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QUEEN SIRIKIT, WITH MRS. H. E. BOLTE AND MRS. C. O. FAIRBAIRN
ARRIVING AT GUIDE HEADQUARTERS. (Photo: Betty Reynolds)

*A Function which no member of
the Movement can afford to miss!*

WHAT FUNCTION?

Our Annual Meeting

MONDAY, 29th OCTOBER, 1962

St. Kilda Town Hall

8 p.m.

- ★ Mrs. C. O. Fairbairn, State Commissioner, will present the Report.
- ★ Dame Pattie Menzies, G.B.E., will be Guest Speaker.
- ★ Our Guide Choir, under the leadership of Mrs. J. W. Clarke, will open the Meeting with a group of Camp Fire songs.

*Don't miss this happy Function where you can hear our interesting
Speakers and the Guide Choir, meet your friends and chat over Supper.*

HER MAJESTY QUEEN SIRIKIT VISITS GUIDE HEADQUARTERS

On Tuesday, 4th September, the Girl Guides Association was honoured with a short visit by Queen Sirikit of Thailand.

Those of us who were privileged to see her at close quarters can only confirm, to the fullest extent, all the words of praise which have been written about her. She is beautiful, graceful, charming and serene.

About 300 Guides and Brownies greeted Her Majesty with truly Australian cheers. Prior to the official party's arrival, the flag of Thailand was broken by a Colour Party composed of Queen's Guides. The flag certainly "flew" in the very high wind.

Our State Commissioner and her two Assistants welcomed Her Majesty, who was accompanied by Mrs. Bolte, wife of the Premier, Mrs. Fader, wife of the Ambassador to Thailand, and Her Majesty's personal staff. Mrs. Fairbairn then escorted her through a guard of honour of Queen's Guides to the Training Room, where a display of Guide activities formed a background to the reception. Headquarters staff were present, and Executive members were presented to Her Majesty by Mrs. Fairbairn.

A beautiful bowl of daffodils was placed near the table on which Her Majesty signed the Visitors' Book. After inspecting the display of work, Queen Sirikit was presented with three Australian books for her children and asked to choose a daffodil to bear her name. These lovely flowers all came from the home of our State Commissioner at Skipton.

Before departing, Her Majesty made an unexpected visit to the Shop and expressed her delight with all she saw there.

What a pity it is that on these special occasions we cannot have all our Guide folk with us—and what a pity that at these special occasions there are so many jostling Press photographers.

We were happy to be asked to line the drive at Government House for the arrival of their Majesties on Sunday afternoon. The Guides and Brownies really looked splendid, enjoying the privilege of being in the grounds of Government House and seeing their Majesties as they drove past.



QUEEN SIRIKIT AT HEADQUARTERS

(Photo: Betty Reynolds)

STATE COMMISSIONER'S DIARY

1st August — Divisional Commissioners' Meeting. A very good one, I thought, and I enjoyed especially the morning training session.

4th August — A Guide Birthday Party at Skipton.

16th August — Executive most of the day and in the evening an Annual Meeting at Brighton. It was a very good one. Business reports gave a creditable year's work and we all sang a Camp Fire song.

20th August — Local Association Meeting.

27th August — I had the honour of opening the Chadstone Guide Exhibition. It was good and I only hope hundreds of people saw this. A tremendous amount of work went into it, so I hope it pays dividends.

28th August — Another Birthday Party at Carngham. This time I must say a lot of work went into a Pageant to entertain the guests. Thank you, everyone, it was good. It was a pity more parents weren't there.

29th August — A Brownie Fourth Birthday at Skipton. We were entertained royally.

Many good items and games followed by a super afternoon tea.

What have I been doing on the other days I haven't been Guiding? Well, I will tell you. Four special Church Meetings in various towns. At one I listened to a probationer who made a statement that I feel must be passed on to you all. Never has this probationer, during her years of work, had any young girl to deal with who was a member of Girl Guides or Y.W.C.A. or Church groups. Isn't that a wonderful thing to hear? I have attended three sheep shows, and, yes, we did very well, thank you. And, of course, daffodil shows — no, I won't talk about daffodils, but I must say how truly wonderful they are — the new colours and shapes. I am busy making up posies, one for the Queen of Thailand, and I am hoping she will allow one new seedling to be named after her. I must say New South Wales are pretty grand, aren't they? They had the Queen to Glen-garry, and we all saw her on the TV and also heard her speech. I just do hope New South Wales will see us on the TV. We must catch up somehow! We are all very honoured and truly grateful to the Government of Victoria for including our Association in their Majesties' short visit to Victoria.

Operation Daffodil is getting near. You have no idea what a worry daffodil time is. I always worry whether the blooms will be out or over! Worrying doesn't do the slightest good, but it has been a very dry season with winds and frosts. The blooms have shown me many times they object to this treatment. Anyway, I just hope all is perfect for those of you who are coming all this way.

The Annual Meeting is getting closer — 29th October — and Dame Pattie is making every effort to be our speaker. As yet she hasn't taken any part in public affairs as she has been too sick. However, I feel we are most honoured to be on the list, and I know Dame Pattie will do all she can to help us. I hope as many of you as possible will come and make the evening a tremendous success. Now I must stop and spruce up, as I am off to meet a Queen, and what a lovely Queen Sirikit is. And very young for all the responsibilities that a Kingdom holds for its rulers. May their visit promote real friendship between our countries.

IRENE FAIRBAIRN

ANOTHER ICE CREAM FOR THE CHIEF

I am sure you will all have read in the January-February issue of "Matilda" the announcement by the State Commissioner of "Another Ice Cream for the Chief" and will want to join together to contribute to this special gift from the Australian Guides to greet OUR Chief Guide on her 74th birthday, which falls on Thinking Day next year.

As a reminder, I will quote below Mrs. Fairbairn's article, which tells you how the Chief Guide used the birthday present given by the Australian Guides on her 70th birthday.

"To celebrate the Chief's 70th anniversary, Australia gave a special present ('An Ice Cream for the Chief'). In this way, a cheque for about £700 was collected and presented on her birthday by members from Australia who were in England at that time. This present was a present for herself to do exactly what she wished with it. Well, the Chief bought a garden seat, new covers for her chairs and sofas — oh, yes, and a new hat, which I think she has lost. However, on the tours, the Chief was able to help in many ways, especially with books for countries which were unable to afford them. This gave the Chief untold enjoyment and never has she ceased talking about it.

"At the Australian Council Meeting held last October it was decided that we (Australia) would give our Chief another present on her 74th birthday in February, 1963. We are to do the same as before — give the money for an ice cream — only this time it will be "another" ice cream for the Chief. We can all join in — going without an ice cream just when we need and want it most — that makes it a real present.

"We must not talk too loudly about it, because it is to be another surprise as well as another ice cream.

"This present is for OUR Chief Guide. We will never have another Chief."

DON'T FORGET YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO "ANOTHER ICE CREAM FOR THE CHIEF" SHOULD REACH GUIDE HEAD-QUARTERS BY 30th OCTOBER, 1962.

The Chadstone Exhibition and Display



PART OF THE CHADSTONE DISPLAY

(Photo: Betty Reynolds)

After planning for many months we held this Exhibition in the last week of August.

Our State Commissioner, Mrs. C. O. Fairbairn, opened it, and we all felt very proud.

For those of you who have not been to this Exhibition Hall, it is like a huge square glass-house, with a black and white mosaic floor. Outside are three tall flag poles, and on one of these we were able to fly our World Flag, and it looked splendid. Flying from the other poles were the Australian and the Chadstone flags.

On the left, after entering by the large glass door, were blue and white peg-boards holding most amusing and interesting peanut and pipe-cleaner models made by Cadets. Then came the Brownie handcrafts, beautifully executed. These handcrafts, especially the nature pieces, created much interest.

On the far wall hung a mural — painted in blue on a white background—it depicted Our Ark in London, the Chalet in Switzerland, and Our Cabana in Mexico. In front of this was a collection of dolls dressed to represent Brownies and Guides of other countries, and a Brownie Toadstool and a pool.

On the left-hand side stood a figure dressed as a Sea Ranger, and coloured discs suspended from the ceiling. There was a disc for each member-country of the World Association, and on each disc was the name of the country and the year in which Guiding started there.

On the opposite side was a marvellous model Campsite, complete in every detail, made to scale by Cadets.

In front of another glass wall were large display boards holding some of our collection of superb photographs showing every Branch of the Movement. These were greatly admired by the general public.

In between these stands were hung wire forms dressed in uniforms of Brownie, Guide and Senior Branch — with mop heads amusingly draped for hair styles and complete with appropriate head gear.

On the fourth glass wall were some more peg-boards displaying models of the activities of the Senior Branch, with a marvellous setting in one corner of ships on a fibre glass ocean set out by Sea Rangers. Port and

starboard lights and a wheel rounded off this display.

In the centre of the hall, on a grass mat, was a large plaster model of a figure of Guiding we named "Matilda"! Round this the Brownies, Guides and Rangers made their gadgets when the weather was too boisterous to go outside.

On the lawns outside we were able to erect our tent, and on the last Saturday morning, in glorious sunshine, we had a Brownie Pack Meeting, and CROWDS and CROWDS of visitors.

One afternoon, the Premier's wife, Mrs. H. E. Bolte, came to visit us, and the Brownies and Guides formed a guard of honour and presented her with a bouquet of blue iris and golden daffodils.

So many people helped to make this Exhibition a success — both Guide folk of all ages, and others who had had no connection with us. To ALL these people we want to say a sincere THANK YOU.

IRENE A. WALLACE.

THE GUIDER OF THE FUTURE?

A Hungarian technician named Jozsef Fuzez has invented a robot lecturer which can give a talk, accompanied by music and illustrated with pictures flashed on a screen, ask questions of the audience and even organise a quiz game.

The mechanism of the robot is, basically, quite simple. A magnetic tape incorporated in the machine reproduces the voice and musical sound effects. At a given signal on the tape, inaudible to the listening group, the robot's film projector flashes pictures on to a small screen to illustrate a point. The projector also flashes questions on the screen, suggesting three possible answers. To indicate the correct one, each member of the audience presses one of three buttons on an individual apparatus no bigger than a match-box, which is linked to the machine by wire. The robot waits for the right answer, notes the number of the box which signalled it, and then continues the lecture.

If fed with a series of questions and answers, the robot will organise a quiz game with as many participants as it has press-button reply boxes. At the end it will indicate the winner by the number of his press-button apparatus. (By courtesy of Unesco.)

H.Q. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence between Headquarters and a metropolitan Local Association will, we know, be of interest to other Local Associations:—

"Dear Headquarters,

At our Executive Meeting I was requested to write and ask if, where the Local Association is purchasing any part of a Guider's uniform, would it be possible for a discount to be granted to us?"

"Dear Local Association,

I acknowledge your letter concerning the purchase of Guiders' uniforms, and regret to have to inform you that it is not possible to assist your Local Association in the way you wish.

However, I am sure that you and your members will appreciate the reason why we cannot help you. So far as our Shop trading is concerned, we live by a very strict rule; namely, that all essential uniform and equipment, etc., is kept to the lowest possible selling price. We aim to make a little or no profit on these goods, which are priced on the cost to us from our suppliers, plus a reasonable percentage to cover selling costs, such as salaries of shop staff, etc.

Our profit from the shop is made in two ways:—

1. On a good turnover, at very low price.
2. By charging a reasonable profit percentage margin on non-essential goods.

Care is always taken to see that the selling prices of all goods are kept to a minimum, and, therefore, you will realise discount has already been allowed, so to speak, in the manner in which our selling prices are fixed.

This particular aspect of Headquarters finance is under the supervision of both the Finance Sub-Committee and the Shop Advisory Committee.

You will, of course, realise that all profits of the Guide Shop are used for the expansion and development of Guiding throughout the State."

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A Guider there was named Tressilda,
Whose life of hard work nearly killed her;
Now she's cheery and bright,
Runs her Company right
With the help that she gets from "Matilda."
(From "Matilda," September, 1924.)

LONE ADVISER'S REPORT

Although there has been considerable fluctuation during the past twelve months, our numbers remain much the same as last year. We have six Guide Companies, five Ranger Companies and the Country Cadet Company.

Lone Guiding is filling an increasing need among girls at boarding schools, though we have now perhaps fewer members who actually live in isolated places, as active Guiding is spreading so rapidly.

At Ranger level, Lones continue to be of great benefit to many, who, though living in large towns, and even the metropolitan area, find it impractical to attend local Company meetings because of inconvenient working hours — such people as nurses, university students, telephonists.

A great many Lone Guides camped last year as guests of active Companies, and a Lone Ranger Camp was held in September which was quite successful, in spite of somewhat disappointing numbers.

Other Lone activities have been Patrol challenges, correspondence with Lones in New Zealand, participation in the Junior Tree Lovers' League and Company good turns. Included among these have been: goods made for the Brotherhood of St. Laurence, money raised to help some aboriginal girls and Christmas gifts made for pensioners.

We are very proud that one of the Victorian Rangers chosen to represent Australia at Britain's Panorama was a member of our Lone Section—Lindsey Pearson of 6th Coy.

Badges gained since the last Report include: One Queen's Guide Award, one First Class Badge, one All-Round Cords, two Little House Emblems, and many others, including Camper, Needlewoman, Artist, Athlete, Friend to Animals, Life Saver, Commonwealth Knowledge, Dairy Maid, First Aid, Hiker, Minstrel, Map Reader, Naturalist and Pioneer. Rangers have gained the Community Bar, Home Service Bar, part one of Ranger Service Star, and one complete Service Star.

Like every other Division, we have our problems, the most pressing one at the moment being Guiders! We have a Guide Captain and two Ranger Captains on the verge of resigning, and no replacements. I

would be glad to hear if anyone could help. Perhaps you wonder what Lone Guiders do: they need to have a thorough knowledge of Guiding, skill and imagination to present it attractively on paper, patience and time to handle the correspondence involved — unfortunately for many of us, this time is the least easy of those requirements to come by. The Captain prepares, each month, three or four copies of a monthly "meeting" (called a budget) to send out to her Company. The budget includes instruction in Test work at various levels, articles of general Guiding interest, such as international news, and Patrol competitions, all of which amounts to about six to eight type-written pages and is often attractively illustrated by sketches and diagrams. Warm thanks are due to those who faithfully carry out this task each month.

Recently we were very pleased to welcome the "Southern Cross" Trefoil Guild into the Lone Section. "Southern Cross" has a wide membership (88), all of whom are contacted by means of budgets in just the same way as our Lone Guide Companies.

The Lone L.A. members have continued to do a wonderful job, supporting the Companies in everything asked of them. Special thanks must go to the Office-Bearers: Mrs. Campbell, Secretary; Mrs. Higgs, Treasurer; Mrs. Long, Equipment Secretary; and Mrs. Berry, Librarian — of whom so much is demanded. As well as being our Treasurer, Mrs. Higgs has become our Publicity Secretary. This is important for us, because, although we are a relatively small section of the Movement, we feel we are significant, and we could expand considerably if more widely known.

BEVERLEY J. STONE.



FAMILIAR SAYINGS !

"Wanted: Lieutenant — our own Lieutenant is on sick leave, and even with her help we want more."

(From "Matilda," June, 1924.)

"The Editorial Committee is anxious to receive any suggestions from readers which will enable them to know how 'Matilda' can be made more interesting and helpful to Guiders"!

(From "Matilda," July, 1929.)

U.N.I.C.E.F.

United Nations Children's Fund depends for its success upon donations. From governments, from organisations (such as Girl Guides) and from YOU, the individual! Where does this money go? How does it help the 57 million starving children in the world today? Perhaps it is difficult for us, with our plenty, to picture what it means to be STARVING! There is the story of the little boy sitting in a doorway, crying bitterly. Someone asked him why he was crying. He stopped sobbing just long enough to say, "It's not my turn to eat today."

Countries needing help from U.N.I.C.E.F. must first request such need, stating their willingness to participate in the particular project which they feel is most urgent. Every project is carefully examined and planned by an international team of experts. Investigations as to the best means of using available resources and money are made. Finally, help comes in many and varied ways. For lack of food is not the only problem U.N.I.C.E.F. deals with. Disease goes hand in hand with hunger. So, to a child in Tunisia, U.N.I.C.E.F. means medicine to cure trachoma, an eye disease which can lead to blindness. To a child in Indonesia, U.N.I.C.E.F. means freedom from the sores of yaws. In scores of countries U.N.I.C.E.F. means networks of maternal and child health clinics. This year, U.N.I.C.E.F. aid will benefit more than 57 million children and mothers.

Of more than one billion children in the world today, two-thirds lack adequate food and protection against disease. If they survive infancy, many are weakened for life. The United Nations Children's Fund is helping economically under-developed countries to improve the health, nutrition and well-being of their children.

U.N.I.C.E.F. provides medicine, milk and equipment, as well as aid for training national personnel; to help children to be better fed, healthier and have a better opportunity to grow to useful productive adulthood.

The purchase of U.N.I.C.E.F. cards is another way of supporting its life-giving work. These cards are available at the U.N. Office in McEwan House. By increasing the sale of these cards we are also contributing to the world-wide efforts of U.N.I.C.E.F. to

make the world a better place for the hungry and disease-ridden children of the world.

N. B. KIRSNER.

UNITED NATIONS DAY OBSERVED IN YARRAM

Upon hearing that the Shire of Alberton did not possess a United Nations Flag, the Division Commissioner wrote asking permission to present to the Shire the gift of a United Nations Flag so that it could be flown on United Nations Day — 24th October. In doing so, it was pointed out that the aims of Guiding in bringing people together, regardless of colour, class or creed, were closely linked with U.N.

The Shire of Alberton was deeply grateful and it is now on record that it shall be an annual Girl Guide ceremony each U.N. Day for a Colour Party to raise this U.N. Flag. It has brought home to our members and the public in this district that it is an important day of observance for all.

VALERIE DAVIES,
Division Commissioner.

UNITED NATIONS EVENING IN ELTHAM

1st Eltham Company was responsible for organising a truly international evening. Each Patrol represented a member-country of the United Nations, collecting interesting material on their chosen country and displaying it attractively. They also made an effort to learn a few words of greeting or something similar in each language and at supertime each Patrol served a "dish" from that country.

Well done, 1st Eltham!

BETH CHAMBERLAIN, Div. Commissioner

UNITED NATIONS RANGER EVENING IN CAULFIELD

Six Rangers of the Caulfield District Ranger Company, who wished to carry out the United Nations clause of their Ranger Star, combined to present a United Nations Evening. To this they invited Miss Dorothy Willis, Director of the United Nations Association in Victoria, Mrs. Rylah, Ranger Adviser and members of several other Ranger Companies.

One Ranger undertook to introduce the subject by giving an outline of the origin and administration of the United Nations.

This was amplified by the showing of films lent by the State Film Centre. Other Rangers followed with talks on the World Health Organisation, the Food and Agricultural Organisation, the International Labour Organisation, United Nations Children's Fund and the International Telecommunication Union. Each of these talks was illustrated with posters, handmade maps, charts and diagrams, giving a wide overall picture of the work encompassed by the United Nations.



REGIONAL CONFERENCE AT KERANG

The first Regional Conference of the Bendigo Region was held recently at Kerang, and opened by Mrs. McDonald, wife of the Shire President.

It was appropriate that the guest speaker should be the Assistant State Commissioner, Mrs. R. G. Orr, whose mother, Mrs. L. Lansell, had been the first Division Commissioner for Bendigo.

Mrs. Orr spoke of the amazing growth of Guiding in Victoria, and of the experiments being carried out in some Divisions to revitalise the Senior Branch. One Division where such an experiment was working was Bendigo.

H.Q.'s aim to bring more training and benefit to country areas was also stressed by Mrs. Orr, and it is hoped that, from Conferences such as these, there will be interchange of ideas and information.

Trainers from H.Q. and the Guide Shop Manageress were able to answer many questions and advise on all sorts of problems. Then Kerang Division served a most delicious afternoon tea!

The theme of the Conference was "Getting to Know You," but everyone present felt that during the day it had become "Glad to Know You," on a very enjoyable occasion.

From MRS. G. RANKIN,
Publicity Secretary, Bendigo.

BALLARAT'S FIRST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Held at Daylesford, about one hundred representatives from Bacchus Marsh, Ballarat and Clunes Divisions were present at this Conference.

A welcome was given to Mrs. R. G. Orr, Assistant State Commissioner; Mrs. Alston, West Metropolitan Commissioner; and Mrs. Rawson of the Guide Shop; and a welcome to Mrs. C. Richardson, of Ballarat, our recently-appointed Regional Chairwoman.

The Conference was attended by the Mayor of Daylesford and the Shire President, who extended a greeting to all those present.

Mrs. Orr spoke on the Regional Scheme now developing in Victoria; told us something of the working and finance of Headquarters; and was able to answer many questions for us.

During the Conference we divided into discussion groups — four L.A. groups and one for Commissioners.

Questions discussed by the L.A. groups were—

1. Social Services to the community that can be carried out by Companies, Packs and individual Guides.
2. The Commissioner-L.A. relationship.
3. The responsibilities of the L.A.
4. The Willing Shilling Drive.

The results of these discussions, and those from the general discussions contributed by the Commissioners' group, proved very helpful and interesting when brought back to the full meeting.

Mrs. Bell, of Camperdown Division, spoke to us on the "Plan Evergreen," and the subject brought forward much favourable comment.

Question Box was dealt with very capably by Mrs. Orr; and the "shop" set up by Mrs. Rawson did a brisk trade.

Daylesford's temperature on the day of the Conference was very low, but this was fully offset by the magnificent hospitality of the Daylesford L.A. and the warmth of friendship among everyone present. It all contributed to a very happy day.

M. A. BUCKNALL,
Division Commissioner, Clunes.



Last month we asked you to send in ideas that might help in our planning for next year.

One Division has done even better than that, and has sent us the complete story of a successful roadside project.

TREE-PLANTING IN BARWON DIVISION

In Jubilee Year the Guides and Brownies of Barwon Division decided to plant some trees to celebrate. An overpass had just been completed at Corio on the main Geelong to Melbourne road. It was suggested that a plantation in this area could be seen by all travelling either by road or by rail. The Country Roads Board readily agreed to allocate a suitable area and to procure suitable Australian trees.

It was a coincidence that the area took 51 trees, which was the exact number of Companies and Packs in the Division at the time. Each Pack and Company contributed 5/-, and this money not only paid for the trees, but also went towards a plaque to be erected later.

A tree-planting ceremony was held on Saturday morning, 17th September, 1960, and all trees were planted simultaneously by representatives of each Company and Pack, after instruction from Country Roads Board officers. Guides and Brownies were asked to take notice of the name and location of their special trees and watch their growth.

Many Companies have hiked to the plantation and everyone who travels to Melbourne notices the wonderful progress made by the trees, which are all clearly labelled and cared for by the Country Roads Board. The thanks of all in the Division are due to the Board and its officers for their enthusiasm and practical support of this project.

On the second anniversary of the planting of the trees, the Division will go to the plantation again as a group, and, as well as seeing the trees, inspect the plaque which is set in a natural rock obtained from the You Yangs. The inscription on the plaque is:—

"These trees were planted by Barwon Division Girl Guides on 17th September, 1960, to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the foundation of the Girl Guide Movement."

How well this story illustrates the importance of careful planning and close co-operation with roadside authorities.

Another point is that obviously the right trees were chosen to suit the locality and they were correctly planted.

To help with this side of EVERGREEN planning, the Natural Resources Conservation League is arranging a special one-day school for us at their Springvale Nurseries. (This is in addition to the outing on 28th October following the Guiders' Conference.) At the school — 7th November, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. — there will be instruction and practical demonstrations of tree-planting know-how.

This time you bring your own lunch, and tea will be provided at no charge by the League staff.

Please send word through your Division Commissioner by 28th October if you would like to attend the one-day school.

MEREDITH BELL,

Chairman, Plan Evergreen.

(Drawing by Hilary Jackman)

PARAGRAPHS OF INTEREST

Stawell—Many Divisions will envy Stawell their recent Ceremony — when four new Brownie Guiders were enrolled. Mrs. M. Scarsi, Mrs. Redman, Mrs. M. Kennedy and Mrs. J. Baxendale were welcomed together into the Movement by their District Commissioner.

Great Western—The Brownies are sending a doll dressed in Brownie uniform to Brownie Martina Ecki of Germany. This will be a Christmas present for Martina, whom the Brownies of the Division help to support through the "Save the Children Fund."

Stawell—Stawell Brownies and Guides are holding a special tree-planting ceremony at their Guide Hall. A preview, perhaps, of Plan Evergreen?



WHAT — AND HOW — DO WE THINK ?

THE BROWNIE PACK

Pow Wow

In Pow Wow only one Brownie speaks at a time and each Brownie's opinion is heard by the Pack. Where necessary a vote is taken.

Subjects for discussion in Pow Wow are almost numberless and might include: 1: Plans for Pack good turn, Pack Holiday, Christmas party, picnic, etc. 2: State of Pack finances, e.g., can new rope be bought? 3: Planning a ceremony (to welcome a Commissioner) or the next Fly-Up (is it to be by sputnik?) 4: Account by Pack Leader of Company's exciting doings, such as District Challenge, Camp, supper hike. 5: Notices from Brown Owl.

Pow Wow is also the time for the Brownie Guider to tell her stories.

Of course, all these discussions will not be included in each Pow Wow. Where the Brownies can make their own decisions Brown Owl should try to hold back her opinion, but sometimes she may need to press home a point they have missed.

Once the Brownies take their share in Pow Wow they will feel the Pack is theirs and will be ready at eleven to take part in Patrol in Council and to understand the working of the Court of Honour.

THE GUIDE COMPANY

Court of Honour

Guide Company government, like British government, is established in form. Elected representatives meet and decide on action to be taken. It is democratic and there is no place, therefore, for a Dictator. At Court of Honour Captain is the Chairman who conducts matters in a business-like way—she does not use the occasion for issuing orders!

What can be expected of P.Ls. as members of Court of Honour?

1. To bring accurate, written notes on (a) progress of Patrol; (b) suggestions for future activities; (c) findings on matters discussed in Patrol or Council.
2. To make accurate notes of Court of Honour findings and report back to Patrols.
3. To speak (a) for their Patrols; and (b) for themselves as responsible members of the Court of Honour — and to distinguish between these two things.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE RANGER AND CADET COMPANY

The Ranger or Cadet Company should be administered by its members for its members, but what suits one Company will not necessarily suit another, and, in fact, what is the most effective method for one Company today may not be so in a year's time. One of the objects of Ranger or Cadet training is to encourage girls to form and express their own opinions; therefore there must be some mechanism in the Company's administration to effect this. This may be done:

1. Through the Company in Council

The whole Company sits in Council with a prepared agenda which the Rangers or Cadets have had time to consider. The Council should have a chairman (who may or may not be a Ranger Guider), a secretary, minutes from the previous meeting, and a treasurer's statement of Company funds up to date. The Council is kept sufficiently informed for members to feel they can express their opinions freely, but formal enough for them to learn good committee procedure, which will serve them in later life.

Value of this Method

- (1) Everyone has had time to consider the subjects coming up for discussion and form opinions on them.
- (2) Everyone hears the views of everybody else.
- (3) Decisions can be taken immediately.
- (4) The members gain experience in committee procedure.
- (5) It is a change to a more adult method of administration for girls coming up from the Guide Company.
- (6) It is the obvious method for a Company which is not running in Patrols.

Disadvantages

- (1) In a large Company this may occupy considerable time.
- (2) Shy girls may not have the courage to express their opinions.
- (3) Unless the chairman is strong and experienced, time may be wasted while a few girls speak too often and too much and the whole Council meeting may drag on through long minutes and a long agenda.

2. Through simple informal discussions with the whole Company.

This method may be used to supplement (1) when matters of immediate importance crop up between formal Company in Council meetings. Here either the Captain or the Company Secretary or any other Ranger or Cadet who has something she wishes to put to the Company may ask for time to bring up a problem, give notices of a forthcoming event, or discuss some point connected with a hike, camp or any other Company business.

Value of this Method

- (1) This speeds up administration — any controversial matter can be referred to the next Company in Council meeting, while, on other occasions, immediate decisions can be taken.
- (2) In this less formal atmosphere, shy girls will be less afraid to speak.
- (3) Where matters are to be referred to Company in Council or to Court of Honour, a preliminary hearing of other peoples' points of view may help Rangers or Cadets to decide their own line of thinking.

Disadvantages

- (1) There may be a tendency for a Company to make decisions at this informal meeting without the matters arising being given proper thought or without full information on them being available.
- (2) If this method becomes the only one by which the Company is run, no experience in committee procedure is gained, and unless the Guider or Ranger or Cadet who has introduced a subject for discussion keeps careful record herself, decisions may be lost or forgotten.

3. Through Patrols in Council and Court of Honour

Where a Company works in Patrols the leaders (working with copies of the same agenda given them by the Captain), run Patrol meetings in small groups and bring forward the Patrol ideas to a meeting of the Court of Honour with the Guider. Findings are taken back to the next Patrol meeting.

Value of this Method

- (1) Gives good example of representative government.
- (2) Gives shy members a better opportunity to express their opinions and argue with that of others.
- (3) Gives more members the opportunity of chairing and controlling a meeting.

Disadvantages

- (1) For the ex-Guide there is no change from the method in the Guide Company.
- (2) A slow method where no immediate decisions can be taken.
- (3) Minority views may never be heard by the Guider.
- (4) The Guider has no opportunity to see how the members of the Company (other than the Patrol Leaders), can formulate and express their opinions.
- (5) The method can break down if the Leaders are not able to control their group discussions and bring a clear report of their findings to Court of Honour.

4. A combination of two or more of the preceding methods.

Where informal Company meetings are held occasionally to deal with immediate minor matters and give out notices; Patrol meetings or group discussions can be held at other times when Patrol Leaders or temporarily-appointed Group Leaders will meet subsequently with the

Guiders to pass on the findings of the group; a general Company in Council two or three times a year to deal with major matters affecting the Company. (From these Company in Council meetings, sub-committees can be formed to organise matters such as Thinking Day Ceremony, Company Camp, money raising efforts, etc.)

It should be realised that the foregoing methods are only an outline of suggestions. These can be put to the Rangers or Cadets, who may, from them, decide on the way in which they would like to run their Company. Captains should remember that these decisions, once made, need to be frequently reviewed, not only as the girls in her Company change, but as their outlook may alter from month to month. It is also possible that a method on which they have decided may turn out to be cumbersome or boring to them and the opportunity should be regularly given them to review their earlier decisions.

CAPTAIN'S JOB

1. To **train** P.Ls.
 2. To give time for Patrols in Council and reporting back.
 3. To **train** the secretary to write accurate minutes.
 4. To prepare an explicit agenda which P.Ls. can understand.
 5. To understand which matters P.Ls. can **not** be expected to decide because they have not the knowledge or experience needed for clear judgment.
- and finally
6. To "let them make mistakes — but not to let them crash!"

WOMEN TRADE UNIONISTS IN MALAYA

Twenty-seven women took part in a training course organised recently in Kuala Lumpur by the Malayan Trade Union Organisation and the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions in Asia. The course was intended to give women workers, whose numbers are rapidly increasing in Asian countries, a better knowledge of trade union techniques so that they may ensure for themselves decent working conditions.

(By courtesy of Unesco.)

SKIPPING

For those Guiders who wish to help their Brownies to skip well, the following points may be useful:—

The Rope

The thing of first importance is that the rope should be long enough. When the arms are held straight sideways the rope should just fall across the ankles.

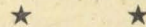
Backward skipping, rather than forward skipping, helps to improve the general carriage of the body. Arms should be held straight, but not stiffly, sideways, the turning movement coming mainly from the wrists. When the body is in the air there should be a stretch from head to toe. The ankles and knees should be relaxed on touching the ground. A plain skip is one where there is a high spring and a rebound to one turn of the rope. As soon as the plain skipping steps are well done, Brownies will be delighted to skip some dancing steps, either inventing their own or doing some of the simple steps which have been suggested for the First Class Test.

A rhythmic motion is, of course, very important in skipping. The music, whether it be provided by piano, or even by singing, adds tremendously to the enjoyment. Brownies can skip beautifully if they are given some guidance. Skipping, of course, should be done outside whenever possible.

Here is a special Brownie rhyme:

"I am a Brownie dressed in brown,
These are the actions down in town,
Stand at ease, bend your knees,
Salute Brown Owl and bow to the Queen,
Never turn your back on the Union Jack
and out-you-go."

—D.M.



NEWS OF BROWNSEA ISLAND

Browsea Island, known to all Guides as the site of the "experimental" Scouting Camp, was to be developed extensively.

Now we learn that the island has been accepted by the Treasury (England) in part payment of death duties. The Treasury has handed the island on to the National Trust, and a public appeal is to be made for funds for upkeep.

OUR WILDFLOWERS

"October, the maiden of bright yellow tresses,
Loiters for love in these cool wildernesses."
(Kendall)

I have found some of the first wildflowers—have you? They bring back some wonderful memories.

I think quite a number of our native plants are flowering late this year, especially orchids. When I stopped to look at the Wildflower Sanctuary at Cranbourne in August, pink Beard-Heath was bursting into bloom; and outside the Sanctuary fence were plenty of Greenhoods, both the Nodding and the Little Trim. It was pleasing to know that Guides were coming to weed the Sanctuary that day.

Now is the time to look for the purple Chocolate Lilies with their fragrant chocolate scent. These flowers close soon after picking. Near relations are the Vanilla Lilies, so called because of their vanilla perfume. The pale Vanilla Lily is slightly taller, but the flowers are smaller and paler than the Chocolate Lily. The small Vanilla Lily has smaller flowers again, and darker. All have slightly fringed flowers.

One of the most intriguing plants of spring time is the well-known Trigger Plant, with pinkish flowers. The stamens and pistil are united in a slender greenish column. If you look closely at a Trigger Plant flower you will notice that the straight column is bent, just below the top, to form a trigger-like knob. At the bottom it is sensitive to touch, and when the pollen is ripe it springs sideways, dusting any visiting insect with pollen. Children like to see this happen, and sometimes use a pin! The tall flower stems rise from a grassy rosette of leaves, and may be from 1-3 feet high. Trigger Plants grow on heathlands, as well as on green flats and hill-sides. You will often see them in country railway enclosures.

Boronias are in flower now. I remember finding my first wild Boronias in the Grampians during a nature study camp, both the pinks and the blue.

October Orchids include the Mayfly, which has two or three dark red flowers, with tailed sepals. Diuris is the name of another group which has two narrow hanging sepals, often crossed below the flower. A more popular name is "Double Tails."



DIURUS ORCHID

(Block by courtesy of the Native Plants Preservation Society of Victoria.)

The Wallflower Diurus may be 18 inches high, with brown and claret flowers, that from a distance resemble Wallflowers. The pale yellow Snake Orchid, *Diurus Pedunculata*, has one or two flowers — it resembles a snake about to strike. Golden Moths is another name for this eight-inch high Orchid.

Golden Guinea Flower is one of our gayest spring flowers. There are several varieties — some creeping, and some erect. The flowers are a lovely clear yellow — "Golden Guineas" — and there are five petals which quickly fall.

Stackhousia is another pretty wildflower with numerous creamy flowers on a long stalk, a popular name is Scented Candles. In moist places by the creek you may find little wild Violets, and coastal Teatree is a mass of snow white bloom.

—J.H.

GUIDE GAME

Give each Patrol some magazines ("Women's Weeklies" are good for the purpose), scissors, pencil and sheet of cardboard with pins, glue or dux tape.

In an allotted time, each Patrol makes a poster with ten pictures, one to illustrate each Law.

Discussion may follow on the best illustrations used and the best planned poster.

STAMPS — AND WHAT TO DO WITH THEM; or THE 9th GUIDE LAW IN PRACTICE

Guides and Guiders have written asking how they can help with stamp collecting, and if YOUR Company or Pack has not had a personal reply, please read and keep the following hints for future reference.

1. SAVE and collect stamps from friends, neighbours, business people; in fact, anyone who will save them for you. Be sure to pick the stamps up regularly and at a time convenient to the folk who are helping, for their "good turn" deserves that we practice our 5th (courteous) Law.
2. SORT the stamps into their different kinds and discard all torn, too heavily post-marked, or otherwise damaged stamps.
3. SOAK stamps off their paper backing, using a shallow dish, clean water for each batch, and being careful to get all the old gum off, also. Do not let blue backed paper get into the water, as the blue dye runs and can ruin all the wet stamps. Peel the blue paper off carefully, or soak these stamps quickly in a separate dish.
4. DRY stamps face down on clean blotting paper (overnight).
5. PACK the now clean and sorted stamps into USED window faced envelopes, (any other USED envelopes will do if the contents are clearly marked). Put only one kind of stamp in each envelope, as this saves many hours of sorting.
6. SEND parcels of stamps to: Miss L. E. Cuzens, "Lyndon," 12 Cowderoy Street, St. Kilda, S.2; or leave them at Guide Headquarters Office, 20 Russell Street, if you are in the City.

(Note: The scrap paper you will have from the stamps can be packed into old flour, tea or other cartons, and added to the waste paper collectors' bag.)

THANKS are extended to all who have sent used stamps lately; space does not permit listing of names.

LORNA E. CUZENS,
Honorary Organiser for Stamps.

DON'T WORRY !

Become a Lone Guider

Two Ranger Guiders urgently needed
Please contact:—

Mrs. A. Stone,
Box 397, Ballarat.



(Block by courtesy of
"The Australian Stamp Monthly")

GIRL SCOUT STAMP

Guide philatelists will be interested to know that on 24th July a Girl Scout Commemorative Stamp was to be issued by the United States of America.

The stamp, depicting a Senior Girl Scout in uniform with a background of part of the American Flag, was to be first issued at Button Bay, scene of the 50th anniversary Senior Round-up.



We climbed the height by the zigzag path
And wondered why until
We understood it was made zigzag
To break the force of the hill.

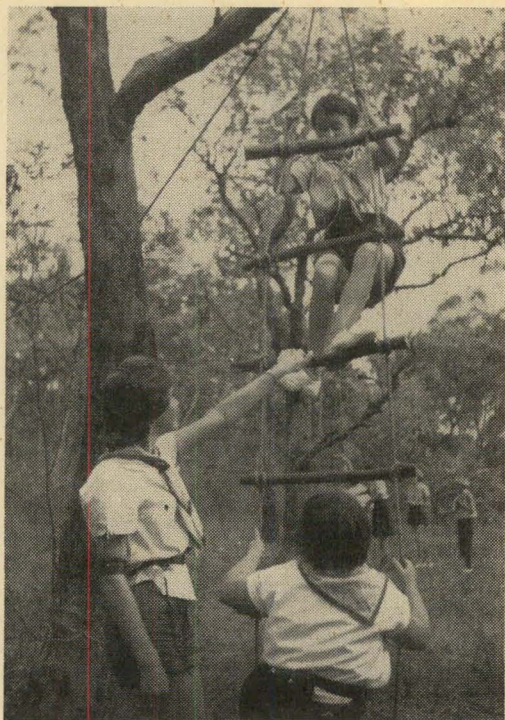
A road straight up would prove too steep
For the traveller's feet to tread;
The thought was kind in its wise design
Of a zigzag path instead.

It is often so in our daily life;
We fail to understand
That the twisting way our feet must tread
By love alone was planned.

Then murmur not at the winding way,
It is our Father's will
To lead us home by the zigzag path,
To break the force of the hill.

—Anonymous.

(Printed in "Meditations Under the Sky"—
D. W. Pease, published by Abingdon Press)



WAVERLEY DIVISION FIELD DAY

Three bus loads of Guides and Guiders travelled to Guide House, arriving there just before eleven o'clock to find a beautiful, sunny, still day, enhancing, if possible, the Guide House setting.

The day was planned around a theme — one of our own aboriginal legends, "The Fire Bird." This tells how a small bird helped the aborigines obtain the sticks with which to make fire.

The story had been told at Company meetings well beforehand, and the Guides had all made and decorated their own Camp scarves and woggles.

The theme was adapted to the various activities, which were in three groups — rope work, mapping and compass, and a wide game.

Rope Work.—Rope bridges (made with the aid of a Scouter husband and a Scout son), to get the tribe across the crocodile-infested waters. Ladders, so they could climb the trees to see the way to the fire sticks, and Life Line, to save the members of the tribe if they fell into the rivers.

Mapping and Compass.—Here the Patrols were each provided with a map — made by the scouts of the tribe — and it was their job to record the food and water in the area as they passed through.

Wide Game.—Four Patrols with coloured arm bands were taken to different points and they had to stalk through the bushland to the base of the Patrol opposite, trying to gain the Fire Sticks. If caught by an enemy they lost their arm band and had to return to base for a new one. To gain this, the girls had to set a fire or do simple First Aid, and could then rejoin the game.

The day started with the Horseshoe and Colour Ceremony, and ended with a Camp Fire, and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

As a great deal of initial planning is needed for a Field Day, any Division wishing to use our plans as a starting point for their own would be very welcome.

—L.J.D.

TO GUIDERS EVERYWHERE

I've danced around a Toadstool bright,
I've shivered on the coldest night,
I've plaited, hopped, told Brownie Lore
And sent a word in semaphore.

With fires to light and beds to make
And knots to learn; a pal to take
On hiking trips; to cook a stew
And learn the Guiding way right through.

With weary limbs and heart aglow
I turn my thoughts to Campcraft now.
I learn to live in tents and sing
And make the moonlight really ring.

So, Guiders, when you feel quite blue,
And want to say that you are through,
Take each small smile, each friendly hand
And add another to our band.

For each small task you do today
Helps spread some sunshine on the way,
To make this world a peaceful place
To foster love through every race.

—From a well-worn Commissioner,
Deer Park.

GUIDERS' CONFERENCE, 1962

Full details were posted to all Commissioners before the end of August, in time for consideration at September District Guiders' Meetings.

A reminder that details of hospitality, either offered by Metropolitan Guiders, or required by Country Guiders, should be sent **immediately** to Mrs. T. A. Alston, Oaklands Junction. Nominations for Guider representatives on the State Council must reach Miss Macartney, at Headquarters, by 12th October, and by the same date, **no later**, she should receive the forms from Country Districts whose Guiders wish to apply for concession fares. Have you already answered the circular about the Sunday trip?

Questions for Question Box can be sent to me beforehand, at 15 Kent Street, Kew.

Conference date — 27th October.

Place — The Old Arts Building (yellow stone with square clock tower), Melbourne University.

Saturday morning — Training for all Branches (see Circular).

Afternoon — Opening. Mrs. Fairbairn.

Talk — Miss Barfus.

Branch Time in four groups.

Voting and Notices.

Evening — Question Box; Session on Miming; Sing Song.

Guiders must bring, or go out for, their own lunch and tea, but tea to drink, milk and sugar, will be available at lunch time, afternoon tea (with biscuits) and at tea time. Please bring your own cup.

Conference fee, payable at entry on arrival, 3/- each. Guide Shop staff will be there with their wares.

ENID BUNNING, Convener.

GUIDERS' OUTING — SUNDAY, 28th OCTOBER

Members of the Natural Resources Conservation League have agreed to give us their time on this day.

At their Nursery in Springvale Road they will show us the work being done, and lunch will be provided. From the Nursery we shall travel to the Dandenong Community Forest.

Transport:

By train. Catch 9.48 train from number 6 and 7 platforms, Flinders Street. Buy return ticket to Dandenong, but get off at Springvale.

Bus from the Nursery to Dandenong Community Forest and return to Dandenong Station will cost 2/6.

By car: The N.R.C.L. Nursery is in Springvale Road, about 2 miles south of Springvale Station. We would be grateful if some car drivers could reach the station about 10.30 a.m. to help transport train travellers to the Nursery.

Lunch:

A soup and salad luncheon will be provided by the N.R.C.L. for 5/-. Guiders may bring their own cut lunch if they prefer.

If you have not already applied to attend this outing through your District Commissioner, contact me immediately if you are interested.

M. H. MELLOR, Guide Headquarters.

CAMP FIRE SONGS ON RECORD

We have pleasure in announcing that the Guide Choir has recently made a Record of Camp Fire Songs, and this will be on sale in our Guide Shop shortly, at about 17/- for the 7-inch disc.

The songs on the record are:—Camp Fire Opening (Sussex); International Camp Song; Land of the Silver Birch; The World Song; Hali Ho; All Night, All Day; Ho! Every Sleeper Waken; Swinging Along; Foxlease Vesper; Taps.

Congratulations to the Choir Leader, Mrs. Clarke, and the Choir for their excellent work!

WILDFLOWER DAY

There will be a Wildflower Day for Guiders and Commissioners conducted by members of the Field Naturalists Society of Victoria, on Sunday, 18th November, 1962. Full details will be announced at the Guiders' Conference on 27th October, and in the November edition of "Matilda."

CYNTHIA M. WALKER, Training Adviser.

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If you found you went home from the Commissioners' Training on 3rd July with a beret too small for you, please contact:

Mrs. Joan Downward,

24 Herbert St., Mornington.

Mrs. Downward has the bigger one.



GUIDE GUIDERS

Do you ever read to your Guides any information about what Rangers and Cadets are doing?

Do you suddenly say to them when they are about 15½, "Are you going to Rangers?" without ever having helped them to understand what fun the Senior Branch can be?

If you look through this copy of "Matilda" you will find that the Seniors are going to camp in Sydney next May, where there will be horse-riding, boating, mountain climbing, etc.; Air Rangers are spending a whole day behind the scenes at Essendon Airport; Land Rangers and Cadets (and probably others) will be commandeering a whole train and travelling around Victoria at Easter!

If your 11, 12 or 13 year-olds were being told these things now and told them regularly and often they would be looking forward to coming on to the Senior Branch during all the time they are Guides. You may have been guilty of not doing this in the past, but this would be a good time to pull yourself up and remember your Branch is only the middle section of three, and it is not only important for a girl's training that she should learn as much as possible and enjoy herself while in the Guide Branch, but it is also of vital importance (if your work is not to be wasted) that she should move on to the Senior Branch when she reaches that stage of her development. Telling your Guides regularly what Seniors are doing is one way of ensuring this.

REMINDER — MOOT KARINGAL

A reminder about Moot Karingal — the All-Australian Senior Branch Camp, N.S.W., 10th-17th May, 1963.

Remember, applications have to be in to Miss Margaret Callister, 27 Queen's Parade, Ashwood, before 1st January, 1963, and you are asked to notify which of the following activities you would like to nominate to do: Horse-riding, Boating, Overnight Hike, Woodcraft, Blue Mountains Adventure, Cruise round Sydney Harbour, Tour of Historical Buildings.

EASTER ROVING TRAIN TREK

During Easter, 1963, a "Roving Train Trek" is being arranged for all Rangers, though priority in this case will be given to Land Ranger applications.

During this Trek, Rangers will live on board the train, sleeping in sleeping bags and eating sometimes on the bank of a creek where the train has been run into a siding to let us have a "cook-out," sometimes in railway refreshment rooms, and sometimes (we hope) by the hospitality of towns through which we will pass. The cost, as far as we know at present, should not exceed £7/10/- plus food — probably £9 overall. Further information about applications will be given later. This is just a warning to keep your Easter free.

Details are, naturally, not yet finalised, but it is anticipated the train (our own train) will leave Melbourne early on the morning of Good Friday and return late on Easter Monday.

GIRL SCOUT LEADER FROM U.S.A.

On Friday, 12th October, from 7.45 p.m. to 10 p.m., Miss Evans, the visiting Girl Scout Leader, will talk to Senior Branch members on "Outdoor Activities of Senior Girl Scouts," to be followed by question time.

Could Companies, Crews and Flights think of any questions they may want to ask on any aspect of Girl Scouting in U.S.A.

Supper will be provided, and admission is by silver coin.

ALL SENIOR BRANCH MEMBERS WILL FIND THIS A STIMULATING EVENING.

TO ALL AIR RANGERS

A Training Day has been arranged with T.A.A. at Essendon Airport for Saturday, 17th November, 1962. The programme is as follows:

9.30 a.m.: Arrive at the Airport Terminal, Essendon, and report to Miss Watson.

1. A Ground Hostess will give information to the group on duties carried out on ground duty.
2. Visit Hostess Post Supervisor's office, to be shown a roster and have it explained to them.
3. Visit the Hostess' Lounge.
4. Visit T.A.A. Movement Control Room.
5. Visit V.C.A. Control Tower in two groups —one at 10 a.m. and the second at 10.30 a.m.

6. Go aboard as many aircraft as available on the tarmac, under the guidance of an air hostess.
7. Visit T.A.A. Catering Service.
8. Luncheon in the "Mock-up" Room, served as on board an aircraft, with Rangers acting as Air Hostesses.
9. Visit the Link Trainer Section and have a mock "flight" in the Link Trainer.
10. Practical demonstration of—
 - (a) Life jackets.
 - (b) Oxygen apparatus.
 - (c) Fire extinguishers.
 - (d) Stretcher harness.
11. Question time.

Would Flights please notify me by 1st November of names and numbers attending?

As it may not be possible to organise a day such as this again for some time, would country Flights (Mildura and Latrobe Valley) make every effort to get down. I suggest that Local Associations may be willing to assist with finance, and hospitality can certainly be arranged overnight at this end, if required. If hospitality is required, please state clearly exactly of what nature and for how long, and let me know this as soon as as possible.

A. F. RYLAH, Senior Branch Adviser.

SENIOR BRANCH TRAINING

In response to requests made at the Senior Branch Conference, the following Trainings were arranged:—

Thursday, 4th October, "The Basic Needs of the 15-18 year-old Girl." Trainer: Miss M. Watson.

This evening would have interested all Senior Branch Guiders and all Commissioners, whilst Guide Guiders would have found it helpful in handling their older Guides and encouraging them to move up into the Senior Branch.

Thursday, 18th October — 7.30-9.30 p.m. "Ideas for Running a Small Company in the Senior Branch." Trainer: Miss R. Kirsner.

Thursday, 8th November, 7.30-9.30 p.m. "Starting a New Senior Branch Unit." Trainer: Mrs. A. G. Rylah.

The Training on 18th October should interest most Senior Branch Guiders and all Commissioners.

The Training on 8th November should interest all Commissioners who have not yet a Senior Branch Unit in their Districts, and all Division Commissioners.

Guiders may attend all sessions, or one night only, as they wish. Applications should be forwarded to Mrs. F. Roffey, Training Secretary, Headquarters, one week prior to commencement. Late applications may be considered. Fee—1/- per night.

CYNTHIA M. WALKER, Training Adviser.

SENIOR BRANCH COMMANDO WEEKEND

Where? Rowallan Camp Site.

Cost? £2/10/-.

Transport? Leave Guide Headquarters at 6.30 p.m. by bus on Friday, 24th November. Return to Headquarters at 6 p.m. on Sunday, 26th November.

What to bring? Cut tea for Friday; food for all Saturday's meals, and Sunday breakfast and lunch; hike tent to sleep in, as this is a lightweight weekend; a set of old clothes.

Units have already had a preliminary notice of this, and any other enquiries will be dealt with by Miss M. Woodlock, Flat 3, 141 Kooyong Road, Armadale.

CAMPING DEPARTMENT

ICE CHESTS WANTED !

Have you any tucked away, and unwanted, that you would like to donate to the Guide House for the Campsites? If so, Mrs. C. M. Williamson, 6 Haines Street, Cheltenham — phone 93 2467 — would be pleased to hear from you.

M. McDONALD, Camping Adviser.



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.

BROWNIE BETTY ANSWERS — DO YOU AGREE ?

1. Yes.
2. No, there is no set size, but it must be a useful article, including the decoratively tacked hem.
3. Most do at least a little of each, but only one is required for the test.

TRAINING TAPES:—

MAPPING AND COLOUR CEREMONIAL

A complete set of six tapes, consisting of:—

1. Introduction to Mapping; Conventional Signs.
2. Name; Adjoining Maps; Scale; Colours; Sheet number; North; Magnetic North; Setting a Map.
3. Date; Measuring distance.
4. Conventional Signs.
5. Contours.
6. Grid Reference.

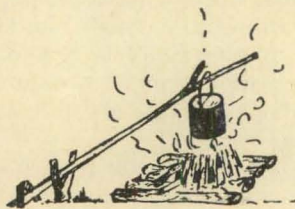
is available for hire from Training Department at 2/6 each — 15/- the complete set.

Also available for hire at 1/- each, or 10/- per dozen:—

Ordnance Maps (Yan Yean and Meredith) to which particular reference is made in the tapes.

Also available: Tape on "Colour Ceremonial." Fee, 2/6. Slides, plus commentary on "Colour Ceremonial," 5/- per set.

CYNTHIA M. WALKER, Training Adviser.



A SUMMER TRAINING WEEK for Guiders (Brownie, Guide and Senior Branch), will be held at Guide House, Yarra Junction, from Friday, 28th December, 1962, to Friday, 4th January, 1963.

The fee will be £5/10/-; deposit, £1; fares, 8/- single. The Guider-in-Charge will be Miss S. McLeod.

Applications from those wishing to attend should be forwarded to Mrs. F. Roffey, Training Secretary, Guide Headquarters, before 1st December, 1962.

CYNTHIA M. WALKER, Training Adviser.

A General Course for Guide Guiders will be held at Headquarters from Tuesday, 2nd October to 13th November — 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The Guider-in-Charge will be Mrs. J. Moors.

Application forms from those wishing to attend must be forwarded to the Training Secretary, c/o Headquarters, immediately.

CYNTHIA M. WALKER, Training Adviser.

BROWNIE BETTY

One day, several months before Christmas, Brown Owl asked which Brownies would like to make handkerchief sachets for their mothers for Christmas. Eight Brownies, including Betty, said they would, so the following week Brown Owl brought pieces of firm cotton material in plain colours 18 inches by 15 inches. Betty chose a light blue, and Brown Owl told her to turn a hem about ½-inch wide along one side and tack it with white cotton. She said that it didn't matter about the size of the stitches as long as the hem was straight, and they held the edges neatly turned under. It took Betty three attempts and quite a lot of advice to get the hem straight, but at last it was done and the second side seemed much easier, while the ends, being shorter, were, as Betty put it, "simple." She made the hem at one end a little wider than the others—that was to be the front flap.

All this had taken the work part of two meetings, and on the third week, Betty began her decorative tacking. She chose red and yellow cottons and was very surprised when Brown Owl told her that the right side was the one with the hems turned onto it. She began in red with stitches about ¼-inch long and the same distance apart along the outer edge of the side hem; and Brown Owl said that she was going well, and to be sure to keep the stitches even. Betty said, "Yes, Brown Owl," but somehow the stitches and spaces got longer and longer and when Brown Owl looked again, she suggested that it might be better to pull them out back to where they started getting bigger. Sadly Betty unthreaded her needle and pulled out more than half of what she had done. Later, some of her stitches wandered away from the edge, and again Brown Owl suggested going back and getting them perfect. That only meant going back a couple of inches, and Betty did it fairly cheerfully, and when she found her stitches getting bigger again, she went back without being told about it.

Brown Owl had told Betty to leave the wider hem till last, and when Betty had tacked round the other three sides she began

on the inner edge of the hems to give each stitch a partner.

"Tell me when you come to a corner," said Brown Owl, "and I'll show you how to keep your stitches in pairs." With the other stitches to copy it was easy to keep to the right size, and at the corner, Brown Owl told her to take two tiny stitches; and she soon had pairs of red stitches round three sides and had finished off neatly on the wrong side and pulled out the white tacking.

"Now comes the exciting part," said Brown Owl, when Betty had threaded her needle with yellow; and she told her to start at the beginning of the first outer red stitch and go across to the end of the opposite stitch, then to come up at the beginning of the second outside stitch and down at the end of its partner, so that each pair of stitches was turned into an N shape. Betty then had the choice of leaving it like that or going round again to make a yellow cross between each pair of red stitches. She chose to do the crosses, and began at the start of the first inner stitch and went to the end of its partner. She noticed that when the stitches were even a little longer the crosses got bigger and uneven stitches made lopsided crosses; and she was glad she'd pulled out her very big and uneven work.

Some of the other Brownies were doing the same stitch as Betty, others had crosses or single sloping stitches in the spaces between the pairs of stitches. When Betty began on her wider hem, she decided to do her pairs of stitches in the yellow, making them a little bigger than on the other sides, and she was very careful to keep them even and straight. She decided, too, to make the red crosses in between the pairs of yellow stitches, so began at the end of the first outer stitch and went to the start of the second inner one. It did look nice when it was finished; Betty felt very proud.

Next, Brown Owl told her to thread her needle with blue to match her sachet and to strengthen each corner with a few tiny stitches, then to fold the end with the narrow hem up just over two-thirds of the length; so that the other end, which was the flap, would be about one inch shorter. She checked to see that it was right, and that the hems were on the outside, and told Betty to sew up the

sides with tiny blue stitches, finishing off strongly at the top and leaving the flap loose. It was really finished then, and Brown Owl said that Betty had passed her sewing for Golden Bar and she signed her card. Betty wished that Christmas would come so that she could give her mother the sachet and tell her about passing the test—she knew her mother would be delighted about both.

Her Golden Bar card was gradually filling up, for, with only about 20 minutes each week spent on it, her sachet had taken months and the Pack had been busy in other ways, too, but we'll hear about that next month.

DO YOU APPROVE? (See answers on page 96)

1. Is it correct to have the hem on the right side for decorative tacking?
2. Must a Brownie do such a big piece of tacking?
3. Should Brownies learn to darn as well as tack?

BROWNIE COTTAGE

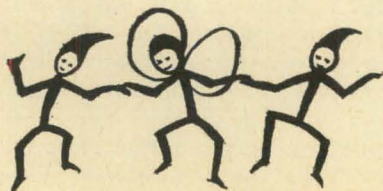
To all Brownies and Guiders who have sent money from Revels to help Brownie Cottage—this is what has been done with the money during the last twelve months:—

Four new steel and laminex dining tables have been bought to replace the old green ones. The kitchen lighting has been improved with two new strip lights. Eleven pairs of new blankets have been bought and new curtains made for the lounge room. A set of tiny brass bells on a stand has been bought for use as a gong; this has obviously come from the East, and we hope that it will be treated as something precious. A number of small items of equipment have been added to the kitchen.

On Cup Day a Working Bee was held for cleaning and quite a lot was accomplished by the few who went.

For all this we thank the Guiders and Brownies of Victoria.

—D.H.



HADFIELD DISTRICT VISITS BOORT

Guides and Brownies of the Hadfield District visited Boort over the Queen's Birthday weekend holiday, renewing friendships made during the Jubilee Celebrations.

Eight Brownies and eleven Guides were accompanied by Mrs. Bass (District Commissioner) and Mrs. Arnold (Lieutenant). They arrived on the Friday night after a long, 170 mile trip by train, and were given a welcome to Boort by Councillor J. P. Slatter. Cr. Slatter said he hoped they would go back to Melbourne as good ambassadors for Boort. Mrs. Bass thanked Mr. Slatter for his welcome, and presented the Boort Pack and Company with books autographed by the visitors.

On Saturday we took our visitors to the Granites. Despite the rather wet outlook earlier in the morning, it stayed fine. After a quick survey of the rocks we all settled down to a lunch of barbecued chops and sausages, with a few mushrooms for added flavour. The mushrooms were plentiful among the rocks, and many were taken home in plastic raincoats, rainhats, etc., etc. The Brownies and Guides enjoyed clambering on the rocks and catching a glimpse of the farmlands down below. On our return to the bus, it was time to return to Boort, all feeling a little stiff and tired after a good time.

On Sunday morning we took our visitors to Church. The afternoon was for their own entertainment. Most of our visitors picked mushrooms to take back to Melbourne, and some visited Pyramid Hill. One Brownie experienced her first ride in a motor boat on the Boort Lake, and also caught two fish.

The next morning everyone was up bright and early to catch the train, though they were not eager to go home. The train was full of happy Brownies, Guides, Guiders mushrooms, gifts and memories of their visit to Boort. We all thought of the number of families in Glenroy and district who would be eating mushrooms and listening to incidents experienced during their memorable weekend, and we feel that Mr. Slatter's earlier words will be fulfilled.

One of our visitors had never eaten mushrooms before, nor did she think her mother knew how to cook them, so she took a lot of mushrooms and the recipe home. In a letter written to her host she said that as

soon as she arrived home she showed her mother the recipe and they had mushrooms for tea. The family all enjoyed them and would eat them till the last one. This Brownie came from Italy, and we imagine what joy she had in telling her family what a wonderful time she had while in Boort.

HELEN M. STOREY, Brown Owl, 1st Boort.

WARRANTS

CAPTAINS:

Miss M. E. Wilson, 4th Kew; Miss R. Kirsner, Caulfield District Rangers; Mrs. V. Parrant, 1st Boronia; Mrs. O. Bolt, 1st Cranbourne; Mrs. D. Wilkinson, 1st Koo-wee-rup; Mrs. D. Currie, 1st Mt. Evelyn; Miss J. D. Duffin, 1st Edenhope; Miss J. Ledger, 1st East Coburg; Mrs. D. M. Marsden, 2nd Terang; Miss J. McSween, 1st Terang; Mrs. E. M. Wilkie, 1st Olympic Village; Miss B. Kenny, 1st Gisborne; Mrs. C. Hemming, 1st Merbein.

LIEUTENANTS:

Miss R. A. Hauser (Mate) S.R.S. Cerberus; Miss C. S. May, 6th Preston East; Mrs. B. J. Booker, 1st Mornington; Mrs. N. Weilandt, 3rd Mildura; Miss I. Saxon, 1st Euroa; Miss M. Downie, 2nd Boronia; Miss J. A. Skurrie, 1st Upwey; Miss E. Craig, 2nd Templestowe; Miss J. Mims, 1st Caulfield Ranger Coy.; Mrs. J. R. Short, 2nd Mt. Eliza; Mrs. B. A. Stevenson, 1st Mt. Waverley; Mrs. N. Johns, 1st Vermont; Miss E. R. S. Beattie, 4th Box Hill.

BROWN OWLS:

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CAPTAINS:

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LIEUTENANTS:

Miss R. Kirsner, Caulfield District Ranger Coy.; Mrs. S. Gordon, 1st Sunbury; Miss I. Sykes, 1st Jordanville; Mrs. C. Hemming, 1st Merbein.

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Mrs. R. D. Bakewell; Mrs. D. K. McMillan.

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Welcome and Congratulations:

District Commissioners—Mrs. A. C. Ross, Carrum-Bonbeach; Mrs. M. Kent, Overport; Mrs. H. Glanville, Echuca; Mrs. W. M. Miller, Canterbury; Mrs. J. M. Barry, Mortlake; Mrs. P. McMillan, Glen Iris-Ashburton.

Division Commissioners — Mrs. C. A. Whyte, Southern Suburbs; Mrs. F. Chivers, Central Murray; Mrs. S. W. Noble, North Eastern.

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With regret:

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Pouch	4/-	Brown Material	8/-
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		Pack Leaders' Stripes	6d.
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