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*We've sent pennies for the canoe—
Will you help, too?*

Echuca and Tongala Brownies.



State Commissioner's Diary

January is really a very busy month for most of us. There are many different ways of holiday making — generally speaking they are not what one could call restful, but one accomplishes many exhilarating excitements which no doubt freshens one up and makes one feel fit too.

My first excitement was on the 1st January, when I had the privilege of welcoming 94 Scouts (Rovers) to "Banongill" to see sheep country, and how we shear and generally do things on a Station. They were, of course, over for The Rover Moot and among the 94 were Rovers of 36 nationalities — rather a thrill for all of us at Skipton. I must admit some of the Rovers were rather disappointed. The country was so brown! I did my best to cheer them up!

The following Sunday, Miss Macartney and I had the privilege of lunching with the Rovers at Clifford Park, and attending the Closing Ceremony; Mrs. McKay and Miss Macartney attended the Opening Ceremony ten days earlier. Sir Charles Maclean, the Chief Scout of the Commonwealth, performed the Closing Ceremony! He came from Scotland for this occasion, and I wondered how many at that Ceremony realised the tremendous good turn the Chief had done by being present. Flying may be an easy, quick way of getting about, but it is very exhausting on a long flight to say nothing of attending official functions everywhere he goes.

The Scouts are to be congratulated on their Camp, and on the Closing Ceremony. The Ceremony was a mixture of fun, sadness and most moving. The message given by the Chief to the Rovers was superb and one to be always remembered—

"Go forth with courage, in the knowledge that you do not go alone; Take with you the mantle of truth and honesty; The sword of strength and determination and your Promise to shelter and help you through difficulties and adversity; Follow the example of Him who leads us all; Serve Him before all others and you can then step into the unknown holding your head high and saying, 'I am prepared'."

It was sad to think only a week afterwards the Campsite was burnt completely.

My next excitement was the Guiders' International Conference for the Extension Section, together with the Extension Branch Camp held at the Guide House, Britannia Creek. Miss Lambe and Mrs. Moors and their Committees are to be congratulated on its wonderful success in every way. We all learnt a great deal from each other. Our Chief Commissioner Miss Manning, was there and visitors from the United Kingdom, India, Hong Kong, New Zealand, the Philippines, plus all States. The Conference and Camp was filled with a spirit of fun and happiness. Some of the campers had never slept in a tent before — that was exciting in itself. Unfortunately, all this happiness had to finish three days before time owing to the forest fires. I think we were most fortunate our Guide Home and grounds were spared.

Many of you did great things, helping with the evacuation — lending halls and giving hospitality in many different ways. To all you kind folk, please will you accept our most grateful thanks for all you have done and I would ask those of you who read these few lines to pass on to those who don't our most sincere thanks. It was all so wonderfully and calmly done.

Australia Day, 26th January, I was invited, on behalf of the Guides, to attend the Flag Raising Ceremony at the Melbourne Town Hall and partake of light refreshments afterwards. Then a special Australia Day Luncheon held at the Royale Ballroom followed; Miss Cooper and I attended this. The guest speaker being Sir William Oliver.

I am now busy sorting daffodil bulbs and will be leaving some at Headquarters to be sold. The money to go to help the Headquarters Building Fund. Maybe some of you would like to buy some. I hope so!

IRENE FAIRBAIRN.

Can you please spare a penny?

*No — Not for the Old Man's Hat —
— for a Canoe*

A SPECIAL CANOE!

Miss G. Brown, Training Secretary for Papua-New Guinea, delighted Brownie Guiders at Conference with stories about the handwork on display from New Guinea, and the work being done for the brown Brownies and Guides. Later, Miss Brown mentioned a special canoe fitted with an outboard motor, that had been offered to them, which would assist greatly in their training of Leaders, in that they would be able to travel down the coast to the villages, to Train the girls, and also bring them to Port Moresby to the Guide House. The cost, £300, was of course, the major concern. Brownie Guiders immediately offered assistance, and after discussing the project with Miss Broadhurst, Australian Training Adviser, who feels it would be a tremendous help, as land transport has become difficult, since restrictions were made, and now, with the approval of our Victorian Executive, I am asking Commissioners and Brownie Leaders to help me present, enthusiastically, this idea to the Brownies, as a project for 1962 — PENNIES FOR A CANOE.

I do wish it possible for me to meet all the Brownies of Victoria, and show them the handcrafts from New Guinea, and the slides of the Brownies in the villages, but as we are such a large family, I must ask you, the Leaders, to do it for me. Miss Wirth, of our Publicity Department, will display the handcrafts at Headquarters during March, and if

you would like the slides, or handcrafts, to show your Brownies, would you please apply to her at Headquarters.

An excellent suggestion was made — perhaps the Brownies would like to give some of their share of the Willing 1/- money they so enthusiastically earn — they are so warm-hearted and generous.

The stories are endless of the wonderful support given from many Packs to Mrs. Yabsley, with her Brownie work in New Guinea. Christmas parties provided for not only the Brownies, but the adults of the villages, food and presents for everyone! Wouldn't it be just wonderful if every Pack in Victoria could send some contribution — small or otherwise, so we can say the canoe is from ALL the BROWNIES in VICTORIA.

Any donations — please send direct to me — if this is not convenient, Mrs. Lawson, at Headquarters, will receive them. If our sisters in blue would like to help, well God bless you.

DOROTHY FOX (Mrs. A. N.)
18 Blackburn Street,
Surrey Hills, E.10.

Many thanks to my friends of Echuca Division for their splendid donation to start off this project, and to Whorouly South, as well.



THE FIRST AUSTRALIAN ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

The National Youth Council of Australia (N.Y.C.A.), which has been in existence for two years, organised the First Australian Assembly of Youth held at the Methodist Youth Camp, Elanora Heights, in New South Wales, from 13th-19th January, 1962.

The camp, set on a hill and surrounded by bushland, gave a commanding view of the sea at Narrabeen. A short walk through the bush brought us to a waterfall and a clear bubbling stream, where many of us sat and talked during free time. In the distance, rising out of the bush, we could see the majestic and gleaming white Bahai Temple, which symbolises a World Faith.

N.Y.C.A. represents the Youth bodies organised on a National basis in Australia. At present 26 organisations are represented and three are awaiting membership.

85 young people from all over Australia gathered together for one week to discuss the problems confronting youth in Australia today and possible solutions to these problems. The work of the Assembly was covered by four Commissions, each one working under a Commission Leader. The problems of youth were discussed under four main headings:— Social Relationships, Education, Work and International.

Briefly the topics covered were:

Social Relationships

Concerns of youth with regard to — Home, Religion, the other sex and preparation for marriage, leisure, drinking habits, people with handicaps, migrants, political and colour differences, youth delinquency, conformity, spending money, hire-purchase security, planning a home, exercising a responsible role in house, community and office advancement in social role and in expected roles, how to handle changing situations, demands and pressures, youth and their cars.

Education:

The problems of students now and in the future, type of schools, sport and its place in education, extra curricular education, the ratio of students/teachers, student counselling, Public and State schools, fees, scholarships, finance, families with children to educate, religious education.

Work:

The personal problems of work, both men and women, personnel inter-relationships, employer-employee relationships, unions and professional bodies and the relationship of these to management and vice-versa, work attitudes, problems of advancement and ambition, work conditions, preparation for work, salaries, skill margins, professional wages, wider problems of unemployment, automation, science, mass production and man in the Atomic Age.

International:

What is the situation of youth in other countries with regard to — work, education, politics, standards of living, culture, leisure time activities.

What is the relationship of Australia to the rest of the world in economics, culture, politics, religion and geographic.

Each Commission, consisting of approximately 20 people, worked as separate units for the first four days. Every day a bulletin was issued giving general information and various tit-bits concerning members of the Assembly. It also included brief reports of the subjects covered by each Commission in the previous day's discussion. This was extremely valuable, as it provided the necessary link between Commissions, and stimulated inter-Commission discussions during free time.

On Thursday each Commission was given ¼-hour to present their report on the week's discussions to the whole Assembly. Presentations were varied from a straight out reading of the report to the use of tape recordings, charts and songs. Time was allowed at the end of each report for questions from the Assembly to members of the Commission. These questions were for clarification purposes only, and not used as a means of disputing statements made.

On the last day, Friday, the whole Assembly gathered together for its final meeting, which was the most important of all. Each Commission Leader read their various recommendations and findings to the Assembly, for action by the N.Y.C.A. This was the opportunity for the Assembly to dispute and discuss the recommendations presented. When passed by the whole Assembly, these

recommendations were tabled by the N.Y.C.A. for action at their next executive meeting. The final session of the whole Assembly was a lively one, and many recommendations concerning the White Australia Policy were disputed, discussed, modified or added to, and finally passed.

This week wasn't only one of hard and constructive thought and discussion, on the contrary, there was plenty of time for recreation and light-hearted chatter.

We received a surprise one night for tea. Half-way through the meal, the Recreation Officer hopped up and informed us we were in the middle of an "Opera Dinner," i.e., anything you wished to say be it "pass the butter" or telling your favourite joke, **HAD TO BE SUNG! WELL!** as you can imagine, the result was riotous.

Recreational activities were organised for an hour each night, dances, films, games, songs and walks filled the programme. "What you were wearing when the ship went down" proved most popular. You would hardly think it possible that people could be in such weird and fantastic creations when a ship was sinking! Talking of sinking, free time during the day in glorious weather was spent in swimming at Narrabeen beach.

It was the reaction activities that brought everyone together and helped us to know and appreciate other members of the Assembly. On the last night, a dance was held, which was greatly enjoyed by all. This is where we discover wide hidden talent amongst members of the Assembly in the items presented during the evening.

We were fortunate in having with us four Malayan delegates, Ukranian, Dutch and English migrants, and one Indian, Krishnaswamy, the Asian Secretary of the World Assembly of Youth.

Our first Australian Assembly of Youth is a significant step forward in the changing of our attitudes towards our way of life. Great concern was expressed by all four Commissions at the breakdown in family life which is being experienced in all Western countries. This is possibly the cause of many of our problems.

Another issue which caused great concern is that community workers and specialists point out that our community suffers from a severe case of "APATHY" — a general lack

of concern or action on any number of social issues. It is not that the community is unaware of such issues, but that it does not care to investigate them or act about them — that it is quite prepared to leave such problems to one or two and buy off its conscience with a "donation."

The life of families, communities, nations and even the Church — point to this as being an age of rapid changes. Perhaps this is one of the causes of apathy, as the rapidity and size of the changes leave the ordinary man feeling helpless — that he is a mere pawn in the game of life. He is asking a question, the whole world is, "What am I — what am I worth?" and the answer so frequently is — "You don't matter." Perhaps then, our age may also be classified as one in which people (by and large) as individuals do not matter very much!

This is a common feeling, but we believe, **INDIVIDUALS DO MATTER!** Each individual, be they young or old, has a great contribution to make to our country and its affairs. The interest of the community, particularly youth, needs to be awakened and then active participation in the community's affairs encouraged. This will happen if and when the Assembly's recommendations are put into practice.

For all of us present at the Australian Assembly of Youth, it was a wonderful experience, and from the general conversation, the most significant feature for many was simply the fact of our being together at all.

This feeling is neatly summed up in a short extract from one of John Davie's writings:

"No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main. If a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as if a manor of thy friends or of thine own were. Any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind. And therefore, never tend to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee."

Finally, I would like to say how much I appreciated the opportunity of representing the Girl Guides Association of Australia at such an Assembly. My sincere thanks to the Association, it was indeed a privilege and an honour. **MARGARET WOODLOCK.**

BROWNIE BETTY

(Continued from Dec., 1961, "Matilda.")

As they were to learn a new game, Betty was thinking that she'd never be sulky or grumbling — at Brownies, anyway.

The game was about a bunyip who lived in a swamp, and anyone who touched the swamp with even a finger or shoe-tip became the bunyip's prisoner and had to do something for him before being set free. The Brownies were on one side of the "swamp" (a patch of grass), on the other side were lots of gum nuts which the Brownies wanted. A Brownie could cross the swamp only by walking on two tins, balancing on a tin with each foot in turn while she moved the other tin forward.

On the way back she could carry one gum nut in her pocket. Each Six was given two jam tins; Tawny turned into the bunyip, and Pack Leader into a good fairy who could fly into the bunyip's lair and show any prisoner who couldn't do her job.

Julie sent Lynette first and she got back safely with a gum nut, then Roslyn started, but lost her balance and put her hand in the swamp and was a prisoner. Betty rushed to get the tins (there was a long stick which she could have used, but she was too excited to think).

"Betty's my prisoner," said the bunyip.

"Oh, that's not fair. I didn't fall in," said Betty, scowling.

"Don't you really think it was fair, Betty?" asked Tawny.

"Yes," said Betty, thoughtfully. "I did touch the swamp." Her face was red and her eyes felt prickly, but she was trying to smile.

"What do I have to do, Bunyip?"

"Show me how to tie this Brownie tie. Here's a sheet of brown paper to fold it on."

Betty had practised that often. She folded it carefully into a strip just over $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches wide, tied the knot so that the tie would end just three fingers width above her belt, and joined the ends with a reef knot at the back of her neck.

"Take off the tie and unfold it and you can go free," said Tawny.

Robyn had already got free by showing the bunyip how to put up a clothesline, and another Brownie was tying a parcel.

Betty crossed safely and carried her gum nut in her sock because she hadn't a pocket, but when her turn came again she tried to hurry back and put her foot down. "I've got a gum nut in my sock, do I have to give it up?" she asked.

"No," said Tawny, "but show me how to plait this."

When they'd got all the gum nuts, Brown Owl gave each Six a lump of dough (made from one part of salt and two parts of plain flour mixed with a little water) and they made men, using big gum nuts for their bodies, little ones for caps, and dough for faces and for joining on twigs for arms and legs. Betty took her man home and dried him each day in the sun, till the dough was quite hard.

The Tweenies discussed good turns too. They said that a good turn was something you did to help someone — something you didn't have to do and didn't get paid for. And they talked about Pow-wow—the Pack's way of getting into the Ring, why only one spoke at a time, and what to do when they wished to speak. They practised washing up, too. Brown Owl's way wasn't quite the same as her mother's, and Betty said so: and Brown Owl said that both ways were good and Betty could do it either way.

One day Betty and Dianne showed and told Brown Owl everything they'd learnt at Brownies and she told them that they were ready to be Brownies, and that she would come and see their mothers about uniforms.

At Pow-wow next week they discussed how they were to be turned into Brownies. "Can we look in the pool like Julie did?" asked Betty. Dianne wanted that, too, so they carefully planned the ceremony, and the next week they wore their uniforms, and after their mothers had arrived to watch the enrolment, a pool, made of a mirror, with leaves and flowers round it, was placed near the Toadstool. When they came into the ring Betty and Dianne stood each side of Brown Owl, and she told them all about two girls who wanted Brownies to come and live in their homes, to do good turns and make

people happy, and they went and asked an Owl who told them to go to a pool and turn round three times as they said this charm:

Twist me and turn me and show me the elf

I looked in the water and there saw — and when they looked in the pool they'd see the Brownie and know the last word.

"Myself," said Betty, as she saw her own face in the mirror.

"But you must make a Promise too

And do the things that Brownies do." said their Sixers as they led them to Brown Owl.

Betty was enrolled first, she made the Sign as she Promised, and when Dianne made her Promise, Betty's two fingers went up to her shoulder again just like all the other Brownies.

Then they all gave a Grand Salute, and when they'd left the Ring, everyone queued up to shake hands and salute the new Brownies. Anne and Maria were still Tweenies and had to shake right hands, but Betty whispered, "You'll soon be Brownies, too," and gave them her brightest Brownie smile. Then she ran to show mother her Badge.

WANNON RIVER DIVISION REVELS

As Revel Time came again in our Division, we wondered where it would be. The honour went to 1st Byaduk Pack, and they chose their lovely oval as the site.

Invitations were at last received by the other seven Packs in the Division, and the excitement really mounted as 25th November drew near.

The day dawned dull, but warm and rainless. At 12.30 p.m. Brownies from everywhere started to arrive at Guide Hall, Hamilton, where the bus was waiting to transport 42 Brownies, 6 Guiders and 3 Pack Leaders. Singing helped to pass the ½-hour drive. To meet us was the District Commissioner of Hamilton, who also had to deputise for our Divisional Commissioner, Miss Abbott, who was ill. Brownies from Glenthompson, Dunkeld, Cavendish and Byaduk were already there, making a total of 80 Brownies.

We entered Nursery Rhyme Land by paying 6d. into Hickory Dickory Dock, with a

mouse that squeaked and ran up the clock. We discovered a track of white pine cones lined with our favourite nursery rhyme friends. This led to Old Mother Hubbard, who gave us tickets for our home posts. These were easily found, as they were gaily decorated with our nursery rhyme friends' pictures.

We then wondered what was happening when "Wise Owl" for the day started calling Golden Hand Brownies, Golden Ladder, Golden Bar and then others. Four rings were being formed around Mrs. Forsyth, District Commissioner, Macarthur, and Mrs. Henning, District Commissioner for Hamilton, who said a few words of welcome. Brownie Ring was performed and we went back to our rhyme friends where:—

Jack and Jill had a fine time walking along flower pots and carrying a tennis ball in an egg cup.

Little Miss Muffet had many elephants to help her kill the spider as they "walked around."

Little Boy Blue could not keep awake during story time.

Mary seemed to be having trouble getting her lamb tied to the post.

Wee Willie Winkle had a hard time running up and down with a balloon between his knees. He was so unlucky with his balloons they turned to balls.

The cow jumped over the moon, but there always seemed to be a mat missing.

Little Bo Peep turned into a dainty fairy under the skilful fingers twisting pipe cleaners, and adding a tinselled skirt.

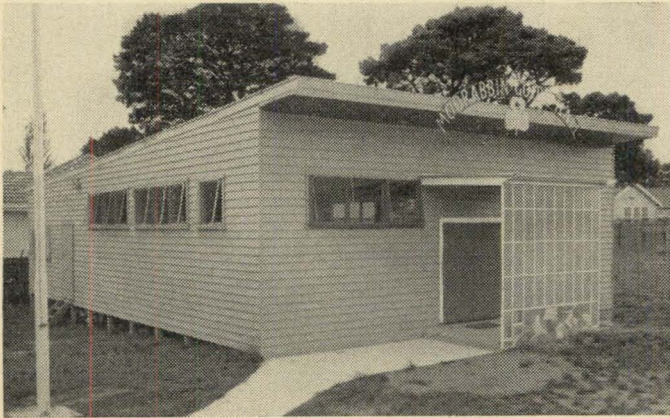
Afternoon tea was a welcome break, and was given to us Dick Whittington style.

The closing of a happy afternoon came when a large circle was formed and we gave our special Salute followed by Brownie Bells.

All Brownies went home to dream of old friends, and new-made friends, tired, but happy.

R. S. KIRKBRIDE, Brown Owl,
1st Hamilton Pack.





NEW MOORABBIN GUIDE HALL

Our State Commissioner, Mrs. C. Fairbairn, performed the opening ceremony.

Mrs. Lake, Divisional Commissioner, said "that the Hall project was a perfect example of 'togetherness,' well in tune with the tradition of voluntary work carried out by the 31,000 members of the Girl Guide Association in Victoria."

Brownie Pack Visits Seeing Eye Dogs

One Saturday morning a couple of weeks ago, the Brownies of the 7th Malvern Pack gathered excitedly at the Methodist Church Hall, in Glendearg Grove, to meet the bus which was going to take us to Wonga Park, where Mrs. Gration has her Lady Nell Training School for Seeing Eye Dogs.

We were soon on the road to Wonga Park, and while waiting for Mrs. Gration to arrive, we wandered along the roadside finding wildflowers and gorgeous caterpillars.

Very soon Mrs. Gration, with her guide dog Nell, Mr. McKay with his guide dog Saki, and two other dogs, appeared.

After lunch, the trainer took Jenny, a young labrador, to show us what she could do. He set up obstacles on the path and when the harness was on her, he said — "Forward," and Jenny started leading him through and past all the different sized obstacles. It just shows what a seeing eye dog can do.

Later in the day we went to Clifford Park where the Lilydale District Scouts had a demonstration. The first Troop raised a 50 ft. flag pole by the use of ropes tied to it, and each Scout took a rope and pulled. In this manner it was erected. A rope ladder

was attached to the very top and one brave Scout climbed to the top and tied himself there with a rope, and then signalled "success" in semaphore (which, of course, we Brownies were able to read).

In the second act, another Troop acted the Saints of the Flags. They showed St. George riding in his trusty steed (two Scouts covered with a grey blanket and a paper mache head) coming to meet the dragon (a paper mache dragon's head and a long sheet painted to represent scales) and they fought to the end.

Then came St. Patrick who killed the snakes — these were made of stuffed stockings, but after he thought he had killed them all, one snake became attached to him by a stocking thread. Poor St. Patrick! (He got it in the end, though!)

St. Andrew cast his net out to sea then drew it in after a few minutes. He caught one tiddler and shouted for joy.

We had to go home then, and we were very sorry, because there were a lot more acts. It was lovely weather and a lovely day, thanks Brown Owl.

LESLEY TURNER (Sixer),
7th Malvern Brownie Pack.



OUR WILDFLOWERS

Though most of the summer wildflowers are over, there are still a few about. Small yellow Billy Buttons are fairly common; they belong to the Compositae family, which includes all the daisy flowers. Each flower head is really a group of flowers joined together to do their work collectively.

An Orchid found in March is the Autumn Bird Orchid, which grows in shady places and may be seen at Frankston. It is not so like a bird as is the spring species its botanical name is *Chiloglottis* (beautiful tongue) *reflexa*. The dark red tongue is horizontal, the two leaves are flat on the ground and the stem is three inches long. The Yellow Autumn Lily is another flower — a spreading plant one foot high, with narrow leaves, slender branched stems and yellow star-like flowers. In many places late Bluebells may be found.

A different kind of flower altogether comes from the grass family, Gramineae. This is the common reed, *Phragmites communis*, recognised by the bamboo-like leaves, usually bluish green, and the feathery plumes, which become grey as they ripen. Flowering from spring to autumn, the plumes are seen in March. Notice the peculiar formation of any grasshead or panicle (as it is called), with stamens hanging from the outer 'petals' or glumes. Journeying to Cowes, I passed rivers and water courses bordered with the common reed, which may grow 8 feet high.

In the country near Cranbourne and Tooradin, in much the same area, is found the Cranberry Heath, with red flowers in March, often on the undersides of the branchlets, and hidden by leaves. Its sweet succulent berries, nearly ½-inch in diameter,

are often eaten by children, and were relished by the aborigines. This dwarf shrub is only a few inches high, and forms dense mats of foliage. It is found in many places and is common on the heathlands.

It would be a great help if Guiders who know of, or find, these afore-mentioned flowers in their districts would let "Matilda" know. Remember, protect and look after them.

In March, seeds spring up after the autumn rains. Rabbits do damage as the introduced grasses are dead. Orchid leaves and seedlings also come up, and need protection from people and rabbits. Sanctuaries have wire netting fences.

Two seeds to be looked for are late fluffy seeds of Clematis, still fairly common, and the shining purple fruit of the Appleberry creeper, a plant of shady places. J.H.

FOR BROWNIES

Semaphore Mimes

This is a three in one game — fun, acting and intelligence. It is advised that you tackle this game with a clear head and good humour — the Guider or Pack Leader gets as much fun as the Brownie. Small groups are best.

Signal a letter and the Brownies try to imitate anything at all — sound, shape, etc. There are endless possibilities, e.g., D—dog, door, dancer, dragon, doctor, etc. Each Brownie brings her own interpretation into it, e.g., D—not merely dog, but dachshund! As the older Brownies venture further, so the younger follow and great is the merriment. This is good to introduce Brownies to semaphore and fun!

Nature Quiz

Paste pictures on cardboard — fruit, flowers, insects, birds, etc. Gardening magazines are a wonderful source of supply for insects. Chosen Brownie takes one from down-turned cards scattered (different shaped cards are fascinating!) She then starts to give clues about the objects. When the answer is given, further discussion can take place and quite often many new facts can be learned by one and all. This game also helps self-expression. First to guess takes another card. E.J.T.

Passing on Messages: Giving Directions

It sounds easy — but is it? How often do we get a message like this — “Shirley asked me to tell you she won’t be coming on Thursday — or was it Tuesday — anyway, it was one of those days.” Or “Take the first turn left — oh, it can’t be the first turn — but you’ll see a letter box, don’t go that way — well, go on to the end of this road and then ask someone else.” Both people are trying to be helpful, but neither succeeds.

Here are just a few ideas for practice in memorising essential points and passing on correct instructions.

When information has to be passed on to a Unit make it a memory test, giving the message, address or details at the beginning of the meeting. Messages and information given in this way have been found to have been remembered for years!

“Where am I?”

Give a set of directions clearly and slowly (it may be as well to write them down beforehand) and see who first “finds” the spot to which they are being directed. Don’t forget to mention the point at which the directions begin!

Treasure Hunt

Now for a more energetic type of memory test which may be combined with a treasure hunt. The first clue is given, e.g., “go to the Town Hall and memorise the inscription on the plaque on the right hand side of the main door.” On telling this correctly, you will be given the second clue, which may be “find out the time of the buses from . . . to . . . on a Saturday morning” and so on. If this type of activity is to be reasonably wide, then the person organising it must follow, as it would take too long for each

group to bring their messages back to the starting point.

Missing Words

Another form of this kind of activity is to take a small part of an inscription, say from a Church notice-board, and given written instructions how to find it, without naming the spot. The group has to fill in the missing words, memorise them and be able to repeat the notice on return. Several clues can be given to each group or pair of Rangers and see which can be the first to complete the necessary information.

Telephoning can also be brought into this type of wide activity — e.g., clue number 3 may be obtained by ringing telephone no. . .” Someone at that number will give a short message clearly and then put down the receiver!

All these things take planning and work beforehand, but are well worth the trouble.

(Reprinted from “The Ranger”)

LIGHTWEIGHT CAMPING

Lightweight camping can be very good fun, especially after a little experience. Carefully thought out gear is essential for a happy and comfortable weekend, and these few hints might help you decide what, and what not, to take.

Some of the things to consider when packing your kit are the type of camp or hike — roving or standing — the time of the year and the maximum weight of your pack. Naturally, for a roving overnight hike you will want your pack to be as light as possible; anything over 25 lb. is too heavy — some experienced campers can whittle their packs down to about 17 lb. which shows what you can do if you plan your equipment carefully.

Essential equipment, such as tent, sleeping bag and groundsheet, are usually of standard weights, though feather down sleeping bags are much lighter and warmer than quilted ones, and a 6 ft. by 3 ft. light plastic sheet is better than the heavy conventional groundsheet. The two-man “pup” tent most commonly used is fairly light, and if you arrange for one person to carry the tent and another the pegs, the weight is evenly

divided. For extra warmth at night a woolly bag is very good — it is knitted from old scraps of wool and is very much lighter than an extra blanket.

Clothes naturally depend upon the time of the year — for a roving weekend in winter — without uniform — thick slacks or jeans with a shirt, jumper and comfortable shoes are the best things to wear, and the only extra things you need to pack are spare shoes and underclothes. Take your Guide belt complete with whistle in case you get lost. Pyjamas are optional — most people prefer to just take the trousers and wear their jumper and shirt to bed, and of course, never go on a hike or camp without a plastic coat and hat.

Personal kit can be packed into a small plastic bag. Take small light pieces of soap rather than a whole new cake — this also applies to toothpaste. A nearly finished tube from the family bathroom or a "showbag" sample are very handy for weekend camps. Lightweight pieces of towelling for face-washer and towel are better than the normal sizes. Remember that it's the little extras that add on the weight, so just take what you will need and no more.

Food for your weekend should be well thought out. Don't take big involved meals which require a lot of preparation, but try to arrange your menu so that your meals are quick, easy and don't entail too much cooking, yet are interesting and well balanced.

Carry your food in plastic bags and M. & B. tins (available from your chemist). Here again, don't take a whole half-pound of butter if you will only need it for your toast in the morning. Measure out just how much you will need of various ingredients, but don't forget you may want second helpings. It's a good idea to carry a block of chocolate in your pocket for snacks along the way.

Arrange your meals so that if possible you won't want your billy for both the first course and the second, for instance, curry and rice brought from home in an M. & B. tin and heated in your billy leaves your frying pan (which is only about 4 to 5 inches in diameter) free for flapjacks or damper. An extra billy, which comes in handy for boiling water for your cup of tea and wash-

ing up, can be made from an old fruit tin with wire handles.

Pliable plastic plates are lighter than tin and don't break easily. For your washing up, all you'll need is a tiny piece of dishcloth, a piece of Jex, a phial of soap powder and a towel made from half an old tea towel.

When packing your kit make sure that everything is completely waterproof. If you pack all your gear in plastic bags and top it off with a square of plastic (which serves also as your "sit upon" at mealtimes) you won't have to worry if it starts raining suddenly. Things you may need in a hurry, like matches, torch, a bit of rope, should be where you can get at them quickly — also inside plastic bags.

Before leaving home, check again that everything you'll need is in your pack, because when you are miles from civilisation, it won't be any comfort to know that your Sunday lunch and matches are still sitting on your bed!

B.B.

HERALDRY (PART II)

Although, as was said in Part I of this article, Coats of Arms originated in the days of knighthood, they are still widely in use today.

Next time you turn on your television set and see a BBC programme, notice the BBC Coat of Arms.

And next time you are in town, look for Coats of Arms on insurance offices, banks, etc.

As you pass along Collins Street, on the east side, you will notice the arms of the Legal and General Assurance Co. Ltd. at the corner of Collins and Queen Streets. This is a very attractive Coat of Arms —

"On the blue background of the shield is prominently displayed in white a representation of Christopher Wren's Temple Bar, London, near which the offices of the Society were originally located.

"The bottom, or base of the shield, is in gold, and on it is depicted the Tudor Rose of England. Surmounting the helmet is a dragon rampant in green, with its outstretched silver wings each bearing a red cross. The dragon supports a fasces in his forepaws.

"The dragon is inspired by the allegorical figure surmounting the Temple Bar Mem-

orial, and forms a happy link between the past and the present. The red cross on the wings of the dragon represent the City of London. The fasces, the emblem of legal authority, emphasises the legal origin of the Society, which, in fact, was first entirely composed of members of the legal fraternity.

"The motto — Pro Salute — means 'for well being'."

Granting of Arms—

The authority in England responsible for granting Coats of Arms is the College of Arms; and although many families have Coats of Arms dating back into history, many families are still applying for, and being granted Coats of Arms today. And there is nothing wrong with that, for every family bearing Arms has had to start some time.

Use of Arms by a Female —

In England, Coats of Arms descend through the male side of the family. However, I have no doubt that you, as girls, will want to know what are your rights with regard to the display of arms.

Except in the case of the Queen, the female of the family cannot show her arms on a shield, because ladies have never borne shields. Nor is she entitled to use the crest which surmounts the helmet, because ladies have never worn helmets.

Instead, as a spinster, a female may bear her father's Arms on a diamond shaped background known as a "lozenge," surmounted by a true lover's knot. And when she marries, she may show them on a shield impaled with her husband's Arms (i.e., alongside his Arms).

Conclusion—

Heraldry is too long a subject to deal with in such a short article. Fox-Davies has written a book of 600 pages on the subject, so you can see that the best I can do in the time and space at my disposal is little enough.

But if you or your Guides want to know more about Heraldry, and if they have reached High School age or attend the University, you should encourage them to join the Heraldry Society, which has just been formed in Australia.

They may do so at reduced rates, because it is one of the aims of the Society to inter-

est the young as well as those of more mature years, in this fascinating study.

Those who desire to join — and this of course also includes adults — should write to—

The Hon. Secretary,
The Heraldry Society (Australian Branch),
76 Wattle Road,
Hawthorn, E.2. Victoria.

FIRE RELIEF

On behalf of myself and fellow-workers of the St. Andrews Fire Relief, I would like to thank the Brownies and Guides of the Templestowe District.

Their gift of clothing was greatly appreciated and the freshly baked cakes were just wonderful.

They will be pleased to know that their money was used to help a young girl just about to be married, who had lost everything.

Thank you, Templestowe.

Sincerely yours,

N. J. BELL, Capt., 1st Eltham Senior Guides.

TRAINING COURSES

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.

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. G. R. Morton.

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

G.I.C. Miss D. James.

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.

Fee for all Courses: 5/-.

Applications for Training Courses should be forwarded to the Training Secretary at Headquarters, on the official nomination form, no later than one week before commencement of each course.

C. WALKER, Training Adviser.

ECHUCA AND LOCKINGTON BROWNIE CHRISTMAS PARTY, DECEMBER, 1961

An invitation from Divisional Commissioner, Mrs. Humphrys, to once again hold our Christmas party at "Cromdale," her property close to Echuca, gave much pleasure to the 3 Echuca and 1 Lockington Packs.

The meeting point was the Guide Hall. Transport being satisfactorily arranged, away went the well-loaded cars, to seek shelter beneath the large gums beside the homestead.

Out sprang lively Brownies, dispersing in all directions for an interested examination of the surroundings. A call brought them running to enjoy energetic activity in games and dances.

As we had a movie enthusiast, who kindly offered to give us a record of this happy day, the next move was planned accordingly. The Brownies were each given a small candle, made from biscuits and sweets by the Divisional Commissioner, these they held aloft as, singing lustily, they marched in pairs through the archway of the garden gate to the tree-shaded lawns. Here a picnic tea was enjoyed, followed by ices and drinks supplied by the ever-ready Local Association Members. After tea came donations, as our Christmas gift to the Papuan Brownies, who had been ably and interestingly introduced to the Echuca district by Mrs. Fox with her stories and display of handcrafts from the islands. The Brownies were unanimous in their vote to give a donation towards the purchase of the much-needed catamaran. The coins were to be placed in a little brown cardboard skirt, made by Brown Owl, Mrs. Saunders, and looking very similar to the one in Mrs. Fox's exhibit, but this one contained a cash bag inside.

The skirt was placed in the centre of the Ring and everyone was to dance the Papuan way adding their coin as they did so. Fortunately, our light-footed District Commissioner demonstrated the correct wriggle and we all endeavoured to imitate her sinuous style amid much laughter.

After the lawn was tidied, everyone headed for the woolshed, situated on the banks of the lagoon. Here the Brownies found seats on plump bags of barley, where they sat

comfortably, to view slides of recent events including some of the Division Rally held at Rochester. There followed a leisurely stroll back to the lawns and our party concluded with Christmas songs. Goodnights were said after Brownie Taps, and off to the cars, the Brownies singing as they drove homewards.

Another Christmas party was over, with the Leaders feeling that the Brownies had moved a little closer to the ideal of expressing personality within a group and in co-operation with that group.

A BROWN OWL.

WORLD FLAG DEDICATION

On Friday evening, at 5 p.m. on the 3rd October, Guides of the 1st Donald Company assembled at the Guide Hall and marched to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Donald, for the Dedication of their new World Flag. The service was conducted by the Reverend Jenkins, and the Guides participated by reading the Guide Beautitudes, and the Captain leading in prayer. In attendance at the Dedication, with the Guides, were Brownies from the 1st and 2nd Donald Packs, Watchem Brownies and their Leaders, as well as parents and friends.

LAUREL FRASER, 1st Donald Coy.

WANTED !

A trained nurse or a physiotherapist to help with bathing and dressing at Extension Ranger Camp, to be held at Brownie Cottage, Easter, 20th-23rd April.

For further particulars, please contact Miss Doris Kane (Captain), 41 Amsterdam Street, Richmond, E.1.

IN PASSING !

N.Z. Cubs Know Artificial Respiration

Eight-year-old Wolf Cub twins knew what to do when their baby brother fell into three feet of water in a tidal estuary in New Zealand. They had learned all about it in the Cubs . . . wet and bedraggled, they returned home and explained to their mother: "We tried to give him artificial respiration, but he kept getting up and walking away."

(The Western Scouter.)

Printed in the "Courier."



HAWTHORN DISTRICT BROWNIE PICNIC

The day dawned fine and clear when four Hawthorn District Brownie Packs, amounting to 74 Brownies, accompanied by five Guiders and six Pack Leaders, got into two buses and set off to Mordialloc beach.

After bags were unloaded and stacked away, Brownies ran to get their first glimpse of the water, they then had morning tea, after which 6th Hawthorn's Brown Owl announced a sand castle competition, Brownies paired off and raced towards the sand.

When lunch was finished, winners of the competition were congratulated, there was a church with a sea-weed roof, a mermaid, a whale and a fairy, all the models were excellent and judging proved difficult.

Then a walk along the beach where many interesting specimens were collected, including varieties of jelly fish and seaweed, which were plentiful.

Later, bags were packed and Brownies played "The Old Church Clock" until the buses returned to take us home.

The day ended with a large Fairy Ring.

When at last the buses were loaded and all were ready to leave, many tired but satisfied, Brownies bid farewell to Mordialloc and proceeded for home.

PAMELA SCHMID, Pack Leader.



HENTY DIVISION BROWNIE REVELS

On 18th November, 1961, Brownies of the 1st Dartmoor Pack entertained Packs from Portland and Heywood at Brownie Revels. The Division Commissioner, District Commissioners, fourteen Leaders and ninety-three Brownies were present.

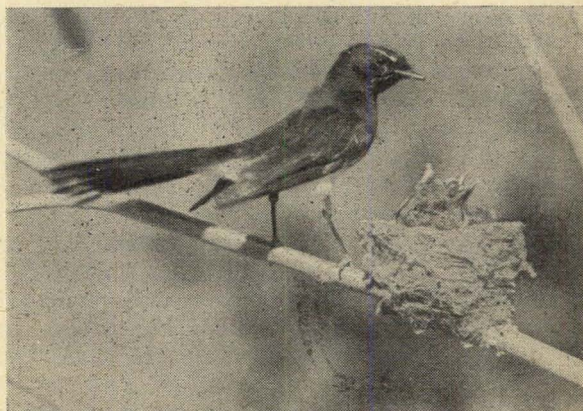
Buses arrived at 12 noon. We had a game then Brownies and Leaders assembled in the pavilion for lunch.

After lunch, activities began with Brownie Ring — as each Brownie put 6d. in a bird's nest, she received a ticket indicating to which group of Six she belonged. These groups were Magpie, Cockatoo, Lyrebird, Bellbirds, Emu and Parrot. Brownies rotated every fifteen minutes.

On completion of activities, afternoon tea and cordial followed.

The Dartmoor Local Association ladies prepared a delicious afternoon tea for Commissioners and Leaders. We then finished with a prayer and Brownie Bells, after which each Brownie received a bag of sweets.

CLARE COOK, Brown Owl.



Willie Wagtail

Courtesy: Mr. McMillan Gould League.



1st KOONUNG HEIGHTS BROWNIE PACK'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

It was a trip to the British cargo ship "Port Chalmers" at Port Melbourne one windy Saturday afternoon in October.

We were met by a crew member in a spic and span uniform and shown all over the ship, down to the engine room, into the galley, and finally up to the Bridge.

Here we saw the compass, which was of great interest to the Brownies, then we saw the signalling apparatus, including the Semaphore Flags and Radar equipment.

The Brownies saw the flags flying, this impressed them very much.

From there we visited the terminal for the "Princess of Tasmania," which had only been in operation for a short time.

We came home via the Alexandra Gardens, and here we enjoyed a picnic afternoon tea, and played several Brownie games.

A Pack of tired Brownies arrived home after a wonderful outing.

J. MACKIE, Brown Owl.

VISIT TO A LOCAL POST OFFICE

One Saturday morning, Pack Leader took the Golden Hand Brownies to a local Post Office to watch the handling of the mail, and in particular, to see how the parcels were treated.

This made an impression on the Brownies, as afterwards, they all made sure that their parcels were securely tied up and correctly addressed.

J. MACKIE, Brown Owl,
1st Koonung Heights.

FOR SALE

Guider's Uniform, XW or OS. Blouse 40", OS Jumper, 32" Skirt, Belt and Beret (large).

If interested in whole or in part, contact Miss A. Stock, 26 5816, between 8 a.m. and 8.45 a.m.

COMMONWEALTH PAINTING COMPETITION

You will remember we announced details of a Painting Competition for Brownies, Guides and Rangers in the February issue of "Matilda." If you are interested in entering for this competition, the paintings must be handed in or sent to our Victorian Headquarters, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne, before 15th April, 1962, and must be accompanied by 1/- to cover the cost of the entry fee and postage.

All the entries must be endorsed according to the instructions already published, but it is intended to pack and post them in bulk from Melbourne to help them arrive in good condition and in time for the judging of the competition.



Lord Rowallan presents Silver Cross.

Block courtesy: "The Council Fire."



Brown Butterfly.

Block courtesy: "The Age."

Brown Butterflies

On the Victorian mainland, the Christmas bush in fern gullies is one of the signs of summer.

Here, on Philip Island, it is sweet bursaria, which blossoms in January.

The sweetness of its flowers attracts many insects. All day myriads of brown butterflies hover over the creamy flowers, as well as smaller insects.

The common brown has four "eyes," one on each wing, the larger female is more brightly coloured.

This partnership between flower and butterfly is very pleasing. No where else have I seen such showers of brown butterflies as here on this island.

They will be seen until March.

J.H.

DEER PARK BROWNIES CELEBRATE THEIR FIRST BIRTHDAY

27th October was quite an eventful night for eighteen Brownies of the 2nd Deer Park Pack, for they were celebrating their First Birthday Party.

For four little Tweenies, it was especially exciting, for they had the thrill of being enrolled by their District Commissioner.

Our Divisional Commissioner cut the cake (gaily decorated with a Toadstool, Magic Pool and Stepping Stones) the Brownies at round and enjoyed the refreshments served by two willing Pack Leaders.

The party over, we all sang "Brownie Bells," and the Brownies went off home with their parents, feeling sure that their "First Birthday Party" was a great success.

P. DAVIS, Brown Owl.

AN ODE TO A CHERY Q.M.

So quiet yet jolly, with no fuss,
 She doled out food galore to us.
 With bread and jam and fresh cut meat,
 We've never seen so much to eat.
 Although we pestered her awhile
 She never e'er forgot her smile.
 With busy hands and aching feet
 She always kept her temper sweet.
 I only hope when my turn comes,
 I'll do as good a job, by gum!
 And never once forget my grin
 While counting spuds out of a bin.
 We miss your jokes as on a seat
 At table laid with cloth so neat,
 We vaguely wave with fork in air,
 And thank Q.M. — this jewel so rare.

M.T.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

In last month's issue of "Matilda" Mrs. Fairbairn made reference to her visit to us in Portland. We really did have a marvellous night.

I thought maybe I could pass on to other Commisisoners the context of this night, with the hope that they may benefit from our experiment.

We were very kindly loaned the use of the Assembly Hall at the local High School. It is a very modern and lovely room, with seating accommodation for 450 people, with spotlights and good decor.

The stage, however, was inadequate, so with the aid of members of the local Apex Club, we had same extended. Near the front of this we had a Porta Gas "Campfire" and grouped in a Horseshoe around this were one Crew of Sea Rangers, three Guide Companies and three Brownie Packs with nineteen Guiders. We did not have a hundred per cent attendance of course, but the estimate was in the vicinity of 150. Banked on one side were the Heywood Guides and Brownies and their Leaders, who joined in with us wherever possible.

Immediately in front were Mrs. Fairbairn, Mrs. McLeod, our Division Commissioner, and Mrs. Sibley, District Commissioner for Heywood, the Mayor and Mayoress, members of the Minisetr's Fraternal, Councillors and their wives, most of our testers and other V.I.P.'s. These had all received written invitations to this function, which we named, "Guiding is Fun."

We commenced proceedings with the presentation of the flags to Mrs. Fairbairn. (We closed all doors whilst this took place.) We then all sang the National Anthem, followed by World Song. The Guides then took up positions on the wings of the stage (we had covered the stage with all sorts of pieces of carpet to deaden the sound). The Brownies then did their Grand Salute. The Guides then returned and the "Singing Adventure of Guiding Around the World" began.

The script was written and narrated by an ex-Commissioner. All lights were dimmed with the glow of the Campfire just sufficient to light up the little faces of the

Brownies and all around them, the Guides and Rangers. Mrs. Quayle then commenced from a position unseen behind the piano at the side of the stage. It is a delightful story of two Brownies visiting all parts of the world and working in the Campfire Songs of these as they arrived. We had kept the script a secret from the Brownies. I wish you could have seen their faces. I cannot go into too much detail here, but I thought if anyone would care for the script, and I really do think it is too good to be wasted, I would send same to you, "Matilda," and you could have it printed for everyone's use.

We had a little interval after which Mrs. Fairbairn gave us a wonderful talk on "What is Guiding?" After this the Mayor spoke and launched an appeal for a Hall. We have not one at present, and rely on six different ones. We made this night a goodwill night, no charge whatsoever being made, and I am very pleased to say it had the desired effect of arousing their sympathy and support. We have now obtained our objective initial requirement to commence building. It was estimated by the local paper that there were 500 present. To conclude the evening, Canadian Vespers was sung by one of our Guiders, a red candle was lit from the Campfire by Mrs. Fairbairn, she in turn lit a white one for our Division Commissioner, who lit blue candles for the two District Commissioners, these two then took up positions one at each side of the stage and each Brownie, Guide and Ranger, lit their tapers and left the Hall, passing through the aisles in the darkness, except for the Campfire and the flickers of the candles. This was a very impressive sight, and I was informed by many people that they were very moved.

We finished the evening with a sumptuous supper to which we invited all the ones who had received official invitations. Mrs. Fairbairn had the opportunity of meeting the people who, over the years, do help Guiding in many different ways. I feel that her presence there that night was a wonderful filip to the Movement, and perhaps responsible for me being compelled to start a new Pack of Brownies, making four in all.

Yours sincerely,

L. WILLIAMSON, Dist. Commissioner.

FOR SERVICE

Congratulations to the following recipients:—

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Thanks Badges:

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- 1 yellow check serviette.
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M. H. MELLOR.

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Remember, 30th April is the due date. The May issue will not be posted unless subscription is received by this date. So HURRY and make sure that you do not miss any issues of "Matilda."

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We regret to announce that the Easter Training Camp has been cancelled.

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