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ANTICIPATION—Packing for Camp

## STATE COMMISSIONER'S DIARY

**3rd September.**—Mrs. McKay and I were invited to a Reception at Parliament House in honour of their Majesties the King and the Queen of Thailand. It was an exciting occasion, and our visitors looked resplendent in evening dress. Queen Sirikit's jewels were glorious. Her jewels and dress sense are exquisite, nothing is overdone.

**4th September.**—Was OUR day at Headquarters. We feel we were most honoured to receive this visit from the Queen, and thank, through Mrs. Bolte, the Victorian Government for their gesture and the opportunity to show various aspects of Guiding. Her Majesty is very keen on youth activities and, as you know, they have Guides in Thailand. Miss Barr went there last year for three months to train leaders. Mrs. Curtis Otter suggested to me the idea of naming a daffodil after the Queen. Luckily, at that time, I had quite a few lovely seedlings. Out of a bunch of seedlings—yellow trumpet, white trumpet, white with red eye, white and yellow, yellow with red eye, white with pink cup—Her Majesty never hesitated—she immediately chose the white with pink cup. It was a lovely bloom and a good pink.

**11th September.**—Operation Daffodil. It was quite a pleasant day and the blooms were good. I am always so terrified hot weather will come and burn them before the special visiting days. Actually, about 53 came on that day, and by the letters I have received, they enjoyed it.

**18th September.**—Mrs. John called a meeting in Ballarat at 10.30 in the morning to discuss ways and means of forming a panel to produce a five-minute segment on Girl Guides every fortnight on Ballarat Western District Channel, BTV6. We are extremely grateful to those in charge of BTV6 and hope we do a good job. Everyone is very thrilled about it. After our meeting we went to BTV6 and were taken over by Mr. Stapp, who will be in charge of us. Both he and the manager, Mr. Jackson, have been Scouts.

Aren't we lucky! After a very nice lunch, provided by Mrs. John, I set off to Melbourne and arrived with Mrs. Walker in time to hear our Guide Choir practising at Headquarters and also to present Mrs. Clarke with a Headquarters Instructor's Certificate in Music. I listened to the Choir until the end of their practice and enjoyed it more than I can say. Our thanks, Mrs. Clarke, and congratulations.

**19th September.**—We had an Executive Meeting for the Finance Budget for 1963. As you all know, our building of offices over the Training Room has cost a considerable amount, so we have a deficit this year. Do let's endeavour to overcome it this coming year. There are lots of us, and, with determination and efforts we will, I am sure, soon put this in order.

**20th September.**—Our usual Executive Monthly Meeting.

**21st September.**—I went to our stand at the Show. I do hope most of you saw it, a very dignified stand. It brought many enquiries—how Brownies, Guides and the Senior Branch could become members—and also grown-ups enquiring how they could be of help. It was a happy stand, and manned by most congenial members. Mrs. McKay, as usual, did a marathon job, and poor Sophie Wirth had to retire with mumps after putting up the display.

**24th September.**—I came back from the country and went to the Show stand. When one owns a stand it makes things more interesting and quite different. Mrs. McKay and I went around looking at other stands gathering hints and seeing what improvements could be made for next year.

**26th September.**—Again I went to the stand in the afternoon and stayed on until the Showground Youth March and Rally took place. After that I left for home about ten o'clock. Was I proud of the Senior Branch? They marched beautifully, and looked really good. Mrs. Rylah is to be congratulated. I am sure she felt as I did. After this Show I have become a fan—enjoying it all, and even collecting Show Bags wherever possible. I am already looking forward to next year!

**29th September.**—Well, many lovely things have happened to me, but today has been fantastic. Lately a large Guide House has been built and equipped by the Ballarat and District Apex Club and given to the Ballarat Division as a present! It has been named Karingal (Happy Home). I can't really believe this wonderful gift is true, or if I am just dreaming! Lingbogel is Ballarat's Campsite; Apex built the first building on it for us, but this time they have not only built it, but have given us all materials, etc., free. How can we thank them enough for their thoughts and generosity. They must think Guides are worthwhile, which makes us feel very proud and more determined than ever to do all that is possible in the future.

Thank you, Apex, for this wonderful gift and incentive to do more.

### ASSISTANT STATE COMMISSIONER-ELECT

It is with great pleasure we advise that Mrs. F. S. Catomore has, at Mrs. Price's request, been appointed Assistant State Commissioner, to take office with our new State Commissioner on 1st February next.

Mrs. Catomore, having served the Movement in many capacities over a long period, is well known to many of you, and dearly loved by those with whom she has worked closely for Guiding.

Having been a member of the Toorak-Armadale Local Association, she then accepted the office of Treasurer, which she held for five years, after which she served a full term as District Commissioner of Toorak-Armadale.

Mrs. Catomore has been a member of the State Council for a number of years, and has served as a member of the Executive Committee since her election in 1955. Together with all her outside interests, which include the Melba Trust, the Limbless Soldiers' Association, St. Mark's Church of England Opportunity Shop and other Church activities and help with elderly people, Mrs. Catomore has accepted further Guide responsibilities as a member of the Finance Sub-Committee and Awards Sub-Committee. When a District Commissioner, she convened the Annual Commissioners' Conference and acted as co-

Convener, with Mrs. Price, of the domestic arrangements for the Australian Council Meeting held in Melbourne in 1961.

She is at present Assistant Division Commissioner in the Melbourne Division.

Mrs. Catomore's interest in Guiding has extended to other members of the family, as both her daughters were members of the 4th South Yarra Guide Company.

Our sincere gratitude goes to Mrs. Catomore for her willingness to serve the Movement still further as Assistant State Commissioner, and our best wishes for a happy, interesting and rewarding term of office.



### OPERATION DAFFODIL

"Oh, what a beautiful morning; oh, what a beautiful day"—those were the words kept running through my mind as we sped along on our way to Skipton to take part in "Operation Daffodil."

What a wonderful feeling it is to leave one's cares and responsibilities behind, to get away from the noise and bustle of city life, and to spend a day amidst the peace and beauty of our countryside.

Turning into the road marked "Banongill," we were greeted with daffodils growing in profusion on either side, even coming up on the very edge of the road, and behind them green paddocks bathed in sunshine.

Mrs. Fairbairn was at the gate to welcome us, and, with members of several Local Associations, we went into lunch—and a chat.

Now for the moment we had all been looking forward to so much—a wander through the garden to see the daffodils.

Across the lawn, over the bridge across the stream, and there they were, massed along the sloping banks as far as one could see. They grew, too, in paddocks, in terraces and in the garden, and what an amazing number of varieties and colours there were.

Mrs. Fairbairn explained to us the finer points which go to make a perfect bloom and

showed us many new varieties which she had grown from seed.

We were able to pick a bunch to take home, and as I write they are here beside me as a reminder of a heavenly day which all of us will long remember.

Thank you, Mrs. Fairbairn, for your kindness and hospitality, and for the privilege of spending a day with you and your daffodils at "Bahongill."

C.C.

### TREFOIL GUILD

On Saturday, 6th October, there was a marked contrast between the atmosphere in the Training Room at Guide Headquarters and the most un-springlike conditions without, as members of the Victorian Trefoil Guild gathered for their Ninth Annual Meeting. It was the first time this meeting had been held in the new room, and probably the first time many of those present had seen it; the comfort of the room was much appreciated, as were also the other facilities.

It was most gratifying to find that the record attendance of approximately 100 from 13 Guilds was representative of areas as widely separated as Mildura, Geelong, Ballarat and Ashglen, also pleasurable to notice the presence of a number of members who greeted friends whom they had not seen for years.

After the meeting had opened with the Trefoil Guild Prayer, Mrs. E. G. Cameron, the State Recorder, extended a welcome to all present, mentioning, particularly, new members, Miss E. Purnell, National Recorder; Mrs. J. H. May, representing the Executive Committee; Miss M. Bush, after her long absence abroad; Mr. C. Homer Fraser, the Guildmaster of the Baden-Powell Scout Guild of Victoria; and the Secretary of the Baden-Powell Guild of New South Wales.

Amongst those who sent apologies were Mrs. Fairbairn, State Commissioner; Mrs. Price, State Commissioner-elect; Miss M. Shaw, Editor of "Matilda"; and Mr. F. R. Watson, Baden-Powell Scout Guild. A letter from Miss F. V. Barfus expressed her regret at not being able to attend, and a greeting was also read from Miss E. Plummer in London.

Mrs. Cameron reminded the meeting that last year she had given a watchword for the year—Community Service. She said she felt that reports from Guilds showed that this had been followed. Her message for the year to come was "Enthusiasm is Infectious." She further suggested that a special Community Service project for this year should be the helping of the Seeing Eye Dog Service, recently established in Victoria.

In the State Recorder's report, attention was drawn to the expansion which had taken place during the last year, with particular reference to the Southern Cross Guild—this Guild has now 100 widely-scattered members who, being unable to meet regularly, are kept in touch by the circulation of budgets. The Guild is registered as part of the Lone Section.

Reports from the Guilds under the headings, "Service to Guiding," "Service to the Community" and "Social Events" showed a very wide range of activities.

At the conclusion of the business meeting, Miss Lindsey Pearson, a Lone Ranger who recently returned from overseas, spoke to us of her experiences. Miss Pearson was one of Australia's representatives at "Britain's Panorama," a gathering of Senior Branch members held at Bristol, England. The emphasis of this gathering had been on adventure and service, and it was heartening to hear of the continued efforts made by our Movement to foster international understanding amongst young people.

The renewal of the Trefoil Guild Promise, followed by tea and much talk, brought to a close another happy Trefoil gathering. All those present were glad to hear, during the afternoon, that Mrs. E. G. Cameron, to whom our Guilds owe so much, has agreed to a two-year extension of her term as State Recorder.

### CONFERENCE OF THE ASSOCIATED COUNTRY WOMEN OF THE WORLD

It is interesting to know that during this Conference, held recently in Melbourne, the Aide to Mrs. van Beekhoff, World President of the Associated Country Women of the World, was Mrs. A. J. H. Gray, who is Division Commissioner for the Stawell Division.

## GUIDES AT THE ROYAL MELBOURNE SHOW

This year the Guide Movement had a stand at the Show for the first time.

For those of you who were not able to visit the Show, perhaps a few words of description about our display.

We were situated in a good position in the Hall of Manufactures, just opposite the Singer stand. The background had been painted an attractive blue, on which were arranged thirty-three beautiful photographs of all Branches of the Movement. Brownies, Guides, Sea, Land and Air Rangers, Cadets, Extensions and Commissioners were all there. The photographs caused many people to stop and look admiringly at the stand.

At one end of the enclosure there was an excellent miniature Guide Camp. This depicted all the activities of Camp—there were tents, sleeping bags, cooking utensils, washing facilities, firewood, a rope ladder up a tree, and even a swimming pool; and, of course, the Guides dotted round the Camp. This attracted a lot of people; even small boys and fathers were interested, and it proved a good speaking point to the public.

In front of the Campsite there was a small white picket fence, which looked most attractive, and had the added advantage that, with the aid of a thick rope, it kept small children from removing or disturbing the "Guides" in their "Camp."

Situated on top of the roof of the Guide stand were mop figures dressed in the uniforms of a Brownie, a Guide and all Sections of the Senior Branch. These were very good, but I wondered how many people missed seeing them because of their height above eye level.

The stand was open from 8.45 a.m. to 10 p.m., so it required many Guiders and Commissioners, each taking three-hour periods, to fill the roster for nine days.

An excellent pamphlet entitled "What is Guiding?" was available to be given to the public who showed interest. All sections of Guiding were mentioned on this pamphlet, and it proved very easy to read for people who had no knowledge of the Movement.

It was amazing how much interest the display caused. Many times did we write down the name, address and telephone number of a Commissioner on a piece of paper because a mother wanted her daughter to be a Brownie or a Guide, and had not known who to contact in her suburb.

Although, at times, our legs and feet ached during our three hours of standing, and some days we were very, very cold, the sessions were not without some humour. Some remarks heard are worth mentioning, I think. One middle-aged lady to friend, "Look, dear, the Navy has a stand." W.R.A.N.S. are supposed to look rather snappy, so this gave the Guiders and Commissioners on duty a real boost!

"Mum, there are the Boy Scouts!" A very embarrassed mother told her small son that we belonged to the opposite sex.

I do believe that the Guide Movement must have benefitted greatly from the stand at the Royal Show this year. It will be interesting to see how many extra children join the Movement, or, more important still in some Districts, how many parents become either a member of the Local Association or a Guider.

The Publicity Section is to be congratulated on the standard achieved with the display.



There always has to be a first time, and so it was that the Girl Guides had a display at the Royal Show this year. Purely a "Public Relations" display this year, but for the future—who knows? Please send us your ideas for next year.

Congratulations to Miss S. Wirth for the excellent and attractive presentation of our material. The pretty blue, the Campsite and the good photos, all combined to make our stand something to be proud of. From all sides came the comment: "A good idea, well carried out." My thanks to all the Commissioners and Guiders who manned the stand—all felt that we had done a good job in making the public aware of US as a good thing to be interested in.

J. McKAY.

## BROWNSEA ISLAND'S FUTURE

The name of "Brownsea" has always held a place in the history of the Scout and Guide Movements, and in the last few months, since the death of the owner, Mrs. Bonham-Christie at the age of ninety-six, speculation as to its future spread like wildfire. Would developers take over the island and turn it into a huge holiday centre? The hard facts of f.s.d. loomed very large and death duties, planning permission and many other problems, cropped up. Hopes rose, fell and rose again after many months of discussion. Finally, it was announced that Brownsea Island had been accepted by the Treasury in payment of death duties and would be handed over to the National Trust to administer.

Then there was a press conference on the island when Field Marshal Sir Gerald Templer, on behalf of the National Trust, received cheques towards the large sum of £100,000 required for upkeep. And here Guiding came into the picture. I received a letter from the General Secretary at C.H.Q. inviting Miss Cozens and me to join this gathering at which the Scout Commissioner for Dorset, Lt.-Col. R. M. Hamblin, and the Assistant Chief Executive Commissioner, Mr. H. K. Stevens, would be handing over a cheque for £25,000, a donation from the Staines and Coulthurst Trusts on behalf of the Scout and Guide Movements.

In the opening speech Sir Gerald Templer outlined the future, pointing out that £30,000 had still to be found to safeguard the welfare of the island, which would be maintained as a bird sanctuary. To only part of the island would controlled access be permitted, thereby safeguarding the varied wildlife. The problem of the Victorian castle had been solved by the John Lewis Partnership, who had taken it on a ninety-nine year lease. Plans for the island were not complete, but Sir Gerald said "we certainly intend to make good arrangements for Scouts and Guides to camp on Brownsea so that in years to come young people as well as their elders will be able to enjoy, with the birds who have chosen it for their sanctuary, the unspoiled beauty of this unique and lovely place."

After so many years of looking at the castle from across the water it was fascinating to look round the house and the marshes, a bird-watcher's paradise. We saw, too, the island church, which is within the parish of St. Peter's, Parkstone, where the Founder and the Chief Guide were married.

Would there be a chance to visit the 1907 Campsite? Just as I was wondering, the B.B.C. cameraman invited Miss Cozens and me to go there with the two Scouters. A long walk along the shore, part of it through almost impenetrable undergrowth, brought us to the famous site, the "cradle of Scouting," held fast, as if to protect it, by the thorns and vegetation of many a long day.

As we prepared to embark, after thanking Mr. and Mrs. John Bonham-Christie for their invitation, we felt we had stepped back in time; the "tantalising island" was, at last, within our grasp. How thankful we were that Brownsea had been saved for posterity.

(By Violet Goodwin, County Commissioner for Dorset, reprinted from "The Guider," August, 1962.)

Brownsea Island is the only island of comparable size on the south coast of England that remains wild and unspoilt. It is 500 acres in size and has three miles of sandy coastline.

Under the care of the National Trust the essential character of the island will be preserved for the nation. A nature reserve will be maintained, but, in due course, visitors will be able to picnic, bathe and walk over much of the remaining area without restriction. Arrangements will be made for a part of the island to be set aside for Scout and Guide camping.



### Contributions to Appeal.

Anyone wishing to be associated with the preservation of the island is invited to send their donations to Miss M. Mellor, Girl Guide Headquarters, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne.

### CAMPCRAFT TRAINING

Will be held at Guide House, 3rd-7th January, 1963. Applications to Miss M. Mellor, Guide Headquarters, with 10/- deposit, by 25th November.

# The Story of "THE IRENE FAIRBAIRN FUND"

At the Australian Council Meeting, held in Adelaide in 1955, the following motion was passed:

"As an expression of their affection and appreciation, the Guide Association in the six Australian States, acting together, wish to establish a fund to be called "The Irene Fairbairn Fund," for the specific purpose of benefiting young members of the Guide Movement, the Fund to be administered by three trustees, of whom Mrs. Fairbairn shall be one, and she shall also be the first chairman of the trustees."

Thereby the Girl Guides of Australia placed on record their recognition of the loyal and devoted service given so graciously and generously by Mrs. C. O. Fairbairn, O.B.E., firstly, for nine years as Honorary Federal Secretary, and then for eight years as our first Chief Commissioner for Australia.

The Australian Council, at its meeting in Hobart in May, 1956, warmly recommended that the Fund be fully and continuously supported by all members of the Movement. It was also agreed that an amount not exceeding one-third of the total, plus interest, could be used in any one year if considered available. So far the Fund has been used to enable young Trainers to attend Interstate Trainings.



When the Fund grows sufficiently it is hoped to be used to enable members of the Movement to attend International Camps and Conferences and to bring Guides from nearby countries to Camps and Conferences in Australia.

Set out below, for your information, are two statements showing "The History of the Fund" and "Statement of Funds at 30th June, 1962."

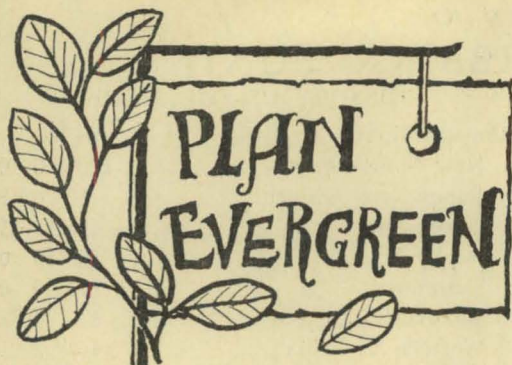
Contributions may be paid to this Fund at any time, and should be forwarded to Guide Headquarters, 20 Russell Street.

## HISTORY OF THE FUND

<b>Contributions—</b>	
New South Wales .....	£200 0 0
Papua-New Guinea .....	10 0 0
Queensland .....	166 13 11
South Australia .....	153 10 0
Tasmania .....	373 10 0
Victoria .....	840 1 8
Western Australia .....	103 5 3
	£1847 0 10
Donations .....	10 5 0
Bank Interest .....	134 13 11
	£1991 19 9
<b>Deduct—</b>	
<b>Grants—</b>	
Papua-New Guinea £200 0 0	
Queensland .....	90 0 0
South Australia .....	61 8 0
Tasmania .....	100 0 0
Victoria .....	75 0 0
Western Australia ..	240 0 0
	766 8 0
	£1225 11 9
Bank Fee .....	10 0
Balance, 30th June, 1962 .....	£1225 1 9

## STATEMENT OF FUNDS AT 30th JUNE, 1962

Balance, 31st December, 1960 .....	£872 10 5
<b>Add—</b>	
Contributions for the period 31st December, 1960 to 30th June, 1962	
New South Wales ... £100 0 0	
Queensland .....	68 19 7
South Australia .....	50 0 0
Tasmania .....	108 15 4
Victoria .....	19 2 0
Western Australia ...	25 0 0
	371 16 11
Donation .....	5 0 0
Bank Interest — The National Bank of Australasia Ltd. ....	50 14 5
	£1300 1 9
<b>Deduct—</b>	
Grant to Victoria .....	75 0 0
Balance, 30th June, 1962 .....	£1225 1 9



### You CAN Take it With You!

Litterbags were invented so that you and I and all the other folk who use our roads can do just that with the bits and pieces of rubbish we accumulate in our travels. Obviously, the same type of container won't suit every car or every family's needs. What about starting now to experiment with different kinds, and then interest the Pack and Company in making some in time for the Christmas holidays?

We hear of Cub Scouts in America each making THREE litterbags — one for the family car and two to give away. Even ONE from each Guider, Guide and Brownie in Victoria would put litterbags in more than 30,000 cars—quite a nice start for 1963! Then, as we move into our EVERGREEN year, we would have a better idea of which types are suitable to produce in larger numbers.

### Our Ninth Law

There is plenty of scope for thrift in making litterbags out of waste or scrap materials. With a bit of ingenuity, many sorts of paper bags and cartons that we usually discard when empty, can be pressed into service for a second term of usefulness. Show "sample bags" or the large variety of bags being distributed by retail firms for the convenience of customers provide many ideas worth copying.

A very simple litterbag can be made from the sort of strong brown paper bag your grocer puts sugar or potatoes in. Fold the top over a couple of inches for strength, and then punch holes in the double thickness and attach a string handle. Thicker string and more than one hole will naturally distribute the weight and make the bag last longer.

For heavier litter, a Weetie box, or similar carton, can be used—again with top folded inside and loops attached for hanging. For a more attractive appearance the carton can be reversed; i.e., sides and bottom unstuck, and then restuck with gum or dux with the plain side outwards.

### Finish is Important

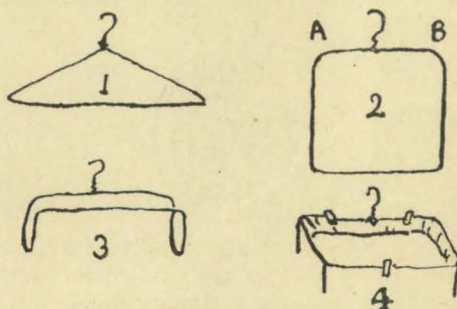
Ugly or messy litter bags will defeat their own purpose, so stress the need for a neat and servicable article when introducing the idea to Guides and Brownies.

If they like to paint or stencil something on each bag to indicate its purpose, so much the better. Slogans such as "Let's Litter Less" or "Help Keep Roadsides Clean" could also be used.

A supply of Guide badges cut out in yellow gummed paper and stick-on strips with "EVERGREEN 1963" boldly printed on them might be another way of "dressing up" our litterbags.

### Ways With Wire

A permanent frame can easily be made from a wire coat-hanger, and from this a paper or plastic "throw-away" bag can be suspended. The diagrams show how to bend the wire. By altering the distance between "A" and "B" the frame can be made to fit bags of different sizes.



You may prefer to use the discarded wire from fruitcases, or from bales of hay if you live in the country, and twist it to a shape of your own design. Paper clips, masking tape, spring-type clothes pegs—especially the small coloured ones—all have possibilities as a means of attaching bag to frame.

Another idea is to have a washable litter bag—the American Girl Scouts make them from the legs of old blue jeans—with a dis-



posable paper lining. If you thread a piece of elastic or a drawstring through a hem at the top of this kind of bag, it will hang snugly from a wire frame and can easily be removed for washing.

Once we start exploring the possibilities of litterbags, some people are sure to come up with ideas worth sharing. Please send them along to:—"PLAN EVERGRE6N," c/- Mrs. J. A. Bell, Rydal Farm, Camperdown, Victoria.

### DOLL COMPETITION

Winners of the Doll Competition, judges for which were Mrs. W. Fillmore and Mrs. R. Gray, were:

#### Bride Section—

1st prize: Hazel Orson, Beaumaris. Equal 2nd prize: Miss J. Cozens, Richmond; S. Manning, Mt. Macedon.

#### Doll in International Costume—

##### Guide Uniform:

1st prize: Not awarded. 2nd prize: Miss H. Gross and Mrs. G. Wilson.

#### Open Knitted Section—

1st prize: Mrs. L. Phillips, Montmorency. 2nd prize: Mrs. L. Pascoe, Chelsea.

#### Doll in Knitted Dress — Member of the Movement under 16—

1st prize: Marilyn Booker, 3rd Box Hill Coy. 2nd prize: Robyn and Viky Eason, Livingstone.

#### Doll Dressed in Fabric — Member of the Movement under 16—

1st prize: Pauline Wright, 2nd North Kew Coy. 2nd prize: Jennifer Allgood, 1st Clematis Coy.

Every mason in the quarry, every builder on the shore,  
Every chopper in the palm grove, every raftsmen at the oar,  
Hewing wood and drawing water, splitting stones and cleaving sod—  
All the dusty ranks of labour, in the regiments of God,  
March together toward His triumph, do the task His hands prepare;  
Honest toil is holy service, faithful work is praise and prayer.

—H. Van Dyke.

### THE COLOURS OF LIGHT

by Dorothea MacKellar

This is not easy to understand  
For you that come from a distant land  
Where all the colours are low in pitch,  
Deep purples, emeralds, deep and rich;  
Where autumn's flaming, and summer green,  
Here is a beauty you have not seen.

All is pitched in a higher key,—  
Lilac, topaz and ivory.  
Palest jade-green and pale clear blue,  
Like aquamarines that the sun shines through.  
Golds and silvers we have at will—  
Silver and gold on each plain and hill.  
Silver green of the myall leaves,  
Tawny gold of the garnered sheaves;  
Silver rivers that silent slide,  
Golden sands by the waterside;  
Golden wattle and golden broom,  
Silver stars of the rosewood bloom;  
Amber sunshine and smoke-blue shade,  
Opal colours, that glow and fade;  
On the gold of the upland grass,  
Blue cloud shadows that swiftly pass;  
Wood-smoke blown in an azure mist,  
Hills of tenuous amethyst.

Oft the colours are pitched so high  
That the deepest note is the cobalt sky.  
We have to wait till sunset comes  
For shades that feel like the beat of drums  
Or like organ notes as they rise and fall . . .  
Purple and orange and cardinal,  
Or the peacock green that turns soft and slow  
To peacock blue as the great stars show.

Sugar-gum boles flushed to peach blow pink,  
Blue-gums tall at the clearing's brink,  
Ivory pillars, their fine smooth slope  
Dappled with delicate heliotrope;  
Grey of the twisted mulga roots;  
Golden bronze of the budding shoots;  
Tints of the lichens that cling and spread,  
Nile green, primrose and palest red . . .  
Sheen of the bronze-wing; blue of the crane;  
Fawn and pearl of the lyre bird's train;  
Cream of the plover; grey of the dove;—  
These are the hues of the land I love.

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Do what you can, being what you are,  
Shine as a glow-worm if you cannot be a star.  
Work as a pulley if you cannot be a crane,  
Be a wheel-greaser if you cannot drive a train.

—Anon.

## NUNAWADING GUIDE HALL

Earlier this year, in brilliant sunshine, a large crowd watched Mr. J. W. Manson, M.L.A., cut the ribbon to open the new brick Guide Hall in Luckie Street, Nunawading.

The Nunawading Pipe Band added colour to the proceedings with a march down Luckie Street to the Guide Hall, and through the guard of honour of Brownies and Guides. The guard of honour was inspected by our Division Commissioner, Mrs. F. W. Broadbent.

Parents and visitors joined the Brownies and Guides to form the large gathering, and Guide Headquarters was represented by the Brownie Adviser, Mrs. A. N. Fox.

The L.A., formed in 1958, has already raised £1000 towards the final cost of the project. The Nunawading Council gave a grant of land for the building in 1959.

After the Ceremony, afternoon tea was served in the nearby Scout Hall, which, until our own Hall was completed, was used for Brownie and Guide activities.

From MRS. T. J. WARNER,  
Past President, L.A.

## GUIDE HIGHLIGHTS

7th Ballarat Company recently had a very special ceremony — when Lorraine Coutts was presented with her Queen's Guide Badge by her Division Commissioner. It is the first Queen's Guide Badge in the Company.

**Boronia.**—Bayswater-Boronia Branch of A.N.A. visited 2nd Boronia Guide Company and presented an Australian Flag to the new Company.

**Boronia.**—1st Boronia Guides have been doing their good turns by helping in homes where there has been sickness, and entertaining girls from St. John's Home for the weekend.

**Ballarat.**—Guiders' Training was recently held for about 70 Guiders of Ballarat Division — Guiders came from Ballan to Bacchus Marsh, and Melton to Maryborough for a full day of Training. Commissioners, Brownie and Guide Guiders appreciated very much the efforts and thought of the H.Q. Training team.

**Ballarat.**—Efforts are now being made to make Lingbogol Camp Site a Sanctuary for flora and fauna. The first step has been an application to the Department of Crown Lands to close a road into the Camp Site and transfer the freehold land to the Queen.

## THE FITZROY GUIDE HALL

The idea for this Hall came in 1957 — when the thought of two Guides from 1st North Fitzroy Company was put into action by the Local Association.

Today the Hall, recently opened by Hon. A. G. Rylah, is 60 feet by 31 feet, with a utility block (kitchen, two Patrol rooms, toilets, shower and hot water service) at the back. A double fireplace and ample cupboards, with a loft for storage of equipment, add to the amenities of the Hall, which has an attractive colour scheme. The interior is panelled wood, with white ceiling, windows and architraves. The utility block is blue and lemon; all doors are Guide blue, the roof is green, and the outside walls are dove grey with touches of lemon and white.

During the Opening Ceremony, a portrait of the Chief Guide, sent by her for the Hall, was unveiled by Mrs. Fairbairn, and a letter from the Chief was read.

Thanks Badges were presented to those who helped so much with the building, and the Mayoress and Mrs. Fairbairn were presented with Guide serviette rings by the maker, Irene Purves, an Extension Brownie and Guide of the District.

It is hoped that the Hall, with its amenities and its proximity to the city, will be used by those wishing to visit the city, or who need a place to stay when passing through. Anyone interested in arranging this should contact the District Commissioner.

C.M.

## FROM "27 YEARS WITH BADEN POWELL"

By E. K. WADE

"That you cannot teach character, any more than you can teach religion, collectively to a class is, I believe, an axiom accepted by educationists. My first step was to try to instil into each young soldier character; that is to say, personal initiative, self-control, sense of honour and duty, responsibility, self-reliance, observation and deduction, etc. This was done through the method now known as Scouting—in other words, through education — not merely instruction — of the individual in moral and mental qualities."

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## SPIRITUAL VALUES IN THE PACK

Spiritual development is the growth of the inner self, it is the inner search for a full and rich life, the seeking of true happiness, the building of an inner strength.

It is an awakening of our soul to God's world with its beauty of life and truth, to the acceptance of its purposefulness and to the realisation that we are participants.

The child's spiritual development has already begun through the training and influence of her elders. It is possible that she has also caught a glimmer of the need for such development, but real understanding and insight will come only with maturity. We endeavour to strengthen her spiritual growth and to prepare and lead her towards this understanding.

The Brownie has also begun her searching. Her world holds so much to be discovered! Herself, her feelings, her capabilities, her relationship with others. She is finding that a personal effort is needed if she is to achieve anything. In the outside world there are the bugs and beetles, the trees and flowers, in fact, all sorts of fascinating things, all bringing with them the wonderment of how and why.

This search is fostered and kept alive by the evergreen challenge of the Promise; as she grows so will the challenge grow, taking her into mature adulthood, leading her always towards a full spiritual development.

The Recruit is given individual attention by a Guider who tries to instil in the child a desire to acquit herself of her very best effort to keep the Promise she is to make, and to play the game of Brownies. She is helped by the knowledge that she is not alone in her desire to give of her best, but that she has

the companionship and the help of the others, and, in particular, the understanding of the Guiders.

After making the Promise, the Brownie's desire to do better is kept alive by the fun of Pack activities and the working for badges. She is given every opportunity possible to continue the search already started, to develop through the truth she finds in her discoveries, to give expression to her development, and to build the inner strength needed for her personal effort of the best kind.

Freedom to accept these opportunities is given through the atmosphere of the Pack, where fun and friendliness help to overcome constricting inhibitions and fears.

The environment is, as near as possible, natural to the child, as it is largely of the children's own making—the Guiders' leadership always being influenced by their understanding of the natural characteristics of the child in this age group. It has the atmosphere of a "happy family" where each child feels secure in the thought that she belongs and that the Guiders are her friends.

The Pack meetings are planned to give a sense of freedom, also. There is time for something that each child enjoys, a chance to try something that hitherto has not interested her, but now appeals because of the Guiders' approach. Time to do things without being hurried. There is, too, the freedom of choice in handcrafts and test work, a freedom to try out her capabilities in these things, as well as in games and ceremonies, etc. In Pow-Wow she is free to speak and voice her opinions and to vote on Pack matters.

Through the discoveries that the child has already made, the Brownie is led to the thought of how God has given life and many gifts to sustain it and make it full and rich.

She is encouraged to attend her own Church as an expression of her appreciation of His power and grace, and to find out further what He expects of her in His world.

N.S.



### CAMP! THAT MAGIC WORD

Camp! That magic word—but what preparations must you think of beforehand?

**Site:** Where will we go? If you read September's "Matilda" you would have seen the list of all the sites available and how to book them. If, however, the site where you want to camp is not a Guide equipped site but, perhaps, the property of one of your Guide's parents, you will first have to have the site approved by your Division Camp Adviser to make sure that it is suitable for Guides to camp there. If you are not familiar with the camp site on which you will be camping, it is a good idea, if possible to go to the site before camp, and plan where everything will be—sleeping tents, bath tents, store tents, lats, etc. Remember, too, that you will need to make arrangements to have your lats dug in advance. If you do not know who to get to dig them you may find a local man who would do it for you—or even try the local grave-digger!

**Equipment:** If you are camping at a Guide equipped site there will be no problem with equipment, but if you visit the site before camp look at the equipment, too, just to see what is there.

If you are not on a Guide equipped site you can hire Central Equipment, which is stored at Kew and can be obtained through H.Q.

**Personal Equipment:** Try to give your Guides kit lists and Permission to Camp Forms in plenty of time before camp. If you use the forms available at H.Q. you may want to add or change some of the things on the kit list.

It is a good idea to take a couple of spare raincoats if you can—Guides so often tear theirs and you see Guides around the camp with strips of raincoat trailing around behind them. A spare torch and some extra batteries, and a spare bedding roll (so that a Guide may be given an extra blanket if she is cold), and spare groundsheets are also good ideas.

**Programme:** Work your programme out with Court of Honour before camp. Ask for their suggestions, and what activities they want, and make your programme from that, with added ideas of your own for balance. Remember, tests like nature, fire and cooking, stalking, etc., can be done at camp.

Work out Patrol Duty Routines for Orderly work—wood and water, cooks, mess, camp, orderly Patrols, etc.—depending on the number of Patrols. It is quite a good idea to have the same Patrol as Cook Patrol the day after they have been Wood and Water, etc., as then, if they haven't collected enough wood for cook house, they are the ones to suffer.

And—after all your preparations—off you go and have a terrific camp!

L.S.

### ST. ANDREW

St. Andrew, whose day we celebrate on 30th November, was one of the twelve Apostles.

His is the oldest story of the saints who are associated with the Union Jack.

Born around the year 1 A.D., he was never greatly in the limelight, but was always ready to help and share what he had with others.

It was often to Andrew that people went if they wanted to talk with Jesus, and it was Andrew who sought out the lad with the five loaves and two fishes and brought him to Christ.

Legends tell us that St. Andrew visited many lands to preach the Gospel, and was crucified on a cross of the shape we now call St. Andrew's Cross.



Former Victorian Guider and family (two small children) on leave from Darwin, December, interested in tenancy or taking care of house for all or part of school holidays. Contact Mrs. Crohn, c/- 29 Lurnea Road, Glen Iris.

## COMMONWEALTH KNOWLEDGE

### Commonwealth Dependencies:

#### AFRICA

United Kingdom Dependent Territories: Northern Rhodesia; Nyasaland; Gambia; Kenya; Uganda; Zanzibar; Basutoland; Bechuanaland; Swaziland.

#### MEDITERRANEAN

United Kingdom Dependent Territories: Gibraltar; State of Malta.

#### FAR EAST AND PACIFIC

United Kingdom Dependent Territories: Brunei; North Borneo; Sarawak; Hong Kong; Fiji; Pitcairn; Tonga; British Solomon Islands Protectorate; Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony; Central and Southern Line Islands (uninhabited).

Administered as an Anglo-French Condominium: New Hebrides.

Australian Dependent Territories: Cocos Islands; Nauru (under United Kingdom-Australian-New Zealand Trusteeship); New Guinea (under Australian Trusteeship); Papua; Norfolk Island.

New Zealand Dependent Territories: Cook Islands; Niue Island; Tokelau Islands.

#### CARIBBEAN

United Kingdom Dependent Territories: Barbados; Antigua; Cayman Islands; Dominica; Grenada; Montserrat; St. Christopher-Nevis-Anguilla; St. Lucia; St. Vincent; Turks and Caicos Islands; Virgin Islands; British Guiana; British Honduras.

#### ATLANTIC AND INDIAN OCEANS AND ANTARCTICA

United Kingdom Dependent Territories: Bahamas; Bermuda; Aden Colony; Aden Protectorate; Mauritius; Seychelles; Falkland Islands; Falkland Islands Dependencies (South Georgia and South Sandwich); British Antarctic Territory (no permanent inhabitants); Tristan Da Cunha (no permanent inhabitants); St. Helena; Ascension.

Australian Dependent Territories: Christmas Island; Australian Antarctic Territory (no permanent inhabitants).

New Zealand Dependent Territory: Ross Dependency (no permanent inhabitants).

(List checked, September, 1962.)

Dependencies, by virtue of their association with a member-country, are part of the Commonwealth.

## AUSTRALIAN DEPENDENT TERRITORIES:

Cocos Islands; Nauru (under United Kingdom-Australia-New Zealand Trusteeship); New Guinea (under Australian Trusteeship); Papua; Norfolk Island; Christmas Island; Australian Antarctic Territory.

The U.K. Dependencies are scattered over the world, from the northernmost, Gibraltar, standing guard over the western approach to the Mediterranean, to Graham Land, stretching to the South Pole. The great majority lie within the tropics, and over four-fifths of their area is in Africa.

The policy for the Dependencies is to help them to attain self-government within the Commonwealth, and to pursue their economic and social development so that it keeps pace with their political advance.

Each of the Dependencies has its own executive, legislature and judiciary. In these bodies responsibility is being devolved by stages upon the local people. Even the small and remote islands in the Gilbert and Ellice Group in the Western Pacific now have local representative councils, exercising certain legislative and executive powers.

The constitutions of the Dependencies are altered stage by stage in consultation with local people, to give the latter a more representative and responsible share in their own government.

The policy of associating people with their own government applies not only to local and central political institutions, but also to the public services. Throughout the United Kingdom Dependencies almost all the lower and middle grades of the administrative services, and increasing numbers of the higher grades, are filled by local people.

Many territories still require financial assistance from the United Kingdom Government. In 1959-60 an amount of over £10 million was made available to various colonial territories and, in addition, United Kingdom expenditure on development, welfare and research schemes was about £26 million.

In most territories the development of communications was the first task of those who followed the individual explorers, traders and missionaries. The development of ports increased the wealth of the territories by enabling the fruits of expansion to be

sold to other countries. It helped, too, to end piracy and make possible peaceful settlements on once barren land. All these events in the twentieth century, together with the growth of telecommunications and air transport, have brought peoples into contact with western civilisation and assisted them to learn to play their rightful part in the world today.

(From "The Evolving Commonwealth,"  
and "The U.K. Dependencies in Brief"  
—British Office of Information.)

### GAMES — GAMES — GAMES !

Fun games — test games — wide games — action games — will you share your favourite games and activities with other Packs and Companies?

There are always many requests for more and more games — and your tried favourites will always be new to someone else.

Please send clear, concise details of **YOUR** games and activities **NOW** to Miss M. Shaw, 44 Tooronga Road, East Hawthorn, E.3.

### OUR WILDFLOWERS

November is the fulfilment of spring—a beautiful season when we view the fresh loveliness of flower and grass before the heat of summer. Many of the earlier, delicate flowers may still be found, and there will be new ones, too.

The Blue Pinchusion is one that stands out—it is such a brilliant blue, like a summer sky. Another is the Australian Bluebell, seen until the autumn. Its proper name is *Wahlemburgia*, and there are several species, one being the Alpine, with deep blue—and sometimes white—flowers. Special attention is to be given to Bluebells this season by the Grow Australian Plants Society, in order to record every variety. Bluebells are, to Victoria, what the blue *Leschenaultia* is to Western Australia. Have you ever tried to grow an Australian plant in your garden?

November gives us the dainty Fringe Lily, a mauve flower very like the Chocolate Lily, but with a shorter and more slender stalk. The petals are deeply fringed, and if you look closely you will see that the narrow sepals in between are deep purple. Each flower lasts only one day, but the plant blooms for quite a while.



Another family of wildflowers appearing this month is familiarly called Everlastings. These belong to the Daisy or Compositae group, as do also the Billy Buttons. We have many kinds of Everlastings, some yellow, some white. The tiny florets are massed together in heads, and surrounded by a ring of papery bracts which last a long time. The Silver Everlasting is white, about one foot high; the Common is taller, with golden-yellow bracts. The Mallee is noted for its white masses of Everlastings. These go on until December.

*Xanthorrhoea*, the Grass-tree, is a striking Australian bush. Look for it now. The leaves are 2-3 feet long, bunched on the stem or trunk (according to age) like a grass skirt. The single flower stalk is erect, and rises from the leafy tufts 6-10 feet high. The upper portion is clothed in little white flowers which attract hosts of insects and bees. These "trees" yield much resin, and always flower well after bush fires. A popular name is "Black Boy." There were already some in flower when I visited Wilson's Promontory National Park in September—as well as many other spring wildflowers. Grass trees grow in our Royal Park Botanic Gardens, Melbourne.

Look out, too, for the late Black Wattle. Other wildflowers seen in November include blue *Lobelia*, Pinkeye (Black-eyed Susan), Manuka (Bush Tea-tree), the beautiful pink and blue Sun Orchids, Purple Flag, and four Greenhoods — Ruddyhood, Rusty-hood, Mitchell and Summer.—J.H.

## BRITAIN'S PANORAMA JULY, 1962



During July this year, Lindsey and I had the privilege of attending Britain's Panorama. The Panorama was a Senior Branch Gathering held in Britain, and involved 400 girls from 33 countries. The aim of the gathering was likened to a 5-pointed star, the points representing Service, Friendship, Adventure, Fellowship and Fund; and, in order to achieve its aim, the Panorama was divided into three parts—

1. One week of hospitality in Lancashire.
2. One week spent travelling down to Bristol.
3. One week in Bristol, where the major aim was service.

The week we spent in Lancashire was great fun. We visited Brownie Packs, Guide Companies and two Ranger Companies; we met people outside the Guide Movement, and our hostesses took us on some wonderful trips into the country, and famous places like Blackpool. In other words, we were given the opportunity to live with the Lancashire people and see many of the beautiful and

interesting places in their county. We were most impressed by the wonderful hospitality we received—it was just like home.

We spent a week travelling from Lancashire to Bristol with five Lancashire girls. The highlights of this adventurous week included the boat trip around North Wales, the climbing of Mount Snowden, seeing "Cymbeline" at the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre at Stratford, and the visit to the beautiful new Coventry Cathedral.

During our week at Bristol we stayed in the University Residences and joined together to make articles for Save the Children Fund. We were divided among six work shops—needlework, toilet bags and cot blankets, knitting, toys, leather goods and aids to Guiding. Every workshop was made up of as many different nationalities as possible, so this meant that we had the wonderful opportunity of talking and singing with each other while we worked. We all thoroughly enjoyed our work. Apart from the workshops, we had free time, Campfires, a visit from Lady Baden-Powell, Colour Ceremonies, and an organised time to tell each other about our trips to Bristol.

We were most impressed by the wonderful spirit of friendship between everyone, regardless of colour, race, or religion. We were also impressed by the results of our Service Programme. We made a total of 1523 articles and I think that this is a fine example of what can be achieved when everybody is working together toward a common goal. As "Service" is the main aim of the Senior Branch, I think that this is an important point. The Panorama ended with a reception at London Headquarters for all Commonwealth visitors, and it was here that we said our final farewells.

After spending some time in London, we attended the Lymington District Camp in Wiltshire, which was great fun; then we made our way home via the Continent, Thailand, Malaya and Singapore. In Thailand we stayed with Wanee and her husband (Wanee was the Thai girl who attended the International Camp at Guide House) and we enjoyed our stay immensely. In Malaya we visited the Cadets and Rangers, who were very interested in the Panorama and Australia. We stayed in the home of one of the

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## WHAT IS THE FREEDOM FROM HUNGER CAMPAIGN ?

The Freedom from Hunger Campaign is a world-wide effort to conserve and develop man's greatest resource—man himself. A hungry or under-nourished man neither works with energy nor skill, nor enjoys the full benefits of his work, as a properly nourished man does. Nobody knows how many hungry or under-nourished people there are on earth. World population is about 2,800 million, and experts estimate that anything from one-third to one-half of this number face permanent hunger or malnourishment. The Freedom from Hunger Campaign seeks to generate enlightened and decisive support for actions that will make food production everywhere adequate to the needs of all men.

Much of this will be done through education. Education in the growing of foods, soil conservation, and increasing the output of livestock. There are also many other ways, but I want to plant in your minds a thought: "THE FREEDOM FROM HUNGER CAMPAIGN."

Each month you will hear more of this, and next month will be an article printed in our "Matilda"—

**"To do a good turn every day."**

Please read this and bear in mind next year the Campaign will definitely be on its way. WE MUST HELP.

BETTY PEARSON.  
State International Representative.

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(Continued from page 115.)

Commissioners and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

We would like to thank everyone for giving us the wonderful privilege of attending Britain's Panorama. We have both experienced the unique feeling of perfect international understanding, friendship, and unity within the Guide Movement. And it is something we shall never forget.

I close with the Panorama thought:—  
"In great things there is unity;  
In small things there is Liberty;  
In all things there is Charity."

ROBIN O'BRIEN.

## TRAINING

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. MacLeod.

Applications from those wishing to attend should be forwarded to Mrs. F. Roffey, Training Secretary, Guide Headquarters, **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

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In the September edition of "Matilda" it was wrongly stated that maps to be used in connection with the Training Tapes on Mapping could be hired from the Training Department at 1/6 each. The correct charge is 1/- each or 10/- a dozen.

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Commissioners' Training Day on Wednesday, 14th November, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Headquarters. A light lunch will be available.

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## SPECIALISED TRAININGS

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

22nd November—Games, Miss Waudby.

30th November—First Aid, Mrs. B. McNally.

Applicants will be advised of location. Applications for specialised trainings may be made for one or more nights, or for the whole series.

Fee—booking for the whole course, 5/-, or 1/- per night to Training Secretary.

Cynthia M. Walker, Training Adviser.

## WONDERLAND OF DOLLS

From 23rd November, at Headquarters, all dolls in the recent Doll Competition for sale. Come and buy one!

State Council stall will be operating.

Refreshments: Friday, 23rd November, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, 24th November, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Come and buy your Christmas presents.

J. McKAY.



## FIELD DAY FOR COMMISSIONERS, GUIDERS AND SENIOR BRANCH

To be held at Anglesea on Sunday, 18th November, 1962, conducted by the Field Naturalists Society.

Enjoy a day among flowers, birds and interesting geographical features, with experts to guide you.

Buses leave Batman Avenue at 9 a.m. on Sunday, 18th November. Fare, 15/-.

Bring a cut lunch and something to drink.

Details of this day were previously announced at the Guiders' Conference and through Division Commissioners, but if you have not already applied and wish to attend, contact the Training Secretary at Headquarters. There may be some seats still available.

If intending to be present, but not requiring transport, the Training Department would appreciate it if you would notify Headquarters so that the Field Naturalists Society may be given some indication of numbers.

## ROYAL VISIT, 1963

It has been suggested that as Monday, 25th February, 1963, has been declared a public holiday, Metropolitan Districts might like to revive "Operation Link-up" over the weekend, 23rd-25th February, 1963, and invite their country partners to visit them.

In this way country Guides may have the opportunity of seeing H.M. the Queen.

We suggest that you discuss this idea in your Districts.

### DO YOU AGREE? (Answers)

1. No, provided that she can throw straight with one hand and catch four out of six even using both hands, she can pass, but many Brownies find this so easy that there would be little satisfaction in passing it, and most Guiders encourage practice with each hand. Brownies can appreciate that throwing and catching with either hand will be a help if they play tennis; and that being able to do things with their "wrong" hand will be an advantage all their lives.
2. No.
3. No. Each Brown Owl decides for herself how to ensure that her Brownies pass test on as high a standard as reasonably possible.

## BROWNIE BRANCH

### Australian Emblem

Have you given this any thought, or discussed it with other Guiders in your District? Several excellent suggestions have been received; Miss Norma Lee, at present in Western Australia, has sent two of Western Australia's badges, based on aboriginal folk lore.

A Tookonie is depicted with a green body and red hair (like gum-nut blossom).

The rhyme,

"We're Australia's Bushland Brownies,  
Bright and helpful—we're **TOOKONIES**."

Tookonies are similar to European Fairies. They are a typical plant spirit, and love looking after growing things. Their natural habitat is the top of the eucalyptus, and they are responsible for pulling the little caps off and letting the flowers out.

Perhaps this example might help YOU with an idea!



### Canoe for New Guinea

The following extracts are from a letter received from Lady Cleland, Government House, Port Moresby.

"We bought a most beautiful canoe, and excellent outboard engine—it is a great thrill to see it just off shore from our own Guide Headquarters. It will be the most wonderful asset to Brownies and Guides.

We are having a grand christening and quite a celebration — Miss Ethal doing the christening, and we are calling it "Lend a Hand." Arrangements have been made for an official photographer to come down and take pictures.

With all the warmest gratitude we can possibly express, and all good wishes to the Brownies of Victoria."

It is thank you, indeed, to all who helped with "Pennies for the Canoe" in such a generous way. At 1st October the total was £351.

As soon as the account of the christening and photos are available, I am hoping "Matilda" will be able to print them for all to see.

DOROTHY FOX, Brownie Adviser.

## FROM THE SENIOR BRANCH TO ALL GUIDE GUIDERS

Elsewhere you will have read that a Guide may complete her Queen's Guide Test after she has moved on to the Senior Branch, provided she completes it before her 16th birthday. It is also possible (and sometimes desirable) for her to pass part or all of her Entry Test for Rangers or Cadets while a member of the Guide Company, and step up into the Senior Unit already wearing her Senior uniform. It is hoped that those Guide Companies that have a Ranger or Cadet Company or Crew available will start some of their Guides working on this test, and that those that have not will start working on their Commissioner until they have one!

This Entry Test is new—brand new—and I will be very interested to hear how it is received by older Guides because, ultimately, it must be made to fit their interests and enthusiasms, not them made to fit it. Even where there is, as yet, no Senior Unit, some Guide Captains might like to try out some or all of the clauses as a programme for their older girls.

### 1. RANGER OR CADET ENTRY TEST

This is of six clauses; three (if desired) may be tested by the Guide Captain while the Recruit is still a Guide; three must be tested by the Senior Branch Guider.

(The idea is that senior Guides who are puddling along with their test work and unlikely ever to achieve 1st Class, can be offered the alternative of working for their Ranger or Cadet Entry Test; the fact that their own Captain can test them for any three clauses may help to get them started, while having to be tested by the Senior Guider for the remaining three ensures that, by the time the girl is ready to move on, she knows the Captain and probably many of the girls of the Senior Unit. Which three are done by which Guider is a matter of convenience—if the Guide Captain is not a camper, obviously Clause 1 will have to be passed with the Seniors; if the Guide Captain is too busy, all clauses may be done with the Senior Unit.)

Once the Entry Test has been completed, a Guide may wear Senior Branch uniform of the particular section to which she is going, but it can only be worn for a maximum of

two weeks before she transfers from Guides to Seniors.

(Most Guides get a kick out of showing off their new uniform to the Guide Company, and seeing it would arouse interest in the younger Guides and perhaps inspire them to go on to Seniors also, but once the test is completed a Guide should not be allowed to linger on in the Company.)

Where a girl has not previously been a Guide, or is not now attached to a Guide Company, all six clauses will, of course, be tested by the Senior Branch Guider or her representative.

Where desired, any Senior Branch Unit may substitute one clause of their own devising for any one of the six clauses listed below.

#### Clause 1

Attend one Lightweight Overnight Camp, or one Senior Branch weekend fixture.

(This to attract the Guide who has not done much camping—or none at all—as a Guide, while the weekend fixture will introduce her to numbers of Rangers or Cadets early. If for any reason it is hard to arrange—cost of camping gear, no suitable “central fixture” at the right time, or the next two coming up might just be expensive ones like skiing weekends—the Unit can invoke the last paragraph above and devise a substitute themselves.)

#### Clause 2

Submit a folder showing a plan for a basic outfit for everyday wear suitable for herself; this should include:—

- (a) Pictures of the garments she would choose; (these may be cut out from magazines or catalogues or sketched by herself).
- (b) Details of materials and colours; (accompanied by snippings of actual materials if possible).
- (c) Sketches or pictures of suitable accessories—hat, shoes, gloves, handbag, jewellery, etc.—to team with the outfit
- (d) An estimate of the overall cost of the outfit.

(At this age some girls have little interest in anything beyond clothes, boys and cosmetics, and spend hours planning their

clothes; others are still having all their clothes bought for them by their mothers and **should** be beginning to take an interest in their appearance and to learn what will be suitable for them and what will not. Consideration and judgment of this section should be a worthwhile occupation for either the Seniors or the older Guides in the Company, while prowling round the shops and studying design with an eye to what suits her—and what her companions will agree suits her—will be excellent training, as well as fun, for girls who tend to buy anything that is cheap or reduced for a sale.)

#### Clause 3

Participate actively on at least one occasion for the purpose of this test in some sport or physical activity which she has never tried before—basketball, skating (ice or roller), riding, bowls, rowing, dancing, water skiing, etc. This to be undertaken with the approval of her family, but arranged entirely by herself, not by the Guide or Senior Branch Captain.

(This sounds fun, and should appeal and be fun, besides calling for a certain amount of courage, particularly from the stay-at-home type. It may introduce her to quite a different set of friends, though she may, of course, arrange to take one or two Seniors with her for companions.)

#### Clause 4

Attend at least one lecture on basic make-up; learn the correct application of foundation cream, powder and lipstick for herself.

(This is one of the problems of that age—how to do it and when to do it and how much to do it; its inclusion should attract girls, and, in fact, we want the Senior Branch to know how to wear make-up to enhance their appearance. (At a recent gathering of Rangers and Cadets I was shocked by the number of "heartly" types with red noses, shiny faces and no lipstick. N.B.—Lipstick worn and the Ranger scarf should tone with it.) The "lecture" can be given by the local hairdresser in a country town, or be one of the "lunch-time" lectures given in big stores in the city, or an expert can visit the Senior Unit, though, after a while, the older Rangers or Cadets themselves should be able to visit the Guide Company and lecture to the older girls and demonstrate on one of them.)

#### Clause 5

In a group discussion (either with the older Guides, with Seniors, or with any other youth group of either sex) be able to express her ideas on the use and abuse of at least one of the following:—Cosmetics; smoking; bad language; extremes of fashion; modern dancing; alcohol.

(The idea here is threefold: that the candidate should learn to marshal her thoughts on one of these subjects and think objectively about it, instead of just accepting it; that those taking part in the discussion, whether Guides, Seniors, or other young people, should do likewise; and that the candidate should take her first steps towards an ultimate aim of good public speaking. Having several alternative subjects allows for variety if a number of Recruits are coming up to the Senior Unit somewhat spaced—the group would not want, for instance, to have a serious discussion on the merits or evils of drink every three months.)

#### Clause 6

Have an understanding of correct table etiquette and the proper procedure for:—introductions; dances, letters of thanks; staying with a friend.

Demonstrate that she can arrange an attractive bowl of flowers, driftwood decoration, or its equivalent.

(The first part of this clause covers matters that are of burning interest at this age; the second part should be fun to do and to judge and will be of immense value later.)

(The above Entry Test was designed with an eye to two things—one, that it should appear **attractive** to any girl, Guide or not, who wanted to see what Seniors was about, and, two, that it should have a definite purpose and advantage behind each clause, designed to prepare the girl more fully for a poised and happy adult life.)

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**CONGRATULATIONS —  
RANGER SERVICE STAR**

Marjorie Smith, Kew Ranger Company;  
Shirley Croft, S.R.S. "Akuna."

**Ranger Service Star:** Wendy Goldsmith,  
6th Victorian Lones.

Elizabeth Hurst (1st Melbourne Extension  
Ranger Company) on completion of the full  
Ranger Service Star.



## SENIOR BRANCH TRAIN TREK

Preliminary arrangements have now been made, and we will travel in three special carriages provided by the Railways. The itinerary is as follows:—

**Easter Thursday**—Leave Melbourne 7.30 p.m. for Camperdown.

**Friday**—Stay Camperdown. Trip to Peterborough.

**Saturday**—Leave Camperdown for Warrnambool — three-quarter day and a night there. Arrange trip.

**Sunday**—Depart Warrnambool for Hamilton (hooked on to a goods train). Three-quarter day and a night there. Arrange trip.

**Monday**—Leave Hamilton for Ararat — three-quarter day and a night there. Trip to Grampians.

**Tuesday**—Leave Ararat for Ballarat—say goodbye to our train there. Half-day in Ballarat and leave by ordinary train, arriving Melbourne Tuesday evening.

Cost of trip will be £9, and this should be forwarded, with the application, to Miss D. Mitchell, 211 Church Street, Manifold Heights, Geelong, by 1st December. Application forms from Commissioners only.

Sea Rangers may apply to be placed on a waiting list, but NO MONEY is required from them at the moment. Unfortunately, numbers are limited to 54 Rangers and Cadets and six Guiders.

We require two Q.Ms., an Assistant Traffic Officer and a First Aider. Guiders interested should apply as soon as possible.

## PROJECTED SENIOR BRANCH PROGRAMME, 1963

While further details will, of course, be published later, this outline of Senior Branch activities for 1963 will help Rangers and Cadets to plan their camping programmes ahead and give them time to save up for weekends.

**February**.—Dawn Flag Raising and Thinking Day Service on 22nd February; metropolitan probably at Guide Headquarters with breakfast to follow. Country units please

plan their own and invite what guests they please.

**March**.—Senior Branch Conference-Camp, second weekend in March.

**April**.—Victorian Train Trek, maximum of 60 Seniors; preference given to Land Rangers, Air Rangers, Cadets. Route: Camperdown-Warrnambool - Hamilton - Ararat - Ballarat. Seniors will sleep on the train (sleeping bags) each night, and day trips will be arranged to —we hope—Peterborough, Port Fairy, the Grampians, etc. Leaving Melbourne Easter Thursday about 7.30 p.m. and arriving back about 7 p.m. Tuesday.

**May**.—Campcraft training weekend, second weekend in May. Interstate Senior Branch Camp in Sydney, "Moot Karingal," 10th - 17th May, with riding, boating, harbour cruise, etc.

**June**.—Queen's Birthday weekend, "Country to Town" Weekend, when metropolitan Rangers and Cadets will invite country ones to spend the weekend with them and have fun.

**July**.—Day trip to the snow, second Sunday in July.

**August**.—Skiing weekend, probably at Mt. Buller or Mt. Hotham. Second weekend in August.

**September**.—"Senior Week" — open Company meetings, mannequin parade, display and probably a ball with debutantes.

**October**.—Bird watching and naturalists' weekend at the Whipstick Scrub near Bendigo; lightweight camping with experts to teach us about birds, animals and flowers. Second weekend in October.

**November** — Lightweight Camping and climbing trip in the Grampians. Second weekend in November.

**December**—Sea Ranger Regatta, probably a weekend, second weekend in December, and other Units may compete.

It is hoped to plan a special trip in December-January with preference given in this case to Sea Rangers. Tentative plans for this trip at present are:—Leave Melbourne on 28th December for Sydney by sea on the "Iberia" (two nights on board and any Sea Rangers who are seasick will forfeit their tally bands!) then four or five days camping in Sydney with trips round the harbour and the Blue Mountains, etc., then home on the "Daylight" train.

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## BROWNIE BETTY

At the beginning of one meeting Tawny asked the Brownies to stand on the path in a long line, while she faced them six yards away behind a line marked with a long rope. She explained that the space between was enchanted land which could only be walked on by someone holding a magic globe straight from Brownieland; and that she would close her eyes and throw a magic globe to them, and if any Brownie caught it without it first touching the ground she could cross and, with her eyes open, throw the globe to one of her Six, but if a Brownie of another Six caught it, she could cross and throw to someone in her Six; and each Six would try to be first in Brownieland.

Margaret caught Tawny's throw of the magic globe (which looked just like a ball) and she threw it to Sandra, but Denise caught it instead, and tried to get it to Susan, but several Brownies tried to catch it and it bounced onto the enchanted land and lay there. Betty went to rush after it, but Julie said, "No, it's enchanted"; and Pack Leader, who had another globe in one hand, picked it up and, standing amongst the Brownies yet to cross, threw it, eyes closed, to those in Brownieland. Margaret caught it and got Jenny across, but Jenny's throw went to Robyn, and hers to Julie, then Betty saw the ball coming straight to her, but above her head, so she jumped and held it, one handed. Proudly she crossed and threw it across to Marea, and Lorraine was too quick and four Pixies and an Elf came over before the globe was dropped again and Julie caught Pack Leader's throw. Lynette got across, then Marea, then Sandra caught it and the rest of the Elves followed. "Who will I throw it to now, Tawny?" asked Dianne. "Anyone you like," said Tawny; so Dianne threw to Faye, the last Pixie, and last of all came Carole. "Well, even if we didn't win," said Betty, when they'd clapped the Pixies and Elves, "it was fun. Can I do my ball throwing, Brown Owl?"

Brown Owl said she thought that that might be arranged and to ask again at Pow-

Wow; and at Pow-Wow Betty asked if she could do her ball, Union Jack, health and knots, and in the next few weeks she passed them all.

For her ball test Betty and Brown Owl stood on lines six yards apart, and Brown Owl said that Betty could move to catch, but must stand on her mark to throw. First they threw with whichever hand they pleased, and caught with both hands and each caught all six throws. Then they used right hands only and all Betty's throws were good and she caught five of the six. "Good," said Brown Owl. "Now, let's try left hand." Betty caught the ball four times with her left hand, but only two of her throws were near enough for Brown Owl to go to them.

"It's a pity not to do it really well," said Brown Owl, "I'll come a little nearer, and see how many you can throw straight with your left hand." At four and five yards Betty threw all but an occasional slip fairly straight, and Brown Owl gradually moved back to her mark and caught four out of six from there. Betty had passed her ball test very well.

For Union Jack, Betty named the crosses and said to which country each belonged; then, as she told the story, made up the Union Jack from the lift-out crosses. She put a flag drawn on both sides of a card, to a pole right way up, then, at Brown Owl's request, upside down, and she knew the meaning of that and also of a flag flown at half mast.

"Your teaching of Union Jack must have been very clear and interesting," said Brown Owl to Tawny, after the meeting. "Betty knew all about it, and was obviously thrilled to tell me."

Jenny, Carole and Betty discussed "health" with Brown Owl, and she explained that knowing about breathing and looking after their teeth and nails wasn't enough, even if they knew everything perfectly, but that she and Tawny would watch them specially for a month to see that they could do what they said, before their cards were signed; and then, of course, they'd be expected to keep on doing it.

They told about breathing in through their noses so the tiny hairs inside would catch the dust and the air would be warmed by passing through the narrow passages.

"What about singing games?" said Betty, "I can't breathe through my nose in them."

"That's a good question, Betty. Singing and swimming and sometimes when we have a cold, we have to breathe through our mouths. That's the reason why we like to play singing games outside, because dancing around on a floor raises a certain amount of dust. But as long as we make a habit of breathing in through our noses it's all right. It's the constant dust and cold air on the lungs which is likely to cause trouble."

They discussed care of teeth and agreed that last thing at night was an even more important cleaning time than after meals, and that carrot or celery or a crisp apple was a good way to finish a cut lunch.

Care of toe nails was included, and the fact that nailbiters must swallow a lot of dirt and their nails wouldn't be much use.

"What are nails for?" asked Betty.

"What do you think?"

"To scratch yourself with," suggested Carole.

"To protect your fingers and help pick up things," said Jenny.

"And to undo knots," said Betty. "Brown Owl, when can I do my knots?"

"Next week," said Brown Owl.

### DO YOU APPROVE ?

(See answers on page 117.)

1. Must a Brownie catch and throw a ball with each hand?
2. Need a Brownie know the dates of the Union Jack?
3. Must Brownies be watched for a month before they can pass their health?

### ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS

#### Received with gratitude:

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During 1963 it is intended to enter a selected Senior Branch representative in the Women's Hospital "Miss Teenage of Victoria" Quest, the prize for which is a trip round the world for the successful candidate and her mother.

A. F. RYLAH, Senior Branch Adviser.

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*Division Commissioner* — Mrs. S. W. Noble, North Eastern.

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#### With Regret—

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## REALIZATION — Camp !

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