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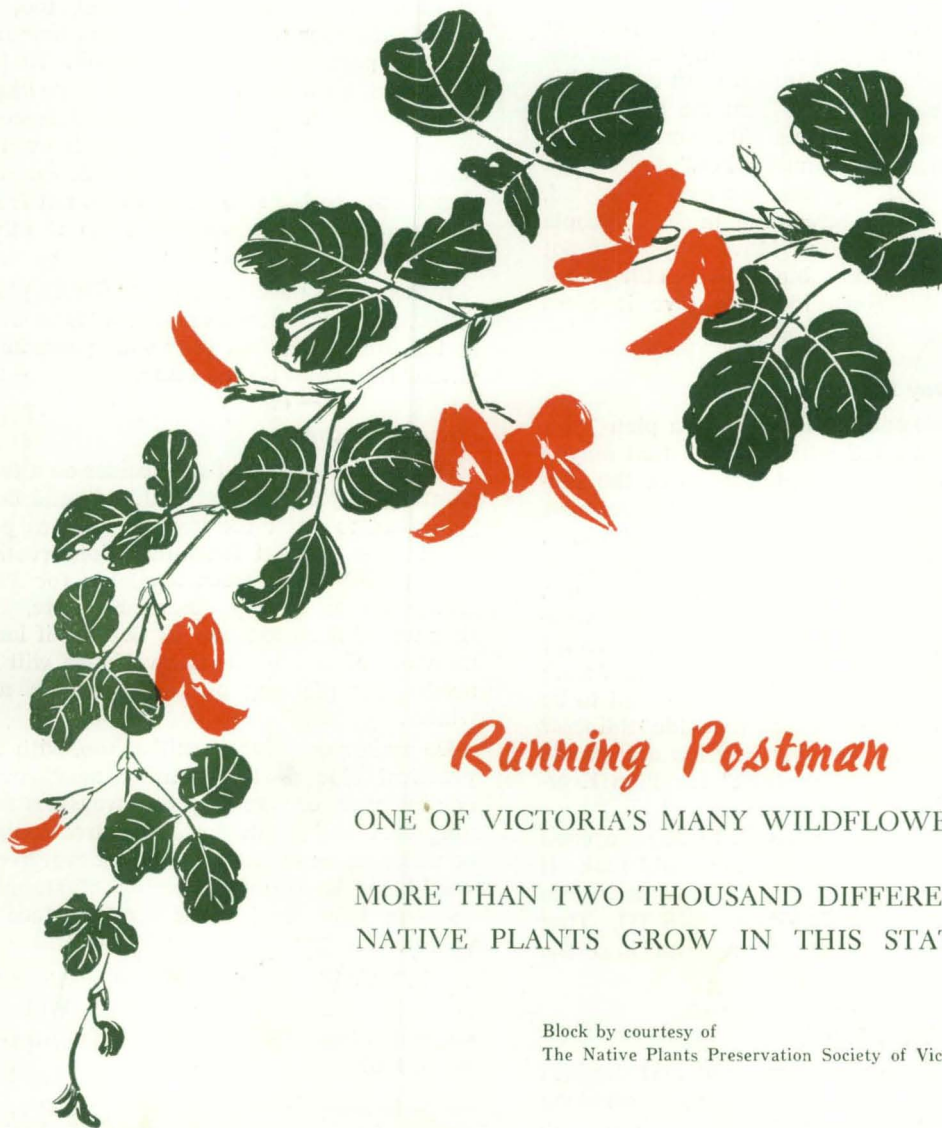
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## *Running Postman*

ONE OF VICTORIA'S MANY WILDFLOWERS

MORE THAN TWO THOUSAND DIFFERENT  
NATIVE PLANTS GROW IN THIS STATE.

Block by courtesy of  
The Native Plants Preservation Society of Victoria.

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### "Hunter's Pot"

Do you remember that big iron pot that frontiersmen kept permanently simmering over the camp fire? Into it went everything cookable brought back from the day's hunting, and out of it came that wonderful all-purpose meal — "Hunter's Pot."

Since Plan Evergreen was first suggested, ideas have been streaming in from people inside and outside our Movement. Our pot is simmering nicely, but there is still plenty of room for fresh ideas to give it extra flavour.

### A Three-Way Plan

Like the famous shirt, this is a plan "that grew." It started with the idea that maybe we could show our appreciation of the support the general public gives our Movement by planting more trees beside the roads. Then the thought came — why not include looking after trees that are there already, especially the native ones and the wild-flowers that make our bush roads so lovely? So that went into the plan, too. It wasn't long before a third idea fairly shouted to be included — what about roadside tidiness? One look at almost any wayside area made the litter problem a "must" for Plan Evergreen.

This three-point approach to doing a good turn for Victorian roadsides should make it possible for every Guide and Brownie to join in somewhere — IF SHE WANTS TO. That is where we, as Leaders, come into the scheme.

### First, Get Their Interest

During these next months of 1962 the idea of taking more interest in what goes on along our roadsides could be introduced into Com-

pany and Pack programmes. It could be made a special object for outdoor excursions. We all know about "the Queen's Highway," but all the little roads and lanes and the strips of land that border them are Queen's property, too — "Crown" lands we call them — and here is a practical application for part of the Guide Promise which might appeal.

### The Local Approach

Right from the start it is important to consider this plan from a **local** angle. What suits one area won't necessarily be workable in another. We must be careful, too, to consult the local authorities before embarking on a particular roadside project. At the same time, however, we are much more likely to receive support and practical assistance if we are prepared to go ahead with even a very small project ourselves. Public interest stems from **seeing something done**, not from talking about what we would do if other people would help us!

We won't all have the opportunity to plant a tree, perhaps, but we **can** use a "litter-bag" in the family car and set about persuading all our friends to do the same.

### Planning Ahead

If your Company or Pack decides on a tree-planting project for next year, it would be a good idea to order the trees as soon as possible. The Natural Resources Conservation League will make trees available for Plan Evergreen at a very reasonable rate, but they would need to know by October if large numbers of any particular varieties will be needed for planting out next autumn and winter.

Do make yourselves familiar, too, with the practical side of tree-planting near roads. For instance, on some narrow waysides running east and west, deciduous trees might be welcome on the north side, but evergreens would not be suitable because of stopping the sun from drying the road surface in winter.

"MATILDA" will have some suggestions for evergreen planners each month. Will you make it a two-way traffic by sending in **your ideas, too?**

—Drawing by Hilary Jackman, student of the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology.



## STATE COMMISSIONER'S DIARY

Since I wrote my last month's Diary I have been far, far away.

Miss Broadhurst and I flew to Adelaide on Monday, 25th June, and stayed with Mrs. Jolly, the Commissioner for the Northern Territory. We were both extremely spoilt during our stay, with parties and in every way. Our first evening we attended their State Executive Meeting. They are having a terrific drive for funds to build a new Headquarters. At this particular time they were running a Thrift Shop, and doing extremely well. I felt it was so worthwhile, for, as well as making money for the new Headquarters, many souls were able to buy warm and suitable clothes extremely cheaply, and looked so grateful and pleased.

28th June we left by train for Alice Springs. At Port Pirie we were met by Mrs. Cook, District Commissioner, with hot coffee, sandwiches, sweets and fruit! A nice little chat, then on to Port Augusta, where, owing to the three-hours stop, we were able to have a tea party plus meeting. It is surprising what can be done and learnt in a short time! Mrs. Simpson, District Commissioner, and Guiders met us at the station.

After two days and one night in a very comfortable train, we arrived at Alice Springs at 11 o'clock at night. There was Shirley Long and her friend Margaret MacIntyre (now a member recruit!) to meet us.

We had ten days in Alice. Every night for six nights we visited Packs or Companies. During the days we called on many people. The Welfare Officer kindly allowed us to visit Amoongana, the Aboriginal Centre, where we have Guides run by Sister Eileen Heath, a welfare worker. Shirley Long invited all the Guiders to meet us, and the Local Association members. So, after our stay, we felt we belonged to Alice. Shirley and Margaret took us for a lovely motor drive and a picnic.

It was interesting seeing the John Flynn Church, which has the first pedal wireless, etc., used by the late Dr. Flynn.

9th July I left Miss Broadhurst at Alice and went on to Tennant's Creek, where I was met by Mrs. Freewood at the airport. They were very kind indeed. I, of course, saw Brownies and Guides and met the Local Association. I must say how impressed I was with the numbers, because it was a very good turnout, as they say, and there aren't many inhabitants.

I had the privilege of being taken over (not down) a gold mine and a copper mine for the first time ever, so you will know it was a great thrill.

10th July, flew to Catherine and was met by all the Brownies, Guides and Local Association at the airport. Wasn't it good of them! I went to a Brownie and Guide afternoon and a lovely tea party by the Local Association. I visited the hospital and the Beswick Reserve 65 miles away, where we hope to start Brownies in the future. I felt like stealing some little black babies, they were adorable. I had dinner under the Old Trees Banyan, etc., where Mrs. Aneas Gunn wrote "We of the Never Never." It is a beautiful place, and the now owners delightful. The District Commissioner for Catherine, Mrs. Kearan, was a very kind hostess. I was taken over the C.S.I.R.O. Agricultural Research Farm, which was most interesting.

13th July I travelled by bus from Catherine to Darwin. Saw lovely bush and kangaroos, but, dash it, no buffaloes! They had been seen in the morning by the driver. The road was good all the way, although, maybe, too many corners, if one is grumbling!

I was met about 9.30 p.m. by Mrs. Thrum, the District Commissioner, and Miss Broadhurst. The following day, Saturday, we were taken by the Thrum family for a picnic on their launch in the Harbour!

To make a long story short — I took a pill, and enjoyed every moment. I suggested a badge should be given to me for daring to go! However, I was told they would have considered it if I hadn't taken a pill!

15th July, Church Parade and the opening of their new hall and giving first Queen's Guide Award to the Northern Territory. A very thrilling day.

We also called on the Welfare Officer in charge of the Northern Territory, Mr. Giese, and had sixteen broadcasts and courtesy calls.



Our days were taken up making contacts and attending functions arranged in our honour. How good and kind people are.

I enjoyed my Guiding in the Northern Territory more than I can say. We talked Guiding every day, mostly all day in some form or other. I am quite certain all of us, in spite of doing so much, do not talk enough about what Guiding means and what it does. The majority of people do not know, even if they have their young as members in the Movement.

I, unfortunately, had to return from Darwin earlier than I anticipated. However, I hope to visit there again sometime.

19th July I arrived back in time to attend the Executive Meeting and hear all the terribleness of the fire next door. We are so grateful to the Y.W.C.A. for their thoughtfulness and many kindnesses, giving us a room for an office and cheering us on our way.

Perhaps in this way I can also say thank you to our wonderful Headquarters Staff who were, as usual, a tower of strength to us all. Thank you, you have been wonderful.

23rd July, a very successful Regional Meeting at Ararat, at which Mrs. Orr, Mrs. Morton, Miss Macartney and Mrs. Rawson attended. We thank them for coming and all they did. Thank you, Mrs. King, of Ararat, and all those who made the day such a success. It was a lovely day and everyone enjoyed it.

*Irene Fairbairn*

**AN IMPORTANT DATE FOR  
YOUR DIARY!**

*What???*

**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION**

*When???*

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

*Where???*

**THE ST. KILDA TOWN HALL**

This is one annual function which you should not miss, so put it in your Diary **NOW!**

**CHAIN LETTER**

It has come to my notice that a Guide Chain Letter is circulating through Victorian Guides. The letter suggests by continuing "the chain" it, in some way, helps handicapped children.

I am sorry, but chain letters are not permissible in the Guide Movement, so I do ask you please to destroy this letter. If, however, you wished to help in some way the handicapped, please do so. This you will be able to do by making enquiries through your District Commissioner and the Extension Adviser.

IRENE FAIRBAIRN, State Commissioner.

**THE MOVEMENT MATTERS  
A PARENT'S VIEW**

(As quoted at a recent Conference)

Long ago I heard a song, a song about Girl Guides,  
And a sentence lingers yet, and in my memory abides.  
It said "The Movement Matters" which is obviously true,  
There are so many movements, and they almost always do.  
To some 500,000 girls and those with them in touch  
And to the British Empire, too, the Movement matters  
much.

May the Guides go on and prosper more than e'er they  
did before,

But there are some to whom I think the Movement matters  
more.

The parents of the Guiders are a meek submissive race  
Who only on occasions meet their daughter face to face.  
The Guiders run about each day to meetings of all sorts  
And sometimes call at home as ships sometimes call at ports.  
Irregular their hours are, and the anxious parent feels  
That indigestions follows after surreptitious meals.

With possible exaggeration I have heard it said  
"We occasionally see them when it's time to go to bed."

One privilege remains to us to lighten half our cares,  
The privilege of entertaining angels unawares.

We are hospitable people and we welcome with delight  
All other Guiders who may care to spend the night—  
Amid the desert scenes of life we always find the flowers—  
But they, too, share scratch meals at most uncomfortable  
hours.

But when we try to reckon what the Movement may have  
cost,

'Tis the Guiders, after all, to whom the Movement matters  
most.

O my daughters over strenuous, who toil and tear about,  
Regardless how you're slowly wearing soul and body out,  
Too old at 40! Yes, unless within your life there be  
More "Sauviter in modo" and less 'fortiter in re"

"Festina lente" is another classic phrase

To help you keep more evenly the tenor of your ways.

May your shadows ne'er grow less, but your uniforms  
grow wider,

For the Guiders guide the Guides alright, but who shall  
guide the Guider?

C.J.B.

(Sauviter in modo fortiter in re—Gentle in manner,  
resolute in execution; Festina Lente—Hasten slowly.)

(Reprinted from "The Gazette"—now "The  
Guider" — of August, 1922.)



# THINK!

If the Publicity Workshop, held at Headquarters in July, had a theme, it would have been this one word, "Think!" The need to think, to be sure of the facts, when dealing with publicity, was stressed at every session during those two days.

The 39 Publicity Secretaries, who came from both suburbs and the country, were warmly welcomed by Mrs. McKay, Assistant State Commissioner and Chairman of the Public Relations Sub-Committee. Mrs. McKay said there seemed to be some confusion between Publicity and Public Relations, and pointed out that it was the job of the Publicity Secretary to deal with publicity . . . of the Commissioner to deal with public relations.

Mrs. Curtis-Otter, O.B.E., Public Relations Adviser for Australia, also welcomed the "workers," saying how very interested she was in this Workshop, as, to the best of her knowledge, it was the first time such a project had been organised in Australia. She said that publicity must be, in effect, the handmaiden of policy. The Publicity Secretaries should accept Guiding as it is, and not as, perhaps, they feel it should be. She hoped the Workshop would be, to them, both interesting and fruitful.

Mrs. McKay then introduced Miss Wirth, Publicity Secretary for Victoria, and Organiser of this Workshop, and also Mrs. Riddle, a member of the Sub-Committee, whom most of us know as Isobel Kennedy of 3DB. Mrs. Riddle opened the door of the Workshop with some very excellent advice for preparing news releases to present to editors of newspapers, both country and suburban. She suggested that we use as the basic principle of all such work the words, "Who? When? Where? Why? And How?" With her long experience in newspaper work and on the radio, she opened up a whole new method of working for Publicity Secretaries. The editors of local newspapers — 39 of them, at any rate — will be positively stunned at the efficient presentation of the next Guiding news they receive, which, in itself, will be wonderful publicity.

Miss Betty Reynolds, whose photographs of Brownies and Guides we have admired so

much, spoke of the impact of the photograph on the mind, of its use in publicity, and gave some technical advice for its use. Her session was of great interest to us all, for we realise that in this modern age the accent is on visual education, and that advertising depends more and more on the picture, and less on the printed word.

Miss Wirth took the sessions on the second morning and gave some very helpful ideas for display units at Conferences and Annual Meetings, etc. She had gone to a lot of trouble to have dozens of useful and inexpensive adjuncts for such displays there for us to see and examine. Each Secretary had brought, from her own District, articles to use for a display, and Miss Wirth and Mrs. McGillivray helped them to display these to the best advantage. The displays created great interest; it was amazing to see the wide variety and to know it was all part of Guiding.

Being up-to-date, this Workshop was a "do-it-yourself" programme, and everyone entered into it with zest. We were advised in many fields of advertising: how to prepare a press release, how an afternoon TV show is produced, how to use a tape recorder, how to interview a visiting personality, what NOT to do when being interviewed at the local radio station, how to cope with the ever-formidable microphone. Many of those taking part were amazed at the latent talent disclosed; all were unanimous in saying how successful this first Workshop had been and **how they wished all the L.A. and Guiders from their District could have been there.**

One of the highlights of the Workshop was the delicious hot luncheons and teas cooked and served by Mrs. McKay, helped by her two daughters, Mrs. Patton and Miss Caroline McKay, and Miss Sally Alston. With such succulent smells wafting around, it must have been very difficult for Headquarters Staff to keep their mind on their work. It was nice to have them with us at lunch time.

We came home from the Workshop full of enthusiasm for our job, notebooks crammed with ideas and suggestions . . . and a packet of frozen peas. Tommy Hanlon must have known we were running late for dinner **that** night.  
—P.G.





Miss Mary Lambe

### EXTENSION ADVISER FOR AUSTRALIA

We were all very interested to hear that Miss Mary Lambe, Extension Adviser for Victoria, has been invited by the Federal Council to accept the position of Extension Adviser for Australia.

The decision to have an Australian Extension Adviser is a recent one, and we are very thrilled that a Victorian has been chosen to take this office.

We extend to Miss Lambe our hearty congratulations!

Mary was enrolled as a Brownie in Canada, and has given service to Guiding ever since. She holds a Training Diploma, and in 1957 and 1960 returned to Canada, where she undertook training trips, working with Guides and Commissioners.

Apart from Guiding, she has had much experience in social work with youth generally; her activities have included being Assistant Almoner at the Children's Hospital, social worker for wartime day nurseries, and assistant leader and handcraft teacher with the Victorian Society for Crippled Children.

Since becoming Extension Adviser for Victoria she has attended several overseas camps for the handicapped, and, on her last overseas visit, attended a camp for Handicapped Guides in Germany.

Combined with the experience she has gained from her work with the handicapped in Victoria, this all goes towards making her the right person for the job.

And we say, "Congratulations, and good luck!"

—G.N.

### 1st VICTORIAN POST TREFOIL GUILD

Readers of "Matilda" may be interested to hear about the 1st Victorian Post Trefoil Guild, which was formed in October, 1961.

We are a group of handicapped ex-Guides and Rangers who wanted to retain our association with the Movement.

Each month we receive a circular, or "meeting," which is posted on from one member to the next. The meeting is edited by Miss Shirley Luke, first Recorder of the Trefoil Guild.

To help others we earn money by knitting or growing cuttings and potplants. Some of us even go baby-sitting.

In addition, we collect used nylon stockings to be sent to Indonesia, where they are plaited into mats and rugs. We write, too, to invalids and elderly and lonely people, whose names and addresses we get from various sources.

I am privileged to belong to this Group, and I enjoy every minute of it.

G. C. METZKE.

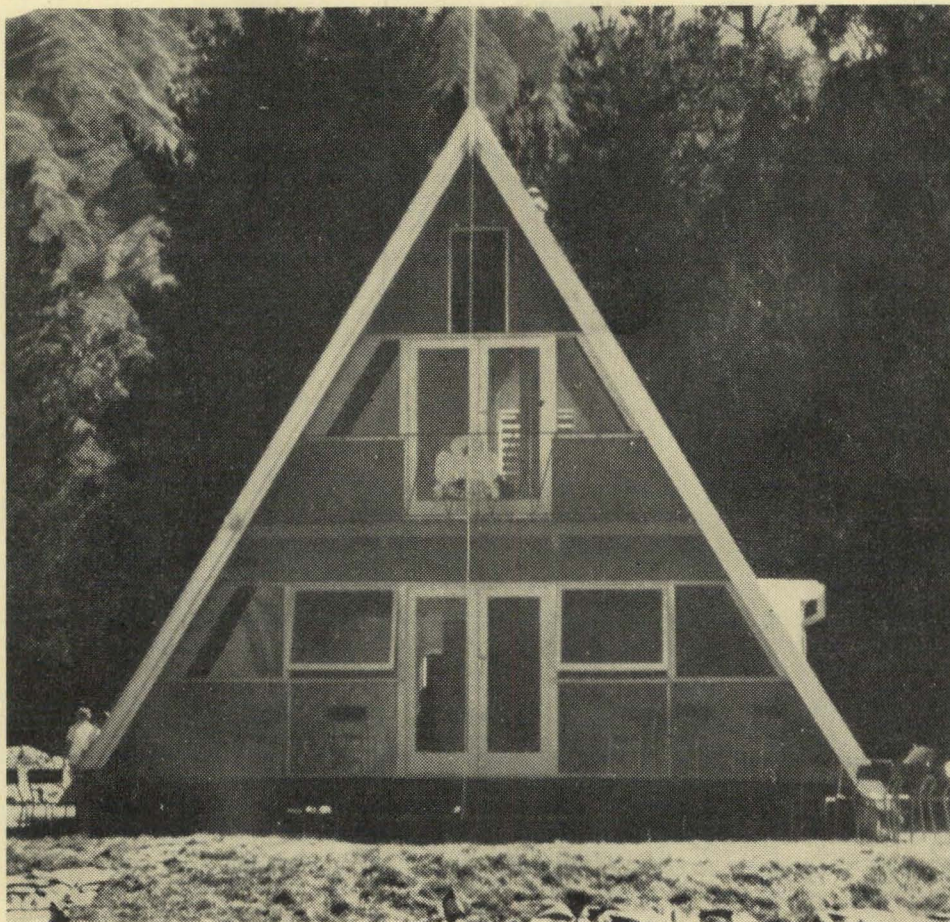
### STOP — LOOK — LISTEN

On 15th September, at Trinity Church Hall, Waterloo Street, Camberwell, 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. the Extension Ranger Company will hold a "Bring a Gift, Buy a Gift" afternoon.

Proceeds will be towards their Camp Transport Fund, and towards the Seeing Eye Dog Appeal, which the Rangers have decided to help this year as their good turn.

Anyone wishing to help could leave their gifts of cakes, jams, etc., with the Captain or Lieutenant, Miss Doris Kane, 41 Amsterdam Street, Richmond (JB 4947); or Miss Jenny Thompson, 61 Grange Road, Toorak (BJ 2029). Afternoon tea will be available during the afternoon.





(Block from the "Otago Daily News")

## New Zealand Chalet Opened

Recently the distinctive Sargood Chalet, built by the Otago, New Zealand, Guide Provincial Association, was opened.

Called the Sargood Chalet because of the help given to the Guide Movement in New Zealand, and in Otago particularly, by Sir Percy Sargood, much voluntary work had

made the completion of the site and Chalet possible.

Built on an A-frame, the Chalet is surprisingly roomy inside. The upper room will accommodate up to thirty, while perhaps forty could sleep in the lower room, where an ablutions block is also provided.



## AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP CONVENTION REPORT 1962

This, the 13th Convention, was the best I have attended. It seemed that, under the threat of abolishing or curtailing the migration programme, we all resolved to pull together on a rising note of optimism to make migration a success. It is not possible to turn it off like a tap — the reservoirs are running dry, and to curtail it at all means that the person concerned goes round the corner, and migrates to some other country. And it must never be forgotten that at present all European Market countries, including Great Britain, are crying out for labour. Without a continuous flow of migrants into Britain, their industries would slow down immediately, and their hospital and medical services would collapse.

It is hoped that this coming year our quota will be filled, but many of these people are from long-waiting lists, e.g., elderly relatives who are alone except for migrant children in Australia. Far too many British are returning home disappointed, and the net result from all countries this year is barely sixty thousand. It was pointed out to us that Australia has had wave after wave of migrants ever since those first unwilling settlers. It was agreed by all that this is but a temporary setback, and there will be more waves and more.

The Convention was opened by His Excellency the Governor-General, Viscount De L'Isle, in an inspiring and helpful speech. Addresses were given by the Prime Minister, the Hon. R. G. Menzies; the Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Mr. E. G. Whitlam; and by the Minister for Immigration, Mr. Downer. In the late afternoon we attended a Reception given by Mr. and Mrs. Downer at Parliament House.

Next day we listened, at the Albert Hall, to really outstanding addresses by the Rt. Hon. the Lord Casey, Maj.-Gen. the Rev. C. A. Osborne, and Dr. Lurich Engelbert. They were all inspiring, and all very different. Lord Casey gave us the world outlook, Gen. Osborne the spiritual side, and Dr. Engelbert, a migrant himself and an atomic scientist, an unusually human view of what migration

means to the individual. Hansard was quick, and we had the printed speeches in our hands in two hours.

This was a shorter Convention than usual, we had less time for General Assembly, and did most of our work in Group Discussions with set questions. My Group discussed THE DEVELOPING CITIZEN. We dealt mostly with naturalisation — its ceremonies, significance, qualifying period, why some will never become naturalised, why some hesitate, why some rush it, what other countries do, and so on. We had Mrs. Cullen (N.S.W.) as chairman and thought ourselves lucky. She is one of the best chairmen I know, having the ability to draw people out, and making people (including two ministers) sit down quite happily when they had made their point. We were all made to contribute something, and several conclusions and recommendations were made. One, which could have bearing on our Guiding, was begun by a Doctor (music) naturalised for more than twenty years, with an Australian wife and children. He cannot visit his native Vienna without a statement in his Australian passport pointing out that, as Austria does not recognise Australian citizenship, he cannot be helped in any way or protected by the Australian Government while he is in Austria. In effect, that would mean the British Embassy, as we do not have a Consular post in Austria. This shook us, especially when he said he would not risk his wife and children (all born here), but worse was to come. It is dangerous for a young Italian to visit his homeland with an Australian passport, for he may be seized to do National Service. He may not speak one word of Italian, but he requires a permit to leave. This is not always granted.

Worse still. An Education Officer, in a towering rage, told of an exchange of teachers with New Zealand. The New Zealand Government refused to allow the Australian teacher to land. She was on a foreign ship when born, three weeks from Australia.

The Immigration Officer attached to our group admitted it was all true. Nothing can be done about Austria and Italy, but our Government had repeatedly approached New Zealand to reconsider its attitude to our foreign-born Australians. We sent up a recommendation that New Zealand should be spoken to more sternly. The implications



are endless. Miss Australia, 1962, would require a special permit to visit New Zealand.

We were unable to go ahead with our scheme of sending an Italian-born Guider to Italy to help future migrants, but if we had been able to, we might have had to withdraw her at the last minute.

We would certainly not have cared for the idea of her not being under British protection, still less that she might not be allowed to return. This dual nationality is one of the reasons why Italians do not become naturalised in large numbers. There are others which apply to other countries, too, such as age, fear of families left behind, and lack of English. Though the Immigration Department, as the result of recommendations set up by previous Conventions, does exempt a woman over sixty, who will never learn to speak English, and whose husband and children are all citizens. This is specially important to her where Social Services are concerned.

The Boy Scout delegate was Mr. R. W. McKellar of Victoria. He was unhappy at first, as nobody had briefed him on Federal Scout matters, and he found that other organisations had sent their National President. However, he came over to my group, and plans to send a strong recommendation that the Scouts should have some continuity with their delegates.

This is important, as otherwise each new delegate asks the old questions which years ago have been thrashed out, and the group is inclined to point this out. But it is not good to send the same person year after year, though several organisations do this. Most seem to change their Presidents every three years, and this works in well with the Convention. Some, including the Y.W.C.A. and Y.M.C.A. and some of the Churches, send, as well as their National President, their field worker for migrants. This is something we might do if we have an Adviser for Migrants. We would be responsible for the extra person's expenses in that case.

Another point which is of interest to us is that there are 173 foreign language newspapers in Australia. Their representative assured us that any and all of them would gladly print such news as the address of Guide Headquarters. This can be done on a State basis only, and better if it is regional.

There may be a Rally in a District where there are some migrants, or possibly a migrant Guide in hospital who needs visitors from her own country. He said that old Australians ignore the foreign language newspapers, and the editors would welcome a friendly visit.

Besides attending the Garden Party at Yarralumba, I had the honour of an interview with Lady De L'Isle. She was most interested in International Guiding. She is all for having an African, possibly a United Arab, on the World Committee, but, like us, cannot just think of anybody suitable.

In conclusion, I would like to recommend that the Chief Commissioner-elect should attend the next Citizenship Convention. We have had three different people at the last five Conventions.

If the International Commissioner attends alternate Conventions, this should be sufficient to keep her in touch with the new developments in migration. It is very interesting, and it is stimulating and helpful to meet the members of other organisation on a national level.

DELL HAYMAN,  
International Commissioner,  
Girl Guides Association of Australia.



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### BROWNIE BETTY DO YOU AGREE?

1. Yes, she did.
2. Testwork, like all other Brownie activities, is meant to benefit the Brownies. If we encourage our Brownies to just cram things up so they can get through Tests, we are not using Test work to help the Brownies to develop new interests and skills, or to give the character training of trying to do things really well. Most Brownies would be interested in the story and seeing how the flag was made up. They would pass the Test at various standards according to their ability; but, for some, that story could be the beginning of a lifetime interest in flags.





### TRIALS ON THE SKI TRAILS

The last weekend in July saw the introduction into Guiding of a most popular activity.

Nearly 30 Senior members of our Movement spent a wonderful weekend skiing at Mt. Hotham.

With cars packed to capacity — inside and out — and with the skis on the roof indicating our destination, we left Melbourne on Friday at 5.45 p.m.

There was a warm welcome for us at Wangaratta, where the L.A. and Mrs. Kentmann were busily putting up innumerable stretchers in the Guide Hall, while pots of delicious soup bubbled merrily on the stove.

Saturday saw us rising at 6 a.m. and, after breakfast, we drove through delightful country to Bright. Hops and tobacco farms flanked the road. Then, oh! — the first glimpse of snow!

We left the cars at Bright and journeyed on in two buses, and what fun we had being fitted for boots, skis and stocks!

Our destination was the Wangaratta Ski Club Lodge on Mt. St. Bernard — how warm it was inside, and the views from the big windows of snow-capped peaks bathed in glorious sunlight were magnificent.

Those of us who had been on the Tramp Camp last December were fascinated to see the site of our camp on the Diamantina River feet under snow, with Mt. Feathertop snow-clad in the distance.

Each day we journeyed the six miles to Hotham by bus. Saturday was fine until cloud blanketed the mountain in the afternoon. The snow was powdery and as soft as a feather bed — yes, really! We can vouch for that.

Sunday was another beautiful day, but overnight the snow had become icy and the various bruises we proudly bore testified to its hardness.

Those who were beginners amazed with their progress, and the “experts” were victims of envious glances.

Mrs. Kentmann was a very patient instructor, and June Ellis also took us under her wing.

Our thanks go, particularly, to Mrs. Kentmann, who so magnificently organised the weekend from the Wangaratta end. We say thank you, too, to Miss Peg Barr for organising the trip from Melbourne.

We appreciated being able to use the Wangaratta Ski Club Lodge — and thoroughly enjoyed those delicious meals the cook prepared for us.

The four boys from the W.S.C., who were also at the Lodge, were far from being overawed by so much femininity, and joined in our Saturday night singing.

Everyone agreed it was a wonderful weekend. If, by chance, you have heard the groans of muscles, long unused, shrieking for mercy, you can be assured that the sufferer was one of those who voted the skiing weekend at Hotham a terrific experience and a most successful get-together.

JUNE PARROTT, S.R.S. Endeavour II.

### AUSTRALIAN-AMERICAN ESSAY COMPETITION

We read in June “Matilda” of the Essay Competition between the Lantona Girl Scout Council (of 250 Troops) and the Goulburn Region in Victoria.

The Australian winners received delightful gold Girl Scout and Brownie Scout locket, and their prizes were presented on GMV6, the Shepparton TV station.

The American winners received—for the Brownie section, a koala with a Brownie pin; the Guide section, an Australian coffee cup and saucer with a Guide spoon; and the Senior Scout received a Guide compact.

The winning essays, with photos of the winners, and souvenirs sent from the Australian Guides, together with many items supplied by the Australian Department of News and Information, are being exhibited at the “Golden Fair” being held in Los Angeles to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Girl Scouting in America.

M.I.R.





## THE PATROL SECOND'S JOB

Guiders may be interested in bringing the following article to the attention of Patrol Seconds in their Companies:—

"You have been made a Patrol Second, let's say. You have sewn a white stripe to the left-hand pocket of your uniform and you wear a white lanyard with a whistle attached to the right side of your belt. (Notice that word WHITE: scrub your lanyard frequently with soap and a nailbrush and hang it up with a weight on the end so that it will dry without twisting.)

### The Second's Attitude

Now, how are you going to set about the job? First, you must be quite clear as to your own position. The Patrol Leader is elected by the Guides, but you are chosen by the Leader alone. This means that she is counting on you to back her up in her difficult job. Together you want to make your Patrol the best in the Company. You are probably good friends already, but in any case, you like and respect one another, and feel you'll work well together. (If that last sentence is not true, you had better resign immediately, or your Patrol will never be a really good one!) If, for any reason, your Leader has to give up, then you must resign too. The new Leader may ask you to carry on as her Second, or you may be elected Leader yourself, but neither of these things happens automatically.

If you hope to be a Leader one day you are lucky to be starting as a Second, since the first thing a Leader needs to learn is how to follow loyally. The first part of your job is to assist the Patrol Leader at all times. Think of the second hand of a watch. The P.L. may be so concerned with the plans and problems of the hour that it is left to you,

the 'second hand', to tick off the details of each minute.

### Jobs to Do

At the Company meeting you can help to see that the younger Guides are ready for inspection, check that the Patrol Corner is kept tidy, and keep the Patrol occupied while the P.L. teaches the new Recruit her Tender-foot Test.

Talk over with your Leader the various jobs that need doing and see which you can undertake for her. This will depend on your particular aptitudes and those of the Guides in the Patrol, for they should be given individual jobs, too. If you have a head for figures, you might take over the Patrol funds. If you like drawing, you could help by illustrating charts and neatly printing notices. There is always equipment to be made, and someone has to keep the Patrol Log-Book up to date. If you are good at knots, or first aid, or any other subject, you can help the younger Guides with Test training.

### Taking the Rear

When you go out tracking or hiking your P.L. may ask you to take your place at the rear of the Patrol. This may sound dull, but actually it is a very important position. Mountaineers, when roping up for a difficult climb, always put a reliable man on the end of the rope and beginners in the middle. If the P.L. is in front she cannot turn round continually to see what her Guides are doing; but you can watch that they don't, for instance, crowd along the pavement jostling other people, but keep in single file or in twos at most.

This is just as important in the country, where you should keep to one side of the



path to avoid walking all over whatever tracks there are. Encourage the Guides to keep their eyes and ears open and their mouths shut, and they will see far more of what is going on around them.

From your place in the rear you can see, too, whether the pace is too fast for the new little Recruit, and will notice if someone is developing a blister on her heel.

### Setting an Example

Perhaps the most important way in which you can back up the Leader is by your example. It is no use expecting Mary Jane to use a safety-pin to keep her tie straight if your own is flapping about loose. You should always be the first to obey any order, even if you don't agree with it. The time for objections and alternative ideas is at the Patrol in Council. You can help a lot then, because sometimes you may have heard grumbles or criticisms that, unless your Guides are very outspoken, might not be made in the Leader's hearing. It is your job to act as a go-between: help the Guides to see the P.L.'s point of view and the Leader to see theirs. You can be the one to suggest a compromise such as: 'Why don't we try P.L.'s idea this time and then do it Anne's way next week?'

It is usually best to let your Leader know **privately** of any dissatisfaction in the Patrol (not necessarily mentioning any names), so that she can be prepared to put things right. In the same way, you should not resent any criticism she has to make of you — you will not, of course, criticise one another in front of the Patrol.

### Deputising for the Leader

The second part of your job is to take command of the Patrol when the Leader is absent. This may be for a whole evening, or only for a few minutes while Captain talks to the P.L.'s. In any case, you will want to be prepared. Make sure that you know the Leader's part in Patrol Drill. Have a programme worked out for Patrol Time if you need to take it alone; and always have a quiet game up your sleeve to keep the Guides occupied in case P.L. should be called away unexpectedly.

### The Court of Honour

You may also have to represent the Leader at Court of Honour — and, in small Companies, the Seconds are often elected members in any case. The most important thing to remember here is that you are not speak-

ing only as an individual — you are representing your Patrol. Therefore, it is essential that you should find out beforehand what each Guide really thinks about the matters on the agenda. Then you are ready to say, for example, that 'the majority of the Robins would like to camp by the sea, but two would prefer to go somewhere in the hills.'

You would be expected to report on such things as progress in Test training, and explain why Betty has been absent from three meetings this month.

After the Court of Honour you will report to the Patrol the various decisions made, remembering that the discussions that led up to those decisions are confidential and must **not** be disclosed to anyone outside the Court of Honour.

Quite a lot of details for the "second hand" to think over, aren't there?"

—Reprinted from "The Guide."

## OUR WILDFLOWERS

Grey winter hath gone, like a wearisome guest,

And, behold, for repayment,  
September comes in with the wind of the west,

And the spring in her raiment!

So sang Henry Kendall, one of Australia's early poets. I think if you look around in the spring you will see that yellow is the predominant colour. We have it in the many wattles, some of which have already been listed — the Longleaf Wattle, the Sallow, the Leper, "Prickly Moses," Hedge Wattle, Silver Wattle, Early Black and Spike Wattle. As I journeyed out Ringwood way, one day in July, whilst inspecting two wildflower sanctuaries, I was delighted with the golden bloom of the cultivated Cootamundra Wattles. We really need to plant more wattles.

A trip to the Dandenongs and beyond, to Belgrave, Selby, Sylvan and Wandin, also Warburton, will reveal a pageant of golden wattle.

The Buttercup, the children's flower, so bright and gay, is coming out now. Australia has about a dozen kinds. One Buttercup with large leaves is introduced, and spreads very rapidly. This flower belongs to the Ranunculaceae family. Wild Daisies, of which there are many kinds, are the companions of the Buttercups. In Gippsland

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This Booklet gives information on all Headquarters equipped Camp Sites and some Divisional ones.

## WHERE ARE YOU CAMPING THIS YEAR?



### "PICNIC FLAT," HARCOURT

2 miles from Harcourt township

Transport can be arranged from Harcourt.

Equipment for a camp of 15 is stored at Bendigo Guide Hall.

**Equipment Hire** — Usual Headquarters rates, plus cartage from Bendigo.

**Rent**, 3/- per week, or 9d. per day, per camper. **Tradespeople**—Deliveries could be arranged.

**Facilities**—Kitchen with stove and open fireplace, storeroom, bathroom, double toilet block, eating shelter.

This property of one acre, on the side of Mt. Alexander, is fringed on two sides with pine and oak plantations. An open air chapel is being prepared.

**Further particulars and booking** from Mrs. A. K. Brown, "Wickham," Harcourt.

### CAMPING QUALIFICATIONS

The holder of a CAMPER'S LICENCE may take her own Company to camp.

A GUIDERS' CAMP PERMIT entitles the holder to run a camp of not more than 12 of her own Guides, with a staff of three—that is, not more than 15 campers altogether.

If you are not already qualified to take your Company camping, talk to your Divisional Camp Adviser about how to get the necessary training and experience.

Shelter Fly—5/- per week.  
Screening, per cubicle, 1/- per week.  
**General Equipment**, including kitchen equipment, wash tubs, copper and bath tent, 1/- per camper per week, OR an overall charge of 1/6 per camper for every 24 hours or part thereof.

**Equipment Hire** — Usual Headquarters rates.

**Tents**—6ft. x 8ft., 6/- per week; 8ft. x 10ft., 7/6 per week; 10ft. x 12ft., 8/6 per week; Bell tent, 9/- per week; Auto tent, 9/- per week.

### EQUIPMENT HIRE

Headquarters rate.

**Further particulars and booking** from Miss G. Thurgood, Girl Guides Association, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne, C.1.

**Equipment Hire** — Usual Headquarters rates.

It is returned dry and in good condition. It is responsible for making their own transport arrangements for it, and for seeing that this equipment is stored in Kew. Campers

are responsible for making their own transport arrangements for it, and for seeing that it is returned dry and in good condition.

Has your Company a friend in the country on whose property they would like to camp? If they would like the adventure of camping away from the equipped sites, there is a complete set of camp gear for a camp of up to 30 available for hire.

### CENTRAL EQUIPMENT

### JANET WHITLAM MEMORIAL PARK

Mount Morton Road, South Belgrave

**Transport**—Train to Belgrave, bus to South Belgrave.

**Camp Equipment** for a camp of 36, and lightweight tents for 20 Rangers, stored on the site.

**Equipment Hire**—Usual Headquarters rates (see page 16). Hike tents and lightweight cooking equipment, 1/- per head per weekend.

**Tradespeople** deliver to site.

**Further information and booking** from Miss G. Thurgood, Girl Guides Association, 20 Russel Street, Melbourne, C.1.

The site, in natural bush country, contains a park of many beautiful trees planted by Mr. Whitlam and entrusted to our care by him.

### WONGA PARK

This area, on the site of the Boy Scout Jamboree, has been made available to us for camping by the owner, Lord Clifford.

Unfortunately, it suffered badly in the bushfires of January, 1962, and our equipment hut was completely destroyed. Watch "Matilda" for news of when the site can be used again for camping.



**RUSHWORTH:** Adjoining sportsground, with virgin bush just outside the fence. Use of solid pavilion with some kitchen facilities. 10 minutes' walk to local swimming pool.

**Further particulars and booking** from Miss M. McDonald, Girl Guides Association, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne, C.I.

### CAMP SHEILA CAMERON

In Macedon Foothills, 37 miles from Melbourne, 7 miles from Riddell.

**Transport**—Own transport must be arranged.

**Equipment** for permit-size camp stored on the site.

**Equipment Hire**—Usual Headquarters rates (see page 16).

**Rent**—Site, 2/- per head per week.

**Tradespeople**—Arrangements can be made for delivery.

**Further information and booking** from Mrs. K. Edwards, 48 St. Leonards Road, Ascot Vale.

This is a good site for Kangers, being within biking distance of Riddell, or for Guide camps providing their own transport. 180 acres of virgin forest at your disposal! A building is being erected on the site. By December, 1962, it is expected to provide solid shelter.

### "BARKALA"

South Belgrave

**Transport**—Train to Belgrave, bus to South Belgrave. Arrangements can be made for transport direct to site.

**Equipment** for a camp of 15 stored on the site.

**Equipment Hire**—Usual Headquarters rates (see page 16).

**Further information and booking** from Mrs. B. Buist, 1 Simmons Street, Box Hill. WX 8957.

This site is owned by Camberwell and Burwood Districts.

### TALLAWALLA

Mogg's Creek, 34 miles from Geelong

**Transport**—Train to Geelong, Trans-Otway bus along Great Ocean Road to Mogg's Creek.

**Equipment** for one Licence and two Permit camps stored on the site.

**Charges** include site rent and equipment. 7/6 per head per week or 2/6 per head per night.

**Tradespeople** deliver by arrangement.

**Further particulars and booking** from Miss D. Mitchell, 211 Church Street, Geelong West.

Tallawalla is the Barwon Division campsite, situated in a lovely bush setting, only ¾-mile from the ocean beach.

**Transport**—Chartered bus or train to Yarra Junction and bus to Cottage.

**Accommodation** for 21 in two bedrooms and two bunkrooms. Mattresses, pillows and three blankets per bed provided, and all cutlery, crockery and cooking utensils.

**Facilities**—Hot-water service, refrigerator, wood stove, electric stove, electric light, telephone, septic tank.

**Guide House property, Britannia Creek, via Yarra Junction**

### BROWNIE COTTAGE

Russell Street, Melbourne, C.I.

**Further particulars and booking** from Miss G. Thurgood, Girl Guides Association, 20 thereof.

**Rent**, 3/- per head per 24 hours, or part thereof.

**Tradespeople** will deliver.

light, telephone, septic tank.

**Facilities**—Hot-water service, refrigerator, wood stove and small electric stove, electric cooking utensils.

provided, and all cutlery, crockery and four-person rooms and verandahs. Mattresses, pillows and two blankets per bed.

**Accommodation** for 25, in double rooms, junction and bus to House.

**Transport**—Chartered bus or train to Yarra Britannia Creek, via Yarra Junction.

### THE GUIDE HOUSE

### BURTON'S LOOKOUT

Eight miles from Colac

**Transport**—Bus transport from Railway Station can be arranged.

**Equipment** for camp of 15 stored on site.

**Equipment Hire**—Usual Headquarters rates (see page 16).

**Rent**, 1/6 per head per week. Easter and weekend charges as for full week.

**Tradespeople**—Delivery of stores can be arranged. Bus passes site daily.

**Further particulars and booking** from Hon. Secretary, Colac Local Association, Mrs. A. R. Boyes, 26 Hesse Street, Colac.

This site, owned by Polwarth Division, is on the edge of natural bush country, and looks out towards the Otway Ranges.

### ELTHAM

Distance from Eltham, approx. 3 miles.

**Transport**—Taxi or walk from Eltham Railway Station.

**Equipment** for 15 stored on the site. **Equipment Hire**—Usual Headquarters rates (see page 16). **Rent**, 3/- per camper per week or 9d. per day. **Tradespeople** deliver to site.

**Further particulars and booking** from Mrs. J. Knight, 72 Strathallan Road, Macleod.

This site is loaned to the North-Eastern Suburbs. It is on the Yarra River and is a lovely spot for day hikes, as well as for camps. Although there is equipment for only 15, there is room for a larger camp.



**LANGI GIRAN**  
10 miles from Ararat  
Transport—Bus transport from Ararat  
Equipment for camp of 15 stored in Ararat.  
Hire of Equipment—Usual Headquarters rates.

Further particulars and booking: Miss M. Binns, 2 Junction Street, Ballarat.  
where there is a swimming pool.  
This property, owned by Ballarat Division, is on the edge of Forestry plantations and natural bush country, and close to Creswick, where there is a swimming pool.  
Buildings on property provide good solid shelter if needed by campers, or can be used for small indoor camps or Pack holidays if own bedding is provided. There is a wood stove, sink, hot-water service, showers, septic tanks.  
Tradespeople deliver.

Rent (including equipment hire), 7/6 per part of week.  
Equipment for camp of 40 stored on property.  
Transport—Train to Ballarat, then chartered bus to Creswick.  
Creswick, 12 miles from Ballarat

## LINGBOGOL

### OTHER SITES, Not Equipped

In many districts, friends of the Movement have properties which they are willing for Guides to use for camping. Some which are available for general use, but which have no equipment, are:

**ARTHUR'S SEAT:** Six miles from Rosebud, one mile from Arthur's Seat Lookout. 115 acre property, with creek and dam. 60 acres planted in cypress and it has numerous wildflowers.

Further particulars and booking from Miss G. Thurgood, Girl Guides Association, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne, C.I.

**FAIRY DELL:** 2 miles from Monbulk. 11½ acres of timbered country, on a creek. Suitable for Ranger lightweight camping.

Further particulars and booking from Miss M. McDonald, Girl Guides Association.

**KINGLAKE:** 90 acres, about half of it very steep, timbered and scrubby. Water very limited. Solid shelter available. Suitable for Ranger lightweight camping.

Further particulars and booking from Miss M. McDonald, Girl Guides Association.

**SEVILLE:** Close to railway station, bush country, creek nearby, 10 minutes' walk to swimming pool.

Further particulars and booking from Mrs. N. Barnes, Railway Road, Seville.

outdoor adventure.  
and the Lighthouse are added attractions for the rock pools at low tide. Buckley's Cave over the tea-tree covered sandhills and in hiking and exploring on the surf beach, and duty. There are endless opportunities for the surf area unless Surf Life Savers are on swimming. It is not advisable to swim in Phillip Bay. The front beach provides safe Point Lonsdale is right at the Heads of Port between the months of February and December. Carnegie and is given to the Association be- "Ocean Lodge" is the property of Miss H. Russell Street, Melbourne, C.I.

Further particulars and booking from Miss G. Thurgood, Girl Guides Association, 20 Rent—3/- per head per 24 hours.

Tradespeople will deliver.  
Facilities—Coke hot water service (provided), refrigerator, electric stove, electric light, septic tank.  
Cooking utensils.

Accommodation for 19 in two large and one small bunkroom and three smaller rooms. Mattresses, pillows and two blankets per Point Lonsdale.  
Transport—Train to Geelong, then bus to Ocean Road, Point Lonsdale

## OCEAN LODGE

Tradespeople will deliver.  
Rent, 2/6 per head per 24 hours, or part thereof.

### THE CABIN

#### on the Guide House Property

Equipped with bunks, mattresses, pillows, two blankets each, cutlery, crockery and cooking utensils for five. Small wood stove.

Rent, £1 per week; 10/- per weekend.  
Further particulars and booking, for both, as for Guide House.

### GUIDE HOUSE CAMPSITES

#### Britannia Creek, via Yarra Junction

Transport—Chartered bus or train to Yarra Junction and bus to property.

Sites for 10 camps, with more being developed, all fully equipped for Permit or Licence sized camps.

Rent, 3/- per camper per week, or 9d. per 24 hours or part thereof.

Equipment Hire—Usual Headquarters rate (see page 16).

Tradespeople will deliver.

Bookings as for Guide House.

The Guide House property is in lovely bush country, about 45 miles from Melbourne, on the Warburton line, and offers endless opportunities for hiking and all bushcraft activities, as well as swimming in our own pool.



This site is in coastal scrub country, about 1½ miles inland from the sea. The house and toilet facilities have been specially adapted so that they can be used by Exten-

sions.

**Further Information and Key**—Mrs. C. N. Crockford, 13 Heatherhill Road, Frankston.

**Bookings**—Miss G. Thurgood, Girl Guides Association, 20 Russell Street, C.1.

**Tradespeople** deliver.

**Rent** (including equipment hire) — Week, 10/- per camper; weekend, 1/9 per camper per day and 10/- for fuel.

**Building and Facilities**—Two rooms could be used by a small indoor camp or pack holiday if own stretchers and bedding are taken. Hot-water service, electricity, septic tank, indoor kitchen with wood stove, also camp stove for outdoor cooking.

**Campsite**—Equipped for 25 campers.

**Transport**—Train to Frankston, then taxi or walk about 1½ miles.

At Frankston

## GIPTON

## JACYALLOCK

Tarrango Road, Yarra Junction

**Transport**—Chartered bus or train to Yarra Junction and bus to property.

**Accommodation** for 10, in two rooms (6-bunk room and 4-bunk room). Inner spring mattresses, pillows and three blankets per bed, and all cutlery, crockery and cooking utensils.

**Facilities**—Wood stove, kero fridge, chip heater, kero lamps, deep sinker. No kero provided.

**Rent**—Members of the Movement, 2/- per head per 24 hours. L.A. members and friends of the Movement, 5/- per head per 24 hours.

**Campsite**—Equipment is stored on the site and may be hired by arrangement with Mrs. D. Sims, Flat 1, 32 Seymour Road, Elsternwick.

**Site and Fuel Rental**—3/- per head per week or 9d. per head per 24 hours.

**Tradespeople** will deliver.

**Further particulars and booking** from Miss G. Thurgood, Girl Guides Association, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne, C.1.

This lovely 15-acre riverside property has been loaned to the Girl Guides Association by Mrs. R. Swanson, Canberra, for 10 years.

This site, in orchard country close to Mel-bourne, loaned by Miss Carnegie to Camber-well North District, and available for use by others, is good for Guide or Ranger weekend camps, or even for one-day camps by Com-panies wanting practice in tenting and other campercraft activities.

Hills, WF 5228.

**Further information and booking** from Mrs. I. A. Robinson, 82 Middlesex Road, Surrey

**Tradespeople** deliver to site.

**Rent**, 6d. per head per day.

and Guides gratis.

**Equipment Hire**—2/6 per Guide per week- the site.

**Equipment** for permit-sized camp stored on

**Transport**—Train, walk or taxi.

## DONVALE

2½ miles from Nunawading Station  
3 miles from Mitcham Station

This site is owned by Ararat Division and is situated in the Pyrenees Ranges at the foot of Mt. Langi Ghiran, overlooking Ararat. A camp hut is erected on the site, and water laid on.

**Further particulars and booking** from Mrs. R. King, Private Bag 19, Ararat.

**Rent**—1/6 per head per week. Easter and weekend charges as for full week.

## SHERBROOK RIVER

4½ miles east of Port Campbell on the Ocean Road.

**Transport** — Train to Camperdown connects with bus at Timboon. Hire cars available for remaining 15½ miles by arrangement.

**Tradespeople** do not call. Butter factory lorry will leave meat, bread, etc., by arrangement.

**Equipment**—Ridge-poles and uprights and pegs for six tents stored on site, also copper and camp stove. List of canvas and other items available on request.

**Hut**—12 feet x 24 feet weatherboard structure with inside fireplace.

**Rent**—1/- per head per week or part thereof.

**Equipment Hire** — Usual Headquarters rates.

**Further information and booking** from Mrs. J. A. Bell, Rydal Farm, Camperdown.

Camperdown Division leases this 5-acre site from the Victorian Forests Commission. It is a new site and its possibilities, particularly as regards swimming and boating, have not yet been developed. It should have a special appeal to adventure-minded Rangers. The nearby coast is rugged in the extreme, but there is an excellent swimming hole at the river mouth (20 minutes walk from camp-site) and upstream the pine forest offers wonderful scope for hiking and exploring.



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whole paddocks are covered by Daisies in the springtime.

Last month we mentioned Parrot-Pea (*Dillwynia*). Look for this, as well as other pea flowers, example, Bush Peas (*Pultenaea*), and *Bossiaea*. They add a gay look now, and come under the general heading of "bacon and eggs" because of the red, brown and yellow colouring of the flowers. They are mostly small shrubs.

Children bestow very apt "pet names" on many wildflowers, particularly Orchids. The mauve Waxlip Orchid with its white tongue is one of our loveliest spring flowers. Another popular Orchid is the Spider, with long petals and sepals, and a green fringe on the scarlet tongue. We used to find plenty of them, with other wildflowers, on the grassy slope of the Ringwood Hill.



Spider Orchid

Please do not pick Orchids. Other September Orchids are the Dainty Pink Fingers, Pink Fairies, Hare Orchid (like a hare's ears), Blue *Caladenia*, and Blue Fairies. Surely these must belong to the Brownies! Do try to go out-of-doors and find some, somewhere.

Among the Greenhood Orchids you will find the Bearded, the Leafy, the Sickie, and the Mountain Greenhood, which I have seen at Tecoma.

No list of early wildflowers is complete without the fragrant white Milkmaids, the Running Postman with scarlet blooms, or

the twining purple Coral Pea, sometimes miscalled "Sarsaparilla." Then there is the yellow Bulbine Lily, from 1-2 feet high in the bush grasses; and the tiny Blue Squill, some three inches high, with sky blue flowers that last only one day.

—J.H.

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### TESTING GOLDEN HAND

When my Commissioner asked me if I would be willing to become a Tester of Brownie First Class, I was grateful for this stamp of approval. I had one big lesson to learn though — the great difference between teaching my own Brownies their Golden Hand and testing those working under another Brown Owl.

One thing I did determine — that as much of the test as possible would be done out-of-doors.

I have a small parkland quite near my home, and this I felt would be ideal for most of the test. I decided to leave ball throwing until I saw how many people were about at the time of the test, as it is most important that we do not inconvenience anyone during our Guide activities.

For some time I planned and re-planned in my mind until I had found activities I was sure would not be too much like a school test.

It was a glorious day when I went to the park to map out my compass activity — an activity using shrubs and flowers that I was sure would be familiar to the Brownie. I planned a tour of the garden, making sure that I had used all points which Brownies should know. I was most anxious that she should feel she had really used the compass. I settled down on one of the seats to check my points — because it is not always the Brownies who make mistakes, is it? I revised the full plan of the rest of the test, too, while I enjoyed the sun.

The next morning I woke up — and it was pouring! Well, no good panicking — the thing to do was to work out a change of programme. I seemed to be able to cope with most changes, but compass had me tossed. How do you **really use** a compass inside a house? I looked at my largest room (the lounge room), and tried to work out something to make the Brownie feel that this part of the Test was not a waste.



I organised the chairs into the dining room, then, armed with a hank of tape, coloured cardboard, an atlas and the all-important compass, I marked out a map of Australia on the floor — I didn't forget Tasmania, either! I marked the capital cities with the cardboard; then, borrowing small boats, trains, planes and cars, I spread them at random near the cities.

I decided to leave this section of the Test until the Brownie and I knew one another — but it was a lesson for me that it is not always practical to stick to a planned timetable.

When the time came for the Compass Test I told the Brownie that Her Majesty the Queen had consented to make a Royal Tour of Australia and she (the Brownie) was Minister for Transport. It was her duty to work out Her Majesty's itinerary — remembering that the Queen had especially asked to travel over as much of our land as possible and that she wished to use all types of transport available.

The Brownie boxed the compass for me and got her north-south line across Australia — then the fun began!

I can assure you that if ever Her Majesty took the tour mapped out by the Brownie she would see most of our wonderful country and travel in at least eight directions.

I think this part of the Test was most successful, considering the haste with which it was prepared.

We have since used a similar idea at our Pack meetings. We turn an area of ground into an airfield, the Brownies into pilots and Pack Leader into a wind indicator. We explain to the Brownies that planes take off into the wind — then slight changes in Pack Leader's position and they really have to concentrate on their compass points.

RUVA NEILSEN.

### HEALTH CHALLENGE

Each Patrol is given a different health rule and in ten minutes must demonstrate that every member has made an effort to keep that health rule, e.g., cleanliness — rubbed up shoes, scrubbed hands, etc. At the end of the ten minutes, each Patrol has one minute to show what each Guide has done. No word is spoken and the other Patrols must guess what health rule the acting Patrol represents.

## International Window

### BRITAIN'S PANORAMA

At the present time the girls who are attending this Panorama in England (Robin O'Brien, Lindsey Pearson, Victoria; and Pamela Cooksey, N.S.W.), have started under way for this very interesting gathering. I have been asked just what they are doing, so I thought that I would tell you a little of what will be going on.

They are staying in Lancashire for a week, as the North East Lancashire County is giving them hospitality. They left on the 13th July and were to travel down the north coast of Wales by boat to visit Caenarvon and Snowden, then to the International Eisteddfod at Llangollon, on to Shrewsbury, Birmingham, Coventry, Stratford; then make their way through Hereford, the Wye Valley to Gloucester and then to Bristol for the Conference at the University of Bristol. That takes a week. The last day of the Conference is to take the form of a reception at Commonwealth Headquarters in London.

There are eight girls in this party. The idea is that all different parties of Rangers and Cadets will make their way to Bristol by different means of transport, and will be as adventurous as possible. Some are even going by helicopter.

There are 500 delegates attending this Conference, and during that week at the University they will work together on International Service projects.

I do hope this will give you some idea of what an exciting adventure this is, not only for our own Australian girls, but for all who will attend Britain's Panorama.

BETTY PEARSON,

State International Representative.

### OUR ARK

Last month we read in "Matilda" of the joys of staying at Our Ark as a visitor.

From time to time Our Ark needs Junior Assistant Staff, with a minimum age of 18 years, for periods of about one year.

Any member of the World Association interested in helping at our World Hostel in London should write to the Guider-in-Charge, Our Ark, 45 Longridge Road, London, S.W.5, England, enclosing a recommendation from her International Commissioner.



# BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION—WORLD FLAG



NEW WORLD SCOUTING FLAG

At the World Conference of the Boy Scouts Association, held in Lisbon in 1961, a World Scout Flag was adopted.

The official flag of the World Scout Movement, its background is purple and the design is in white.

It is the only international flag of Scouting and is intended to be freely displayed on appropriate occasions, so that it will become familiar to every Scout and also to the general public.

(By courtesy—Boy Scouts Association, Vic.)

## EARLY GUIDE HISTORY IN VICTORIA

Among our papers and records, tucked away in our drawers and cupboards, and imprinted on our memories, there must be many interesting and unusual stories, documents, photographs, etc., of early Guide history in this State.

Much of this stored history would be of interest to present-day Guides, and we ask that you write out your stories, get out your documents and photographs, and jot down your memories, and let us have them.

All information, stories and documents should be sent to: The Publicity Secretary, Guide Headquarters, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne.



## PHANTASMAGORIA REUNION

Members of the Victorian Contingent to this camp are reminded of the Reunion to be held at Headquarters on Saturday, 22nd September, 1962, at 8 p.m.

Uniform not necessary — please bring all slides and photos.

## FOUND

In the Cabin, Guide House, July, 1962:—  
1 World Badge; 1 Ranger Service Star; 1 Nursing Service Bar. Badges may be claimed at Headquarters.

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At the Muezzin's call to prayer  
The kneeling faithful thronged the square.  
Amid a monastery's weeds  
An old Fransiscan told his beads.  
And on Kupara's lofty height  
A dark priest chanted Brahma's might.  
While to the synagogue there came  
A Jew to praise Jehovah's name.  
And one great God looked down and smiled,  
And counted each His loving child.  
For Monk and Brahmin, Turk and Jew,  
Had reached Him through the gods he knew.

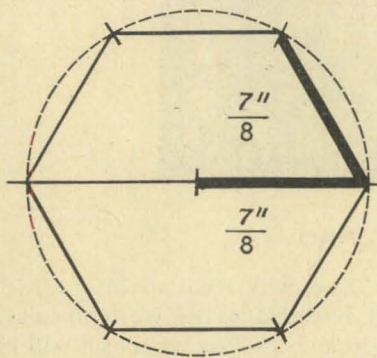
—Anon.



## A SUGGESTION FOR THE H.Q. ON L.A. STALL

—from Yarram L.A.

### QUILT INSTRUCTIONS Martha Washington Design



When choosing materials for patchwork be sure never to mix washable and unwashable materials. These instructions can also be used for cushions, mats, aprons, etc.

Patchwork can be done in silk, satin or velvet. Silk and velvet together, or satin and velvet combined, but not a mixture of silk, satin and velvet. Cotton and silk materials should never be used in the same quilt.

Fancy silks with designs of spots, checks, stripes and florals can be used to advantage with plain materials.

Cottons and linens can be used in several shades of one colour.

Colour has to be studied carefully, as a colour in a wrong place can spoil the whole design. See that the shades are evenly distributed to make the most of the work.

Method: Cut "key" pattern in stiff cardboard. (See diagram above.) To draw this hexagon you will need a pair of compasses. Draw a circle with a radius of  $\frac{7}{8}$  in. With the compasses still spaced at the same measurement of  $\frac{7}{8}$  in., place them at a point on the circle and mark six points evenly around the circumference. Join up all six points. Cut out along lines and you will have a six-sided shape.

Using firm brown paper, or thin, but firm, cardboard, trace and cut round this shape to make many more shapes exactly the same size. You will need a considerable number

of them, and they must all be exact in size and shape, or the finished work will not lie flat and even.

The quilt is constructed from circular patterns or motifs surrounded with, and joined to, each other by a white border. The number of completed motifs will depend on the size of your bed. Approximately twelve will be needed for the length, and if you work lengthwise in rows you can go on working until you have reached the required width.

Each shape is worked as follows: Place cardboard or brown paper shape on to the material and cut material  $\frac{1}{4}$  in. or  $\frac{3}{8}$  in. larger all round. Tack this on to the cardboard, turning the edges over the amount of turning you allowed.

When a number of these sections are prepared, start sewing them together, using, say, a yellow one to form the centre.

Round this, stitch six in a plain material, sewing them together on the wrong side in a fine overcast stitch or fine topsewing, so that the stitches are invisible on the right side.

Stitch the next row, 12 shapes in floral or lighter-shade material, round the edge of this shape. A motif has now been completed. Press this and work others in exactly the same way.

Make a large number of white shapes for the border.

Start assembling quilt by joining white shapes around a completed motif. Join in other motifs until you have required length. Work in rows until you have required width. Edge of quilt will be scalloped and have a white border.

When patchwork is finished, snip tacking threads and remove cardboard shapes. Press. Place a thin layer of quilt wadding on the wrong side of patchwork, tack into position and through the wadding work a running stitch  $\frac{1}{4}$  in. inside the line of stitching, joining all the patchwork pieces together.

Finish with a lining of suitable material cut to the required shape and sewn on by fine hemming on the wrong side of the work.



It's easy finding reasons why other folks should be patient.



## ADULT OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND SHORT TERM OBSERVATIONS

Individually scheduled opportunities for adults visiting U.S.A. on personal travel or with other programmes.

### What They Are

Opportunities for participation, as students, in appropriate courses at Edith Macy Training School and other Training Schools, with registration fees and living expenses covered by the Juliette Low Friendship Fund. Opportunities for short-term observations in Girl Scout Councils and Camps or at national events. Living expenses to be covered by the Juliette Low Friendship Fund.

### Finances

Living expenses and registration fees will be provided by the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. **No travel assistance available.**

Should there be anybody suitable on a visit to the United States of America, please let me know, and I will be able to furnish further details.

BETTY PEARSON,  
State International Representative.

## UNITED NATIONS WEEK — 21st - 28th OCTOBER

Some reminders and suggestions:—

- (a) Every District in Victoria will be celebrating United Nations Week.
- (b) Can YOUR Company plan a United Nations Evening or co-operate with others in this?
- (c) Shire and Municipal Councils will be flying a United Nations Flag on U.N. Day, 24th October. Can you and your Guides take part in the Unfurling Ceremony in uniform?
- (d) Organisations are combining for special functions in United Nations Week in Geelong, Ballarat, Bendigo and Swan Hill, probably other places also. Will Commissioners in these areas co-operate in any projects planned to provide interest and knowledge of the work of United Nations?
- (e) Will you send me brief reports or stories or local cuttings of any of the above which take place? We do want to hear all about them.

NANCY KIRSNER (Mrs.),  
Girl Guide Representative on  
United Nations Association.

## All Guide Guiders and Commissioners in the Metropolitan Area— **PLEASE TELL ME, WHY?**

At the last Commissioners' Conference, at the Diploma'd Guiders' Conference, at every gathering of Commissioners or Trainers the need for development of the Senior Branch has been discussed and worried over at considerable length. Commissioners unanimously agreed that it was a problem of vital urgency and one that they must do their best to tackle, each in her own area, as best she could.

SO,

feeling that the first step must be to educate Guide Guiders and Commissioners in the work of the Senior Branch so that they could explain its aims and programme to their older Guides with more confidence, Mrs. Woollacott, retiring Ranger Adviser, asked the Training Department to arrange a series of nights for that purpose.

SO,

a series of six nights was advertised in the June and July "Matilda" — one night on Sea Rangers, one on Land Rangers, one on Air Rangers, one on Cadets, one on the experiment of a Senior Patrol in a Guide Company, and one on Senior Camping. Really "top people" were booked to give these trainings, as we expected they would attract very big numbers of Commissioners and Guiders who really did not know much about the Senior Branch, as well as a fair representation from the Senior Branch Guiders who could do with a "brush-up."

SO,

what happened? The training was really fascinating — there were colour slides, flannel-graphs, model aeroplanes to make, Air Ranger "Hollow Square" Ceremonial, Land Ranger "V-Formation," Sea Ranger "Divisions," time for discussion and questions — the works. And how many came? By the time you read this they will all be over, but last night I attended a class where I made up the numbers to six; at the previous one there were seven. Last night there was: 1 Guide Guider, 1 Sea Ranger Guider, 1 Land Ranger Guider, 1 District Commissioner (yes,



that's right, ONE), 1 Headquarters Commissioner, and me.

SO,

will you write and tell me why you didn't come? Aren't you (in spite of all the discussion at the Commissioner's Conference) really interested in the Senior Branch? Don't you think it necessary for a Guide Guider or Commissioner to know as much as possible about them? And the Senior Patrol experiment — we had a Guider there who has been trying out different kinds of Senior Patrols for nine years, so that she could tell you all about it, straight from the horse's mouth (if she will forgive me for putting it that way) — why didn't you come to hear her? If it is just that you don't read "Matilda," then you won't be reading this, but those who do, please write and tell me why you didn't come. I have just taken over the Branch a few weeks ago, and I am quite shattered, because I thought every Commissioner in Victoria was going to help me, that's why I genuinely must know why nobody came to my party. And if I begged the Trainers very, very sweetly to do it again — would you come this time?

A. F. RYLAH, Senior Branch Adviser.

### SENIOR BRANCH

There will be an **All-Australia Senior Branch Training and Conference** held at "Glengarry" (the N.S.W. equivalent of our Guide House) near Sydney from the 11th to the 20th January, 1963. Trainees will arrive on Friday evening, 11th January, and training will commence at 10 a.m. on 12th January; training will be completed on the evening of 19th January, and trainees disperse on 20th January. Those invited to attend are:—

All Senior Branch Guiders; Senior Branch Advisers; Training Advisers; all interested Commissioners.

The fee will be £8 plus fares. This is the first opportunity for Senior Branch Guiders to discuss their problems and ideas on an Australia-wide basis, and the Victorian Executive regards it as so important that it has made finance available to assist any Senior Branch Guider who wishes to attend, but finds the expense a deterrent. (Contact the Branch Adviser about this.) Application forms were available at the Senior Branch Conference on 21st July, but further forms can be obtained from Mrs. B. McNally, Australian Training Secretary, 457 St. Kilda Road,

Melbourne. Completed forms must be sent to Mrs. McNally.

It has not yet been decided how much of this week will be spent on training, and how much on conferring, as this will depend to a certain extent on what requests are received, but what is certain is that any Guider in the Senior Branch who can possibly manage to be present will benefit immensely by her attendance at it. We in Victoria have a tremendous task ahead of us if our Ranger and Cadet Units are all to become what we would like them to be, and I do beg every Senior Branch Guider to arrange her commitments so as to be able to be present at this gathering.

As far as Commissioners are concerned — if you have a Ranger or Cadet Unit in your area, or are hoping to open one in the near future — can you afford to stay away?

### ALL-AUSTRALIA SENIOR BRANCH CAMP — N.S.W.

10th - 17th MAY, 1963

A lightweight camp for Rangers and Cadets will be held near Sydney from 10th - 17th May, 1963. The Camp will be called "MOOT KARINGAL."

The cost will be approximately £7/10/- plus fares. Programme will include: overnight hike, boating, woodcraft, tour of historical places, and a Civil Defence exercise. Ranger Guiders who hold, or will hold by then, a Lightweight Permit, are needed as Group Commandants.

Further particulars can be obtained from your District Commissioner, or from Miss Margaret Callister, 27 Queen's Parade, Ashwood, phone BL 2478.

(Extensions apply to Miss D. Kane, 41 Amsterdam Street, Richmond.)

### DOLL COMPETITION

REMINDER.—This competition closes on 1st September.

Please do have all dolls in before this date. Remember to tell all your friends that the dolls will be on sale at a DOLLS' WONDERLAND at Headquarters, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne, from Friday, 23rd November, to Friday, 30th. The sale will continue on Saturday, 24th, all day and until 8 p.m., but close on Sunday, 25th. Be sure to plan to come, see and buy. Refreshments will be available.

J. McKAY.



## VICTORIAN SUPPLEMENT AVAILABLE AT ANNUAL MEETING

In accordance with our usual policy, the 1962 Victorian Supplement will be distributed at the Annual Meeting to be held at the St. Kilda Town Hall on Monday, 29th October, and, as a REMINDER, I set out below the procedure which will be followed:

1. DISTRICTS expecting to have representation at the meeting to advise Headquarters by 19th OCTOBER the exact number of Supplements required for the DISTRICT on the basis of ONE for each Unit, Local Association and Commissioner. These will be made up into parcels and taken to the meeting for collection by a representative of the DISTRICT concerned.
2. METROPOLITAN DISTRICTS not expecting to be represented at the meeting may collect Supplements from Headquarters at any time AFTER the meeting. If it were possible for Districts to nominate a representative to collect sufficient Supplements from Headquarters on the BASIS of ONE per Company/Pack / Local Association / Commissioner, this would be of great assistance to us.
3. COUNTRY DISTRICTS not expecting to be represented at the meeting: Supplements may be collected at any time after the meeting, OR will be forwarded to District Commissioners (or Local Associations in the absence of District Commissioners) for distribution to the various units.
4. Copies for METROPOLITAN DIVISION COMMISSIONERS not present at the meeting will await collection at Headquarters.
5. Copies for COUNTRY DIVISION COMMISSIONERS will be posted, as in the past, though it is hoped that many of you will be present on 29th October.  
BETTY M. MACARTNEY, State Secretary.

### TREFOIL GUILD OF VICTORIA ANNUAL MEETING

SATURDAY, 6th OCTOBER, 2.15 p.m.  
Guide Headquarters,  
20 Russell Street, Melbourne.

Programme will include: General business; interesting news; good speakers; afternoon tea and talk.

Everyone is welcome — members and non-members.

## TRAINING DEPARTMENT

**BROWNIE GUIDERS** — General Course commencing Wednesday, 12th September — 24th October, 8-10 p.m. Guider-in-Charge: Miss H. Gross.

General Course commencing Wednesday, 19th September-24th October, 10-12 noon. Guider-in-Charge: Mrs. A. Sharp.

Preliminary Course commencing Thursday, 20th September-25th October, 10-12 noon. Guider-in-Charge: Mrs. J. Barratt.

**GUIDE GUIDERS** — General Course commencing Tuesday, 2nd October-13th November, 10 a.m.-12 noon. Guider-in-Charge: Mrs. J. Moors.

General Course commencing Tuesday, 25th September-30th October. 8-10 p.m. Guider-in-Charge: Miss G. Holden.

Preliminary Course commencing Wednesday, 12th September-17th October. 6.30-8 p.m. Guider-in-Charge: Miss S. Taylor.

### DECENTRALISED TRAINING:

MONDAY, 10 a.m.-12 noon. GENERAL COURSE, Guide Hall, BOX HILL. For **Guide** and **Brownie Guiders**. Mrs. B. McNally-Mrs. A. Sharp.

### SPECIALISED TRAININGS:

#### October—

5th—Drill and Ceremonial, Mrs. C. Walker.

19th—Commonwealth Knowledge, Miss M. Lambe.

26th—P.L. Training, Mrs. A. Rylah.

#### November—

1st—International, Miss P. Barr.

16th—History of the Movement, Miss M. Lambe.

22nd—Games, Miss Waudby.

30th—First Aid, Mrs. B. McNally.

**3rd November** (Saturday)—Compass and Mapping, Miss E. Bunning.

(Applicants will be advised of location.)

Applications for Courses at Headquarters and Decentralised Courses must reach Training Secretary NOT LATER THAN one week before commencement of Course, and Guiders should have attained 17th birthday.

Applications for Specialised Trainings may be made for one or more nights, or for the whole series.

**Fees: Courses, 5/-** Special nights (if not whole course) 1/- per night.

**SUMMER TRAINING WEEK:** 28th December-4th January, 1963. Miss S. McLeod, Guider-in-Charge.



SATURDAY, 27th OCTOBER

### **GUIDERS' CONFERENCE**

OLD ARTS BUILDING—  
MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY

**WILL YOU BE THERE?**

Watch October "Matilda" for all details.

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### **MONTY**

A model for the purpose of practice of Mouth-to-Mouth Resuscitation is available for hire from Headquarters, from the Training Department — hire fee, 5/-.

### **SYNAGOGUE SERVICE**

#### **Change of Place and Date—**

A special United Nations Week Service will be held at the Temple Beth Israel Synagogue, Alma Road, St. Kilda (close to Chapel St.), on **Friday, 2nd November, at 8 p.m.**

All Jewish members of the Guide Movement are welcome and are asked to be in their places by 7.45 p.m. (in uniform). Also Commissioners of other denominations are invited to attend, and will be warmly welcomed.

NANCY KIRSNER (Mrs.),

Liaison Commissioner for Jewish Members.

### **STATE COUNCIL STALL OF WORK**

This will be held in conjunction with the Dolls' Wonderland from 23rd-30th November at Headquarters.

If you have a spare hour, will you help by going to 7 Como Avenue, South Yarra, any time between 10.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. Mrs. Hall is there and will be VERY happy to see you. You can take work home or do the work there. Either way, you will be doing your good deed for the day — or week.

If unable to help by sewing or handwork, perhaps you have some pieces of material which could be used for aprons, bags or dolls' bedclothes. Ring Mrs. McKay, 24 1463, if in doubt or could help in any way.

### **TRANSPORT**

Guiders are advised that transport to the Guide House may be arranged with Mr. P. R. Power, 36 King Street, North Fitzroy (phone JW 2065) at the following prices:—

Weekends: £16.

Day Trips: £11.

Other trips by arrangement — quotations given.

### **TRAINING TAPES — MAPPING — COLOUR CEREMONIAL**

A series of Training tapes on mapping is available from Training Department at Headquarters. The full set consists of six tapes. These may be hired separately or as a set—price, 2/6 each, or 15/- for the complete Training, plus postage.

Although applicable to all maps, the Training Department makes particular reference to the two Ordnance maps known as Yan Yean and Meredith. Six copies of each of these maps are available for hire from the Training Department — price, 1/6 each or 10/- dozen.

A Training Tape on Colour Ceremonial is also available — price 2/6.

There is also a series of colour slides on Colour Ceremonial, priced at 5/-. Applicants for these slides will also receive a written commentary to be used in conjunction with viewing the slides.

### **FOR SERVICE**

**Thanks Badges** awarded to—

Mrs. J. Durbridge, Maryborough.

**Long Service Ribbons** awarded to—

Miss M. Beaumont; Mrs. M. Jerram; Miss J. McNab; Miss M. H. Waters.

### **ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS**

**Received with gratitude:**

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### **DO YOU APPROVE?**

Do you approve of the way Betty's Pack is being run?

Answer the following questions, then turn to page 57, where you'll find Betty's Brown Owl's answers.

1. Didn't Tawny give a lot more information than was really necessary for the Golden Bar Test?
2. Isn't it best to just stick to what is required for each Test, so the Brownies can pass it as quickly as possible?



# BROWNIE BETTY

Tawny was showing a group of Brownies who knew to which country the Union Jack saints, crosses and emblems belonged, how these crosses were made into the Union Jack. She had the three crosses coloured on cardboard 10 inches by 5 inches, and she asked if anyone knew which two crosses were joined together first.

"St. George and St. Andrew's," said Lorraine promptly.

"That's right," said Tawny, and she took the red cross of St. George with a white border all round and put it on St. Andrew's cross. (The part of the cross which goes into the Union Jack had been cut out and the remaining four pieces of white background stuck to another card so that the cross could be fitted into its place and lifted out.)

"That's the first Union Jack," said Tawny. "Once England and Scotland were separate countries with different rulers; but when Elizabeth I was Queen of England her cousin James was King of Scotland, and he was her nearest relation; so when she died he became King of England as well as Scotland."

"And they called England and Scotland Great Britain, didn't they, Tawny?" said Robyn.

"Yes," said Tawny, "and they joined their flags like that to make the first Union Jack, and that's the flag which Captain Cook hoisted when he landed in Australia. Look!"

Tawny produced a picture of the landing at Botany Bay, and they looked at the flag and at Captain Cook and his sailors.

"Later on," said Tawny, "Ireland became part of Great Britain, and they wanted to put St. Patrick's cross in the Union Jack, but it is the same shape as St. Andrew's cross and they couldn't fit them both in; so they cut the two crosses in half from corner to corner, and, using all St. Andrew's blue background and only a tiny white border on St. Patrick's, they fitted them together with St. George's cross to form the complete Union Jack. Like this!" As she spoke she had taken the two half crosses, which lifted out like St. George's cross and made the Union Jack.

"Well, I never knew that before," said Betty.

"Well, there's something else I want to show you," said Tawny, putting a stick beside the flag. "Which cross does this wide white stripe that's on top on the side near the pole belong to?"

"St. Andrew," said Robyn, "and on the other side St. Patrick's is on top."

Betty looked and, sure enough, the red cross of St. Patrick, with its narrow white border, was above St. Andrew's wide white stripe on the side of the flag which flies loose.

"That is to make it fair," Tawny explained. "Scotland's cross is on top one side and Ireland's the other; but, because Scotland became part of Britain first, its cross is on top near the pole. That is the position of honour, because when a flag gets old it's the side away from the pole which wears out first, because that side flaps so much."

She gave Robyn another Union Jack, drawn on both sides of a piece of cardboard, and asked her to put it beside the stick right way up. Robyn got it right; and Tawny told her to give it to someone else and to ask either for "right way up" or "upside down." Robyn gave it to Lorraine and said "upside down," and Lorraine put it with St. Patrick's cross on top near the pole.

"Does anyone know what it means when a flag is flown upside down?" asked Tawny. No one did, so she explained that it was a signal of distress and meant that you needed help. Before wireless was invented a ship which needed help flew its flag upside down.

"And if you didn't have a flag and had to fly your shirt, would you put it upside down, Tawny?" asked Betty. Tawny said she thought flying a shirt would be so unusual that people would notice it either way up. Then Betty was asked to put the flag right way up. She looked carefully for the broad white stripe and put it on top near the pole.

When they'd all had a turn, Tawny asked what it meant when a flag was flown part way down the pole.

"That you're sorry about someone dying," said Lynette. And Tawny said, "Yes, it was called flying a flag at half mast."

They played games and had lots of fun in the meeting; but when Betty got home she first told her parents all about the Union Jack and they said they hadn't known nearly so much about it before.

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## WARRANTS

### CAPTAINS:

Miss J. Millard, 1st Aberfeldie; Miss L. Deller, 1st Kensington; Miss P. Sherring, 2nd Montmorency; Mrs. J. F. Williams, 1st Mornington; Mrs. W. C. Elliott, 1st Coleraine; Mrs. G. Wilson, 2nd Daylesford; Mrs. L. Peel, 1st Ocean Grove; Miss E. McRae, 2nd Robinvale; Miss Y. Layton, 1st Port Melbourne; Mrs. A. Evans, 1st Mordialloc; Miss J. Friday, 1st Mooroolbark; Miss J. Phillips, 1st Shepparton; Miss A. Horsfall, 2nd North Balwyn; Mrs. G. M. Rautman, 3rd Hawthorn; Mrs. M. A. Aitken, S.R.S. Cerebus; Miss L. J. Myers, 3rd Canterbury; Mrs. K. Harris, 1st Bennettswood; Miss I. Barnard, 2nd Hartwell; Miss C. Woolmer, 4th Footscray; Mrs. E. Puckridge, 2nd Glen Waverley; Mrs. J. McDonald, 4th Newport; Mrs. M. Farrall, 1st Cobram; Miss M. Wedge, 1st Cobden; Miss H. J. Kline, 1st Euroa; Mrs. M. A. Tobias, 2nd Eaglehawk; Miss L. Stockdale, 2nd Chadstone; Miss H. Stillwell, 1st East Brighton.

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Cheltenham; Mrs. J. Dufty, 2nd Portland; Miss E. Olver, 4th Portland; Miss R. Leadbeater, 1st Glen Iris; Miss E. Storer, 3rd Ashburton; Mrs. E. J. Frizelle, 2nd Echuca; Mrs. R. L. Ferguson, 1st Euroa; Mrs. D. Colbert, 2nd Norlane.

*Correction:* Mrs. M. Fraser is Brown Owl of 1st Inverleigh, NOT Captain.

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Mrs. J. Roe, 1st Montmorency; Mrs. B. Fernie, 2nd Montmorency; Mrs. I. Brown, 1st Syndal; Mrs. M. C. Morgan, 2nd Footscray; Miss D. Wilson, 4th Footscray; Mrs. D. Green, 1st Campbell Creek; Miss G. E. Waddell, 1st Bellfield; Miss B. J. Lowe, 1st Lake Boga; Miss E. Cant, 1st Footscray; Miss B. Dixon, 7th Kew; Miss M. M. Hendy, 1st St. Arnaud; Mrs. E. Moss, 3rd Victorian Post; Miss S. G. Croft, 4th Newport; Mrs. R. K. Withington, 3rd Hawthorn; Mrs. M. J. Mead, 1st Puckapunyal; Mrs. M. Gorman, 2nd Seymour; Mrs. C. L. Pearce, 1st Tawonga.

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