

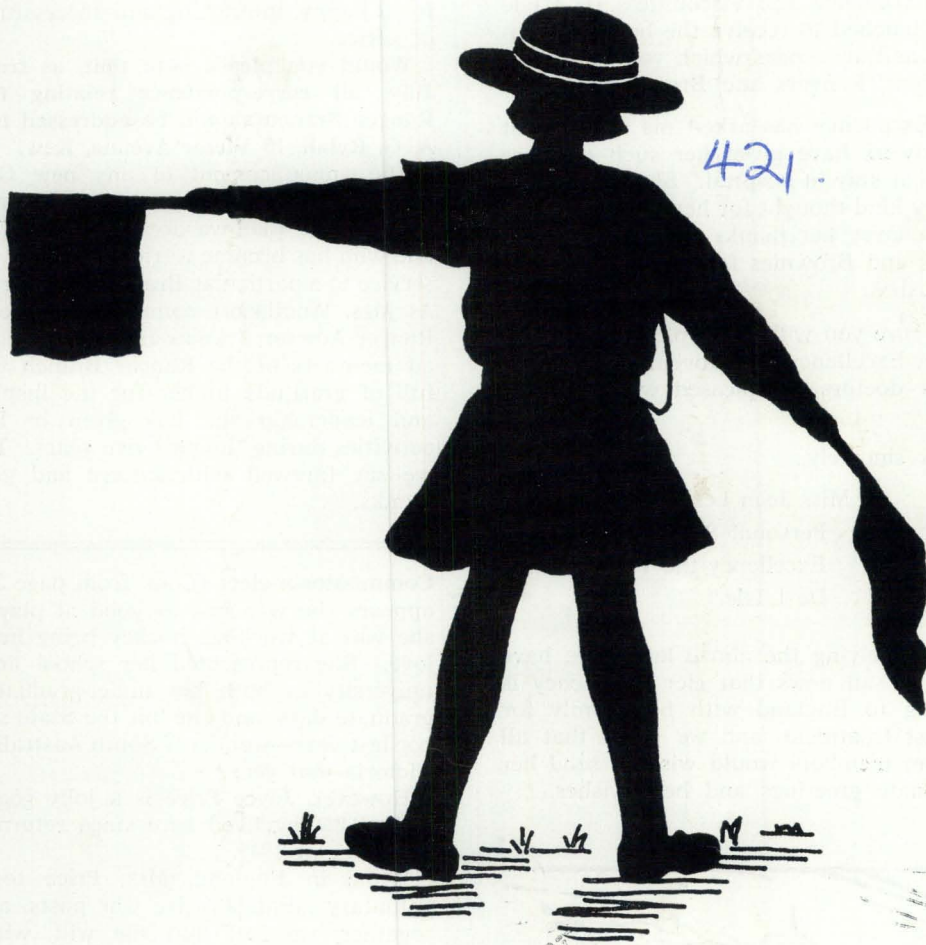
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OUR AUSTRALIAN PRESIDENT, HER EXCELLENCY THE VISCOUNTESS DE L'ISLE

During Lady De L'Isle's illness, Miss Manning, Chief Commissioner, sent flowers and a message from members of the Girl Guides Association of Australia. In reply she has received the following message.

"My Dear Miss Manning,

Her Excellency The Viscountess De L'Isle was so touched to receive the beautiful carnations and sweetpeas which you sent from the Guides, Rangers and Brownies.

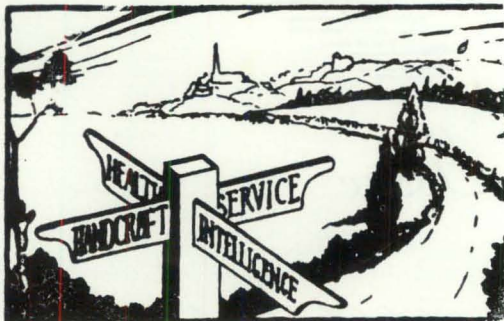
Her Excellency has asked me to say that your flowers have given her such pleasure during her stay in hospital. She appreciates this very kind thought for her and would ask you to convey her thanks to all the Guides, Rangers and Brownies for their message of good wishes.

I am sure you will all be pleased to know that Her Excellency's improvement is steady, and her doctors are pleased with her progress."

Yours sincerely,

Miss Jean Lester,
Personal Secretary to Her
Excellency the Viscountess
De L'Isle."

Since receiving the above letter, we have heard the sad news that Her Excellency is returning to England with her family for specialist treatment, and we know that all Victorian members would wish to send her affectionate greetings and best wishes.



HAIL AND FAREWELL

We are very happy to announce that, at the invitation of the Executive Committee, Mrs. A. G. Rylah has accepted the appointment of Ranger Adviser to succeed Mrs. K. G. Woollacott, whose term of office expires at the end of June.

Mrs. Rylah needs no introduction to members of the Movement as, for many years, she has served the Association in a number of capacities. To her we extend a sincere welcome, which is coupled with best wishes for a happy, interesting and successful term of office.

Would you please note that, as from 1st July, all correspondence relating to the Ranger Branch should be addressed to Mrs. A. G. Rylah, 15 Victor Avenue, Kew.

The announcement of any new Guiding appointments are always tinged with sadness, as it means that we are saying goodbye to one who has become a friend to many in her service to a particular Branch or Department. As Mrs. Woollacott completes her term as Ranger Adviser, I know that the thoughts of all members of the Ranger Branch will be full of gratitude to her for the inspiration and leadership she has given in Ranger activities during the past five years. To her, we say farewell with sincere and grateful thanks.

Commissioner-elect (Cont. from page 3) appears she was just as good at playing as she was at working, hockey being her first love. She represented her school and her university in both her under-graduate and graduate days, and she 'hit the State side' in her last year—wonder if South Australia beat Victoria that year?

However, Joyce Price is a jolly good Victorian, having lived here since returning to Australia in 1945.

While in England, Mrs. Price took up voluntary administrative war posts, and, altogether, we feel that she will, with her experience in many fields (including the hockey field!), make a worthy successor to those who have served our Victorian Movement as State Commissioner. Mrs. Price has our good wishes for a happy and successful term of office, and when she assumes her appointment early in 1963 she will know that she has the loyal support of every member of the Movement in Victoria.

OUR STATE COMMISSIONER-ELECT

Who would have thought when eleven-year-old Joyce Brooke joined the Guide Company at Goolwa, near the mouth of the River Murray, in South Australia, that in one Guide Company there were two future State Commissioners? But it was so, for the Guider, Miss May Douglas, was later to become State Commissioner for South Australia, and Joyce Brooke, now Mrs. J. R. Price, is to be Victoria's next State Commissioner.

Thank you, May Douglas, for those happy Guiding days you gave Joyce Brooke, for she has never lost her interest in the Movement, which she has served in a number of ways through the years.

Mrs. Price was District Commissioner for Caulfield 1956-60, and, since early 1961 has been Division Commissioner for South-Eastern Suburbs. As well as these responsible posts our State Commissioner-elect has represented our Association in a number of important ways — on the Good Neighbour Council of Victoria, and the Pan-Pacific and South East Asia Women's Association, of which she was Honorary Treasurer from 1957 to 1962. Mrs. Price was a Convener for the Australian Conferences held in Melbourne in 1957 and 1961, and Convener of Hospitality for the International Camp. She is, at present, a member of the Finance Sub-Committee, and the Sub-Committees for Boundaries and Public Relations.

Apart from her Guiding, Mrs. Price is interested, particularly, in the Australian Reading Union and the United Nations Association, and in both these organisations she has held executive appointments. And, of course, a true Guide never forgets her Church, does she? Therefore, it is not surprising to know that Mrs. Price and her family are well-known members of the congregation of St. Margaret's Church of England, Caulfield. Nor is it surprising to learn that the Sunday School Superintendent for some time was Mrs. Price, and that she is keenly interested in the women's Church organisations, in which she has held various offices.

So much for the community service of our State Commissioner-elect, but what about her personally—who is she?

Joyce Brooke attended the Adelaide Girls' High School and, after matriculating, studied science at the University of Adelaide, graduating Bachelor of Science in 1935, and with



MRS. J. R. PRICE

—Photo: Betty Reynolds

honours in 1936, and in 1938 graduated Master of Science. Upon completion of her university studies, Joyce took up plant physiological research work at the Waite Agricultural Research Institute in Adelaide, after which she went to London, where she married in 1940 Dr. J. R. Price.

Dr. Price holds the degrees of Master of Science and Doctor of Science, Adelaide, and Doctor of Philosophy, Oxford, having graduated in the last-mentioned degree after post-graduate studies at Magdalen College, Oxford. Dr. Price is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science, and is Chief of the Division of Organic Chemistry of C.S.I.R.O. Dr. and Mrs. Price have three children—Margaret and Donald, who are now in their matriculation year, and Elizabeth, who is studying for her leaving certificate. And can you guess the subjects in which these three are most interested? Yes, of course, physics and chemistry.

There is a saying that all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy! Well, our Joyce Price is not dull, for she has played, too! It (Continued on page 2.)

State Commissioner's Diary

I deeply regret being unable to attend the Divisional Commissioners' Meeting, but, occasionally, home duties have to come first!

Saturday, 5th May: Was the opening of the Guide Hall at North Fitzroy by The Hon. Arthur Rylah. Mr. Rylah has been very good to us in so many ways. We do tell him occasionally, and I am sure he knows. We truly are tremendously grateful for all the interest and help he and his Government bestow on our Movement and the youth of Victoria.

Sunday, 6th May (Commonwealth Youth Sunday): I was privileged to receive an invitation to watch this march from the Town Hall, Melbourne.

As a whole, I did think the marching was excellent, and I enjoyed seeing it. There were strange forms of saluting the Governor, Sir Dallas Brooks (who stood on the dais to receive them). At least, I thought they were. Dipping the school banners, pennants or mottos, and dipping flags. Only very few held the fly and prevented them sweeping the roadway. Surely this isn't correct. A flag is only dipped to Royalty itself. Eyes right by the girls, and the same with the boys with caps off, looked wonderful. Perhaps I am being too critical in my old age. Did anyone hear Sir Kingsley Norris speak on the Commonwealth Youth Sunday? It was wonderful, and not too long a speech.

Tuesday, 8th May: Morning Tea Party at C.W.A., Lansell Road. As you know, H.R.H. Tengku Ampunau Selangor, of Malaya, with her husband, the Sultan, paid a visit to Victoria and, as she is a President and interested in Guides, we invited her to morning tea on Wednesday, 9th May. Unfortunately, her arrangements were altered, so the President, Mrs. Neil Cameron, very kindly invited some of us to join their tea party. Mrs. Catamore, Mrs. Wallace and I were the fortunate ones.

Advisers' Meeting at Mrs. McKay's. One does have a very interesting time as Advisers give reports of their Branch.

Friday, 11th May: A very special excitement happened to Hamilton. They have just got their first Queen's Guide. So a special party took place. The Guides, to commence the party, mimed what had to be done to be-

come a Queen's Guide. They started with the enrolment and, I must say, did an excellent job. Then came the Presentation. It was a real Guide affair, as Rhonda is the daughter of the District Commissioner, Mrs. Henning. Thank you, Miss Abbott, for allowing me to join in the party. I loved it.

Tuesday, 15th May: I attended an all-day Conference of the Hamilton Division L.A. at Glenthompson. It was a most successful Conference and, again, I have to thank Miss Abbott for inviting me. Glenthompson looked after us most efficiently.

Thursday, 17th May: Our Executive Meeting, and we were privileged to have Mrs. Buntine, who now resides in New South Wales, was an Executive member and is now Chief Commissioner-Elect for Australia. In the evening, I went to the Eleventh Annual Meeting of Glen Iris-Ashburton Girl Guides Local Association. A wonderful meeting presided over by the Mayor, Cr. Lee, and the Guides sang Camp Fire Songs. Excellent reports of their year's work, and Mrs. Douglas, the Secretary, presented hers in verse! It was superb! The guest speaker, Mrs. Price, taught me something—how to be guest speaker and get practically everyone else to do the talking! It was really wizard, as the children say!

Thursday, 24th May (Empire Day): I was invited to lunch and to speak to the Victorian League in Ballarat. It was a good meeting, and I enjoyed it all very much.

I had a letter from our Chief Guide, who had just arrived back at Hampton Court, having been all round the United States, etc. She is a wonderful person. Here is the letter:—

" . . . Here I am, back at home again at last, from my long tour all round the United States, meeting many hundreds and even thousands of Girl Scouts and their Leaders and supporters, at many 'ports of call' en route; a lovely time at 'Our Cabana' in Mexico, and then a very delightful flying tour—literally—right across Canada, to wind up with seeing also there more thousands of eager Guides and Brownies en route!

"And now I am at home for some months, and, whilst picking up the threads of all the various happenings of the past, the doings of

the present, and the planning of events to come, I am reading through some of the Reports and many Guide magazines, which did not come chasing after me on my non-stop tour on the other side of the Atlantic!

"Amongst them is your quite lovely splendid 35th Annual Report, and I feel I must send you, without delay, this word of warm thanks for letting me have it, and also my very great congratulations, if I may, on all this grand good news contained in its pages!

"It is really wonderfully stirring and so encouraging to hear of the great progress that has been made of late, and how proud and how pleased you must all feel over this continued upward advancement—in both quality and in quantity, too—the two, of course, going hand in hand!

"And then, over and above that exceptional growth is this equally fine record of not only steady hard work and achievements, but also that of your Service to Others—for the good of people, and even to the extent of helping to ensure 'Food for the Koala Bears' in the future, with the planting of the necessary gum trees!

"I did enjoy that item so specially—and no doubt the bears will be grateful later, when the trees bear their leaves. (That was not meant to be a pun!)

"The Report is beautifully got up, so readable and interesting, and I hope that not only will it be widely read, but I trust, too, that it may stimulate further support and interest amongst people as yet 'outside our Guide circle,' so that you may find more help forthcoming from people of goodwill, who will know from this excellent Report not only of your gallant work for the girls of the State, but also of your need for more help for the greater good of yet a greater number of young people, to whom the Guide training and the Guide influence can mean so much.

"As I read these pages, I look back with such happiness to the several lovely visits that I have paid to you in your beautiful State, and also look back with affectionate gratitude to the kindnesses shown to me at various times, and that truly wonderful good turn, which supplied 'Books from Ice Creams' for those many Spanish-speaking countries in South America in 1959! Thanks—very largely—to that, our Guide Movement is progressing in most of them; and I had the pleasure of meeting delegates from eleven of them at 'Our Cabana' in February.

"I see in my mind's eye the big Rallies and the little ones, the parties and meetings, the camps and the Brownies' 'Revels,' and so many very happy meetings with your Guides and Guiders, and I do, indeed, rejoice with you, and for you, over all this past year's magnificent advancement; and I hope that this current year is going to be filled with joyous doings and happenings, and HAPPY 'GOOD GUIDING' for all!

"I hope that we shall see many Guide visitors over here, too; and go on cementing all that Guide 'GOODWILL' that you have all helped to foster, too, with your many Guide visitors sharing your doings with you in DEAR Victoria!

"P.S.—A special greeting to all those dear Pals."



Sunday, 27th May: I flew with Miss Broadhurst over to Sydney to attend the Australian Executive Meeting. I sat next to a 12-year-old boy in the plane who, as I sat down beside him, remarked, "Are you frightened? I am." I said, "Oh yes, of course I am, but let's talk and we will forget."

The Australian Executive Meeting was held at the new Australian Headquarters in Castle-reagh Street—a most central position. Miss Manning, our Chief Commissioner, chaired this meeting, which lasted from 9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. from Monday to Wednesday. Mrs. Buntine, the new Chief Commissioner-Elect, also attended. There is no doubt this meeting has been a great success in every way. First-hand information at Australian and State levels, with discussions, proved most informative and interesting. At a later date, I hope to give you some information regarding international aspects. Miss Manning, as you know, is on the World Committee, and has much to tell. The Australian International Commissioner, Miss Hayman, and the Australian Training Adviser, Miss Broadhurst, gave most interesting reports and suggestions.

It was a very homely gathering really, as we are all old friends. Needless to say, we

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THE ADVENTURE CAMP AT WILSON'S PROMONTORY



At Tidal River from 19th-26th May were three flags flying above the trees—the Australian flag, the Senior Scout flag and the Guide World flag. Here were 20 Guides (14-15 years), 20 Senior Scouts (16-17 years) and 20 Staff, Guiders and Scouters.

The first combined Senior Scout and Guide Camp in Australia was full of excitement, fun and adventure. Comments — “mighty”, “terrific”, “fabulous.”

Divided into five Patrols of eight—named after explorers Hillary, Hunt, Mawson, Shackleton and Scott—each Patrol had a different coloured scarf with the Sagaa 62 badge on it.

On the Sunday, all of us, in full uniform, attended a Guides' and Scouts' Own on the beach in the morning sunlight. This was a moving service, even more effective with the natural surroundings.

In the afternoon a Compass and Mapping session, followed by an inter-Patrol competition, proved to be an opportunity for Guides and Scouts to share their knowledge.

That night a session on Public Speaking was given; a topic was set and each person

had to plan a small speech in a couple of minutes—then someone was asked to get up and speak to the whole Camp.

Imagination activities in Patrols the following morning were hilarious to watch. Guides and Scouts doing ballet, putting curlers in their hair, are sights we will not forget.

The Patrols then went off to Lilly Pilly Gully, where they cooked their lunch, made bush shelters, discussed the topic “Leadership” and dealt with a First Aid emergency. This was done particularly well. It was well staged — the instructor arranged with one of the Patrol to fall and pretend to have a broken leg. The Patrols were then left to cope. Each made a first class stretcher, splinted the leg and carried the “patient” to the road, where the First Aider was waiting, having been summoned by one of the party. It was so realistic that passing cars were commandeered and the Ranger came out in his Land Rover. It was only after the parties arrived back in camp that the Patrols realised they had been “had.”

A Camp Fire at night was run by Scouters and Guiders, and many new songs were learnt by us all.

Boy/Girl Relationships was a topic that aroused great interest in Patrols the following morning, and it was treated in a serious and thoughtful fashion, as was evidenced by the report given by each Patrol's speaker to the whole Camp.

Some more initiative tests! Ever tried climbing a rope ladder with a billy full of water without spilling any, or putting up a hike tent blindfolded? Do try it some time!

Later the Guides and Scouts chose which of three activities they would like to do—Abseiling, Pioneering or Sketching. All activities were enjoyed by those taking part and some good work resulted.

The abseiling group had the most adventurous afternoon. They had to cross Tidal River to get to the rock they wished to climb. There was only one snag—the tide was in. Nothing for it but to wade across knee deep, —a bit awkward if you have slacks on. Some raced back to camp to put shorts on in order to braye the briny. Others decided they would be even more brave and allow the

Scouts to piggy-back them across. Most were successfully across when the inevitable happened!

In the evening we spent a most interesting time listening to the Head Ranger talk and show slides on the Promontory. We were a most appreciative audience.

Wednesday was a day of rest! Patrols planned and packed for their overnight expedition, wrote up their Patrol newspapers, and prepared items for the TV show.

This was the funniest amateur show I have seen for a long time! It was a night of which any TV station could be proud, and lay members of the public present thought it was the best amateur production they had seen.

Hillary Patrol provided the news, commercials and the epilogue; Shackleton Patrol provided a Western—"Shackleton Rides the Range"; Mawson Patrol—"In Camp Tonight"; Scott Patrol—"The Phantom Strikes at Tidal River", a murder mystery; and Hunt Patrol—"Comedy Capers." The Scouters sang a song with appropriate actions, and the Guiders also sang a little song!!!

Early on Thursday morning there was hardly a soul on the Camp Site. Shackleton, Scott and Mawson Patrols had left on their overnight expedition to Sealer's Cove, and Hunt and Hillary Patrols had left for the Lighthouse.

It was just our luck that we experienced the worst weather on the Prom. for three years! It absolutely poured!

Friday afternoon saw the return of all five Patrols, absolutely soaked through. However, after hot(?) showers and afternoon tea, everyone felt fine, and clothing was dried by a roaring fire in the Campers' lounge.

A dance on the last night of Camp was soon in full swing. The whole Camp thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and it all came to an end too soon.

It was, of course, raining on the Saturday, but our spirits were high and everyone set about striking camp, and scrubbing those never-ending piles of billies and dixies.

Final Colours was a sad moment. Prayers were followed by a closing talk from the S.I.C., then three rousing cheers for S.A.G.A.A. 62.

Colour Parties moved to the flagpole and, as the flags were lowered slowly together, we saluted and watched in silence, each remembering the week that had been spent together so successfully—how much we had all learnt; how many new friends we had made; and how it is possible to understand other people and work in with them if you make the effort.

The Camp was an experiment — Guides, Scouts, Leaders, all agreed it was a successful one, and that more Camps of this sort should be held. The keynote of the Camp was "Enthusiasm"—mixed with laughter and fun, adventure and challenge. Each one of us agreed that this Camp should be the forerunner of many.

M.W., E.L.

1st BENDIGO COMPANY REUNION

Are you a former 1st Bendigo Guide? or Guider? If so, this will be of interest to you.

It is planned to have a reunion of former members of the Company in Bendigo on 25th and 26th August next to celebrate the Company's 40th Birthday, which takes place on 22nd August.

If you are interested, please contact Miss Norma Young, 3 College Crescent, Bendigo. Phone Bendigo 3 4716.

CAMPSITES

Up-to-date uniformation on all Campsites will be published in September "Matilda." If you would like your Division or District Site included, please send me full particulars by 23rd July.

M. H. MELLOR.

Commissioner's Diary (Cont. from page 5)

had a great deal of fun. Miss Manning gave us a lovely dinner and Theatre Party ("East Lynne" was the play). New South Wales Executive Committee gave us a lovely lunch at their Headquarters. This is a wonderful Movement. At times, one rides on the clouds, being spoilt with hospitality, etc. Just when one thinks "This is the life," back you are on earth with a bump and a pile of work to get through. Yes, it was a grand Executive Meeting.

IRENE FAIRBAIRN.

PHANTASMAGORIA!

Have you ever — laughed till you cried, talked until you were hoarse, sung until you could sing no more, renewed old friendships and made new ones, seen some of Australia's loveliest scenery, camped on a delightful camp site—all in the one week?

This is what happened to the Guiders who were fortunate enough to attend the Phantasmagoria Camp in N.S.W. at Easter. The camp was held at Glengarry, which is a really delightful spot—such excellent country for wide games and explorations, and yet so handy to Sydney—with wonderful facilities for camping or holidaying in the house.

The week's activities were many and varied. The camp was opened on the Saturday by Mrs. Chauvel, Deputy State Commissioner of N.S.W., and each group was formally presented with their flag (which they had previously made themselves!) by Mrs. Marchant, also a Deputy State Commissioner of N.S.W. In keeping with the name of the camp, the groups chose their own names — Caspars (Caspar is the friendly ghost), Sootws (Something out of this world's), Barloo, Corroboree Mob and Saints.

Sunday Church Services were arranged in the morning, and an excellent miming session in the afternoon (this was when we laughed until we cried!) and a most inspiring Guides' Own in the evening, when the address was given by Mrs. Marchant.

Monday saw us on a special ferry touring Sydney's wonderful Harbour. We were all very brave even when the Sea Ranger Skippers (we had two in camp) took over in the wheelhouse, and were thrilled that the sea was calm enough to allow us to go right into the Heads. We had hopes of going to New Zealand, but Jean turned us back to Sydney. It is surprising how often you can catch glimpses of the Bridge all over Sydney—one remark heard, "There's another coathanger, can't they build anything else in Sydney?"—but it was the same one!

Tuesday the campers scattered to shop, visit friends or relatives, or the Royal Easter Show. Mrs. Chauvel very kindly opened up the Administration Section of H.Q. for the visitors, and the shop did a roaring trade!

Wednesday was a perfect day, clear and sunny, and the impressive views and delightful journey in the Blue Mountains were greatly appreciated—although our time was

limited at Katoomba, some still managed to get on the Skyway flying fox and others on the Scenic Railway.

Mr. R. Graves came out to camp Thursday afternoon to give a most interesting and instructive talk on woodcraft and bushcraft to Guiders.

During the week we had some really delightful Campfires, run by Miss Nancy Kemp, and we do thank her for the lovely songs and good fun we enjoyed then. The Camp Song, Phantasmagoria, was written by Mrs. Enda Newton and her family, and we were very proud that a Victorian Guider had won this contest. The song is a real delight, with such a catchy tune that everyone was singing it around the Camp at all odd times. On the trip to the Blue Mountains we sang it on the hour every hour so that everyone knew all the words by the time we got home!

Thursday night was a real highlight, when we had a Fancy Dress Dinner Party, given by the Caspars (the N.S.W. staff of the Camp), and our guest of honour was the State Commissioner, Mrs. Wentworth. One would wonder where the bits and pieces which made up the costumes could be found in a Camp—but it really is surprising. The bright ideas of some of the campers were unbelievable! This was a really hilarious night.

Daily we received the camp news-sheet, "Phantasmagoria Phiddeldedee". Our thanks to Margaret Coleman and Marjorie Wood for their hard work and late hours in preparing and delivering the papers daily.

Everyone who attended the camp felt it a wonderful holiday, good fun, and well worth while. Miss Rene McNeill, Camping Adviser for N.S.W., who was G.I.C. and general organiser of the Camp, is to be congratulated on the wonderful success of the venture. All the Guiders are clamouring for more! All sections of the Movement were represented by their Guiders, so the fun and fellowship gained will be very widespread in every State (and one member from New Zealand will take home lasting memories of Phantasmagoria).

Victoria's contingent of 38 was the largest from any State, so we should gain very considerably.

Thank you, New South Wales, for a wonderful idea, extremely well carried out.

NORMA YOUNG.



BROWNIE ACTIVITIES

Making a great variety of things—animals, people and little scenes—out of a multitude of materials, some natural, some artificial.

Use acorns, gum nuts, various seed pods, pussy grasses, walnut shells, liquid amber nuts, scraps of foam rubber, pipe cleaners, cotton wool, plasticine, feathers, corks, cotton reels, buttons, broken ping pong balls, scraps of wool, etc., etc., etc.

Lovely tortoises can be made from half walnut shells, and liquid amber nuts make realistic hedgehogs. To make an acorn man or woman or horse, use the right shaped acorns for head and body and use tooth picks or pointed match sticks for the arms and legs. To fix on the head, take a small length of tooth pick, pointed at both ends, and pierce the head and body with a tin tack, then push in tooth pick, connecting head to body. A bent pipe cleaner makes a nice little dog. A farmer's wife can be made from acorns, or pipe cleaners, and wear a foam rubber or feather skirt. She can carry a shopping basket made from an acorn cup on her arm.

One Brownie made a pretty flower bed, using scraps of multi-coloured foam rubber stuck on to small lengths of tooth pick. She planted her "flowers" in a plasticine bed.

A small ballet dancer can be made from a pipe cleaner, twisted to form head, body, legs and arms. A coloured paper patty case can be used for the skirt, or a plain one coloured by the Brownie. E.F.

The following activities were suggested for Brownies working in small groups. These would also be useful for a Brown Owl who has no assistance.

Semaphore Alphabet:

Equipment — various small pictures of single objects, such as a jug, doll, lamb, etc.,

and a set of cards, each containing one letter of the alphabet written in Semaphore.

Brownies pair the Semaphore letter with the picture beginning with the same letter.

Semaphore Men:

Using the same pictures, the Brownies spell the names of the objects in Semaphore, using plastic counters for heads and plastic tooth picks for bodies, and tooth picks cut in half for arms.

If a Semaphore Chart is also supplied, the activities can be self-corrective, as the Brownies can check the letters they do not

TRAINING IN THRIFT

Thrift—wise spending. What do we spend? Time? Physical resources? Money? All these and more, and not only our own; other people's, too.

What is our part, as Guiders, in the training of Brownies, Guides and Rangers in this most important subject? How, and when, can we help?

We must remember, first, that we must do nothing to upset the loyalty of the daughter to her parents. Thrift is such a personal matter that what is luxury to one may be necessity to another, but training must show that there **are** alternatives, and that decisions have to be made between them.

To the Brownie, thrift is seen in the practical jobs—cleaning shoes, sewing on buttons, laying the table to help mum—if she understands **why** these are done.

The Guide meets thrift as one of the ten Guide Laws. Can we make it real to the new Recruit? e.g., Why do we whip a rope? Air beds? Obey whistle signals promptly?

Here we must think, too, of our own example and that of other Guides. "Do as I say, don't do as I do" has no place in Guiding.

The Recruit will notice:—

- (a) Punctuality—of Guiders and Guides.
- (b) Care of Uniform—do we make full use of inspection?
- (c) Planning—the use of time. Do we plan our meetings, or do they just happen? Do P.L.'s plan Patrol time? Is it our job to help them?
- (d) Instant obedience—or do we accept the slovenly shuffle?
- (e) Care of property—Company possessions, Church Hall, etc. All these and more will be noticed, perhaps unconsciously, in those first vital meetings. But we must go on from there.

1. Direct Teaching: Explaining about dripping taps, food waste, lights left on, the stitch in time, perfect posture, etc.
 2. Indirect again. Company funds. Do we explain what they are for and how they are spent? Does the Company have a say in the spending of them? Do they have Patrol funds — and account books for them?
 3. Camp—what a golden opportunity.
 - (a) Before—Fixing the fee: Allowing for food, hire of equipment, how far can we afford to go? How will the Guides pay the fee—weekly? (How does this compare with buying the TV on H.P.?)
- Earning money for equipment—
Collecting kit — making camp overalls, learning camp housekeeping, etc.
- (b) During camp—keeping to a timetable, so leaving time for more than mere existence.
Being careful with fuel and water (very obvious reasons!), and with food, and use of left-overs.
Saving time by sharing work.
Care of property.
 - (c) After camp: Care and storage of property—our own **and** other people's. Anything else?
4. Discussion: Rangers certainly, but Guides could try this, too, in Patrols or P.L.'s trainings.
Some suggestions—
 - (a) Saving money by not paying on the bus!
 - (b) Getting something through the Customs without declaring it!
 - (c) Using employer's paper/telephone/time for private purposes.

- (d) To spend time mending, or money renewing clothes? I have left a lot of gaps, I know, but you will be able to see them and fill them in!

Let us always bear in mind that we are training girls, most of whom will be sharing in a standard of living that their parents or grandparents never knew, to be able to decide, as adults, on their own policy; to weigh up the insidious advertising campaigns looking for real values; to try to see beyond the problems of their pockets; and to remember, above all, that "the best things in life are free."

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OUR WILDFLOWERS

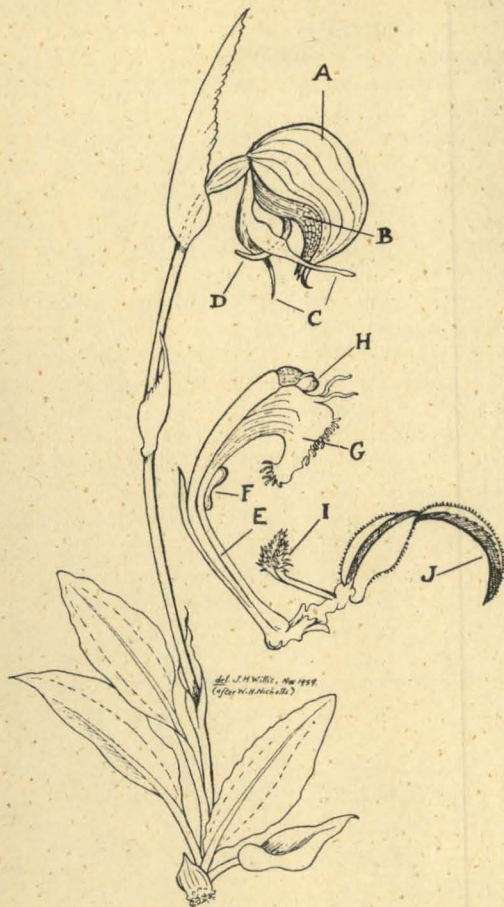
Some of you may think that July is not the month to look for wildflowers. But one of the surprising things about Australia—especially in the east—is the slow awakening of spring, which begins in mid-winter.

I am writing this down at Cowes, where the winter-flowering Banksias are at their best, with their shrill-voiced attendants, the yellow-winged, white-eared and white-plumed honey eaters. From my own observations, the common Heath is late this year on the mainland.

I would like to mention the eucalypts in the Myrtle family this month. Miss Jean Galbraith tells me that the Ribbon Gum is flowering now, also some early Red Box and Blue Gum. There are over 90 kinds of gums in Victoria, and it takes an expert to tell all the varieties. Know the ones in your own district first. The name eucalyptus means 'covered,' and refers to the lid on top of the bud, which drops off as the flower opens. Numerous stamens, mostly white and cream, replace the petals as the showy part of the flower, and in the centre of each is a green honey-well.

In July, in early districts, one may look for the first Silver Wattle, especially near creeks. Two early orchids are the Mosquito Orchid and the Nodding Greenhood. The Mosquito, so called because of its shape, has many tiny green and red (or pinkish) flowers. The stem is seven inches high. The dark green leaf is heart-shaped and red underneath.

The Nodding Greenhood, found almost everywhere, has a large drooping head, called by country children such names as cow-horns, parrot-beaks or elephants.



—Block by courtesy F.N.C.V.

GREENHOOD ORCHID

Key—

- A—Dorsal Sepal (back)
- B—Lateral Petal (side)
- C—Lateral Sepals (co-joined)
- D—Labellum (tongue)
- E—Column
- F—Stigma
- G—Column Wings
- H—Pollinia
- I—Appendage
- J—Labellum (tongue)

Perhaps the flower most widely looked for in July is Early Nancy, often called the harbinger of spring. Country children vie with each other to find the first one. This little lily, some six inches high, has white petals ringed with a black circle, and a sweet fragrance. Female flowers have a triangular ovary or seed box; male flowers have a ring

of tiny dark stamens; some flowers have both stamens and ovary, which is very interesting.

Another little flower of July is the Sundew or Drosera, which has little cup-shaped leaves, covered with hairs for catching flies. The first to come out is the Scented Sundew.

In his last book, Crosbie Morrison says that the Scented Sundew is looked for as a true harbinger of spring. The leaves are in a small rosette, one or two inches across, and shine with dewy hairs, very often red. The dainty white flower of five petals has a very short stem.

If you get the chance to read "Along the Track," by Crosbie Morrison, look at the chapter on "Sundews." And I think it would be nice, too, if some more Patrols were called after our Australian wildflowers.

J.H.

WILDFLOWER BOOKS

As we have been considering our Australian wildflowers in the past months, Guiders might like to know of a new wildflower book which has lately appeared.

Called "Wildflowers," it comes in a series called "The Australian Outdoor Guides," and is a pocket edition, well illustrated and dealing with flower families.

It is a good introduction to the study of wildflowers, and could be put into the hands of Guides who are interested. The author is Clarice Morris, and the price is 16/-.

As a reliable text book covering the whole of our native flora, I can recommend "Wildflowers of Victoria," by Jean Galbraith. It is easy to follow, and the fact that it is soon to appear in a third edition speaks for itself. It should be a must for the Company or District Library.

J.H.

HAVE YOU TRIED THIS?

Each Patrol (or Guide, depending on the number playing) has to produce something from their own person/s to illustrate the laws. e.g.:

1. Honour—money, tram ticket.
2. Usefulness—pocket knife.
5. Courtesy—watch.
7. Obedience—whistle.
9. Thrift—whipped rope.

TRAINING DEPARTMENT

Brownie Guiders:

A six weeks' Preliminary Course for new Brownie Guiders will commence on Tuesday, 17th July, at 10 a.m. - 12 noon at Headquarters.

Guider-in-Charge: Mrs. L. Sharp.

A six weeks' General Course for Brownie Guiders will commence on Thursday, 2nd August, 10 a.m.-12 noon at Headquarters.

Guider-in-Charge: Mrs. J. Barratt.

Guide Guiders:

A six weeks' Preliminary Course for new Guide Guiders will commence on Wednesday, 1st August, 10 a.m.-12 noon at Headquarters.

Guider-in-Charge: Mrs. J. Moors.

Applications for these Courses must reach Training Secretary one week before commencement of Course.

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.

ALTERATION TO WARRANT TESTS

Commissioners and Guiders, please note:

An additional clause has been added to the requirements of the Warrant Test for Brownie, Guide and Ranger Guiders. This additional requirement is that a Guider must have read the "Blue Pamphlet of the World Association." (This pamphlet is obtainable in Headquarters Shop, priced at 2/-.)

This clause is to be added to P. O. & R. as follows:

For Brownie Guiders: Rule 32—add after 1 (c) (ii).

For Guide Guiders: Rule 50—add after 1 (c) (ii).

For Ranger Guiders: Rule 68—add after 1 (c) (iv).

TREATMENT FOR BURNS:

Although First Aid Treatment for Burns is still under discussion and trial, and authorities differ in the opinion of the best methods of treatment, the majority now prefer a dry sterile dressing. The current teaching as advised by St. John's Ambulance is:

Cover with a dry dressing;

Immobilise the part and treat for shock.

H.Q. TRAINING COURSES:

In future, Training Courses will be divided into Preliminary and General, each of ap-

proximately six weeks' duration. In addition, Special Courses to cover subjects such as compass, second mapping, games, P.L. training, Brownie handcrafts, first aid, etc., will be held.

Commissioners are asked to see that new Guiders apply to attend a Preliminary Course and do not apply for a General Course until they have done Preliminary Training followed by further experience in Companies or Packs.

Applications for Courses will be checked at Headquarters, and acceptance cards issued. If it is considered a Guider has applied for an unsuitable Course for her requirements, she will be notified of this and the correct Course suggested.

Only Guiders in possession of acceptance cards will be admitted to a Course.

The Training Committee has decided to do this, not to be difficult as you might at first assume, but in order that Guiders may be helped as much as possible by giving them training best suited to their requirements, and by keeping numbers of each group low so that Trainees may receive more individual attention. I hope you will co-operate with us in making this new scheme of greater benefit to all.

CYNTHIA WALKER, Training Adviser.

CAMPING DEPARTMENT

Divisions, Districts, Companies! It would be greatly appreciated if orders for tents, etc., could be ordered through the Camping Department at Headquarters, and not direct to Evan Evans. This would help the Accounts Section, both at Headquarters and Evan Evans, as a lot of confusion does arise. Thank you.

M. McDONALD, Camping Adviser.

Camp First Aid Course—

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

Q.M. Course—

Four weeks' course to commence Thursday, 20th September, 1962. 7.45 p.m.-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 the course. Fee: 5/- per course.

B. D. McNALLY, Camping Secretary.

AMENDMENTS TO P. O. & R.

Rules 32. The Brownie Guiders—

Add after 1 (c) (ii) . . . and that she has read the Blue Pamphlet of the World Association.

Rule 45. Brownie Proficiency Badges—

Minstrel, Clause 2. Before (b) 'Play' insert 'OR'.

Pony Rider (new Badge):

1. Mount and dismount correctly.
2. Catch, saddle and bridle, and lead a pony in hand.
3. Have elementary knowledge of shoeing, care and feeding.
4. Know how to use: hoof pick, dandy brush, body brush and curry comb.
5. **Under 10.** Walk and trot (the leading rein to be optional). **Over 10.** Ride and control a quiet pony. (Walk, trot and canter.)

Rule 49. The Court of Honour—

Delete paragraph 4. (This is a misprint.)

Rule 50. The Guide Guiders—

Add after 1 (c) (ii) . . . and that she has read the Blue Pamphlet of the World Association.

Rule 63. Guide Proficiency Badges (Welsh Folk)—

Delete present syllabus and substitute:

1. (a) Know the Welsh National Anthem (in Welsh).
(b) Know the composition of the Welsh Flag and the story of St. David.
2. Make a scrap book to illustrate interesting features of Wales, the scenery, the main occupations of the people, and their cultural traditions.
3. Do two of the following:
 - (a) Tell a Welsh folk story.
 - (b) Sing a Welsh folk song (in Welsh).
 - (c) Take part in a Welsh folk dance.
4. Dress a doll in Welsh costume.
5. Show a knowledge of the chief features and the purpose of the National Eisteddfod.

Note.—Welsh or English may be used in the Test.

Welsh costume—patterns (for 5 inch and 10 inch dolls) obtainable from Broneirion. Some reference books:

General—The Land of the Red Dragon (University of Wales Press).

Folk Songs—Parts I, II, III—Lloyd Williams (Hughes and Hughes, Ltd., Cardiff and Wrexham).

Folk Dance—Welsh Reel (Stainer and Bell Ltd.); Come and Dance — A. D. Howie (University of Wales Press); Welsh Whim and Other Dances (The Gwyn Publishing Co., Llangollen).

Rule 68. The Ranger Guiders—

Add after 1 (c) (iv) . . . and that she has read the Blue Pamphlet of the World Association.

Rule 80. Ranger Certificates—

Section VII, Astronomer:

After 'Use a small telescope and' insert 'with proper safeguards.'

Rule 85. Guiding in Colleges and Universities:

8. Uniform. After 'Other enrolled members' insert 'including members of the Scout and Guide Graduate Association.'

Add at end 'For informal occasions a triangular tie may be worn scarf-wise.'

In accordance with our usual policy, these amendments will be optional for three months from the date of publication, at the end of which period they must be adhered to.

Special Note for Commissioners:

Your attention is particularly drawn to Rule 32, "The Brownie Guiders"; Rule 50, "The Guide Guiders" and Rule 68, "The Ranger Guiders," which all amend the Warrant Test. Three months from the issue of July "Matilda," this clause will be added to the nomination forms for each Branch.

PENFRIENDS

Dear Guides,

Are there any of you thinking of asking for a Penfriend so that you can work for the Commonwealth Knowledge Badge?

If so, I would be so glad to hear from you. We have a number of names and addresses of English Guides wanting to do the same thing, and who are most anxious to be linked with Australian Guides.

Can you help?

NELL HALL (Mrs. B.),
Post Box Secretary,
37 Bond Street, Ringwood.

DOLL COMPETITION

HAVE YOU ENTERED A DOLL YET ?

Miss Wirth has entry forms and dolls. We particularly want some in the national Guide costume of other countries, and we will provide the dolls if you wish.

For further details see May "Matilda."

J. MCKAY.

INTO ORBIT, 1962

From countdown to recovery, the 1962 Commissioners' Conference was successful. We talked, we listened, we learnt, we sang—and then we talked again.

The scene was set with delightful illustrations, charts and Patrol Emblems drawn by Mrs. Audrey Houghton, and Training Sessions on Friday on the Brownie, Guide and Senior Branches gave us all much fuel for stimulation of our thoughts. No doubt many ideas and suggestions will come from these briefings.

Saturday was a busy day.

Public relations brought to us a Guide image we had perhaps not realised before. We always knew there was much meat in the Guide Training, but now we heard it said that "You don't sell the steak, you sell the sizzle!" It's the tempting aroma which gets the customers in beyond the front door.

Mrs. Curtis-Otter also introduced us to the three B's of a successful Annual Meeting — Be comfortable; Be punctual; Be brief. Miss Wirth pointed out the value of good, eye-catching displays and there was much of interest in the examples she had prepared to show us, using resources readily available to us all.

Mrs. Rylah was her own best advertisement in an excellent session on public speaking. We don't claim to be ready to speak anywhere just yet, but at least she gave us courage to continue practising!

Countdown finished, the Conference was ready to be launched. The job was expertly done by our State Commissioner, Mrs. Fairbairn, whom we were delighted to have with us for the Conference.

In keeping with the theme of the Conference — "Youth in Orbit and You" — Mrs. Fairbairn pointed out that to be put in orbit we must be fit, and must have a definite objective; that these aims could be helped by Guide training, and the Guide spirit could be the motivating force required to launch us.

Once on our way, Mrs. Fairbairn introduced to us Victoria's State Commissioner-elect, Mrs. Joyce Price. Mrs. Price, who will take office in 1963, has worked as a District and Division Commissioner.

Dr. Elwyn Morey was, by special request, our guest speaker, and gave us much to

think about and digest as we go back to our work with the children. It was an interesting thought that, in these days of large school classes and groups, the Six and Patrol are perhaps the smallest groups in which children gather, and here there may be opportunity for us to have closer contact.

A roll call of the Divisions showed that there were few Divisions not represented, and it was wonderful to see the numbers who had come long distances to be with us. In addition to about 150 Victorian Commissioners, we were pleased to have with us a N.S.W. representative and also a visitor from Christmas Island in the Indian Ocean.

The importance of good leadership was stressed by Mrs. Osbourn Shave, who told us how "Youth in Orbit" must use instruments and use them well, and how Guiding could make a contribution to both of these factors.

"Plan Evergreen" produced a programme in which we might all take part—a programme which will help our land by increasing our knowledge of our native trees and plants, and by encouraging each of us to beautify our roads. More information on this scheme will be available soon.

Camping came to the fore with a bright session on "Camping in Comfort" — a laudable ambition! Miss Jermyn told us, too, something of the events and results of the S.A.G.A.A. '62 Camp at Wilson's Promontory.

An hilarious parade — "It Ain't What You Do!" — (for which we thank producer and performers) was followed by another most enjoyable Camp Fire — we began to wonder if Miss Barr and Miss Jermyn were going to have any voice left.

To Guides' Own on Sunday, Mr. C. R. Nicholls, International Commissioner, Boy Scouts Association, brought a message of hope and inspiration for the days ahead.

After many of us spotted Spotty the Lyre Bird, we assumed TV personalities and discussed questions of interest in all of the four corners of the Movement; then continued in orbit with sessions which brought before us the Movement's co-operation with the United Nations Organisation, and showed us the problems and hopes of the Senior Branch. Although numbers in the Senior

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North-Eastern Regional Conference

Our first Conference was held at Wodonga on 18th April. Between sixty and seventy Commissioners and Local Association members attended from the fourteen Districts of the Region, also members of the Movement from New South Wales.

Our State Commissioner, Mrs. C. O. Fairbairn, was guest speaker, and she was accompanied by Mrs. Needham, Travelling Commissioner; Miss Mary Lambe, Extension Adviser; and Miss Norma Sims, Brownie Trainer. Excellent talks on the different sections of the Movement were given by these Headquarters representatives. During the morning, Commissioners and L.A. members held separate Discussion Groups. This proved very successful. Mrs. Rawson travelled up from Melbourne and literally set up shop at Wodonga, with a wonderful display of goods for sale. This service was very much appreciated.

The new Methodist Hall was most efficiently set up and beautifully decorated with flowers by the Wodonga L.A. They also kept us supplied throughout the day with tea and coffee. Each person was responsible for bringing her own lunch to simplify catering.

Proceeds from a stall, stocked with all kinds of goods, went towards Conference costs.

INTO ORBIT — Continued

Branch are not at present very large, there is development and contact, and we hope that soon more of our Guides will know the joys and fun of Ranging.

As usual, Question Box provoked great interest, and many and varied were the problems raised.

We do say thank you to everyone who gave so much to the Conference—Convener, Committee, Trainers, speakers, artist and all who contributed to our creature comforts.

We learnt much (it is hoped that notes of some of the Conference sessions will appear later in "Matilda")—we sang—we talked—and how we talked! But we came away with a great appreciation of the fun and fellowship we shared.

BUNGANA.

At the close of the Conference, Headquarters visitors were each presented with a souvenir spoon of Wodonga as a memento of the first North-Eastern Regional Conference, and the Regional Chairman, Mrs. K. A. Embling, was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

The following are some of the interesting questions and answers taken from Question Box:—

Question: Would you please explain the duties of a Commissioner at a L.A. meeting? Is it advisable for Guiders to be present?

Answer: Unless she accepts the position of President of her L.A., it is usual for her to be given time, before general business, to tell the meeting of District activities. These can be dealt with at that meeting. The District Commissioner is the link between the L.A. and Guiders and, except on special occasions, Guiders do not usually attend L.A. meetings.

Q.: How are Commissioners reimbursed for their expenses?

A.: Local Associations are expected to make available funds to help with postage, telephone and travelling expenses. There is no set amount, but the size of the District and funds available should be taken into account. An allowance is also made for the Division Commissioner's expenses.

Q.: Is it permissible for a Brownie to pass her Plant and Knitting after she has completed the other Tests, but before she turns eleven?

A.: No. The Knitting and Plant growing may be tested earlier if ready, but otherwise should be tested at the same time. The other Tests can wait, if need be, until the Knitting and Plant Growing is ready; bearing in mind, of course, that all Tests must be done before the 11th birthday.

Q.: Should L.A.'s be responsible for providing all monies used by Companies and Packs? If so, should Guiders submit their accounts for audit?

A.: Packs and Companies should be responsible for their own general expenses, but when first formed need help to build up

their equipment, etc. The L.A. can often help them with special projects, such as camping equipment, heavy rental charges and so on. The Guiders should submit their account books annually for audit to their Commissioner, who may pass the books on for the L.A. to arrange the audit.

Q.: Is there a ruling on length of office for L.A. Office-Bearers?

A.: There is no set ruling, but many L.A.'s agree to a maximum period of two or three years, and include this in their terms of reference.

Q.: Can a person be nominated to the Local Association Committee when not present at the Annual Meeting and has not sent an apology?

A.: The consent of a nominee should always be obtained before she is proposed for an office.

Q.: There is an L.A. Trefoil Badge for sale. Do L.A. members have to make the Guide Promise before being eligible to wear this?

A.: Yes.

Q.: What is the total cost, including postage, of having training film tapes sent from Headquarters, e.g., first class mapping?

A.: The Headquarters Library of tapes is not yet complete, but a few are now available. The cost is only a few shillings.

Q.: Is a Warranted Lieutenant allowed to test Tenderfoot when the Captain is un-Warranted?

A.: At the discretion of the District Commissioner, yes.

Q.: Would State L.A. Conferences be necessary if Regional Conferences are held throughout the State?

A.: Members may lose the feeling of unity and purpose, which is given at a State-wide Conference, if only Regional ones were held. Regions bring the people of one area together, but a State-wide gathering gives us all a wider view.

Q.: Must all Companies have Patrol funds, or can all monies be held in a Company fund?

A.: Most Patrols like to have their own small funds for their own special plans and commitments.

Q.: In a Division, how is a Tester appointed for Camper's Badge and for the Half-Day Hike?

A.: Camper Badge Testers are appointed by the Division and State Camp Advisers, and you should refer to your Division Camp Adviser or Headquarters if you have any recommendation to make, or any difficulties to overcome. Half-Day Hike Testers are arranged by the Guide Adviser, and suggestions, recommendations and/or problems should be referred to her.

Q.: Would it be possible for a Camper's Permit to be issued to a person other than a Guider? Often Guiders are stationed in a District for short intervals. A Permit is secured and then the Guider leaves the District. Could a Permit be issued to a responsible person who is permanent in the area?

A.: It is possible for such people as a Commissioner or a Brownie Guider to hold a Camper's Permit. The Camping Department is always willing to consider the particular circumstances in each District, and any queries of this nature should be referred to the Division Camp Adviser.

Q.: Have you any views as to Patrol funds? In our Company, one Patrol has a bank account in excess of £10. Is it wise for children to have control of so much money?

A.: Patrol funds should exist for a purpose, e.g., Patrol equipment, a special project, etc., and it is a pity if large amounts are held for any length of time unless there is a special reason. If the Patrol in question did not appear to have any clear aim in view, we would suggest the question of Patrol funds be raised at a Court-of-Honour or Patrol Leaders' Training. Perhaps the Patrol Leader needs guidance as to how this money could be profitably employed. Looking after Patrol funds can be valuable training, and the Patrol Treasurer should be called upon regularly to account for the money she holds on behalf of the Patrol.



BROWNIE BETTY

The day before the Brownie meeting, Brown Owl received a message that Tawny was ill and wouldn't be able to come to the meeting. Besides being sorry for Tawny, Brown Owl was concerned about the meeting, for she had promised that Anne and Marea could do their Enrolment Test then. She wanted to keep that promise, of course, but also had to consider sixteen other Brownies as well, so that the meeting was worthwhile for every member of the Pack.

They had planned that Tawny should take the Brownies for Union Jack, while Pack Leader did clothes folding with two who had just completed Golden Bar, and Julie and Margaret, who were Golden Hand and working for Signaller Badge, did Semaphore with Denise, who was nearly ready to do Golden Hand. Brown Owl considered letting all five do Semaphore together, but decided that wouldn't be fair, as the Golden Hands needed practice in sending and reading messages, for which Denise would be writer; then they would help her with reading and sending words, and with the few letters of which she was unsure, but the other two only knew about ten letters.

By evening, Brown Owl had replanned her programme. She had looked out a Health Rhyme which said,

Monica Maud her nails are wrong,
They're edged with black and awfully long.
She tries to clean them with a pin
Which lets the dirt get further in.

Jessica Jane she bites her nails
(They look like flowers chewed by snails).
They're rough and dirty, sore and small,
So short that they're just no use at all.

Brownie Betty has such nice nails,
To keep them clean she never fails.
Their edges are smooth and she scrubs them
well
Till each of them looks like a little pink shell.

Sylvia Sue her teeth WON'T clean—
They're awfully dirty, yellow and green;
But somebody likes them—Boggart Decay,
Because they're easy to chip away.

Marion May has a tooth that aches.
I think she eats to many sweets and cakes;

But if Mother says 'Dentist' she simply yells
'WON'T GO!' So her poor face swells and
swells.

Brownie Betty keeps her teeth white.
She never eats after they're cleaned at night;
And if Boggart Decay does start digging in,
She'll go to the dentist, still wearing a grin.

Emily Eve doesn't use her nose,
But breathes through her mouth, and as
you'd suppose,
The dust gets in and the germs do too;
So she snuffles and sneezes the whole day
through.

Penelope Pam breathes air that's stale,
Which may be why she's so thin and pale.
Her home has its windows all shut tight
And her head goes under the clothes at night.

Brownie Betty breathes in through her nose,
There are hairs inside; and dust can't pass
those.

The windows of her house open wide
And she's growing up into a strong Girl
Guide.

and she took it round to Pack Leader, who
lived near, and discussed it with her.

Both Tweenies were early next day, and
they passed tying their ties, and Anne did her
plaiting before the meeting commenced.

Brown Owl explained that a dragon was in
possession of Brownie Land, and he liked
collecting treasure and eating clean, tidy
Brownies. Anyone he caught with a granny
knot, or dull badge or anything else wrong
which might give him tummy-ache, he'd put
in his magic cave to be scrubbed when he
was hungry again. She took Pack Leader's
hand and they became a dragon. For a
while they only pretended to try and catch
they Brownies, then they concentrated on
the ones who were always tidy, as it was a
rather cold day and they didn't want anyone
to stay in the magic cave for long. When
one was caught they collected her 6d. and, if
she was nice, she went into the dragon's
middle. Betty was eaten—in fact, only four
went into the cave. When they were all
caught, the dragon's head turned into Brown
Owl who turned them back into a Brownie
Pack and they had a story.

PENNIES FOR A CANOE

As I write this, we are half way to our objective! £150 in hand, and it is thank you to all who have so generously forwarded donations to assist with this project. Letters received from all parts of the State explain the Brownies decided to work extra hard for their Willing Shilling, so they could help Guiding in New Guinea from their efforts. Guides have joined in a District effort in some areas, and their interest and co-operation is greatly appreciated; and how lovely to receive good wishes and practical help from the Southern Cross Trefoil Guild.

The Brown Owl of 1st Merlynston Pack has just returned from a visit to Port Moresby, and she actually had a ride in a canoe similar to the one we, in Victoria, hope to purchase for them, in New Guinea. Miss Ballard has written about some of the villages she visited.

Good wishes to everyone, and, if it is possible to help complete the canoe, I will be so pleased to hear from you.

DOROTHY FOX,
18 Blackburn Street,
Surrey Hills, E.10.



MY CANOE TRIP

During my recent trip to Port Moresby I was fortunate in seeing several Packs and Companies in many villages—it was really wonderful to see just how great a part Guiding plays in these areas. I was privileged in being taken by an outboard canoe some 20 miles—this was kindly arranged by the village people—to let me see areas where there were very strong numbers in Packs and Companies. To do this trip by road would be about 30 miles (providing the road was passable!) from Port Moresby; the ride was indeed an adventure, and I hope that every Brownie Pack in Victoria will really “Lend a Hand,” “Think of Others,” and send in their pennies for the canoe, which you know we are hoping to get for the Movement in Papua.

Though, of course, there will be some months that it will not be possible for the

canoe to be used owing to the strong winds, but when it can be used many areas will benefit, perhaps like I did, or to bring Guides and Brownies into Rallies, or perhaps the Leaders into Trainings in Port Moresby.

I would like to thank my friends, the Brownies and Brown Owl of 2nd Koke Brownie Pack, for a wonderful and happy stay—meeting them all and visiting their Pack; to the Leaders and Brownies of Roku and Kauderika; the Leaders, Brownies and Guides of Tubersalaia and Barokou (where I went in the canoe), for allowing me to meet them and see their groups. Thanks to everyone for giving me a happy and wonderful visit.

“MIRIGINI,”

Brown Owl, 1st Merlynston Pack.

1st MELBOURNE RANGERS' REUNION

A gathering of former 1st Melbourne Rangers to welcome home Miss Barfus was held in the Guide Hall at Headquarters on Friday, 18th May. A very happy evening was spent, when just on 50 persons attended, all having been at one time members of 1st Melbourne Ranger Coy. With Miss Barfus as Captain, the Company commenced in 1924 and continued till 1945. In 1947 Miss Barfus went to England, where she worked with G.I.S. in Germany and England. After G.I.S. office closed, Miss Barfus became warden of “Our Ark.” She was, therefore, 15 years overseas and, of course, 1st Melbourne were really ready to welcome her back to her old surroundings.

A small group of ex-Rangers got together and thought of names and addresses of members who had, over the years, married, gone interstate, overseas, gone to live in the country, and those who had stayed in Melbourne. Just on 100 persons were contacted, and, on the night, apologies were received from several other States. It was very interesting to see, as each person arrived, how they picked out someone with whom they had shared lots of happy experiences while members of 1st Melbourne.

Miss Barfus' memory for faces and names was a wonder, and she seemed to relive so many experiences with different members.

She made an appeal to those present to share in a memorial for the late Ruby

Romanis, a foundation member of the Company, whom we all knew and loved in all the years of Guiding and friendship that Ruby gave. It is hoped to have placed in the Church which Ruby attended (St. Andrew's, of Brighton) a window in memory of her, not just from Guides and Rangers, but from all the folk who knew and loved Ruby.

A very chatty time was had by all, and a very happy night concluded when we received a few songs which will live forever. "Each Camp Fire Light Anew" was sung with a real sincere feeling that "the joy of knowing you will last the whole year through."

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH YOUTH SUNDAY

In Melbourne, a group of sixty or so Guides, Rangers and Guiders, led by the Guide Adviser and several Colour Parties, joined the colourful march where thousands of young members of various Church groups and youth organisations gaily stepped it out, with flags or banners identifying each group.

It was encouraging to see our Governor, Sir Dallas Brooks, who has not been in good health, gallantly take the salute at the Melbourne Town Hall. From there our group marched to the Salvation Army Temple in Bourke Street. A service was held and the Queen's Vow read by Esther Cohen, of South Yarra Company.

—M.S.

COMMONWEALTH DAY STALL

As usual, the response to our call for donations, goods and helpers was met in a truly Guide spirit.

In spite of a wet day, the total was very good:—

Donations	£125 2 11
Stall takings	68 16 4
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Mrs. Hosken and Mrs. Hall took charge of the stall on the day, and we thank them very much indeed for the super job they did. To all the other kind helpers and people who sent goods we say a big "thank you" for all their help, and to Mrs. Ramsay and Mrs. Cumming for transport.

A job well done, and a magnificent total.
J. McKAY.

GUIDE HOUSE CANTEEN

The following goods and quantities are available at city prices from Mrs. Wilson at the Guide House Canteen. If you require any of these goods for your Camp, would you please contact Mrs. Wilson

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- Vinegar, two ½-gallon jars.
- Custard powder, 18 packets.
- Tea, six ½ lb. packets.
- Ideal milk, 18 tins.
- Nescafe, 14 tins.
- Baked beans, six 1 lb. tins.
- Castor sugar, 7 packets.
- Jex, 18 packets.
- Pepper, six 2 oz. packets.
- Mayonaise, nine 5 oz. packets.
- Gelatine, four 8 oz. packets.
- Sultanas, 4 packets.
- Junket tablets, 18 packets.
- Toilet rolls.

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Saturday, 13th October.

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