

# MATILDA

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**7th April to 14th April ... We're Hopping**



**to it!**

**GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION  
WILLING SHILLING DRIVE**

## State Commissioner's Diary

It has been my pleasure, this month, to have our distinguished visitor, Miss Margaret Hornby, to say, and hear more about her work as Adviser for the Extension Branch in England. Miss Lambe very kindly drove our visitor and so I had the pleasure of Victoria's Adviser for the Extension Branch. I think the Extension Branch is outstanding — the Camp and Conference proved it.

On Saturday, 17th February, I was invited to open the new Guide Hall at Beaumaris. The second beautiful Hall to be opened within three months in one Division. Could anything be more satisfactory and exciting. I might add, in between these two Halls — Cheltenham and Beaumaris — I opened a lovely Hall at Moorabbin. Do you wonder my smile is getting bigger! Thank you, at Beaumaris, for a lovely afternoon, and many congratulations on your wonderful achievement.

22nd February, Thinking Day. I have had an exciting Thinking Week! Starting on the 22nd with the Rangers' Flag Raising and Dawn Service, a great number attended and it was an especially good service. Miss L. Smith gave us an excellent talk on Tonga, which, at that early hour, was indeed something to note. Thank you, Rangers for having me.

23rd February, I was invited to Headquarters to hear Mrs. Moors' talk about the Interstate Tandara Extension Camp, held at the Guide House, and see the slides taken by Miss. N. Lee. It was a very interesting and enjoyable evening. Thank you, Mrs. Moors, you did a wonderful job with the Camp.

Saturday, 24th, Mrs. Cameron, the Trefoil Guild Recorder for Victoria, very kindly invited me to join in the Trefoil Thinking Day Service at the Guide House, Yarra Junction, where members of the Trefoil Guilds were in residence for a weekend. A most lovely day, and we all enjoyed the Service. Thank you, Mrs. Cameron, for inviting me, it was most enjoyable.

25th February, we had a Thinking Day March and Service at St. Patrick's Cathedral for Roman Catholic Scouts and Guides. Colonel Black took the Salute for the Scouts, and I had the honour for the Guides. The Cathedral was very full, a most impressive sight. Uniform and Colours in a Cathedral is always moving, and even more so when it represents a Youth Movement with the highest ideals, such as the Scouts and Guides.

Now we are coming close to the Willing Shilling. I hope it is most willing in every way. The young are really very good in the efforts they make, in fact, everyone is very good.

We seem to have many things to achieve during this year. I am sure we will, for we always do.

Our thanks to all those who have sent money and have personally helped our victims of the fires. It has been a very sad and terrible experience for so many.

*Steve Farbar*

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### AN IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Would you please note that the

#### ANNUAL MEETING

of the GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION

will be held at the ST. KILDA TOWN HALL

on MONDAY, 29th OCTOBER, 1962, at 8 p.m.

It is hoped that DAME PATTIE MENZIES will be guest speaker.

## International Extension Training Conference

9th-19th JANUARY, 1962.



**Some Extension Rangers in Camp.**

Photo: Betty Reynolds.

When I was asked to write something for "Matilda" about our recent International Conference, series of pictures came to my mind, rather like a collection of coloured slides. One of the first in this imaginery collection of mine is that of the happy smiles of the delegates from other States, arriving with some of the Campers for the Interstate Extension Camp at Headquarters, for the luncheon so kindly provided by the Victorian Executive Committee. I see the different uniforms—the bright green of the Philippines, the lovely grey-blue sari of Miss Anu Karkare, and the different shades of blue of our visitors from Great Britain, Hong Kong, New Zealand and the other Australian States, all of which were represented except Papua, New Guinea.

Then comes the memory of the Opening Ceremony, when the World Flag was broken

on the central flagpole, surrounded by the flags of the visiting Trainers and Delegates, and the Standard of our Chief Commissioner, carried by a Colour Party of Guide and Ranger orderlies. The Delegates were welcomed to Victoria by our State Commissioner, Mrs. Fairbairn, and she introduced Miss Eleanor Manning, who officially opened our Conference. Another picture of this Ceremony is that of the G.I.C., Miss Margaret Mellor, and her Assistant, Miss Norma Young, surrounded by literally dozens of cameras, photographing the Colour-Bearers and flags for the Delegates still standing in the Horseshoe Formation.

That morning we had the first of our Guest Speakers, Miss Dulcie Goode, Director of the Occupational Therapy School of Victoria, who spoke to us on the gaps in the life of the girl with a handicap. Other outside speakers were Doctor Cunningham Dax of the Mental Hygiene Authority of Victoria, who told us something of the problem of the mentally handicapped girl, and Miss Alison Campbell, first Commissioner for Extensions for Victoria, who spoke to us about the Production Division of the Victorian Society for Crippled Children and Adults, which we visited the following week.

In conjunction with the Conference, an Interstate Camp for Extension Guides and Rangers was run under the very capable direction of Mrs. Joan Moors, Assistant Guide Adviser for Victoria. At this camp 27 handicapped Guides and Rangers from Victoria, South Australia, Queensland and N.S.W. slept under canvas, with 20 staff members. There are many pictures I'd like to show you of this Camp; and one would certainly be that of the girls doing their orderly work in a Camp planned to encourage the maximum amount of participation. The cooking was done on ordinary camp ovens, but these were placed on a platform of earth about two or three feet high, so that all could reach it without bending. Meals were eaten in auto tents specially fitted with mosquito netting right down to the ground, and those on crutches, or who were unsteady on their legs, were able to wash themselves in wash cubicles with basins on absolutely firm stands.

The Delegates were able to visit the Camp at different times, and thus could see how the ordinary Camp programme was adapted for the Extension Guides and Rangers, and we had a special invitation to their Sports Day, when many visitors from within the Guide Movement and outside it spent the afternoon at Guide House watching the races, and afterwards sharing afternoon tea with the Delegates, which was kindly provided by the Yarra Junction L.A.

The theme of the Conference was "Independence Through Guiding," and much of the Training and the Conference discussions was planned to show how to develop this to the greatest extent. We were most grateful to our visiting Trainers, Miss Anu Karkare of the World Bureau, and Miss Margaret Hornby, till recently Extension Adviser for England. They did a great deal to widen our understanding of the fundamental values of Guiding, and Miss Hornby particularly helped us in the adaptation of Test work to suit the needs of girls with varying types of disability.

As many people know, it became necessary for the Camp and the Conference to be evacuated because of the danger of bush fires, which happened late on the evening of 15th January. One of the local policemen arrived at Guide House about 10.15 p.m., saying it would be wise to go down to the township of Yarra Junction, so the Delegates were asked to get dressed, take with them any valuables, and get into the cars and go down to the township. (There appeared to be a considerable difference of opinion as to what constituted "valuables." One Victorian Guider took her dirty washing, another the electric urn full of food, while our Honorary Secretary could not be parted from her precious shorthand notes of the Conference!)

Most of the Delegates spent the night in the Community Hall at Yarra Junction, while the Extension Camp members went to the Football Pavilion, and a skeleton staff remained at Guide House. One of my most vivid pictures is that of the Campers, sitting in the dark, surrounded by luggage, campbeds and blankets, loudly singing "Jubelana!"

We were overwhelmed by offers of assistance from the people of Yarra Junction; cars arrived to transport us down to the

hall, camp stretchers and blankets were loaned to us, cool drinks and food arrived — all sorts of kindness was shown to us, and all this around midnight. Those who spent that night in the hall will always remember the prayers led by Violet Proud, our Delegate from Hong Kong, for the safety of the firefighters and those in danger, and for thanksgiving for our own deliverance.

Early next morning we began our packing, and left for Melbourne. We arrived at Guide Headquarters about 11 a.m., a bedraggled bunch of refugees in a very varied mixture of uniform and civilian clothes. Here we were given most welcome cool drinks and sandwiches and fruit before going on to our billets. The overseas Delegates were given private hospitality, some of the heavily handicapped Delegates went to Deva, the hostel of the Victorian Society for Crippled Children and Adults, while the majority of us went to the Fitzroy Guide Hall. The Extension Guides and Rangers went to the R.S.L. Hall in Balwyn.

In Fitzroy we had a marvellous welcome; people arrived with more cool drinks, and a meal prepared for the evening to save our overtired Q.M. staff. They brought electric fans, camp beds, mattresses and bedding, a refrigerator, and every possible thing that might be of use, not to mention **eight dozen packets** of Weeties. Commissioners, Guiders, plumbers, Cadets, L.A. members, electricians — all sorts of kind people — came in to see if they could help in any way, while some of our Delegates and staff members tried to catch up on lost sleep in the midst of the turmoil!

As far as possible, we kept on with the original plans for the Conference, though some things had to be changed or omitted. It was impossible to hold the joint Camp Fire planned for the Interstate Camp and the Conference, but we did have our own closing Camp Fire, with much appreciated items from our International visitors.

After a most interesting evaluation session on the morning of the 19th January, the Conference came to an end, and the Delegates returned yet once more to Guide Headquarters for afternoon tea, before leaving for home. We all took with us so much; we had renewed old friendships and made new ones; we had learned many new games

and ideas for our Packs and Companies, and we had gained a fuller understanding of what Guiding can do for the handicapped girl.

This wonderful experience could not have been possible without the help of many, many people. The Planning Committee worked with me for months beforehand and did a marvellous job. Commissioners, Guiders, L.A. members and other friends of the Movement assisted us in a great variety of ways, and to many of these we have been able to express our thanks, but I am sure there are many others who worked unseen and who deserve equal thanks. I would particularly like to include here all the members of Headquarters Staff for their help, given so cheerfully at all times, not only during the Conference, but afterwards, with all the tidying-up and sorting of lost property. Thank you very much, H.Q. What would we have done without you?

MARY LAMBE,

Chairman, Planning Committee.



Extension Rangers and Guides attend Morning Service.

Photo: Betty Reynolds.

### COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE

Will be held from Friday, 8th June, to Sunday, 10th June, dates have been altered in order to obtain additional accommodation.

### OPENING OF FITZROY GUIDE HALL

Please note that the Official Opening of the Fitzroy Guide Hall, which was previously announced as 7th April, has been altered to **Saturday, 5th May, at 3 p.m.** Mr. A. G. Rylah, M.L.A., E.D., has graciously consented to open the Hall.

### WORLD CHIEF GUIDE

Word has recently been received from the World Bureau that Lady Baden-Powell's doctors agreed in December last that she was well enough to carry on with a restricted tour of the U.S.A. and Canada, attending one function only a day.

She began her tour of the U.S.A. on 29th December, 1961, and it will end on 12th March, 1962. During this period, she will fly to Our Cabana in February for ten days. Arriving in Canada on 17th March, the Chief will visit the Western Provinces until 7th April, when she will return to England to attend the World Committee Session.

Knowing the anxiety expressed by so many on her behalf, the General Secretary of The World Bureau says that the Chief has specially asked that the above information be made known to everyone. She conveys to each one concerned her warmest thanks and appreciation for all good wishes received, which have been a tremendous encouragement to her.

### DOLL COMPETITION

In conjunction with the State Council Stall, to be held at Headquarters, we are having a doll dressing competition.

Details can be found at Headquarters — Miss Wirth — from 1st April. Please plan to do one for us. Dolls provided in two sections.

J. McKAY.

### RECORDING — CAMP FIRE SONGS

It is hoped to make a recording of Camp Fire Songs later this year, and the Guide Choir would be interested to know what songs YOU would like to have on such a record if it is produced. Please send your suggestions to—Mrs. J. W. Clarke, 2 Westbourne Grove, Camberwell, E.6.

### COMMONWEALTH CIVIL DEFENCE TRAINING SCHOOL WELFARE INSTRUCTORS' COURSE

Through the State Government of Victoria an invitation has been received for the Guide Association to send a representative to this interesting three weeks' course.

We were delighted that Miss S. B. Long, who has been working temporarily on Headquarters staff for some months, agreed to represent us. She left Melbourne on 4th March, for the Mount Macedon Civil Defence School, where the Course will be held.

## BROWNIE BETTY

After Betty was enrolled as a Brownie, Brown Owl gave her two cards, one was a lovely big coloured registration card, which Betty's mother had framed and hung up in Betty's bedroom; and the other a small, folded, Golden Bar card. That evening, Betty wrote her name and Pack on it and looked at all the things she had to do to earn her Golden Bar, and wondered which she'd do first. She knew St. George's Cross, but wasn't sure of the others, so felt she wasn't quite ready for Union Jack or Australian Flag; and thought she could tie a reef knot and sheet bend, she was very vague about round turn and two half-hitches, so couldn't do knots yet.

"What's observation, Mummy?" she asked.

"Noticing things," said her mother; so next day Betty asked Julie what she had noticed for observation.

"The sky," said Julie, "I watched it and told Brown Owl about the different clouds and the sun, moon and stars and a sunset, and a rainbow, too; but you can do a bird or flower or tree, or anything outside, or you can collect six things like flowers or seed-pods instead."

"If I collected six flowers would that do?" asked Betty.

"I suppose so, but you have to know their names."

Next Brownie day, Betty picked six flowers and checked with her mother to be sure she knew all their names; and when she got to Brownies, she said, "Can I do my observation, Brown Owl? I've got six flowers and I know their names."

"We'll have to think about that," said Brown Owl, "Have you really done any noticing, Betty?"

"I noticed they were growing in the garden," said Betty.

"Well, that's a beginning," said Brown Owl. "What about showing them to us all at Pow-wow, and then some of us can play a game about them. Now, suppose you go and see what Tawny is showing the others."

Tawny was telling the early comers that to get into Brownie-land that day they'd have to walk a twisty path, which went round two big trees to make a figure 8, balancing a ball on a board; and that they could prac-

tise before Brownies started. She had some eight inch squares of three-ply and showed them how to hold the board flat on their hands and nearly as high as their chins, and told them to keep watching the ball, because when they went round a curve the ball would go toward the edge of the board, unless they tilted it a little. Most of them dropped the balls to begin with, but soon got the idea and then tried with the other hand. Betty was going well when she looked to see how many Brownies had arrived and, pop! onto the ground went the ball.

"That's what happens when you look away, Betty," said Tawny, "But you've done very well, and I'm sure you'll be able to get into Brownie-land." And Betty did, without dropping the ball once.

At Pow-wow, she showed her flowers and told their names and, after a chasing game, the Tweenies went with Tawny to practise ties, Pack Leader took the Golden Bars to wrap parcels, and Brown Owl told Betty and five other Brownies to choose a flower each and take groundsheets and sit in a circle and look at their flowers while she gave the other Brownies some Union Jack "jig-saws." Betty chose a rose. "Take turns round the circle starting from Robyn, and each tell me something about your flower," said Brown Owl. "And if anyone can't think of anything, or says something that has already been said, she moves back until her next turn, then if she can think of something else, she comes back into the circle.

Robyn, who had a marigold, said, "My flower is yellow," so Betty said, "My flower is red." The others spoke about the colours or number of petals of their flowers, and Robyn said, "My flower has too many petals to count." "So has mine," said Betty; but Brown Owl said that was saying the same as Robyn, so Betty moved back. Next time she said, "My flower has a nice scent" and was able to move in again. The others were telling about stiff stems, soft stems, rough or smooth stems, round or pointed petals, with smooth or spiked edges and things in the middle of flowers; but Betty couldn't see the middle of her rose as it wasn't fully out, and she couldn't think of anything else. She missed one turn and moved back, then

she looked very hard at her rose and said, "The outside petals of my flower curl back," and she was in again; then she noticed the five small stiff pointed leaves at the base of the flower and said something different about them till the game finished. They went home from Brownie-land along the twisting path balancing the boards on their left hands, and as they walked home, Robyn said, "I think I'll do observation next week. I'm collecting six seeds. I've got a gumnut and an acorn, that's an oak tree seed, and a nasturtium seed, like a little peanut, and a wallflower seedpod, and the lady next door has a plant with seed pods like swans, and she said she'd give me one, so I've only got to get one more."

After tea, Betty looked at the rosebush and realised that the small buds were covered in green, and as they grew, their green overcoats split into five and made the five green leaves under the flowers. Then she noticed that something lovely was happening in the sky, all the clouds were turning bright pink and the sky itself was bright greenish blue. There were streaky clouds and others which curled like beautiful pink feathers. "It's the loveliest sunset ever," thought Betty, "I'll tell Brown Owl about it next week."

All that week she noticed the clouds and the sky and the sunsets, but there wasn't another as beautiful.

Next meeting, Robyn showed her seeds, including a fluffy white dandelion, which she brought in a plastic bag so it wouldn't blow away. It was a bit squashed, but they could still see the little seeds each with a tiny parachute. They discussed how the wind blew that sort of seed away to start new plants, Robyn told how wall flower pods popped open and the seeds shot out and acorns rolled

Then Betty told about the rosebud's overcoats, and the sunset and tiny clouds like sheep and lumpy black ones, whose edges turned silver when they covered the sun; and Brown Owl said she thought Betty, as well as Robyn, had noticed a lot, and she signed Betty's card.

Betty was very proud that she had passed part of her Golden Bar, and she spent a lot of the next week walking on flower pots, balancing a ball on a board and standing and sitting with her arms folded, for she meant to pass that soon.

## BROWNIES' BREAK-UP PARTY GRANNIES SPECIALLY INVITED

Mothers—and particularly grandmothers—were guests of honour at the Christmas break-up party given by the Bright Brownies in Sharp's Recreation Hall on Saturday afternoon. A very happy time was enjoyed by young and old alike.

The Commissioner (Mrs. N. Wolff) explained to visitors the Brownie story which Brownies enact each Meeting, with its Fairy Ring of flowers, the Magic Toadstool, why there is a Wise Brown Owl, and why it is that Brownies are taught to be helpful and kind.

The children then skipped on and went through this particular Ritual. The rest of the programme was all sorts of merry games and competitions for children and grown-ups, too.

A surprise trail with clues had been prepared for the Commissioner, who had to follow the vagaries of a long string and carry out the instructions. As a result of these, in turn a pretty little silver Christmas tree became illuminated and when a large box was lifted, it disclosed a beautifully-iced Christmas cake in the form of a two-storied cottage, standing in a garden of iced flowers.

The high tiled roof consisted of dozens of little round iced lollies and the whole was the artistic effort of Brown Owl Mrs. Deacon.

At the far end of the hall stood a Christmas tree, decorated and laden with small gifts and flowers. Suddenly, to the sound of "Jingle Bells," the entire Brownie Pack skipped in, all harnessed with ropes and bells to a real toboggan in which sat a pocket-sized "Santa Claus" (who was really young Dianne Talbot.) The Brownies had made very attractive and useful tidies and each grown-up received one with a small calendar inside. Flowers and Christmas gifts were also presented by the children to Brown Owl Deacon, Tawny Owl Burns, Mrs. J. W. Barbour, Mrs. Tom Errington (their original Brown Owl) and Commissioner Wolff. In conclusion, the Pack honoured their guests with their very special Salute — a terrific "Too-Whit Too-Woo," done with appropriate actions!

A super-duper afternoon tea, at which there were at least three Christmas cakes, terminated a very happy party.

Courtesy: "Alpine Observer."

## ST. GEORGE'S DAY SERVICE

### ALL GUIDERS.

The members of the Advisory Council responsible for the arrangements desire that the following information concerning St. George's Day Service should be as widely publicised as possible, in order that this year's Service may be the largest on record.

**Date:** Friday, 27th April, 1962.

**Time:** 7.45 p.m.

**Place:** St. Paul's Cathedral

**Preacher:** The Precentor (Rev. H. Girvan).

### Arrangements for the Service:

**Guides** will enter the Cathedral from the Swanston Street entrance.

**Scouts** will enter the Cathedral from the door opening on to the Cathedral Close.

**Flags** will be carried in procession. Each Pack, Troop and Company to provide a **minimum** of one flag, WITH CARRIER. No escorts will be necessary. Flag-bearers, in FULL UNIFORM, to assemble in the Cathedral Close. Report to the Rover on duty by 7.15 p.m. Check ferrules. Name to be on flag, and pole.

P.S.—No flag holster (carrier), no place in the Procession. Check name on flag and pole. Check ferrules. Flags to report by 7.15 p.m. at assembly point (Cathedral Close).

Hon. Secretary, REV. G. TOOTH,  
28 Union Street, Sunshine,  
Phone: 311 2206.

### FOR SALE

1 Guider's Uniform in good order, 40" blouse, XW pullover, 32" waist skirt, belt, tie (navy), large beret. If interested in whole, or part, please contact Miss A. Stock, 26 5816, between 8.15 a.m. and 8.45 a.m.

1 Guider's Uniform, nearly new. Skirt SOS, 32" waist, jacket, 38" bust, beret, shirt and tie. Contact Mrs. L. Grant, Dunlop St., Mortlake.



### LOST

One "Djindunga" Camp Badge, between 26th-29th January. The Badge is diamond-shaped, and coloured black and yellow.

If found, please notify Carol May, phone 48 4596.

## BUSH FIRES

The service being given by Guiders and Guides to people affected by the bush fires is truly remarkable.

During the fires, Guiders used their experience to help Red Cross and State Relief in so many ways, but since the fires it is the Guides of the Diamond Valley who have helped so much.

Every weekend these girls have been out at least one day, and some cases two days, doing all sorts of jobs. First of all it was sorting all the clothes that came from the State Relief, then it was helping with the delivery of these and food supplies. Next it was helping people to clean up their homes, those that had been saved, but badly knocked about in the process. Then, as people began to come back and consider the ruins of their homes, the Guiders moved in to help with the cleaning up. They have cleaned bricks, cleared away rubbish, chopped wood and are now even helping in the rebuilding of some of the homes.

Throughout the Division, Brownies and those who perhaps have not been able to go out and help are planning to make cushions, curtains and supply people with all sorts of odds and ends that one needs to make a home.

These girls are truly living up to their Promise to help other people at all times.

BETH CHAMBERLAIN, D.C.,  
Diamond Valley.



## CAMPING DEPARTMENT

On and after 1st February, 1962, the following fees will be payable:

Booking fee, 1/-.

1/- or 2/6 fee with Permission to Camp Forms not necessary, but two stamped and addressed envelopes will be required.

Test fee for P.L. Permits and Ranger Overnight, 7/6.

All other Tests, 12/6.

M. McDONALD, Camping Adviser.





## Our Wildflowers

The flower of April is undoubtedly the Banksia, that typically Australian tree, found by the sea and inland.

I have referred elsewhere to our vanishing Tea-tree. The coastal Banksia also suffers at our hands, and it is time we realised the unique beauty of these native trees, gnarled and bent though they often are. They are ours, and ours alone.

I like to think of the sight that first greeted the eyes of Captain Cook and his eminent botanist in 1770. The botanist was Sir Joseph Banks, and the trees were called after him.

The Banksias belong to the family Proteaceae, which includes the well known Proteas from South Africa.

The leaves of the coast Banksia are narrow and white underneath, 3-4 inches in length. The flowers are the quaint yellow "bottle-brushes," six inches long and full of honey. Most bush lovers know the fruit or cones, brown and rough, with seed pods embedded in the thick stems at intervals. These are often used for floral decorations. It was interesting to note that the very hot weather at Cowes at the end of January caused the hard pods to open, and the flat, black, pointed seeds were scattered on the earth. I shall try to grow some.

Another name for the Banksia is "Honey Suckle Tree," because of the honey-bearing flowers which provide much food for the honey eaters. You will find Banksias flowering throughout the winter.

The Silver Banksia is a small edition of the coastal variety, with narrow leaves cut off squarely at the tip. The flowers are

yellowish brushes about four inches long; inland they are greenish in colour. The plant is widespread and is a feature of surviving heathland flora. It is found as far apart as Anglesea and Phillip Island.

Yet another, the Hill Banksia, may be seen in the autumn, with yellow to orange cones and long, very spreading leaves—flowering along the coast and in Gippsland district from Mornington to Cape Howe. The Hill Banksia is one of Victoria's protected plants. Hair-pin honeysuckle is a nickname for this favourite shrub, because of the shining jet black styles in each cone. A style is the continuation of the seedbox, and bears the sticky tip.

White Correa is another coastal flower found in April. A second name for it is Native Fuschia. Other species have green or scarlet bells and may soon be seen.

As we approach the end of autumn, the first heath may be looked for — pink and white; also bluebells.



Two April Orchids are the Autumn Greenhood and Parson's Bands, the latter a dainty flower of palest pink or white.

For those able to attend Council of Adult Education lectures on natural history commenced on 16th March at 14 Flinders Street, Melbourne, from 6.15-7.30 p.m. The first five lectures will be on New Zealand, and the last five, by Mr. Jack Hyett, on Australia.

J.H.



### BROWNIE KNOT BUZZ

Rope and cord of varying thicknesses are put in the centre of the circle. Brownies from "Bee" families of three called Fuzz, Wuzz and Buzz. Brown Owl calls out a knot and then the name of one of the Bee family. All the Brownies of that name run round the circle making the noise of a bee. The other two in the family form an archway into the hive for their sister to come through into the circle. This Brownie then does the knot and brings it to Brown Owl. The first Brownie gains two points for her family, and the rest who do the knot correctly, gain one point.

Later on, the Brownies can run round, do the knot, go out via the archway nearest Queen Bee (Pack Leader, perhaps) and tell her what the knot is used for — to gain more points.

Each Bee family counts up its points at the end.

(From "The Guide" of 16th June, 1961)

### WASHING UP THE TEA THINGS

Equipment needed—a set of pictures of cups and saucers, plates, cutlery, jug, glasses, tea towel, towel, tablecloth, and the kitchen sink. Also needed are slips of paper on which are written such sentences as—

"Give us a good rub to make us shine." "Wash me in nice, clean water." "Be careful. My sharp edges might cut the tea towel." "Be careful of our handles and turn us upside down to drain." "Wash both sides of us." "Please do not leave a ring of cream on me." "Use me to dry hands on after washing up." "Dry the dishes with me, not your hands. Afterwards hang me up to dry." "Clean me up and wipe me down." "Shake me, fold me, and put me away."

The Brownies match the slips of paper with the appropriate pictures and arrange them in the order they should be washed up or used.

The same idea may be used with road safety pictures.

### GAME FOR GUIDES

Each Patrol is given a card bearing a symbol or a word—e.g., the figure 7.; a five-pointed star; the word "fisherman".

The Guides are to do, as practically as possible, whatever the word or symbol suggests to them.

e.g., 7—They could draw or make up an Australian Flag showing the Federal Star; they could do an act on the Seventh Guide Law.

Star—The Australian Flag again — of the World Flag — of some representation bring in the Trefoil — or direction finding by the Southern Cross.

Fisherman—Knotting; various aspects of the Legends.

### THOUGHTS ON PATROL LEADERS' TRAINING

Do you go home from Company meetings worn out, because the whole programme has fallen on your shoulders? Do you have to teach all the Test work in your Company? Do the Guides come to you for every small thing they wish to do or know? If this is the case, I suggest you take time off and work out when you held your last Patrol Leaders' Training. I should think it would take time to work this out, because if all these things are falling on your shoulders, then the P.L.s are obviously not being taught to take their proper place in the Company.

Apart from being unfair to yourself in giving yourself all the extra work, you are being unfair to the P.L.s who, having been chosen to take the lead by their sister Guides, are not being taught how to do so.

Almost invariably, the cry is "Lack of time," but this is the occasion when we must make time, either by cutting half an hour off the Company meeting at regular intervals, or perhaps staying later or starting earlier, or, if you are lucky, an extra night in the month just for the P.L.s. The Company will object strongly, of course, if you cut their time, but after a short interval it will be taken for granted that this specially arranged time is for the Patrol Leaders, and the benefit to yourself and to the Company will be tremendous.

Your P.L. training time needs careful planning, just as the Company meeting is carefully planned, and your P.L.s requests should be carefully considered. Treat your leaders as a Patrol, with yourself as P.L. and Lieutenant as P.S., and have games and Test work teaching. We always say in Guiding that we learn by playing, then let the P.L.s learn in just the same way. But occasionally, give them discussions on Company problems and exchanging ideas. You do this at your District meeting with the other Guiders, either in casual chats or discussions led by your Commissioner, and I feel sure your P.L.s will enjoy this also.

Do you encourage your P.L.s to go to P.L. Conference or District or Division P.L. Trainings if these are held? They can gain wonderful experience in this way, but it is still the personal touch given by Captain which helps the girl in the understanding of her individual Patrol, develops her powers of leadership and teaches her to accept responsibility.

And where can Captain get the help to successfully conduct these Trainings? Matilda always has details of Guiders' Trainings and Conferences, and your Commissioner will be only too happy to try and arrange Trainings in your District if you ask her—just as the P.L.s tell you what special help they need, so you must tell your Commissioner what you need—she isn't a thought reader, you know!

Of course, a Weekend Camp with the P.L.s gives wonderful opportunities for Training, but if this is impossible to arrange, then a hike will give you many openings to assist them to assist you. It is fun, too, to have an occasional evening when the girls come to visit you socially, and you play records, or games, and chat and have supper. Not a uniform night, but I guarantee the talk will keep wandering back to various Company matters, and your quiet grasping of opportunities will bear fruit later on.

I have never forgotten my time as a P.L. and how proud we were to attend Court of Honour and Leaders' Training, and the things I learnt then have lived with me ever since, and I greatly appreciate the additional opportunities I had as a P.L., even though my Captain may not have realised at the time just how much was sinking in!

But perhaps you are thinking "This does not concern me, we have P.L. Training regularly, the Guides have a say in all that goes on, my Company is running smoothly." Good, I'm glad to think this is so. It is now up to you to keep those Trainings interesting and informative. Give the P.L.s the chance to learn something new for themselves and their own tests, as well as revision on Tenderfoot and Second Class and methods of passing these on to the Patrol. Check your P.L. Training programme like you do the Company one—are you getting in a rut? Could the training be improved upon? Earlier, I suggested taking P.L. training like a Patrol meeting or Patrol Time, but please don't do that all the time—the monotony would bore you, so the girls would notice it sooner! The work is "Variety" all the time.

Why do we have Patrol Leaders' Training? Why do we use the Patrol System? What did B.P. have in mind when he started us along this road? Have we followed in his steps, or have we strayed? If we have strayed, has it been to the benefit of the Guides or not? Read "Scouting for Boys" again and see where the arrow pointed. Only you can answer these questions for your Company, and if you feel there is room for improvement, NOW is the time to start.



These are one person's thoughts on Patrol Leaders' Training, but I hope they will make you start thinking and adapting to suit your own Company and the needs of your own Guides. The Patrol System is the foundation of our Guiding, and Patrol Leaders' Training, with Court of Honour, Patrol Time and Patrols in Council, is an important corner stone, without which the building will be extremely shaky.

NORMA D. YOUNG.

## INTO A WIDER WORLD

Do we consider deeply enough about what is meant by the very important phrase at the end of our Ranger Promise? As Guides, we all made the same Promise — "To do my best to do my duty to God and the Queen to help other people at all times and to obey the Guide Law." Older now, we undertake to do something much more compelling and yet it isn't specific. Probably, it would be easier if we did promise something more definite, such as "to go to Church every Sunday, to cook breakfast four times a week and to render service regularly," but ours is a **way of life**, and our consciences have to be consulted very often.

Sometimes I wonder if many of us really do "take the Promise out into a wider world." Even if we are doing our very best to keep it, where does "the wider world" come in? Oh, I know, some, because of their Promise, feel strengthened to combat enough? I don't think so. It is too negative and I am sure that as members of the Senior Branch, you aren't negative people.

Recently, I heard a woman who has to interview girls for employment in her firm say that from their attitude to work, she knows if they have been Guides or Rangers. Often, too often, it ends there. Even a very enthusiastic Ranger or Cadet, whilst genuinely doing her best to keep her Promise, hasn't the courage to say "that would be abusing the trust the boss has in us" or "No, I can't start for that picnic on Sunday quite so early, as I like to go to Church in the morning." The line of least resistance is to mutter, "I don't think I'll do that" and "Sorry, I can't go"—still keeping within the letter of the Promise, but not taking it further.

Almost always, there is someone who will follow suit, if there is just one person strong enough to take the lead. Isn't that what we should do—take the lead in matters of that kind?

Another point strikes me at times—indeed, it does in connection with young Guides, too. As a member of a Company, Crew or Flight, you take part in some form of service, either on your own, or in a team. This takes time, possibly a little money, and means having meals at odd times or taking

packed ones with you. The service may be visiting an old peoples' home or club, working with handicapped children, shopping for bed-ridden people—no matter what. You don't shirk that service, you know it's worth doing, and you do it as well as ever you can. What happens at home? You haven't time to help your mother with housework, mending or shopping; you can't afford to pay your full share of housekeeping expenses and you can't make your own sandwiches or prepare a snack for your return. Mother doesn't mind, she has always looked after you and loves doing it, but is it true service to do it all "outside" and leave your home duties? Think about that and decide for yourselves.

Our "wider world" is wherever we are — at school, home, work and on social occasions. All the people with whom we come in contact live in that world—people we have never actually met, those we sit next to in a bus or train, shop assistants, customers or work mates and, of course, those at home and our own personal friends.

Did that overseas girl go on her way with a lighter heart because you smiled at her in the bus, or that blind man because you paused to cross the road with him? And what of those at home? Are they convinced that you are a nicer person, no matter how delightful you were before, because of Guiding?

This isn't meant to be a publicity stunt for the Senior Branch, but to make you stop in your tracks and consider how wide **your** world is, and what impact you have upon it. (From "The Ranger," 1961.)

## UNIFORM

As an enquiry has been received as to whether enrolled members of the State Council are entitled to wear uniform, it is advised that, in accordance with a decision of the Executive Committee in 1959, any enrolled Council member who wishes to wear uniform at any time—particularly when she is representing the Guide Association at an outside function—may do so. The uniform agreed upon was:—

Jacket and skirt with blue blouses, navy blue tie, silver cockade on hat or beret with Victorian State Badge.

## TRAINING DEPARTMENT

### Brownies:

Six weeks' course, to commence Wednesday, 10th April, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Guider-in charge, Mrs. Morton.

Six weeks' course, to commence Wednesday, 16th May, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Guider-in charge, Mrs. Barratt.

### Guides:

Six weeks' course, to commence Thursday, 3rd May, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Guider-in charge, Mrs. James.

Six weeks' course, to commence Thursday, 31st May, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Guider-in-charge, Miss Bunning.

The above courses will be held at Guide Headquarters, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne, and applications must reach Training Secretary one week before commencement of course.

Fee for courses, 5/- per course.

Guiders must have attained their 17th birthday.

## GUIDE AND BROWNIE TRAINING.

### Mornington Peninsula:

Saturday, 7th April—Red Hill, at Church of Christ Hall and Church of England Hall. These two halls are very close together, but are small, so it was thought advisable to have both. Situated on the Main Road, directly opposite the Showgrounds.

Saturday, 5th May—Rosebud, in Guide Hall 10.30 a.m.-4.30 p.m.

As it has not been possible to arrange for Training Staff, we are regretfully unable to organise a Training Week for Easter, 1962.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Dates to remember, if you are interested in **BROWNIE GOLDEN HAND DAY**— Tuesday, 1st May, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Training Room, Girl Guide Headquarters, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne.

All sections of this Test will be demonstrated, and equipment to assist in teaching. Questions will be answered. This invitation is extended to anyone interested, so call in between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

**BROWNIE HANDCRAFTS DAY** — Tuesday, 3rd July, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Training Room, Girl Guide Headquarters, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne.

Handcrafts will be on display and demonstrated.

## MERRI DIVISION

On Saturday, 14th April, Merri Division will visit Guide House for the purpose of handing over to Guide House Committee a garden seat which will be a tribute to the memory of the late Mrs. O. G. M. Knight. As their beloved Assistant Division Commissioner, Mrs. Knight was well known to the Guides and Brownies, as well as the older members of the Division, and contributions came forward very quickly when it was suggested that her memory should be perpetuated in some suitable way.

An invitation is extended to any of Mrs. Knight's friends to be present, and it is hoped that Miss F. Barfus, who has been abroad for 15 years, will be home in time to share with Mrs. Barclay in this day to honour the memory of their sister.

## JEWISH GUIDES AND BROWNIES

Would Commissioners or Guiders please send the names of any Jewish Guides or Brownies to me, together with their address and the Company or Pack to which they belong. **This is very important**, as I wish to make contact with them when arranging for them to join all Jewish Guides at services and other special occasions.

A Guide service is being arranged at St. Kilda Synagogue on **3rd November**, in conjunction with United Nations Week. To this service, non-Jewish Commissioners and Guiders will be most welcome. Details will be given at a later date.

NANCY KIRSNER,

Liaison Com. for Jewish members.  
661 Inkerman Rd., Caulfield. (50-5224)



## CAMPING DEPARTMENT

The Camping Department would like to express their thanks and appreciation to all hostesses for the recently conducted Headquarters Summer Camps. They did a wonderful job, and we hope they received letters of thanks from the children concerned.

## PACK HOLIDAY

The 27th January saw the beginning of a very exciting time for some members of the 1st and 2nd Myrtleford Brownie Packs, when Brownie Guiders began transporting equipment for their first Pack Holiday. Guiders collected kitchen utensils, crockery, groceries, first aid supplies and their own stretchers, bedding and luggage and took them in a number of loads to Brownie Cottage, which was kindly lent by Mr. and Mrs. Schlapp at their property, Valley Nut Groves, Gapsted.

Fifteen excited little Brownies were accompanied on the holiday from 22nd to 26th January, by four Guiders, Mesdames Frame, Evans, Currie and Moor, together with Camp Adviser, Miss Norma Lee, "Yunky" (a friend) to the Brownies. On Monday, 22nd, at 10 a.m., Friendship House was the scene of great activity and excitement when the Brownies and parents assembled with their luggage and bedding and each child with a tin of mum's biscuits under one arm, and here and there, a dolly tucked under the other. Goods were loaded into cars and a trailer and off we went.

We arrived about 11 a.m., at Brownie Cottage, full of adventure and eagerness. Just before entering our holiday home, we all stood to attention while Brown Owl read a Pack Holiday Prayer. The Pack was then divided into three groups, Indians to one bedroom, Cowboys to another and Sheriffs to yet another, and each Guider adopted a room. The remaining beds were then made up and the house put in order. Lunches provided by mother were spread on trays on the long verandah table and Brownies were called to lunch by the ringing of a cowbell, then the saying of Grace. During lunch, "Yunky" arrived with two of the Pack, who had been holidaying at the seaside, but were determined not to miss Pack Holiday. For an hour, Snow Owl entertained the Brownies with games, while the other Guiders made "Yunky" welcome and tidied up after lunch. Then, from 1.30 to 2.30 p.m., each child rested on her bed while stories were read. After rest hour, a happy time was spent exploring the garden and grounds, then we all gathered on a delightful circle of lawn under a huge shady walnut tree for Pow-wow and Brownie Ring. During Pow-wow, rules were laid down for the holiday, and special

names were given to all present. Next came "free time" for the Brownies, but they were not allowed beyond the "magic wall" (out of a Guider's sight). At 5.30 p.m. Q.M. Tawny had tea ready. After tea, both Brown Owls bathed each child separately (18), while Tawny and Snow Owl conducted a sing-song round the piano. Bedtime came all too soon, but, at 7.30 p.m., the Cowboys, Sheriffs and Indians all retired and had stories and prayers and lights out by 8.30 p.m.

Every day, each group took turns at being house orderlies, kitchen helpers and waitresses, and many pairs of hands made fun and light work of their chores. During the holiday, paddling and splashing was enjoyed in a shallow part of the Ovens River, and a surprise visit to one of the Brownies' homes enabled those eligible to be tested by "Yunky" for their Swimming Proficiency Badges in a lovely garden swimming pool.

Wednesday was Visitors' Day, and we were delighted to see so many interested parents and members of the L.A. take the opportunity of seeing the Brownies in action. Visitors were entertained by puppet shows and items by the children and a display of Indian, Cowboy and Sheriff costumes which the children had made during their stay at Brownie Cottage. Afternoon tea was served by the Brownies. When time came for the visitors to leave, Brownie smiles were not quite so gay, but another wonderful surprise — a visit to the Drive-in Theatre at Wangaratta soon revived their enthusiasm, we were all thrilled to find the films showing were of Cowboys, Sheriffs and Indians.

On Thursday, competitions were held and prizes awarded for the best-dressed doll (dolls donated by Snow Owl), and the best-decorated egg. After a talk by "Yunky" on Brownies in New Guinea, the children decided to send these dolls to a New Guinea Pack.

Friday saw us all packing up and making ready for home, leaving "never a trace behind." On our way home we took "Yunky" to Wangaratta station to catch her train to Melbourne, together with the two Brownies who were returning to finish their seaside holiday. Although the Brownies were eager to go home, many a cheek glistened with a tear on departure, and all voted it a wonderful Pack Holiday.

## OPERATION BLACKBERRY PIE

In connection with Thinking Day, the Pack had heard a lot about other Brownies in the world, their ways of life and their countries. They also had heard about many, many children in the world who cannot be happy and healthy Brownies, because they are hungry and sick and their own fathers and mothers cannot do all they would want to do for them, because their countries are too poor or suffering from wars, floods or earthquakes. But the Brownies also learned that the people in the world who live on the sunny, happy side have joined into action in something that is called "Freedom from Hunger Campaign," where people pledge themselves to help—not only by sending money to buy food, but by increasing the food production in their own countries and by teaching the countries in need how to utilize so far untapped, or partly tapped, food resources.

This captured the imagination of Brownies. Hunger hurts—and help is needed in the quickest way possible! On went the thinking caps in Pow-wow:—

Plant a tree to feed a man? — too slow!  
Set a hen to hatch chickens? — likewise!  
Buy half-a-dozen laying chickens? — not enough money in the Pack kitty!  
Grow lettuce and radishes? — of uncertain success!  
Until a bright spark suggested: We could pick blackberries!

Home swarmed the Pack in great excitement to collect orders from mother, grandma, neighbours for blackberries sufficient for a pie. Back came on Thinking Day after Sunday School, and Thinking Day Service, a horde of ragamuffins armed with billies, pots and toy buckets, clambered into the waiting cars and took off in high spirits to the sunny, shallow banks of the Ovens River.

In gumboots and sandshoes, plastic sandals and old boots, they rushed and scrambled, splashed and stumbled over rocks and pebbles across the stream. Boy, what blackberries! Toil and labour isn't really bad when one can have a splash and a play in a mountain stream at the same time! Worse luck, though, when one slipped and lost billy, blackberries and all! But,

finally, all billies and pots were filled and lined up on the bank for a "grand parade," and the Brownies settled down for a simple sandwich meal, eyeing their harvest with great satisfaction.

On Monday, half Wangaratta had blackberry pie for dinner —on Tuesday Tawny took the money to the bank to get a cheque — on Wednesday it was gone in the mail (£3/17/-)—**enough to keep 6 (six) children for a month(!)** in one of the Asian countries in the "Freedom from Hunger Campaign" scheme under the auspices of UNICEF and FAO.

J. M. KENTMAN,  
Brown Owl, 2nd Wangaratta Pack.

**Watch for Trefoil Guild News in next issue of "Matilda"**



## MEDAL OF MERIT

It is with pride and pleasure that we announce the Award of the Medal of Merit to Mrs. M. Ebeling who, for many years, has given loyal service to the Movement in many capacities.

In the presence of her many Guide friends in the South Western Suburbs, Mrs. Ebeling was presented with her Award by Mrs. Orr, Assistant State Commissioner, on Saturday, 17th February, at a Division Thinking Day Ceremony, when the following citation was read:—"Since Mrs. Ebeling joined the Movement in 1928, she has served in many capacities—Guide and Ranger Captain, District Commissioner, Division Commissioner for 15 years, Square Centre Committee at the time it was sponsored by the Association, and many fund raising committees. She has given loyal and unselfish service to Guiding in her local area, thus enabling Guiding, in an industrial and under-privileged area, to continue and develop. She has been a splendid liaison between the Movement and the public and has been an inspiration to all, with whom she has been associated."

### "GUIDING INTERNATIONAL"

During 1960-61, whilst travelling in Europe, it was my privilege to join with the British Guides in celebrating their Jubilee.

In August, I attended an International Camp held in a lovely spot on the Gower Peninsula, South Wales. Also taking part were Guides from Canada and Sweden, and you can imagine the fun we had talking and trying to make ourselves understood. The overseas visitors at the camp were given a reception by the Mayor of Swansea, and shown over the lovely new City Hall, which features Australian timbers, together with those of other Commonwealth countries. A day's excursion took us through the beautiful green countryside to Broneirion, the Welsh Training Headquarters, where we were shown over the stately old home by the Australian Guider-in-Charge.

Later in the year I was very fortunate in meeting Lady Baden-Powell, who is a wonderfully friendly person, as everyone who has met her will agree, and extremely interested in her world-wide family. After lunch, with Lady Baden-Powell, I attended a rally of 3000 Surrey Guides, who had travelled to Hampton Court along the River Thames, and also by road, to enjoy an afternoon in the Palace grounds and hear a message of cheer and good wishes from the Chief.

When working in London I lived at "Our Ark," which is now situated in more spacious and homely surroundings in Earls Court. It is an ideal meeting place, and among the residents were Guides from England, Scotland, New Zealand, Uganda and Zanibar, thus providing a wonderful opportunity for the exchange of ideas.

Another highlight of my trip was a visit to Our Chalet with a group of British Guiders. Our ten days there were fully occupied hiking and climbing in the beautiful Swiss Alps. One night, while entertaining the visiting Finnish Guides, a noise was heard outside, and on investigation it proved to be an Alpine horn player, who then came inside to explain and demonstrate his unusual musical instrument.

I also attended trainings a Foxlease, the home of Guiding and Waddow, situated on the banks of the lovely River Ribble in

Yorkshire, and very popular with Guiders from the Northern Counties.

Last September I participated in Commonwealth Training Week at Netherurd, the beautiful Georgian home of Scottish Guiding, set in the rolling heather-clad hills of Peebleshire. Guides from the following countries were present:—Great Britain, New Zealand, Malta, Sarawak, Uganda and Bechuanaland, and the fellowship enjoyed by such varied personalities made our 4th Law a more living reality.

On my way home, through the North American continent, I had a glimpse of Guiding in Canada and Scouting in America, thus bringing to a conclusion some interesting experiences of Guiding in other countries of the world.

MARGARET J. THARLE,  
Dandenong.



Miss Anu Karkare,  
Visiting Trainer of the World Bureau.

Photo: Betty Reynolds.



## INTERNATIONAL REPORT

Invitation:

### INTERNATIONAL PROMISE AND LAW GATHERING FOR PROTESTANT GUIDERS, 1962.

Commonwealth Headquarters have invited Australia to send FOUR delegates to take part in an International Promise and Law Gathering for Protestant Guiders, to be held on **31st October to 7th November, 1962.**

**Place:** Methodist Guild Guest House, Whitby, Yorkshire.

**Cost:** £8/10/- (including Conference fee), —sterling.

**Hospitality:** 24th October to 31st October in the North of England.

**Qualifications:** This is a gathering for members of the Guide Movement and is primarily intended to help delegates to pass on what they learn to other Guiders and to the children through Guiding and Guiding methods, though, of course, the Conference gives inspiration to the delegates themselves.

It is suggested that Commissioners might be included in the delegation, or those who may have special responsibility for training in the Promise and Law in their Movement.

It helps to preserve continuity if one of the delegates has already attended a previous gathering, but this is left entirely to the country's discretion.

The delegates should be able to understand English—the main talks will be of that language—there will be language groups for discussion in French and German.

The delegates should have some knowledge of their own Church, but this does not mean that they should necessarily be professional Church workers.

This is a popular Gathering, and there may be some Guiders already overseas who might be interested.

Nominations for this should be in the hands of the S.I.R. not later than **6th April, 1962.**

## REGIONAL CONFERENCES

Plans are now in hand for the first of 1962's Regional Conferences. Within the next few months, it is hoped that Conferences will be held in the following Regions: Western District 3; Ballarat; North Eastern; Bendigo; Eastern Metropolitan and Wimmera.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM DIVISION COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

All Commissioners reported how much they appreciated the "Notes for Commissioners"—very helpful and well done.

**Nambrok** (Gippsland) staged a pageant depicting Guiding from 1910 to the present day.

**Unusual Community Service**—Maffra Guide Company has donated and looks after a children's library, toys, games and dolls at the Maffra District Hospital, and Matron is very happy with this arrangement.

**Southern Suburbs**—East Brighton District had a weekend at Guide House. Guides, Brownies and Local Association had as their guest a member of the Malayan Youth Delegation which recently visited Australia.

**Merri**—Preston District are collecting gifts from each Brownie, Guide and Ranger for a family which was burnt out at St. Andrew's. The mother was a former Guider.

**Monash Division** reports that each District will have a function to assist Headquarters finances this year.

**Diamond Valley** would like to see organised an overall "Disaster Plan" for Guide people, so that we can help as a combined effort of Guiders according to a definite plan.

**Ebeling Division**—Three Publicity Secretaries and Commissioners are planning a "Display material and Hobbies" Night during Guide Week in August.

**General**—Most Divisions need more Guiders and more training. It's up to **YOU** — and I mean **YOU** — to try and get more Guiders, but the Training Department is doing its utmost to help with more and still more training. — J. McK.

## YOUTH CONFERENCE: 30th - 31st March, 1962.

The Association received from The Youth Council of Victoria, with which we are affiliated, an invitation to send representatives to the above Conference, the theme of which is LEADERSHIP TRAINING, and we are delighted to report that the following have agreed to represent the Guides:—Mrs. A. N. Fox (Brownie Adviser); Miss J. Parrott (Sea Ranger Skipper); Miss P. Wilson (Lieutenant); Miss J. Duncanson (Captain) and Miss L. Smith (Captain).

**FOR SERVICE****Thanks Badges** awarded to

Mrs. V. E. Vibert, Shepparton; Mr. R. D. Butcher, Beaumaris.

**Long Service Award:**

Congratulations to the following recipient:  
Mrs. B. McNally.

**ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Received with gratitude:

Mountain District Local Association; Miss C. Broadhurst; Miss E. Payne; Mrs. E. Pledge; Miss D. Coles; Mrs. D. S. Craig; Millar's Timber Trading Coy.

**WARRANTS RETURNED FOR CANCELLATION****Captains:**

Miss J. Campbell, 3rd Geelong West; Mrs. P. Bird, 2nd Edithvale; Mrs. T. Miles, 2nd Lakes Entrance; Mrs. E. Free, 1st Sunbury; Miss M. Beggs, 1st Beaufort; Miss M. Sinclair, 1st Ocean Grove; Mrs. J. Holt, 1st Greenhills.

**Lieutenants:**

Miss J. Friday, 1st Montrose; Miss R. Sinclair, 1st Lilydale; Miss H. M. Smalley, 3rd Box Hill; Mrs. M. Farrall, 2nd Moorleigh; Mrs. J. McNee, 1st Yarram; Miss N. M. Dunlevy, 3rd Yarraville; Mrs. D. Wilkinson, 1st Catani; Miss L. Smith, 4th South Yarra.

**Brown Owls:**

Mrs. F. Read, 1st Wonga Park; Miss J. Page, 1st Kilsyth; Miss I. E. Baynes, 1st Portland; Miss E. Sampson, 2nd Stawell; Miss P. M. Booth, 1st Fern Tree Gully; Mrs. A. E. Rye, 1st North Sunshine; Miss M. Hunt, 1st Chadstone; Mrs. E. Rainbow, 4th Mildura; Miss E. Harris, 4th Bendigo; Miss M. O'Connell, 1st Kerang; Mrs. J. M. Cowling, 1st Heathmont; Mrs. E. L. Saunders, 1st Echuca; Mrs. K. Wood, 4th Geelong West; Miss B. Nicholls, 2nd Williamstown; Mrs. C. M. Phillips, 1st Barwon Heads; Mrs. J. Harvey, 3rd Robinvale; Mrs. J. R. Selman, 1st Terang; Mrs. F. White, 2nd Sale; Mrs. A. Scott, 2nd Horsham.

**Tawny Owls:**

Miss M. R. Fowler, 3rd Sunshine; Miss E. Neyland, 1st Daylesford; Mrs. E. Browne, 2nd Myrtleford; Mrs. S. Gordon, 1st Sunbury; Mrs. B. I. Banks, 1st Mt. Wallace.

**FOR SALE**

1 blue Guider's Blouse, 32 inch bust; 1 navy skirt, 24 inch waist (one year old). Anyone interested, please contact Mrs. W. Elliott, c/o Mt. Koroite, Coleraine.

**WARRANTS****Captains:**

Mrs. R. Wilkie, 3rd Sunshine; Mrs. J. Morrison, 1st Koonung Heights.

**Lieutenants:**

Mrs. R. Maxwell, 1st Wantirna South; Mrs. V. Mansbridge, 1st Nunawading.

**Brown Owls:**

Mrs. M. M. Morris, 1st North Sunshine; Miss M. R. Fowler, 3rd Sunshine; Mrs. E. A. Warfe, 1st Ararat; Mrs. S. McMahon, 1st Cabbage Tree Creek; Mrs. J. Binns, 2nd Skipton; Mrs. D. E. Olsen, 3rd Robinvale; Mrs. S. Philpott, 2nd East Brighton; Mrs. E. D. Kerr, 1st Cobden; Mrs. E. E. Farmer, 1st Merrigum.

**Tawny Owls:**

Miss G. Hatcher, 1st Hopetoun; Miss J. Graham, 1st Barham; Miss N. Guy, 1st Maidstone; Mrs. J. Martin, 5th Moorabbin.

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

**District Commissioners**—Mrs. A. E. O'Connor, Brighton (1 year extension); Mrs. A. E. Fulton, Red Cliffs (1 year extension); Mrs. N. Schumann, Turriff-Lascalles (1 year extension); Mrs. J. M. Sloane, Fish Creek; Mrs. R. Cumming, Inglewood; Mrs. D. Fullerton, Aberfeldie; Mrs. G. Francis, Ringwood East; Mrs. J. Miles, Lakes Entrance; Mrs. P. Hardiman, Gisborne.

**Division Commissioners**—Mrs. D. Morell, new Division in Westernport Bay area; Mrs. D. K. Embling, Ovens River (acting); Mrs. J. Pearce, Mullum Mullum.

**RESIGNATIONS AND RETIREMENTS****With Regret—**

**District Commissioners**—Miss L. Dickson Warragul; Mrs. W. A. McDonald, Wangaratta; Mrs. P. Wharton, South Croydon; Mrs. J. E. Forsyth, Macarthur.

**Division Commissioners** — Mrs. J. Bell, Camperdown; Mrs. V. Mullett, Yarra Yarra; Mrs. A. F. Edwards.

**WANTED**

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

Further particulars, please contact Miss Doris Kane (Captain), 41 Amsterdam Street, Richmond, E.1. JB 4947.

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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."

**THINKING DAY MESSAGE**

Tongan Guides broadcast a special Thinking Day greeting to Australian Guides on 22nd February.

**A "GOOD NEIGHBOUR" STORY**

A word in appreciation of the splendid work of the Good Neighbour Council in bringing cheer to one of our L.A. members from Benalla, who was ill in hospital in Melbourne recently.

When this member, a migrant from Europe, went to hospital in Melbourne, we contacted the Good Neighbour representative, who arranged hospital visiting, this greatly cheered our member, and gave her a feeling of belonging to something really worthwhile.

Congratulations, Good Neighbour Council of Victoria.—J. McM.

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