize—Mrs. N. J. Bell, Eltham.

2nd Prize—Mrs. L. C. Bult, Elwood.

Coloured Slides — Open:

1st Prize—Lesley Albertson, Portland.

2nd Prize—Miss N. Simms, Brunswick.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Ann McFarlane, a Guide from 1st Wattle Park Company. Ann was one of the lucky winners of a "Trip to Disneyland" with the HSV7 people.

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