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Photo: Betty Reynolds.

*“Now, when was he born?”*

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## State Commissioner's Diary



**7th April**—My first invitation was to attend Winnie the Pooh's Party, a most successful Brownie Revel held in a lovely garden on a most glorious day.

It's very unfortunate that the land is so dry and things so serious, but we have enjoyed these perfect autumn days, in spite of all our worries.

**9th April**—I attended the District of Derinallum Annual Meeting, and listened to reports of a busy and successful year.

Almost wherever I go I hear about the need for more Guiders. I think we should be able to get more young people interested if we gave them a time limit of two or three years. They may then feel more inclined to take responsibilities, otherwise it sounds rather endless. I don't think many will want to give up and relinquish their interest, but at least, if they do, they will have helped both the children and themselves in every possible way.

**12th April**—At our Executive Meeting we said farewell to Miss Hornby. We have enjoyed her visit to Victoria—a very charming person who has passed on so much of her knowledge and experiences as Extension Adviser for Great Britain. We are most appreciative for her help and interest.

In the evening, Mrs. McKay and I attended the Youth Advisers' Council with other Youth Organisations' representatives. It was a very interesting and enlightening meeting. The Y.A.C. has a mammoth job helping youth organisations in very many ways. Detailed requirements for grants must be set out and accompanied by reports and financial statements; the Committee then goes through all these requests and allocates accordingly. It cannot be very easy, especially as they have only a certain amount to give away.

**13th April**—The Government of Victoria had a Garden Party to celebrate the 'Aurora's' first run from Sydney to Melbourne carrying their Excellencies, the Governor-General and Lady de L'isle, plus other important people. I am sure it was all very interesting and exciting, but I, personally, feel like our Premier about trains, who remarked (so I heard) it was the nicest train he had not

slept in! I likewise never sleep in trains! However, it was a lovely party, and all enjoyed it and felt most honoured at being invited on this most auspicious occasion.

**14th April**—This was a most happy day for me. Mrs. Gardner invited me to lunch at her lovely home near Lilydale, where the Guides and Brownies were having a picnic in her garden. The Guides had cooked a delicious pot roast of mutton, and I am sure I got hungrier every time they showed it to me. It certainly did smell good.

After lunch we went to Kilsyth to open their Guide Hut. I do feel most touched by the many good people who give their time, energy and money so unstintingly for youth. I know what real pleasure it gives them and I hope that every Guide and Brownie will remember, all their lives, these wonderful opportunities and privileges they have been given. Thank you, Kilsyth, for inviting me.

**18th April**—Four of us—Mrs. Needham who drove us, Miss Lambe and Miss Sims—attended the North Eastern Regional Conference at Wodonga. Miss Sims and I were privileged to stay with the Regional Chairman, Mrs. Embling, at Glen Rowan. Mrs. Embling's property is practically Ned Kelly's home, so it was most exciting hearing about his relations and seeing the actual places he hid and was finally caught. I must not forget I am writing my Diary and not a story on Ned Kelly! We all enjoyed the Conference and I am sure everyone learnt a great deal through the discussions and I hope received some help. Thank you, everyone, for making our visit so enjoyable, comfortable and interesting.

**27th April**—St. George's Day Service at St. Paul's. This was one of the most inspiring services I have ever attended, and every year it seems to get better and bigger. This year, St. Paul's was full and overflowing, and the Colour-bearers and those who took up the collection conducted themselves with great dignity. When one reaches the end of life, it more than gladdens the heart to see so many

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## In Memory

### "Remembering Mrs. O. G. M. Knight, Loved Commissioner and Friend"

is part of the inscription on a seat presented to Guide House by Merri Division on 14th April, 1962.

Built of Lilydale stone, with a wooden seat for comfort, it is set into the embankment near the House, shaded by the "big tree" and gay with geraniums near about.

It seemed as if everyone of the Merri Division must have been there that day, and they were joined by Mrs. Barclay, Mrs. Rose of Geelong, and Miss Barfus—three sisters of Mrs. Knight—and by Mr. John Knight, her son. Miss Barfus had returned from England only on the previous Sunday.

At the presentation, after the prayer, they sang in the lovely garden—

"All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful,  
The Lord God made them all."

Mrs. May, Division Commissioner, spoke of the friend they remembered, and Miss Bierwirth, Secretary to Guide House Committee, received the gift, as the Convener, Mrs. W. L. Davies, was unfortunately ill.

With the thought that they might follow a great example, they chose for the children the hymn—

"God make my life a little light,  
Within the world to glow;  
A little flame that burneth bright,  
Wherever I may go."

After a closing prayer, the Merri Division Mrs. Knight had served so well enjoyed a glorious day at the Guide Home she had loved.

young boys and girls aware of their responsibilities to their country, and happy and prepared to discipline their lives in order to be of service to their fellow-men.

**28th April**—I was privileged to receive an invitation to join the Jewish Brownies and Guides at their Service at the St. Kilda Synagogue. I feel it was a great honour, and I enjoyed the Service. Thank you for the invitation, and also to Kiddush, which was the welcome to us all after the Service.

## HAIL AND FAREWELL

You will all be sad to know that Mrs. A. J. Darby, who, for the last few years, has loyally served the Movement as Editor of our State magazine, "Matilda," has resigned owing to pressure of other work.

Through "Matilda" she has become well known to a wide circle of Guide people throughout the State, and we know that you will all wish to convey to her your sincere appreciation for the grand job she has done.

Miss Margaret Shaw, who has given loyal service to the Movement in many capacities over a number of years, has, at the invitation of the Executive Committee, agreed to be editor for "Matilda," and to her we extend a very warm welcome.

Miss Shaw will take over from Mrs. Darby on 1st July, and material should be sent to her at 44 Tooronga Road, Hawthorn East, E.3.

## IMPORTANT — TO COMMISSIONERS:

Would any Commissioners who will be in England or the Continent in 1963 please send the following information to the International Representative — Mrs. J. Pearson, Gowrie, Berwick? Name, Address, District/Division and dates during which you will be overseas.

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Don't miss it . . .

**GEELONG RANGER-ROVER DANCE  
SATURDAY, 30th JUNE  
GUIDE HALL  
MYERS STREET, GEELONG**

Billeting arrangements for girls available.  
Barbecue Breakfast Sunday morning.

**28th April**—On my way home, I went to a Local Association Meeting at Snake Valley. It was a most interesting evening on South America, accompanied by slides and a display of South American arts and crafts. A lovely evening. Thank you, Carngham, for your invitation.

*Gene Farbar*

# WELCOME HOME

Miss Frieda Barfus and Miss Merle Bush, O.B.E., arrived home in Victoria on 8th April, to the great pleasure and delight of many Guiding people.

Both were among the group of pioneers who developed Guiding in Victoria from about 1920 onwards.

Miss Barfus was Lieutenant of 1st Toorak College Company when Miss Robina Hamilton was the Captain and the first State Secretary. The Company became a Training Centre for Guides.

Miss Barfus became Captain, took charge of evening Trainings, and pioneered the Ranger Branch with the historic and famous 1st Melbourne Ranger Company. She soon qualified for Camper's Licence, and was one of the first to be Camp Adviser. She resigned from her teaching profession to join the Headquarters Staff, as especially Secretary to the Training Department and later became Assistant State Secretary. She received the Award of the Beaver for her outstanding services.

Towards the end of the war she volunteered for Guide International Service and passed the strenuous tests. Her ability to speak French and German and her secretarial experience were of great value, and after a year with refugees in Germany, she was appointed to Administration in London.

She later helped to compile a history of G.I.S. and then, for more than six years, became Warden of Our Ark, the International Hostel of the World Bureau in London, caring for, at any one time, twenty-five people from many countries of the world, all arriving and departing at many different hours.

Our Ark is now in a larger house, accommodating fifty, a little further from the centre of London—but hundreds of Guides from about forty countries will remember, as the spirit at the core of Guiding, the welcome and the care of Yabinga—as a generation of Guides of Victoria will remember elder sister. Yabinga is the Aboriginal word for elder sister, and is the name conferred upon Miss Barfus by Rangers when 1st Melbourne welcomed those from other Companies to their Camps.

Miss Bush began Guiding about the same time as Miss Barfus—with 1st Bendigo—when Mrs. Lansell was organising the huge Northern Division. She was one of the first in Australia to receive the Blue Cord Training Diploma, the first to receive the Red Cord for Service in Training in other States, and an early Camp Adviser. She became Commissioner (as an Adviser was then called) for Brownies; as Commissioner for Training inaugurated the scheme of Correspondence Training; soon became a member of the Executive Committee, and held other appointments at a time of pioneering and great development. Miss Bush travelled widely through Victoria and other States and was prominent in organising training on an Australian level. For some years she was State Secretary for Victoria, and is a life member of the Executive Committee—the only one who has received this honour. She has received the Medal of Merit from the Chief Guide and has been honoured by the Queen with the O.B.E.

One cannot possibly list their services fully, nor tell of their influence. Speaking on the Guide Law at an Australian Training Conference, Miss Bush once said: "The best way in which we can most truly help others is to be mentally available to them when they need us." All who know her will know this came naturally and sincerely from her own way of life.

After 15 years for "Barf" and seven for "Bushie," it is just grand to have them home with us again!

G.S.

## COMMONWEALTH PAINTING COMPETITION

Congratulations are extended to all those who entered in this competition, as the standard of entries was very high. Our State Commissioner, Mrs. Fairbairn, inspected all paintings and drawings just before they were despatched, and was delighted to see so many entries from all Sections. Results will be published in "Matilda" as soon as they come to hand from C.H.Q.



LONDON—Miss Barfus (second from left) assists in loading Guide International Service parcels



Miss M. Bush, left, and Miss F. V. Barfus in early days of Guiding in Victoria.



Miss Barfus,  
Melbourne, 1962.

Photo: Betty Reynolds.

# How the Guides Helped with the Bush Fire Relief

Because it is always nice to know the end of a story, particularly when it is a true one and you have been in on it from the beginning, this brief account is an attempt to paint for you a picture of what members of the Association did to help those who suffered losses in the disastrous bush fires in January last. It is impossible to paint a complete picture, as so many Companies, Packs and Districts made direct contact with the Commissioners of the Divisions concerned and, as a result, gave personal assistance in the way of providing clothing, linen and money to provide fodder for the animals and, in one case, for the purchase of kitchen utensils.

You will remember that the State Commissioner mentioned in her letter to Districts suggesting that members of the Movement might like to support the Bush Fire Relief Fund, that the monies received at Guide Headquarters would be sent to the Lord Mayor's Fund. The response to Mrs. Fairbairn's appeal was simply wonderful — donations small and large have come in from individuals, Packs and Companies from the four corners of the State and, at the time this story is being written, the total amount received at Headquarters is £349/2/5.

Because a large number of letters covering donations from Packs and Companies expressed the desire that their contributions should be used to assist Guide families who had suffered, it was agreed to rescind the previous decision to send it to the Lord Mayor's Fund, and the Lord Mayor was notified accordingly.

After consultation with the Commissioners of the Districts and Divisions in which the worst bush fires occurred, to tell them of the decision that donations from members of the Movement would be used to assist Guide families and to ascertain from them the most urgent needs in their areas, it was unanimously agreed by a meeting of Division Commissioners that the money received at Guide Headquarters should be distributed as follows:—

**Healesville District**—£20 to assist a Brownie's family. With this was purchased a warm winter coat, school tunic, blazer and jumper, socks and warm underclothes for the Brownie daughter.

**Ferntree Gully District**—£20 for the purchase of blankets for an L.A. member.

**Lilydale Division**—£301/8/11 for the purchase of hay. In this area a number of Guide families were affected, the greatest loss to them being pasture lands and fencing. Because the most urgent need was fodder, 300 bales of hay were purchased with the donations from the Guide Relief Fund.

From the donations received at Headquarters was also paid an amount of £7/13/6 to meet the transport charges from Terang to Lilydale of 100 bales of hay donated by families in the Camperdown-Terang area through the Division Commissioner for Camperdown.

In the April issue of "Matilda" you will have read of the splendid work which the members of the Diamond Valley Division carried out, both during and immediately after the bush fires.

Financial assistance from the Guide Relief Fund was also offered to this Division. However, they replied they were able, through their own efforts, to give the help required without accepting assistance.

Our members' sympathy and kindly thoughts, shown through their prompt and willing response in a time of need, has been deeply appreciated by the Guide families who suffered in the bush fires and, on their behalf, is conveyed to all who contributed to the Central Guide Relief Fund, or who personally helped in other ways, a sincere THANK YOU.

The service given by members of the Guide Movement to families of their sister-Guides will live long in the memories of those whom they have helped, and, in one District in the Lilydale Division, there will be a living memory of this service. An elderly resident in this area, being so much impressed with what the Guides had done, has given to the Guide Association, for the use of the local Guides, a block of land, with electricity and water already laid on, for a Guide Hut.

## BROWNIE BETTY

When Betty did her Balancing Test she began by walking on flowerpots. She had two of them, and first she stood upright on them in front of the starting line, then she put all her weight on her left foot, lifted her right and crouched, balanced on one foot, while she carefully moved the other pot forward with her left hand. She had moved each pot several times when she lost her balance and her foot touched the ground.

"I'll have to start again," she said cheerfully.

"Yes," said Brown Owl. "I think you were trying to take too big a step."

Next time she began carefully and covered about eight yards. "Nearly there," she said; but, suddenly, her foot was on the ground again.

Betty's Brownie smile didn't come quite so easily this time. "I was much better than this at home," she told Brown Owl. "Would you like to do the other part and come back to this?" asked Brown Owl.

"No, I'd like to keep on and pass it now," said Betty, and she did.

Even when the finishing line was near, she kept her steps small, and one pot went over the line and she balanced on it while she brought the other up to it, then stood up proudly, one foot on each. She had travelled 10 yards along the path, without touching anything but the flower pots. "Good!" said Brown Owl. "Now which of the other Balancing Tests are you going to do?"

"Stand and sit. I like that best, though ball balancing is fun, too."

She placed a groundsheet on the grass and sat on it with arms folded and legs crossed, then she leaned forward slightly, took her weight on her feet and stood up and came to attention. Folding her arms and crossing her feet again, she stooped, keeping her body directly over her feet, until the last few inches, and sat down without the slightest bump. Twice more she stood up and sat down; and Brown Owl said that was very good and crossed out "hoop bowling or hopping" on her Golden Bar Card and wrote "balancing" instead, and signed and dated it.

Betty had passed two sections of her Golden Bar. She was learning about other sections, too. One day she and some other Brownies put together jig-saw puzzles of the Union Jack crosses. Tawny had made them of six pieces of stiff cardboard, each 7 inches by 4½ inches. She had ruled off an inch border round three of them, and in the centre rectangles, 5 inches by 2½ inches, she had drawn and coloured the three crosses, with each of the actual crosses half an inch wide. On the top border of each she printed the name of the Saint, underneath went the name of the country and she drew the emblems on the sides. Then she carefully cut the crosses out of their frames, cut each into seven pieces and stuck the frames, each with one piece of the cross in its correct place, onto the extra pieces of cardboard. The red of St. George and Patrick's crosses were slightly different shades, so it was easy to sort out which pieces belonged to each; and the piece of each cross already in position prevented anyone from making up a cross in the wrong frame.



The Brownies heard stories about St. George, St. Andrew and St. Patrick, and one day they played a new game which helped Betty to remember the Saint, cross and emblem of each country:—Brown Owl held up each cross in turn and the Brownies said the Saint, country and emblem. Brown Owl said the Tweenies need only remember the Saints' names. The Guiders and Pack Leader each had three small cards with the crosses on them and they chased the Brownies; when anyone was caught she was shown one of the cards and asked the name of the Saint, country or emblem. (Tweenies were only asked the Saints' names). Anyone who gave a wrong answer became a captive of the one who caught her, and had to run around with her until someone else made a mistake and took her place.

Pack Leader caught Betty and showed her a white cross on a blue background and said "Name of Saint." "St. Matthew," said Betty; so she became Pack Leader's captive and they ran round catching others. Betty listened hard, waiting for someone else to be wrong, but for a while they were all right; then Wendy said "Scotland" when she was shown St. Patrick's cross and asked to name the country. Wendy became Pack Leader's captive, and Betty was free again; and, though she was caught several times, she didn't make any more mistakes.



### Do You Approve?

Do you approve of the way Betty is tackling her Test work? Answer the following questions, then turn to page 15, where you will find Betty's Brown Owl's answers. Do you agree with her?

1. Must a Brownie do "flower pot walking" exactly as Betty did it?
2. Must a Brownie come to attention each time she stands up in the sitting and standing test?
3. Are all the crosses from which the Union Jack was made the same width?
4. Must Brownies know the dimensions of the crosses?

### BROWNIE ADVISER, N.S.W.

Victorian Guiders, particularly those associated with the Brownie Branch, will be interested to know that from 1st May, 1962, the Brownie Adviser for New South Wales is Miss Greta Roach.

Miss Roach will be well remembered for her work and training with Brownie Guiders here, and we do wish her well in her new appointment.

### FIRST BIRTHDAY

We hope that Watchem Brownie Pack had a very happy time at their First Birthday celebration on 5th May.



6th Hawthorn Pack

### 6th HAWTHORN PACK HOLIDAY

On the 9th March, 12 Brownies of the 6th Hawthorn Pack arrived at the A.C.N.M. at Montrose for their first Pack holiday.

On Saturday, we all woke early, and went for an exploration walk. On this we gathered things suitable for a Fancy Dress Tea in the evening. Dress-ups included a scarecrow, hikers, hula girls, towel racks, a bunyip, dancers and Arabs.

On Sunday afternoon we took our tea to the Mt. Evelyn National Fitness Reserve, and had a lovely time paddling in a delightfully cold creek. On Monday morning we went for another walk and discovered a small M.M.B.W. reservoir, and walked round it.

We collected many interesting nature specimens, including several large moths, and saw many wildflowers, including native orchids.

Many last-minute photographs were taken, and when parents finally came, there were sighs, wishing that our first Pack holiday could have gone on much longer.

PAM SCHMID, Snowy Owl,  
6th Hawthorn Pack.

### BROWNIE HANDCRAFTS DAY, 3rd JULY

at Headquarters.

Handcrafts on display, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Anyone interested is invited to call in during these hours. If you only have 10 minutes to spare, we will be pleased to see you. Come when you wish, and stay as long as you wish.





## Our Wildflowers

In June our common heath, both pink and white, is probably at its best. Many of the winter-flowering native flora have already been mentioned, and sometimes an early helmet orchid may be seen.

This is a good time to study the different kinds of ferns. I am writing near the Sherbrooke Forest with its many ferns. These are needing a little care now. The Sherbrooke Forest Guides are fortunate in having this lovely sanctuary in their area. All ferns except bracken are protected. Yet I picked up a handful of dropped fronds, presumably a trail left by a hiker.

On the backs of many of the fern leaves are rounded spore-cases, which contain the seeds of these non-flowering plants. It looks like brown powder. In the spring you can look for helmet orchids on hidden tree ferns. I would suggest that Guiders who live near a fern gully make a list of the ferns that grow there.

June is also a good month to discuss a very Australian family—the wattles. Around me, in the mountain ash forest, are budding blackwoods and silver wattles. In the garden, a Cootamundra wattle gives evidence of coming flowers. It is a quiet time of preparation. In the early spring, before the winter is ended, the beautiful golden pageant will begin. We will be rushed then with many other spring wildflowers. I would like to mention two early common scrub wattles. *Acacia leprosa* grows under the big gums at Ferntree Gully. Its flowers are primrose coloured. Many plants were burnt in the January bush fires. Prickly Moses is the



**ACACIA LEPROSA**

Block by courtesy of F.N.C.V.

other—a graceful shrub with prickly leaves and lemon flowers, found on the more open slopes.

There are about 77 species of wattle in Victoria, and there is usually some kind in flower each month of the year. In the autumn it was the sunshine wattle in Eastern Victoria. The acacias belong to the big pea family, leguminosae, which are all pod bearers. The name "wattle" was first given by the early settlers, who used the plant branches in the making of wattle and daub huts. A characteristic feature is the leaf. Wattles are divided into two kinds. Five of our 77 have feathery leaves, e.g., Silver and Cootamundra. 72 have phyllodes or flattened leaf-stalks, which do the work of leaves.

This helps them to withstand heat and drought, e.g., Blackwood, Golden Wattle. All seedlings have the feathery leaves at first, then, gradually, the flattened leaf-stalks appear in plants such as the Blackwoods.

The beautiful, golden, fluffy appearance of wattle bloom is due to the large number of stamens (pollen bearers) in the flowerheads, which also contain honey—hence they are sought by bees and birds. With the exception of Hedge Wattle, wattles are protected.

J.H.

## BROWNIE CEREMONIES

### Opening Ceremony—

(1) To the tune "Clementine."

"There's a hole in my fence where the rabbits creep through,

They come in the morning and drink in the dew.

But when I go out when the sun has gone down,

Not one single rabbit is there to be found."

Brownies are in one long line. Brown Owl and Tawny, forming an arch with their arms, have their eyes closed.

Brownies creep through the arch singing, and when Brown Owl and Tawny open their eyes they find that all the rabbits have disappeared, and there is a circle of Brownies.

(2) To the tune "Yankee Doodle."

"Some little Toadstools, deep in the ground,  
Awoke from their sleep so safe and sound.  
We'll see the world, they started to sing,  
And grew up into a Brownie Ring."

Brownies crouch around Toadstool in a circle, with two fingers of each hand touching the ground. They sing the song until they come to the words, "We'll see the world—a Brownie Ring" and then slowly rise until they are all standing up.

### Closing Ceremony—

To the tune "Yankee Doodle."

"Some Brownies in a circle stand,  
A gay and happy, helpful band.  
We'll do good turns they gaily sing  
And fly away home from Brownie Ring."

This verse is sung while Brownies swing hands. When they sing, "And fly away home from Brownie Ring" they drop hands and break away to run home.

## AN INTRODUCTION TO THE COMMONWEALTH KNOWLEDGE BADGE

These brief notes are the thoughts and views of one person only, but may indicate some of the difficulties, and interest, which may come to the Guide who attempts this Badge.

Clause 1—"Make a scrapbook of a country within the Commonwealth, including pictures and notes on subjects such as history, races and religions, natural features, products, characteristic customs and ways of travelling."

This should be a **scrap** book, not a treatise, and, although certain headings are suggested Guides should use their own initiative, depending on the country they have chosen. Have you ever tried compressing the history of England into a few pages of pictures and notes?

And there are other countries in the Commonwealth besides those of the United Kingdom, Canada and New Zealand! Admittedly, some may present more difficulties as to pictures, etc., but, if necessary, details may be verified and up-to-date information and particulars obtained from the United Kingdom Information Bureau in Queen St., Melbourne.

Many countries of the Commonwealth, particularly the more recently independent ones, are publicised almost daily in the local newspapers and magazines, and much information, and colourful pictures and details, can be obtained from these sources.

Clause 2—Up-to-date information, as advised above, may be obtained on Commonwealth countries from the U.K. Information Bureau if it is not readily available elsewhere.

(It is hoped in later issues to publish some details regarding the Colonies, etc.)

The items collected from the countries chosen for this Clause need not be the Guide's own property—but she should know something more about the goods she has than just that they came from the country in question.

Clause 3—This has two alternative clauses, and Guides seem to find it very easy to mix them!

Clause (a) says to find five things in her home — have you thought of tea from Ceylon, or tobacco from the West Indies, or linen from Ireland, or cutlery from England, etc.

These goods need not be things which can be brought to the Test — it could be floors of New Zealand timber!

Clause (b) says to arrange five packets or wrappings — and in these days of varied imports, this should not be too difficult.

Clause 4—This seems to present a lot of difficulties. But when one thinks of Antarctic exploration, histories of some great business houses, the biographies of many of the leaders of the new African countries, etc., the available list of books is almost unending.

The State Library, Municipal Libraries, and perhaps School Libraries, should be helpful, and the publishers' or bookshops' catalogues should provide many ideas.

Don't just look generally for a book — ask the librarian or the salesman, who will know exactly what he has, and when it will be available.

Clause 5—Most Guides seem to prefer Clause (a) in this section—naturally enough!

But there is no necessity to try to cram the fun and knowledge of Guiding into the few pages of one letter — that will be difficult to write and will surely cause mental indigestion at the other end! Particularly if your correspondent is not a Guide!

The information should be the normal details which would be known to, and understood by, the average Guide doing the Badge — she is not expected to know in detail the administration of the Movement, but she would know how her Company camps, what conditions they hike under, what Patrol names they use and why, what particular Australian Badges and Tests there are, etc.

Clause (b) would require more research and more personal contact, if possible. Perhaps the Good Neighbour Council may be able to help in putting you in touch with someone from another Commonwealth country now living in Australia.

To me, the purpose of the Commonwealth Knowledge Badge is to encourage us to learn more of other countries, with which we are so closely associated in so many ways, and to understand their customs, their peoples and their aims.

It should be as much a part of our Guiding as the international aspect—do we know as much of the Guides of Ghana as we do of the Guides of Belgium?

And isn't it part of the Promise which says, We promise to do our duty to the Queen? As part of her Commonwealth, surely it behoves us to learn what we can of the other members of the same Commonwealth that we might take our place in the striving for world peace and understanding.

M.S.

## The Ranger Test

### HOBBIES AND PURSUITS

"Either interest a group of people in her own hobby or pursuit or pass one clause of the Ranger Service Star or Section Specialist Test." In many parts of the Pre-Investiture Test, as you can see, you have all been studying the same subjects, so, in the final clause, you have been given a free choice.

Perhaps the rest of your Company is about to visit a house or flat as part of its training in the Ranger Service Star, and if you are particularly interested in this, you may wish to join them. On the other hand, there may be some other clause which interests you more and you can begin this straight away instead.

Alternatively, you may be more interested to begin some part of your own section work—Land, Sea or Air. After all, you have joined your particular Section because you are interested in subjects concerning the land, sea or air, or perhaps because you are already a keen climber, or aeormodeller, or, like Rat in "The Wind in the Willows," you think there is nothing like "messaging about in boats."

Would you prefer, instead, to begin straight away with something you already know, that has nothing to do with Guides or Rangers, and share your knowledge with some of your fellow-Rangers? Are you a keen photographer, or do you collect gramophone records, or do you make up your own knitting patterns? Here is an opportunity for you to share your hobby and contribute something to your Company which no one else can give.

(Reprinted from "The Ranger," 1961)

### A GAME FOR GUIDES

Each Patrol starts this game with a credit of 20 points. They are given, say, 15 minutes, to hide a match box outside the Hall and draw a sketch map of the area in which the box is hidden. On the map all letter boxes, fire alarms, etc., etc., are to be marked. Time used over 15 minutes loses points — each minute losing one point.

On the return to the Hall, the Patrols exchange maps and have again 15 minutes — this time to find the match box.

Points are added to their score if they find the box in less than the given time (adding one point for every minute under 15) or if they are able to add any landmarks to the map they were given. One point is deducted from the score for each minute over the 15 taken to find the box.

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### CAMPING DEPARTMENT

**Pack Holiday Training:** Four weeks' course, to commence Thursday, 12th July, 1962. 8 p.m.-10 p.m. Guider-in-Charge, Mrs. Sharp.

**Camp First Aid Course:** Four weeks' course, to commence Wednesday, 8th August, 1962. 7.30-9.30 p.m. Guider-in-Charge, Mrs. Rylah.

**Q.M. Course:** Four weeks' course, to commence Thursday, 20th September, 1962. 7.45-9.45 p.m. Guider-in-Charge, Miss Holtz.

The above courses will be held at Guide Headquarters, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne, and applications must reach Camping Secretary one week before commencement of course. Fee, 5/- per course.

B. D. McNALLY, Camping Sec.

### A SKIING WEEKEND FOR GUIDERS AND RANGERS

Thanks to Mrs. Kentmann and the Wangaratta Ski Club, we have been able to arrange a special skiing weekend for Guiders and Rangers on 28th-29th July, at Mt. St. Bernard, which is near Mt. Hotham. Probable time of departure from Melbourne — Friday evening, returning Sunday night. Cost: £3 (board and lodge fees), plus fares and equipment hire. Those interested are asked to contact Miss P. Barr at Guide Headquarters as soon as possible. First-time-on-the-snow-skiers will be well looked after!

### TRAINING DEPARTMENT

**Guide Guiders:** A six weeks' course for new Guiders will commence on Wednesday, 13th June, 6.30-8 p.m. at Headquarters. Guider-in-Charge—Miss L. Smith.

A six weeks' course for Guiders will commence on Tuesday, 5th June, from 8-10 p.m. at Headquarters. Guider-in-Charge—Mrs. A. Todd.

**Brownie Guiders:** Eight weeks' course from 13th June, from 8-10 p.m. at Headquarters. Guider-in-Charge—Mrs. L. Sharp.

### SENIOR BRANCH:

**For Ranger, Cadet, Guide Guiders:** The programme for the Senior Girl—i.e., Ranger, Cadet and Senior Guide, commencing Friday, 6th July, from 8-10 p.m. for six weeks:—

Friday, 6th July: Land Rangers.

Friday, 13th July: Sea Rangers.

Friday, 20th July: Air Rangers.

Friday, 27th July: Cadets.

August: Camping in the Senior Branch.

**H.Q. Training Courses:** All applications for these Courses MUST reach the Training Secretary SEVEN days before commencement of a Course. Fee for H.Q. Courses—5/-.

**Country Weekend:** Colac—23rd/24th June, 1962. Guider-in-Charge — Miss E. Bunning. For new and experienced Brownie and Guide Guiders.

**A Training Weekend for Brownie Guiders** (21 years and under) will be held at the Guide House during the weekend 21st/22nd July. Applications, together with 10/- deposit, to be forwarded to Training Secretary by 12th July.

Fee for weekend, £1/5/-. Guider-in-Charge — Mrs. L. Sharp.

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### An important date for your Diary

#### ANNUAL MEETING GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION

ST. KILDA TOWN HALL

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

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

# American-Australian Essay Contest

## Winners Are Told

In celebration of "Thinking Day," marked each year on 22nd February by Girl Scouts throughout the world, an exchange essay contest was held between girls in Tautona Council and Australian Girl Guides from the Nathalia Area.

Title chosen for the essays was "I Like Being an American (Australian Girl Guide) Girl Scout Because . . ."

The American essays were sent to Australia for judging, with the Australian entries being judged in San Bernardino.

Each girl who entered the competition received a special certificate in recognition.

### DAY FOR CELEBRATION

"Thinking Day" is a day "for celebration, for thinking of each other and for circling the globe with a chain of warm, friendly thoughts. It does not matter that many of us have never seen each other, we all belong to the same world family and we are celebrating the birthday of our founder and his wife," according to the book, "Trefoil Around the World."

What better way for youngsters to get to know one another than to express their common liking for Scouting; telling at the same time things about their own environments.

Winners from Tautona Girl Scout Council were Eileen Philipson, 9, fourth grader at Parkside School. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip H. Philipson, 3870 Valencia Ave., San Bernardino, and is a member of Brownie Troop 448, Mrs. Arthur Crawford, Leader.

Mary Edith Walsten, 11, a sixth grader at Marshall School. She is the daughter of Lt. Col. (ret.) and Mrs. Carl J. E. Walsten, 767 W. Marshall Blvd., and a member of Intermediate Girl Scout Troop 339, Mrs. Walsten, Leader.

Chris Brodie, 17, a senior at San Bernardino High School. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Brodie of San Bernardino and a member of Mariner Girl Scout Troop 39, Mrs. Gordon W. Cleaver, Leader.

### AUSTRALIAN WINNERS

Australian winners were Cam Rowan, 11, and Lynne Thomas, 8.

Cam wrote in part: "I am a Girl Guide of the First Katandra West. Our uniform is a navy blue dress and cap, a red tie and brown or black shoes with brown socks." And, later, she said, "We have a social every year. Scouts and Guides are invited from other towns, also from around the District. We have it in the Katandra West Hall. We go on hikes to the Wilkies Hill. Our Captain tests us for fire lighting, cooking and stalking on the hill."

Lynne wrote: "I like being an Australian Brownie because ours is such a big, sunny country, surrounded by water. Where I live it never snows, and we can play out of doors nearly every day, even in winter."

### NEAR A RIVER

"Near us is the biggest river in Australia. It is called the Murray, and divides Victoria from New South Wales. We all love it when our Pack goes rambling in the 'river bends,' exploring our wonderful hidden nature. We laugh back at the kookaburras sitting high above us in gum trees. Magpies carol, curlews wail, but the song of the butcher bird is the loveliest of all. He is called a butcher because he hangs his food up on sharp twigs.

"In spring time when the baby birds are hatching, the wild flowers make a coloured carpet with the grass and golden balls of wattle are everywhere. I love being a country Brownie."

Serving as judges for the American essays sent to Australia were Mrs. D. Smith, Executive Member of Girl Guides, Australia; B. Brocker, headmaster of the Nathalia High School, Nathalia, Australia; and Mrs. M. Glat, District Commissioner for Girl Guides.

American judges were Miss Helen Mahler, Executive Director, Tautona Girl Scout Council; Miss Lucille Patton, dean of women, Fremont Junior High School; and Mrs. Marie Saulsbury, Date Book editor, "The Sun-Telegram."

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## NEWBOROUGH DISTRICT REVELS

31st March was a lovely, sunny day, after the recent rains, and many of the Newborough Brownies who had gathered for their Revels were heard to remark that "it was beaut to spend a day in the country." Not that they were really in the country, but certainly the impression was very strong.



Three acres dotted with gum trees and cut by a gully are country enough for town Brownies, even if they are on the town boundary and within walking distance of all. Hostesses, resplendent in Guide uniforms and gay striped hostess caps, checked and stacked their luggage (bathers and lunch). The queue or brown-clad figures then went to the ticket office, which was a miniature Brownie Cottage, and there Kim and Kookaburra (Brown Owls on any other day) collected their six pennies and distributed tickets.

These were odd tickets because they were pinned to Brownies' backs. By asking questions, each girl found out the name on her ticket and then found her mates. The two hostesses arranged them into five Squadrons (colours, flowers, wild animals, trees and wildflowers), and then they were ready for a Round the World Trip, each flight having a different itinerary.

Sparks in Radio Control Tower (Commissioner with a megaphone) directed each group to their destination at the proper time, and the busy hostesses saw that they arrived safely. Kim, Kookaburra, Bluebell, Boronia and Wattle entertained a team each, a different one in each country.

When it was time to visit the third country, everyone flew to New Zealand, where lunch was barbecued at the "boiling pools" in the shade of the pines. Mmm, the smell of chops and sausages cooked over gum twigs and pine cones! Cordial and a "cuppa" were enjoyed by Brownies and Leaders respectively, and this was followed by a rest. Then they were off to visit three more countries each. This time they were joined by some

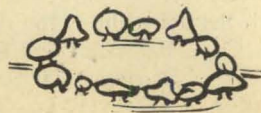
of last year's Leaders, who have since retired. Games were enjoyed in Africa, the Philippines, U.S.A., Cuba, Burma, Brazil, Cyprus, Belgium, Jamaica and Finland. By the way, have you ever tried to find out what kind of animals live in Finland? Either there are very few, or Kookaburra just doesn't read the right books, for she found it very hard to get enough for her hunting game. Stories were told from Pakistan, Japan, Germany, Greece and Italy.

Brownies gave impromptu concerts in France, England, Scotland and Panama, and after the first shyness wore off, the Brownies acquitted themselves very well. Yes, we had items from France, and some Dutch ones, too! Windmills, donkey-masks, folded paper elephants, owls and cardboard turkeys had been made in Holland, Israel, India, Austria and Canada, and these were treasured souvenirs for Mum. Some of us were surprised to learn that turkeys came from North America.

Finally came the big moment of the day, when all flights were bound for Hawaii, where they were able to quickly undress and have a paddle in the big concrete pool. Unfortunately, it was only big enough for 12 at a time to swim around in, so they had to take it in turns, and how they enjoyed it!

Afternoon tea was served to the Leaders by The Lady of the House and her two sons, while the Brownies searched for hidden apples, then they played "I've Been Traveling." All flights were sent back to Australia where we had Brownie Ring round a silver Toad Stool, and danced "Good Evening, Friend Brownie." The Grand Salute was given to the hostesses and to the Leaders who had done such a wonderful job. Then we had a special thank you to Mrs. Bryant, who so very kindly lent us her paddock for the day, and gave us the use of the lovely pool which her husband had made for the boys' use. One little Brownie presented her with a small gift from the two Packs, and Mrs. Bryant invited us to come again.

After Brownie Bells, Kim and our hostesses saw the Brownies safely on their way



while the rest of us packed up and were very glad to find that our girls had been so tidy. We hope that they will prolong their enjoyment of a lovely day by teaching each other the new games they learned. Kookaburra, at least, is a wiser Owl for her part in preparing and enjoying the day.

Mrs. G. CALLAGHAN,  
1st Newborough Brownie Pack.

### ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A GOOD TURN?

Last year, Brownies in the village of Speldhurst (England) collected odd balls of wool, took out their knitting needles, and busily knitted squares until they had enough to sew together to make a rug.

This warm, attractive rug was sent to Save the Children Fund in Hong Kong, where it was given to a child who had no warm bedclothes.

The Save the Children Fund is working in 16 countries where, as a result of war, famine, flood or earthquake, many children need help.

Doctors, nurses and welfare officers are sent to the countries to help the children and their parents.

In Korea, a Victorian nurse is in charge of an Infant Welfare Clinic, where between 3000 and 4000 children are dealt with each month. In Calcutta, a creche has been built where 50 children are cared for and given one good meal each day. In Jordan, mothers bring their children to the S.C.F. Welfare Centre to obtain supplies of powdered milk and vitamin tablets.

Every winter, children in many parts of the world become ill because they have no warm clothes, very little food and often no home in which to live.

Guides and Brownies in Victoria could help these children by knitting squares to make into warm rugs. It is a good idea to decide on the size of the square—4 inches, 6 inches, 8 inches—and make them all the same size; then they can more easily be sewn together. Knitted squares, rugs, odd balls of wool, or good used clothes may be sent to the Save the Children Fund Headquarters, 49 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne. Parcels are carried free by the Victorian Railways if marked, "Save the Children Fund, Spencer Street Railway Station."

### FITZROY GUIDE HALL

The Hon. A. G. Rylah, Acting Premier for Victoria, opened the Fitzroy Guide Hall, Mark Street, Fitzroy, on Saturday, 5th May.

A Committee was formed in 1957 to raise money to finance the hall, and, through money-making functions and a grant from the Youth Organisations' Assistance Committee, the hall was finally completed in April of this year.

Parents and friends of the local Guides and Brownies supplied most of the labour, and the hall (fitted with a kitchen, shower rooms and toilets) took many working hours to complete. It is hoped that the hall, with its excellent facilities, will be used by country and interstate units when visiting Melbourne.

It was this hall to which delegates to the International Conference and Training for Leaders to the Handicapped Section, were evacuated from Guide House, Yarra Junction, during the bush fire crisis in January.

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### DO YOU AGREE? (Answers)

1. She may have only two flower pots or tins and must cover 10 yards without touching anything else. She must crouch on each tin or pot in turn, while she moves the other with her hand. Standing upright on the pots at the beginning and end is not essential, but because it gives more finish to the activity, and a greater sense of accomplishment to the Brownie, is to be encouraged.
2. Coming to attention each time she stands up seems to make the Test easier, as standing firmly on both feet helps her balance. It gives more finish, and is what is shown in "The Brownie Book," but it probably isn't essential.
3. All the crosses, when drawn separately, are 1/5th the width of the flag. When the Union Jack was designed, both diagonal crosses were cut in half from corner to corner, and half of each was used, so in the Union Jack they together equal the width of St. George's cross.
4. No. Brownies need not know any dimensions or dates of either the Union Jack or Australian Flag. But Guiders making flag equipment try to have it correct. "The Story of Our Flags," published by the Girl Guides Association of Victoria, gives the correct dimensions.

## Caulfield Ranger Hike

On a cool, but sunny, Saturday afternoon, ten Rangers and eight Rovers met in Caulfield at 1.15 p.m. to set out upon an over-night hike in the Cathedral Range. We had previously organised it that the Rovers would provide the transport and the Rangers the food, so with five cars, including a Land Rover, we were soon well on our way to Buxton, and the most rugged Range within 100 miles of Melbourne. There we turned off and took the Buxton-Marysville Road. After a few miles, we turned easterly and then north again to the southern end of the Range. We left the cars at the Y.H.A. hut at the foot of the "Sugarloaf" and started upwards by the track, but soon left it for a quicker way — STRAIGHT up! We managed to find foot and hand holds most of the time, but needed the help of the boys and their ropes in a few steep places. We gained the top of the Sugarloaf after about an hour's climbing. When rested and enjoying the magnificent view, we descended the steep track to the cars. Two miles of rough road, then we reached Cook's Mill site on the Little River, and camped for the night.

After enjoying chops, peas and Spanish rice, followed by baked stuffed apples in tinfoil, we gathered round for a Camp Fire and a 20th birthday celebration (Margie Booth's). The Rovers provided the music with a piano accordion and a guitar, and we all had a jolly good time.

On Sunday we set off on a hike along the top of the Cathedral Range from the Jawbones, in the middle of the Range, to the Sugarloaf at the southern end. The hard sandstone strata forming the range has been tilted nearly vertical, forming steep cliffs on the peaks of the range, but less steep and wooded further down. The Jawbones and Sugarloaf are peaks ending in these steep cliffs.

We split into three groups — one to go up the road to the less precipitous Sugarloaf, one to take the easier way up a valley to the top of the Jawbones and one small group to scale the cliffs of the Jawbones. Feeling adventurous, I chose to climb the cliffs which rose nearly vertical for 400 feet to 500 feet. We took a rope for safety and the method of climbing with a rope is this:—

The leader, taking one end, climbs about 30 feet, or until he has a good foot and hand

hold. The next person makes a loop in the rope around their waist, the third leaves another 30 feet or so and makes another loop. The second person then climbs several feet to a good hand and foot hold, then the leader climbs some more, until the rope is taut again. Thus, one at a time, we proceeded slowly upwards, using rock holds as much as possible and only holding onto the rope when no finger holds can be found. It is amazing what small lumps, hollows and cracks form very substantial holds. Climbing requires great concentration, and there is no time to think "what if I fall." Every few feet revealed a little more of a marvellous view unfolding and by the time we had reached the top we were drinking in a marvellous panorama of valleys and moun-



tains — to the north the valley of Eildon and Alexandra, to the west the high ruts behind Marysville and to the south the ruts behind Healesville.

Despite our slowness in climbing, we had beaten the group coming up the valley to the top by a few minutes.

When we arrived back at the Camp Site, we unanimously agreed that we all deserved a swim. We trooped off to the river and some bravely entered the freezing water. Refreshed by the swim we packed and, somewhat reluctantly, loaded our packs into the Rovers' cars and started back towards Melbourne. At Buxton we stopped for refreshments and treated ourselves to roast chicken and strawberries and cream, and from then on blazed a trail of chicken bones back to Melbourne.

When all had arrived safely, we started for home, each taking with him, or her, bruises, stiff limbs and thoughts of one of the most memorable and enjoyable weekends any of us had experienced.

MARION HOUSTON,  
BARBARA MCKENZIE,  
JUDY GILLESPIE,  
JANET OLIVER.



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

**District Commissioners:** Mrs. R. J. Mason, Newstead; Miss Z. Jermyn, Yarra Junction (Extension); Mrs. R. G. Bryant, Darlington-Dundonnell; Mrs. G. Claridge, Macarthur.

**Division Commissioners:** Mrs. R. Molesworth, Bacchus Marsh; Mrs. K. W. Gardner, Lilydale (Extension); Mrs. G. Richardson, Mortlake (Extension); Mrs. F. W. Greig, Gippsland West; Mrs. W. Anthony, McKay.

**RESIGNATIONS**

**District Commissioners:** Mrs. G. Kirk, Croxton-Thornbury; Miss P. Brett, Lismore; Mrs. I. Paterson, Williamstown; Mrs. I. Black, Kyneton.

**FOR SERVICE**

**Thanks Badges awarded to:** Mr. C. W. Deeach, Mr. S. Nash, Drysdale; Mr. W. Pullen, Footscray; Mrs. S. Rollands, Kilsyth; Mrs. Champion, Blackburn; Mrs. D. Laughton, Mrs. J. Giddings, Wycheproof.

**WARRANTS****CAPTAINS:**

Mrs. J. Y. Nugent, 1st Keilor; Mrs. J. Findlay, 2nd Doveton; Miss M. Cattanach, 1st Dunkeld; Miss A. Woolmer, 1st Laverton; Mrs. M. E. Wood, 2nd Morwell; Mrs. J. M. Lewis, Ararat Rangers; Mrs. M. R. Cook, 2nd Camperdown; Mrs. R. Barker, 1st Carrum Downs.

**LIEUTENANTS:**

Mrs. E. Burgess, 1st Winchelsea; Mrs. H. M. Welch, 1st Surrey Hills; Mrs. V. W. Earle, 1st Stawell; Mrs. G. Jenkin, 1st Glen Iris; Mrs. A. Ackerley, 3rd Newport; Mrs. L. Quick, 1st Ararat; Miss L. Lavender, 4th Brunswick.

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**TAWNY OWLS:**

Miss L. Flynn, 2nd Maidstone; Mrs. J. Gillespie, 1st Mont Albert; Mrs. J. Williams, 1st Springvale; Mrs. L. V. Ellis, 5th Brighton.

**WARRANTS RETURNED FOR CANCELLATION****CAPTAINS:**

Mrs. M. Gervasoni, 1st Katandra West.

**LIEUTENANTS:**

Mrs. J. Parrett, 5th Brighton; Miss A. Woolmer, 1st Laverton; Miss B. Smith, 1st Newborough; Miss J. Taylor, 1st Yarroweyah; Mrs. L. Beeson, 2nd Koonung Heights.

**BROWN OWLS:**

Mrs. M. A. Harrison, 1st Frankston; Miss J. Walker, 1st Yinnar; Mrs. R. Cuthbert, 2nd Greensborough; Mrs. L. Dwan, 1st Werribee; Mrs. J. Cook, 1st Horsham; Mrs. R. Manson, 2nd Ballarat.

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**STOP PRESS****1st CLASS CORROBOREE**

A Corroboree is to be held at Sherbrooke Lodge for 1st Class Patrol Leaders, on the weekend of 22nd-24th June. Cost, £4/10/- plus fares. Particulars from Divisional Commissioners, or Mrs. M. Lawson, Secretary to Advisers, Girl Guide Headquarters, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne.

Please note that Headquarters PUBLICITY DEPARTMENT now has its own direct telephone — 63 9553.

The Guide Shop will be closed for stock-taking on Saturday, 30th June, and the 2nd and 3rd July.

## Address Given at "Guides' Own"

Miss Anu Karkare, Travelling Commissioner (Asian Area), for the World Association, gave the following address during the Conference for Guiders, Handicapped Section.

The message of Bhagwat-Gita: The Lord's Song.

The human body is meant solely for service, never for indulgence. The secret of life lies in renunciation. Renunciation is life. Indulgence spells death. Therefore everyone has a right and should desire to live long while performing service without an eye on the result. Such life must be wholly and solely dedicated to service. Renunciation made for the sake of such service is an ineffable joy of which none can deprive one, because that nectar springs from within and sustains life. In this there can be no worry or impatience. Without this joy long life is impossible, and would not be worth while even if possible.

Worship or prayer is not to be performed with the lips, but with the heart, and that is why it can be performed equally by the dumb or the stammerer, by the ignorant or the stupid. The prayer of those whose tongues are nectared, but whose hearts are full of poison, are never heard. He, therefore, who would pray to God, must cleanse his heart. It is faith that steers us through stormy seas, faith that moves mountains, faith that jumps across the ocean. That faith is nothing but a living, wide-awake consciousness of God within. He who has achieved that faith is spiritually healthy and physically pure. A prayerful heart is the vehicle to come nearer God, and service makes the heart prayerful.

On the subject of filling the gaps in the life of a girl with a handicap, so much depends upon ourselves and our attitudes, in the matter of helping the girl. So while we are praying to the Almighty God, let us look at ourselves, and pray that He may help us to have a personality which is not merely one, but many in one.

First of all, let us have the spirit of comradeship, so that we may share with the girls all good things of life. Let us have the mothering spirit, the chief characteristic of

all fine women. The spirit of mothering is the loving and caretaking spirit that goes hand in hand with the spirit of patience, which helps us to grow mutually in understanding.

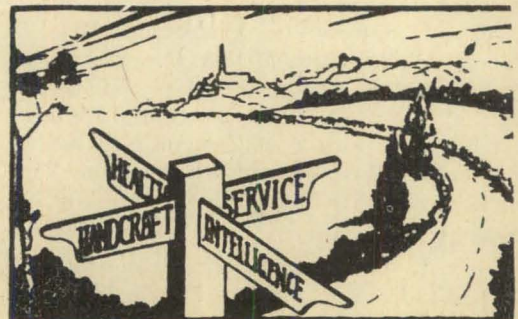
Let us also have the spirit of a Guide, so that we may stretch out our hands to the girls to say: "Come along and I shall help you to find the way." And yet we should wait for the joy of being asked by the girl herself to be led and to be shown the way.

Let us have the spirit of optimism, so that we may rejoice both in work and play and not feel despondent when difficulties come in our way.

We should have the spirit of adventure. Every morning is fresh for new things to begin, to make new discoveries, and to blaze new trails.

Further, we should have the spirit of service, which is the ultimate goal of all Guiding. This spirit of service envisages lively imagination, which quickly sees the need of others, so that we might put others before ourselves. We get richly endowed with this spirit as we march along with our Guides.

Last, but not least, let us have the faith in ourselves, in the ideals of our great Movement, faith in the girls, and most important of all, faith in God, who would help us to carry in our hearts the lamp whose light may guide the feet of youth. If we pledge ourselves to these values we would, in all humbleness, succeed in blazing the trail for our Guides so that they may attain independence of thought and action in seeking the truth and devoting themselves to worthy things in life.



**LITANY OF THE OPEN AIR****Used at Morning Prayers at Conference**

Leader: As the first shy twittering stirs  
the soft veil of night, as the dawn  
wind whispers in the grey trees,

Response: We see Thy face, O Lord.

Leader: As the sunshine quickens the air  
in the still new glory of the day,  
and every bush and flower and  
blade throws back the silver light,

Response: We hush and know that Thou art  
God.

Leader: In the heavy-scented golden noon,  
when Earth breathes out the  
fragrance of her short-lived  
flowers.

Response: We know Thy Majesty.

Leader: In the splendid passing of the  
dying day, as the cold hills throw  
back the last reluctant spear of  
gold,

Response: We bow to Thee, O Lord.

Leader: As the quiet evening soothes our  
fretting, and the gentle gloaming  
dims day's tapestry,

Response: Come to us then, O Lord, and be  
with us and in our hearts until  
our last day's ending.

Leader: By the faith that the wildflowers  
show when they bloom un-  
bidden,

By the calm of the river's flow to  
a goal that is hidden,

By the trust of the tree that clings  
to its deep foundation,

By the courage of birds' light  
wings on the long migration,

Teach me how to confide and live  
my life and rest.

(From "The Courier," May, 1962.)

**REGIONAL LOCAL ASSOCIATION  
CONFERENCE****EASTERN METROPOLITAN REGION**

More than fifty Local Association members from the Eastern Metropolitan Region met in Conference at the Hawthorn Town Hall on 4th April. The Regional Chairman, Mrs. J. K. Proudfoot, chaired the Conference, and Mrs. R. Graeme Orr and Miss M. Cooper represented Headquarters. It was pleasing to have as guests the Mayoresses of Box Hill and Camberwell, and the wife of the President of Doncaster and Templestowe Shire.

In opening the Conference, Mrs. Orr outlined the part that Local Associations could play in the Movement—being a buffer between the Guides and the general public, they can interpret Guiding to the public, where necessary they can assist in the building and maintaining of Guide Halls, and giving financial help to various Branches of the Movement.

Mrs. D. Curtis Otter, Public Relations Adviser for Australia, spoke on the International Field as it affects Public Relations. In illustration of this, the Walter Donald Ross Trophy was described. This international award, established by a Canadian in 1950, is given each year to a Guide or Ranger group which has carried out an outstanding social service project. In 1956 it went to the Guides of Maitland, N.S.W., for their work in helping to clear up after the disastrous floods in the town. Later, it was awarded to East Pakistan, where Guides learnt the technique of inoculation, so that the women still in purdah in the villages could be inoculated against cholera and smallpox, thus making immunisation more widespread. Later again the award was granted when, over a period of 15 years, Guides and Rangers of Liverpool North, in Lancashire, came every Sunday to an old peoples' home to assist elderly people from their wards to the chapel so that they might take part in the religious services. Mrs. Curtis Otter urged L.A. members to use such practical examples as "talking points" to prove the practical nature of Guide training.

The lunchtime break provided an opportunity for members to meet people from other Districts and to inspect the attractive display from the Headquarters shop which had been set out by Mrs. Rawson.

After lunch, a variety of questions of general interest were discussed and answered by Mrs. Orr and Miss Cooper, before Miss Cooper, Headquarters Commissioner, spoke on the financial planning of the Guide Movement.

When the Conference closed at 3 p.m., we all felt that gatherings of this nature on a regional basis did indeed provide a closer personal link between individual members and between Districts and Headquarters.

H.W.

## EQUIPMENT DEPARTMENT

OPEN—Week Days: 9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

Saturdays: 9.5 a.m. to 12 noon. Holiday week-ends excepted.

Shop - - - MF 6023

Office - - - MF 4545

### GUIDE DEPARTMENT

#### Guide Uniform—

Skirt—State waist and length ..... 32/6

Blouse—Long sleeves—state bust  
measure and under arm ..... 32/6

Ties ..... 3/-

Dark Red, Light Red, Navy,  
Yellow, Dark Green, Light  
Green, Dark Saxe, Light Saxe.

Beret ..... 8/-

Beret Badge ..... 1/6

Belt sold on Captain's order ..... 7/-

Swivel for Belt ..... 1/-

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State Badge ..... 1/7

Fawn Sox, 13 to 3, 2 to 7 ..... 6/9

Navy Panties, 12, 14, 16 ..... 6/9

Navy Half Slips, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16,  
XW ..... 12/6

**Diary.** This is a great help to all  
Guides ..... 2/9

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