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LADY BROOKS

State President

1949 - 1963

OUR PRESIDENT

It has been the privilege of four State Commissioners to serve with our State President, Lady Brooks—



When Lady Brooks first arrived in Victoria she graciously agreed to be our President. As State Commissioner it was my very pleasant duty to tell her all about our Movement and its workings.

I am sure that every Guide in the State knows how charming Lady Brooks is and how interested in us, but perhaps you don't all know how very human she is.

I was asked to Government House to afternoon tea to talk Guiding. Towards the end of tea Lady Brooks said—"Oh, I do wish I knew if anyone else is coming. I'd love another chicken sandwich. You know, we usually only have bread and butter!"

Beverly E. Orr

It is not possible to convey, in a few brief sentences, all that Lady Brooks has done for Guiding in Victoria.

I know how sincerely she has made our problems her problems; I have watched the children warm to her as she spoke to them as individuals; I have noted the time she took to prepare for any Guiding activity, so that underneath her charm lay informed knowledge; and on many, many occasions I have had cause to be grateful to her for support and encouragement.

Indeed, Lady Brooks was no figurehead,

and the fact that our membership more than trebled during her time with us is part of the tribute we offer her, with our love and our gratitude.

Margaret Curtis-Allen

For thirteen years Lady Brooks has been our President, and travelled extensively all over Victoria. On each occasion when visiting Districts she has requested to see Guides and Brownies; not only did this request create a stimulus to our Movement, but enable most of us to see and meet her.

So many privileges have we received through our President—invitations to attend various functions, to line the drive at Government House for very important visitors and to have her present with us on special occasions.

How wonderful it has been to have a President like Lady Brooks who loves "Guides" as deeply as we all love her. We are sorry to say au revoir, but we will not be sad because we shall always remember those happy times when she was with us.

We do appreciate everything that our President and His Excellency have done for us and ask them to accept with love the most heartfelt and biggest "thank you" from us all for everything.

Gene Farbar

I know that everyone, from the youngest Brownie to the oldest Commissioner, will wish me to offer on her behalf affectionate good wishes to Lady Brooks on her relinquishing her position as our State President.

We thank her for the keen personal interest she has taken in us and in our activities, for the time she has spared to us, for her thoughtfulness in sharing many special occasions with us—all so much more than we could have expected in her busy life devoted to all people in the State.

We wish her and Sir Dallas health and happiness in the future, a holiday as perfect as they both deserve, and we look forward to welcoming them back as fellow Victorians.

Joyce E. Price

FROM
THE STATE COMMISSIONER

Block - 303.



9/2/63.

Thank you to the many people who welcomed Mrs. Catmore and me to our new positions on 1st February. We certainly feel that the year has now begun in earnest, and what an exciting start it is with our Queen and Patron arriving shortly. Headquarters is buzzing with the final arrangements for country and city members to link up to celebrate this Royal occasion. I believe that about 1200 girls have accepted the invitation to come to town, both to see Her Majesty and also to join in our Festival of Friendship Campfire at the Sidney Myer Music Bowl. This in itself will be a memorable occasion, I know, as I have been privileged to "pre-view" the splendid programme Miss Barr and Miss Edmondson have arranged. You will be thrilled, too, with our float in the Moomba procession — in fact, for many, 22nd-24th February, 1963, will be a never-to-be-forgotten weekend, and I'm sure that those

able to join in will share their experiences with those unable to do so this time.

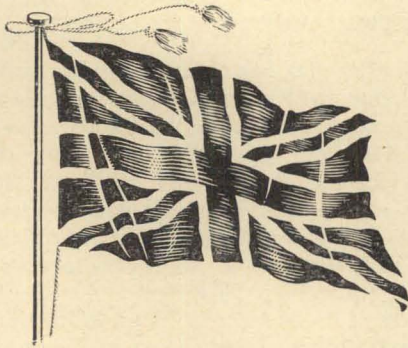
All over the State Thinking Day celebrations, too, will gain in significance because of the near presence of the Queen. You will be delighted to know that our State President, Lady Brooks, has kindly arranged that a Thinking Day Message from us all be radioed to the Royal Yacht at sea between Adelaide and Melbourne. We are indeed fortunate to have such wonderful leaders and enthusiastic friends of the Movement as the Governor and Lady Brooks.

On 7th February Lady Brooks received Mrs. Fairbairn and me at Government House as an appreciation of Mrs. Fairbairn's completed term of office, and as a welcome and encouragement to me. Needless to say, it was a tremendous pleasure to share this delightful call with Mrs. Fairbairn, who is as much loved and highly esteemed by our State President as she is by us all.

I started by saying that the year has really begun, which sounds like work after holiday, and I hope that you all had good holidays to fit you to enjoy both work and play all the year. At Headquarters the Executive Committee has already met both to review past weeks and to plan ahead. It was exciting to hear of the numbers who had camped during January, and almost more exciting to know of the numbers who undertook Campcraft Training, because that means that even more can camp in future. How grateful we should be to the Guiders who spend their holidays giving fun and friendship and passing on their skills to so many.

I was fortunate enough to attend the Australian Senior Branch Conference-Training held at Glengarry, N.S.W. A large number of Victorian delegates were present, shared in the discussions and contributed to and benefited from the trainings. It was most stimulating and all present members, as well as all the Guides looking forward to moving into the Senior Branch will undoubtedly benefit from the forward thinking and planning by all States. We congratulate Miss Broadhurst, our Training Adviser for Australia, on the success of her imaginative programme, and thank N.S.W. for splendid hospitality in a wonderful setting. As always

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The Governor's Office,
Melbourne, C.1.
2nd January, 1963.

The State Commissioner,
Girl Guides Association,
20 Russell Street,
Melbourne, C.1.

Dear Madam,

I refer to the Message of Loyalty to Her Majesty The Queen which was read by a Queen's Guide at the presentation of Royal Certificates at Government House on the 27th October, 1962, and have pleasure in enclosing a letter which His Excellency the Governor has received from the private Secretary to the Queen.

Yours faithfully,
N. G. Wishart,
Official Secretary.

Buckingham Palace,
10th December, 1962.

Mrs. C. O. Fairbairn,
State Commissioner,
Girl Guides Association,
Victoria.

Dear Madam,

I am commanded to ask you to convey to The Queen's Guides of Victoria, Her Majesty's sincere thanks for their kind and loyal message of greetings which, as Patron of the Association, The Queen received with much pleasure.

Yours truly,
Martin Charteris.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

We are pleased to announce that the following appointments have been made by the Executive Committee:—

Lone Adviser: To this position we welcome Mrs. H. G. Hilton, who succeeded Mrs. A. E. Stone early in February. Mrs. Hilton is well known to many of you as a Commissioner and a Guider, in addition to which she has been a member of the New Commissioners and Boundaries Sub-Committee for some time.

Extension Adviser: A very sincere welcome is extended to Mrs. D. Moors, who will take over from Miss M. Lambe on 1st April next. As you will know, Mrs. Moors has, during Mrs. Stuart's term of office as Guide Adviser, been her assistant and we are most grateful to her for accepting this appointment.

Guide Adviser: A sincere welcome to Miss E. Bunning, who will succeed Mrs. R. Stuart as Guide Adviser on 1st April. As a Guider, Camp Adviser, and one who has organised many special functions for the Association, Miss Bunning is well known.

Training Adviser: To this position we will welcome Mrs. R. E. Gregory on 1st May when she takes over from Mrs. C. Walker. Here again there is hardly any need for us to introduce Mrs. Gregory, as she has already served the Movement in a number of capacities—District and Division Commissioner, a member of the Executive Committee and Chairman of the Uniform Sub-Committee.

To our outgoing Advisers who are retiring at the expiration of their term of office—Miss M. Lambe, Mrs. R. Stuart and Mrs. C. Walker—we say a very sincere THANK YOU for their splendid work, as we do to Mrs. A. E. Stone, who has had to resign owing to other commitments.

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with Guide gatherings, we came away not only full of information and inspiration, but glowing with the warmth of new friendships made and old friendships deepened and having had lots of fun. To me it was a wonderful start to what I know is going to be an exciting Guiding year for and with you all.

Joyce E. Price

JANET WHITLAM MEMORIAL CAMPSITE

The morning dawned warm, but literally pouring rain; this was the day which had been chosen for the opening of the new equipment building — the "George Whitlam Lodge" — a living memorial to the man who so generously gave four acres of land to make the Janet Whitlam Memorial Park Campsite possible. (Janet Whitlam was George Whitlam's mother.)

The carefully planned ceremony outside was just as carefully transferred inside the Lodge before the many Guiding friends, not deterred by rain, arrived. It meant quite an amount of work in the drenching rain preparing the Lodge to look its best, and also produced several sodden, bedraggled figures, but these magically turned to smart uniformed Guiders, Rovers and Guides at the crucial moment.

To commence the ceremony the Guide and Scout World Flags were broken on the Campsite flagpole by a Colour Party from 1st Bentleigh Company, the Scout World Flag being flown in respect to the co-operation of the Rovers with the Campsite Committee—surely this was one of the first occasions on which the two World Flags have flown together?

Miss McDonald, in opening the Lodge, spoke of George Whitlam and how Guiding came to be associated with the Whitlam family. After declaring the Lodge open theoretically—for it was, unfortunately, well and truly open—a "Supporter's Badge" was presented to Miss Hargreaves for her ever ready and cheerful assistance. Four "Thanks Badges" were then presented to: 1st Kew Flinders Rover Crew; Mr. L. De Marchi; Mr. A. Coilett and Mr. W. McCallum for services rendered to the Campsite in maintenance and erection of the Lodge continuously over periods from 3 to 6½ years. Afternoon tea was served to close the ceremony.

It was a most thrilling day for one person present at the opening. Miss Whitlam, sister of the late George Whitlam, had made a supreme effort in the face of ill-health to be present to witness the ceremony. We were also honoured to have as a guest Miss Ethal, a Girl Scout Leader from America. The first Guide Company to camp on the site was

present to erect the ridge and hike tents to add atmosphere to the somewhat damp scenery.

Our thanks to all those who attended and helped to make this afternoon such a success.
B.P.deM.

RICHMOND CAMP

A merry party of 3rd Richmond Guides was campwards bound. Late arriving at Mt. Morton, South Belgrave, tent pitching was not completed until 9 o'clock, but all the Guides kept the Eighth Law—enduring darkness, mosquitoes, tripping over stumps, guys and tent pegs, etc.

Some Tenderfoot campers did not sleep comfortably, and searched fervently, but unsuccessfully, the following day for "hip holes." All Guides worked energetically at duties, and after some testing had a hike up Mt. Morton and a Campfire in the evening.

Sunday found the Guides at "Guides' Own" with a beautifully made bush altar. After lunch the dismantling of camp began. Before we left, two Guides received their Second Class Badges, and one Guide was enrolled. This was a fitting way to end camp, but I feel that the Guides in the Horseshoe wished that camp would last just a few more days. All of them wish to thank their Guiders and the parents who assisted in the success of the camp.

Ngairé Sushames.

THE MOOMBA FLOAT

The Guide Movement was very honoured to be asked, following our float last year, to represent Youth Movements in the 1963 Moomba Float Procession—where the floats could be entered only by invitation.

When you saw the lovely float, I wonder how many of you said—"Oh, how lovely . . . but?"

Due to the untiring work of Mrs. Chamberlain and the Diamond Valley Division, the plans were all ready. Then, with their usual helpful hand, Mr. and Mrs. Bolte, through Sir Frank Richardson, arranged a sponsor for us—Foy and Gibsons.

Diamond Valley Division manned the float—but all the money was donated to us.

Read about the float—and all the Royal Tour activities—in April "Matilda."

INVITATION FROM NORWAY

A camp for University students who are members of the Guide and Scout Movement.

3rd WITAN, 1963

Scouts and Guides who are studying at Universities in all countries which are registered with the Boy Scouts World Bureau or members of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, including members of European Scouts and Guides in Exile.

6th August to 16th August, 1963, at Lysern, about 20 miles south of Oslo.

The camp fee is stipulated at N.kr (£7/10/- or 22 dollars), including travelling expenses from Oslo to the camp and back and all meals.

What Will Be Done at the Camp?

Study Norwegian Scouting and Guiding; work and live together in mixed Patrols. The programme includes swimming, hiking, discussions, Viking programme. Two days will be spent on practical service project. Sight-seeing in Oslo will be arranged.

Should anybody who will be overseas, and is eligible to attend this Camp wish to do so, would they please let me know by the first week in May, 1963?

Betty Pearson,
State International Representative.

FREEDOM FROM HUNGER CAMPAIGN

We have had quite a few people sending in money for this appeal. The money must be sent to our Headquarters, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne.

Two ways of making money have come to our notice, and it was thought a good idea to tell you about them, and perhaps it might give somebody an idea if they are stuck, or perhaps these ideas can be worked in another way.

From our brother Scouts comes the idea that people be asked to give the **price of a meal**. This idea would most likely appeal to many, especially when we know that there are many people in the world who are very hungry.

The NETHERLANDS conducted a Youth Appeal, which was called "**Ten by Ten Action.**" The young people of the country were asked to set aside 10 per cent of their pocket money for ten weeks. The result was £250,000.

These are only suggestions, and may be helpful.

THE ZOO

Dear "Matilda,"

The 3rd Newport Brownies went to the Zoo on Saturday, and we thought we would write a story about it.

It was a lovely day and I think we saw every animal there. We saw parrots, bears, dogs, peacocks, camels, donkeys, horses, lions, birds, tigers, seals, monkeys, snakes, emus and an elephant and many more. When we were passing the monkeys one grabbed Heather's raincoat.

Nearly everyone wanted a ride on the elephant so we went, but Tawny and our Pack Leader were relieved when we stopped! We also had a ride on the train. Brown Owl and two or three of the Brownies who didn't have a ride on Jumbo had a merry-go-round ride instead. After that we saw a mother koala and her baby hiding in a tree, two lovely peacocks with their tails up, a beautiful pink and blue Princess parrot with white feathers shaping a crown on her head. Then we saw a bird with beautiful purple colour under her wings. After that we went to the budgerigars and one very tame one came and sat on Lorraine's finger. Before that we saw a lot of tiny little birds in the trees. One was a lovely purple and yellow colour. The last thing we saw was a talking cocky. We jumped on the train and that was the end of a very enjoyable birthday for the 3rd Newport Brownies.

Christine Davis, Sixer of Imps.



A GIFT FOR LADY BROOKS

When a Newtown Pack was asked to contribute one penny per head for the gift for Lady Brooks, the youngsters said, "Oh, no, she's worth more than that. We've brought threepence!"

JEPARIT BROWNIES' SHOW TENT

The idea for our show exhibition started when one of the Brownies asked if she could wear her uniform to the local show to let the people see what it was like. Our Pack had only been in action for one year, so we thought this was a good idea, as many of the people do not know what Brownies are. As with all good ideas it grew and grew, until finally we decided to ask the Show Committee if we could pitch a tent at the show and have a Brownie Exhibition. We received permission, and then started the hard work.

The day of the show dawned windy but fine, and we started early. After nearly getting ourselves airborne, we finally had the tent up—a large one, 18 ft. by 10 ft.

Inside we had one section on the Golden Badge Test, including charts with the Law, Promise and Motto coloured by the Brownies. The next section was Golden Bar Test work. Quite a few Brownies had finished their Observation books, so we pinned these up. We had Knots, with explanations on what they were used for. The table laying was practically shown by two Brownies setting a card table. This looked very nice and many mothers, accompanied by daughters who were not Brownies, asked them if they thought they could do as well.

A big attraction was a section of Brownies of the World. We had pages from the "Brownies of the World" painting books, coloured and pasted on cardboard. A large wall map of the world had flags, showing countries where there were Brownies. The flags had the name of the country and colour of the uniform on them. The main part of this section was a display of dolls, dressed by Brownies, in uniforms of other lands. All named, they looked very attractive on their bench.

The most interesting thing, for the children, was a large dolls' house set up and furnished by Brownies. Inside were cut-out figures of Brownies doing the jobs that they do to "Lend A Hand."

The finishing touches were two small ornamental gardens outside the front entrance. In one we had a plastic covered hole in the ground in which we put water to represent a pool. Above this was a notice with the "Twist Me and Turn Me" rhyme, and at the side was our Toadstool with the

Owl on top. Behind was a gum tree branch with a koala bear. The other garden had an ornamental bird bath and flowering pot plants with little gnomes standing between them.

We called our tent Brownie Land, and had the Australian Flag flying outside. For half an hour in the afternoon the Brownies, in uniform, played games and songs that they have learnt and we had many interested on-lookers.

Altogether we voted the day a great success and Tawny Owl and I have a good start towards knowing what to do for next year's tent.

June Haebich, Brown Owl,
1st Jeparit Brownie Pack.



MY FIRST TRIP TO GUIDE HOUSE

The new Maidstone District had a Picnic to Guide House. The Brownies travelled to Yarra Junction in one bus, the Guides in another—and what a wonderful day we all had. Each Company and Pack had made a cushion, and on our arrival Miss Martin received two cushions for Guide House and two for Brownie Cottage. Then we all went on an inspection of the House and Cottage. We had a picnic lunch under the lovely big trees on one of the camping sites. After lunch four Guides were enrolled, and we had a treasure hunt and games. Then we explored the Guide House grounds. How we loved the open air chapel, and visualised how wonderful it would be to camp at such a glorious spot. We hope that some day our dreams will come true.

The day gave us a greater knowledge, too, of the Guide House we had heard so much about and had never seen before.

Thanks go to our Commissioner and Guiders for giving us such a lovely day.

Frances Gough, 2nd Maidstone Coy.

THE ALL-AUSTRALIA SENIOR BRANCH CONFERENCE-TRAINING

Held at Glengarry, N.S.W.

11th-20th January, 1963

Among the 80 members of the Movement who spent an exciting ten days in discussion were representatives from each State, including 30 Victorians, from the Capital Territory, and Miss Ng Seoh Seoh from Singapore. The weather was hot, and for two days it rained continuously. And the mosquitoes! Have you ever heard a dive bomber in your ear?

The Conference was opened by Mrs. Buntine, Chief Commissioner for Australia, attending her first official function in Australia. During the Conference there was, of course, much listening, conferring and discussion.

Mrs. Price presented a paper on "Reflections of a Commissioner as she sees the challenge of the adolescent to the Movement" and gave us much food for thought.

Mrs. Rylah spoke on "Ways and means of making the Senior Branch a potential force in the community." Each State is doing things towards this end, and Victoria's Disaster Squad received much favourable comment.

There was plenty of discussion on the Investiture Test. Eventually the Conference drew up a form which it is hoped will, through the States, reach Australian level and be adopted. As well as aiming to interest the girl outside the Movement, we believe we have devised a test more interesting to those who are Guides and one more suited to Australian conditions.

Miss Broadhurst set us thinking with her talks on "The Aims of Leadership" and "The Promise and Law."

We all took part in Land, Sea, Air and General Ceremonial, learnt about each other's Ceremonial, and found much to impress us.

Mrs. Baxter came and talked to us on "Poise, Posture, and How to Look Well on a Small Income." She also brought along some fur pelts which were admired with envious glances and stroked with reverence!

Miss Mellor spoke on "Specialisation," and Miss Deer on "The Fetish of Numbers." Talks were given on sections of the Service Star and the Cadet Company; and finally Miss Coleman made us take a good look at

ourselves and the part women are playing in our community.

Uniform came under discussion, and after a mannequin parade the Tasmanian Sea Ranger Guiders' Tricornes and "Bows" instead of ties appeared to be very popular.

At night we saw demonstrations of classical ballet, acting, dance-drama—you should have seen the antics as we took part in "Music Through Movement!" We saw and discussed films, and had a wonderful evening, taken by Rover Leaders, on "Mixed Activities." Some of us managed to go rowing at Bobbin Head in our spare time—what a wonderful setting! We were green with envy!

Everyone was fascinated by the lyre birds which were incredibly tame and came right up to the house. Early risers were treated to great performances, though perhaps the most fascinating experience was the day the "Seas" piped during Divisions and were answered by a perfect rendition of "All Hands"!

Those of us who were privileged to take part in the Conference/Training came away with much to think about, many new ideas to try out, and a host of new friendships, with old friendships renewed. If half the things we all intend to try come to fruition the Senior Branch cannot but help become a definite force in the community.

J.M.P.

BORONIA BROWNIES CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY

1st Boronia Pack spent their 7th Birthday with a celebration of a different kind.

We went to Belgrave, and then, much to the delight of 36 Brownies, we joined "Puffing Billy."

The sun came out for us on what was a very cold, wet day, and what a glorious ride we had winding through the lovely bush to Menzies Creek. The high trestle bridge at Selby brought squeals of delight from all.

Spring flowers and ferns were seen along the railway line, and we waved to all the people along the route. Whilst the engine changed over at Menzies Creek, drinks were enjoyed by all. All changed sides in our special carriage to enable the Brownies to see different scenery coming down through the hills.

The trip was a wonderful success for our Birthday celebration.

Lorna Evans, Tawny, 1st Boronia Pack.

HELPING "PUFFING BILLY": A COMPANY GOOD TURN

A few months ago 1st Upwey Company were accepted as members of the Puffing Billy Preservation Society. The Guides were therefore privileged to have a ride in the beloved Dandenong Ranges train a week before the official opening ceremony. Such was their enjoyment that they decided they would like to do something to help keep "Puffing Billy" running rather than to be nominal members only.

The Society's Secretary, Mr. P. D. A'Vard, kindly attended one of the Company meetings and outlined ways in which Guides, despite their youth, could help, and of these ways the Guides elected to help prepare the quarterly bulletin, "Narrow Gauge," for mailing.

Mr. A'Vard and other members of the Society came to a Company meeting with bundles of papers (1150 copies of each of the 22 pages of the current issue), stapling machines, postal wrappers, paste for sealing these, and other requirements, and everyone set to work with a will. Four tables were set up—one for each Patrol—and at two of these one of each of the sheets was picked up, in order, and then stapled. At a third table roneoed sheets of last-minute announcements were inserted, and at the fourth table each one was rolled in a pre-addressed wrapper and sealed. The Society members' eyes popped out as if on stalks to see the rate at which the completed packages were packed into cartons.

A letter from Mr. A'Vard says: "Normally the collection and mailing of "Narrow Gauge" takes the best part of a week's work. Thanks to the efforts of the girls the entire issue was in the mail by 9 a.m. the next day—a feat which has not been possible since our membership was only 250 some time ago."

The Guides had wonderful fun—this was reward enough for them, without the thanks of the Society which were freely offered—and they are all looking forward to the next time "Puffing Billy" requires their helping hand.

Lesley Fullagar, Capt., 1st Upwey Coy.



Go as far as you can see—then see how far you can go.

MARCH, 1963.

JAYCEE

JAYCEE, or as it more correctly titled, the Junior Chamber of Commerce, is a world-wide organisation of men between the ages of 18 and 40 years. It exists in 104 countries and has a total membership of almost half a million. These men are of many races, faiths and colours, they come from all walks of life and include the very rich and the very poor. In their many countries they follow their own way of life, bound and guided by their own nation's understanding of what is a right and proper way of life.

In each of the individual Chambers which combine to form this far-flung organisation, they control their own affairs and work towards the two ultimate aims of Junior Chamber. These aims can be briefly expressed as, first, the training and development of the individual; and, second, through this training, the development of the community.

There is only one binding link between the many members of our organisation; it is our International Creed which has been translated into many languages, but which, in spite of language differences, forms the basis for our existence.

"We believe

That faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life;

That the Brotherhood of Man transcends the sovereignty of nations;

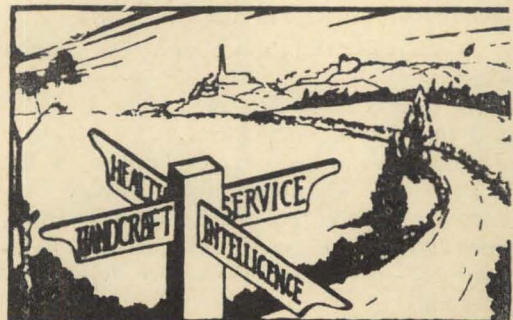
That economic justice can best be won by free men through free enterprise;

That Government should be of laws rather than of men;

That earth's great treasure lies in human personality;

That service to humanity is the best work of life."

(By courtesy of the Australian Junior Chamber of Commerce.)



"MATILDA" QUESTIONNAIRE

You will remember the Questionnaire about what you like to see in "Matilda."

This is a brief summary of the answers from almost 300 readers, most of whom were regular readers. We do thank you all for returning the forms, and for the interest and thought shown in your answers.

We will not be able to cover all your requests and suggestions immediately, of course, but we hope that from time to time you will recognise subjects, articles and improvements that stem from your suggestions.

To which page do you turn first?

Almost half the answers stated page 1.

Which articles do you find most interesting and useful?

Most votes in this question went to: Training Pages, Brownie articles, Company and Pack reports, Commissioner's Diary and the Warrant lists.

Which articles do you find least helpful?

All the items covered in the answers to the previous question received votes here, too!

Do you read every article?

68 readers said no.

Would you like a monthly index?

This would be helpful to 131 readers.

Do you read only the articles dealing with your own Branch?

47 readers restrict their reading to their own Branch articles.

Would you like more Training material?

48 readers felt there was already sufficient training material.

Would you like "Matilda" smaller?

Only 39 readers said yes.

Would an annual index be helpful?

217 votes were received for this.

A cover to file "Matilda"?

212 yes votes indicated that readers keep "Matilda." One answer said they used the school paper cover, and one reader asked for instructions on how to make her own.

Do you read "The Guider" and "The Council Fire"?

116 people said they read "The Guider," and 103 "The Council Fire."

Those who asked about "Letters to the Editor" and "Questions and Answers" sections are advised that the Editor will always print letters and arrange for questions to be answered—if she receives any letters or questions!

MATERIAL FOR "MATILDA"

Contributions for "Matilda" are always welcome — and we are glad to have them coming in all the time.

However, it is disappointing when material misses the issue it really should be in (for its topicality, information or because of the dates involved) because it arrives too late for inclusion.

Would you please note that to be included in any issue of "Matilda" material should be in the Editor's hands (44 Tooronga Road, Hawthorn East, E.3) no later than the first day of the preceding month, i.e., if it is to appear in the July issue, I should have it by 1st June.

"Matilda" is published on the second Tuesday of each month, and there is a lot of work to be done between the two dates; so please help us by getting your material in on time, and we will help you by keeping "Matilda" as topical as we can.

2nd TATURA PACK

It was hard to think that we
Would soon attain the age of three.
Should we have some party fun?
It was no sooner said — than done!
We asked 1st Pack and Wise Owl along
To celebrate with games and song.

Tawny made a cake so grand
And Boo-Book lent a helping hand
By icing it with brown and gold
And candles three—we're three years old!

We had a concert, Brownie style,
And each one wore her Brownie smile.
We spent a very happy day
In our special Brownie way.

As we all went home at last
And birthday three was in the past —
We looked forward to being four
When we can add one candle more.

Brown Owl, 2nd Tatura Pack.

A GIRL SCOUT STREET

In "The Girl Scout" (published by the Girl Scouts of the Philippines) we read that the Manila Municipal Board have renamed a street in honour of Mrs. Josefa Escoda, founder of the Girl Scouts of the Philippines, who died a heroine during the occupation years. The street is now named "Josefa Llanes Escoda Street."



TREES AND GUIDES

Guarding Our Heritage

By L. C. Edgar, Assistant Director, Natural Resources Conservation League of Victoria.

In my first article I made reference to trees as being only a part of nature's plan. For a series of articles on trees the casual reader would be excused for thinking that they had been relegated to a rather subordinate place. Although from now on I will be concentrating mainly on the trees themselves in detail, I hope that sight will never be lost of the manner in which the welfare of trees, soil, water and wildlife are dependent on each other, and that we—and our lives—are dependent on them.

First let us deal with the trees that we see. Fortunately, in Victoria, nearly everyone lives in a home where there is room to plant one or more small trees, and a walk along a suburban street soon shows that most homeowners accept the opportunity given. In the country, trees in the immediate vicinity of the home are almost a necessity, as they give protection against winds, cold or hot; provide shade which is much appreciated in summer; and, of course, add a measure of beauty which can lift a very lowly-looking house into a striking-looking home. So with most of us, the first trees with which we become familiar are those growing at home. So let us make a start with growing trees in the home garden.

The first consideration is the selection of trees to plant. Naturally, we have our favourites, and just as naturally we want to plant them in our gardens. But once again let us take a walk along a suburban street, this time with a critical eye, looking for trees which look so right in a certain position, and then those which were planted with more enthusiasm than vision as to what the future will yield. In one house we see a lovely

young specimen, four or five feet high and looking very charming, just a few feet from the house. We find that it is a Norfolk Island Pine. Now let us look ahead twenty years—and that is not long in the life of a home—and imagine the tree towering over the house, dominating the scene, shading drastically much of the garden and filling the spouting with foliage which is shed throughout the year. Looking ahead is something we must do **before** we plant a tree.

There are many trees which should not ever be planted in a normal house block. No matter how we love them, they must be enjoyed in the parks, or in the gardens of those with large properties. But there are so many gems for which the small garden has a place.

Next month we will talk of some of these beauties, and how to plant and tend them in their early stages.

BROWNIE GAMES

Passing the Parcel

While the rest of the Pack are busy with their Test work, the Brownies working for Golden Hand could each pack a parcel. The following game could be played later with the whole Pack.

The Brownies divide into small circles and each circle has a parcel. This is thrown from one to the other while the following verse is sung (to the tune of "Half a Pound of Two-penny Rice."):

Postman take our parcels now,

The train is ready waiting.

The knots are right and so we know

They'll travel without breaking.

On the word "travel" whoever holds the parcel throws it anti-clockwise to the next group (who should be ready to catch it!). At the end of the game the parcel in the best condition wins.

LEADERSHIP

(Continued)

Don't let's be too dogmatic in our attitude. Every Guider has her own point of view. Don't forget WE ARE Guiders, here to GUIDE. Promote discussion rather than dictate. Knowing and understanding your Guiders enables them to understand you better and promotes a ready co-operation and better leadership in the Movement.

You must have confidence in your Guiders and fellow-Commissioners. Make them feel they are doing a good job and that you really need them. Give them loyalty and understanding and appreciate all they do for you. At the same time you must have confidence in yourself. Know just what your task entails and discharge your duties to the best of your ability, then you and your Guiders will become a closely-knit group, resulting in a high standard of Guiding.

What is this standard of Guiding we aim at? Is it too high?

My answer to that is definitely NO. We should NEVER relax our effort to gain the highest possible standard in Guiding in all our Branches. If your objective is 100 per cent, and you aim and work for that objective — you possibly won't reach it — but you WILL get a high percentage. While, on the other hand, if you relax your effort and aim at a lower standard, you will get a STILL LOWER PERCENTAGE. Therefore, it behoves us all to fit ourselves and aim for the highest possible objective. B.P. gave us our standards right at the beginning of this great Movement. He didn't quibble. He said, "A Guide's honour IS to be trusted." He gave us 100 per cent to aim for, and we have promised to do our BEST to fulfil all he asked. We hear far too much of the expression "that's good enough." That attitude must not creep into Guiding. Never let us forget we are dealing with human lives and character, not just merchandise.

There are very many tasks to be performed by Leaders in Guiding. That is why we have many different personnel. Guiders, District Commissioners, Division Commissioners, office and shop personnel, training personnel and so on. I think we could liken our method of Guiding to a team of horses pulling a big

load. Each horse must pull its weight and tread a straight path, and then the load is light. But if we have a lazy horse or a horse who crosses in front of its teammate and interferes with his work, we then have many difficulties. But while we all pull together, each doing the task we have been ALLOTTED, each giving our best (and that's all we are asked to do), then we have co-operation, understanding and good teamwork to make our Association an alive and progressive Movement.

But we have problems. We all experience the ups and downs. One of our biggest problems, and I guess you will agree, is how to get Leaders. Frankly, I cannot give you a cut and dried answer.

Surely we all know what we are looking for. What I have already said gives you a lead as to the qualities to look for in a prospective leader, but just where to find those leaders is another problem. Invariably it is the busy folk, with a community outlook and desiring the best for their own children, that are our brightest prospects.

Are we failing to get people who would become excellent leaders because they cannot see their way clear to accept a position that might embarrass them financially (cost of uniform, phone bills, petrol, etc., etc.)? What are we going to do about that?

Can we help this search for leaders by increasing Public Relations? I know our own Public Relations Department is widening their activities, but could WE in OUR OWN DISTRICTS, foster a better relationship among the other organisations? Could we wear our uniform as often as possible, thus creating interest in what we do? Could we speak of Guiding whenever and wherever we have the opportunity? Do let us make ourselves known to Shire Presidents, Council personnel, Mayors, etc., etc., and offer our co-operation in any functions where youth can serve the community.

At a recent Training at Guide House for Commissioners to train Commissioners, all States emphasised the stimulation they felt from this intensive 8-days' training, and, equally, all States reported an enthusiasm for this training and the necessity that all Commissioners should be trained. That in itself creates a problem. It's this time

element. Whilst you will have a person willing and capable of doing and absorbing the training, they cannot leave their families and homes for a length of time.

Many more interests have developed over the last 20 years or so, taking the time of the housewife. Is it any wonder that we all feel the strain at times, and the question comes up — "Are we expecting too much of our Guiders and Commissioners?"

In the matter of our standard of Guiding, my answer (as I have already indicated) would be NO.

If, on the other hand, the question refers to the time taken by Guiding, my answer would be that circumstances will govern each individual case. For those who have the time to spare, we are not asking too much. For those who have family commitments and limited time, then perhaps we are asking too much. Each case must be judged on its merits. You cannot possibly apply a yard stick.

What about Local Associations and their "downs," especially in new areas where Guiding is in its infancy. I do feel that the duties of a Local Association — where their functions begin and where they end — should be explained clearly and in detail. I think our Regional Conferences are helping tremendously in this regard, but isn't it the task of the District Commissioner to see that her L.A.'s know what Guiding is and what we expect from them? She can do this only if she knows the functions herself.

Don't let us sit in judgment. Let us be more tolerant. I speak of tolerance that is not indifferent to the situation, but rather a willingness to recognise the possibility of right in other people.

I have spoken about our down — what about our "ups." In my many years of Guiding I find the scales unable to weigh so many good things that emanate from our Movement. May I give you one or two?

Satisfaction — a satisfaction in doing a job we believe in; a satisfaction in passing on knowledge and instruction that will help to build and mould young characters in the way we would wish for our own children.

The privilege of wearing a uniform which is recognised and respected throughout the world.

The lasting friendships we make among ourselves — and perhaps more important — the delightful friendships we make among the Guides and those little folk, the Brownies.

All leaders have their ups and downs. So go forward, performing your tasks to the best of your ability and your Guiding will have the quality of true Leadership.

STARS

In addition to the book, "Easy Guide to the Southern Stars," which we will be referring to throughout this series, there is a roneo'd sheet available from H.Q. This sheet sets out exact diagrams of the constellations referred to in each month's article. Containing the year's set of constellations, these sheets are available from the Training Secretary, Headquarters, free of charge. You are asked, however, to forward a stamped, addressed envelope with each request.

MARCH

Leo the Lion will be rising in the north-eastern sky this month. If you look about 9 p.m. you will see this large constellation just above the horizon. Don't look for a lion, as Leo is upside down and the resemblance is very difficult. First look for a curved line of stars, like a ladle, the handle of which is the bright star, Regulus. The ladle is supposed to form the head, mane and forequarters of the lion. Further to the north-east is a line of three stars forming the hindquarters, and lastly, a very bright star out on its own, Denebola, which is Arabic for "lion's tail."

Leo can be seen from February until May when it sets in the north-west.

INFORMATION FOR MARS

We have been in touch with a Troop of Martian Guides—and they are anxious to know what our plant and animal life is like, and what sort of weather we have.

Which Patrol, by observation over the next few months, can produce something to satisfy the Martians' request, remembering that their English is limited, so illustrations and specimens will be a help.

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A WILDFLOWER BOUQUET
FROM DIMBOOLA

Henry Rind

Heathy Parrot pea.
(*Dillwynia ericifolia*)

Nodding Greenhood Orchid.
(*Pterostylis nutans*)

Large Donkey Orchid
(*Diuris longifolia*)

Traveller's Joy
(*Clematis aristata*)

Austral Bluebell
(*Wahlenbergia gracilis*)

Native Fuchsia
(*Correa reflexa*)

Slender Rice Flower
(*Pimelea tinifolia*)

NAMING OUR WILDFLOWERS

Some of us may be perplexed by the botanical names of our wildflowers, and think they are too difficult to understand. In fact, they really make the study of plants easier. A wonderful order or pattern runs through all nature. When you study it you will be amazed at the plan behind everything.

You cannot study this order without a plan, and part of the plan that helps most is the grouping of plants according to their characteristics.

Just as people who are related have the same surname, but each has a different Christian name, so closely related plants have

the same first name (with plants the surname comes first), and each different kind (species) has its own second name.

Then all related groups (genera-singular genus) are grouped into families, each with a different name. Thus every orchid genus belongs to the orchid family, all the groups of peas belong to the pea family, and so on. Well known genera include wattle, gum and tea tree.

An example of this is our Fringed Spider Orchid. It is an Orchid (family) called *Caladenia* (genus) *dilatata* (species). *Caladenia* means beautiful glands (which

are characteristic of Caladonias), dilatata means broad. Caladenia dilatata has a broad fringed tongue, so its name describes something which it and no other Caladenia has.

Every newly-discovered plant is given a name which indicates its place in its family. It may describe it, also, (e.g., Alba is white, or Alpina is alpine), but not always. It may commemorate a person (as Banksia). The eminent naturalist, Joseph Banks, accompanied Captain Cook to Australia in 1770. They found many new plant families, as well as new plants belonging to families known elsewhere. At Kew Gardens in England these were compared with the plants already known, and the new ones given names. A new genus, Banksia, was named after Banks, then each species of Banksia was given its own species name — e.g., Banksia serrata (Saw Banksia — Serrate means sharp-toothed), and Banksia integrifolia (Coast Banksia — Integrifolia means entire or smooth leaved). In these cases each name describes the leaves, one saw-edged, the other smooth (or entire) edged.

The rare Monkey Mint-Bush, mentioned in "Matilda" in December, was discovered by Charles Walter, a Melbourne botanist. Its name is Prostanthera walteri. The correct use of capitals is as above — always for the first word of a scientific name, but never for the second. These botanical terms are understood throughout the world. Common names sometimes vary in different States (e.g., Christmas Bush). Children love descriptive names and are apt in bestowing them. :

J.H.—J.G.

The Chairman,
Plan Evergreen,
Girl Guides Association.

Terang.

Dear Madam,

Would it be possible to provide school buses with litterbags as a part of PLAN EVERGREEN? In recent months a school bus has commenced a run along our road, and I have been horrified at the added amount of litter on what previously was a clean, attractive country road.

Yours sincerely,

Diana Selman.



This month the Evergreen sticker which was referred to in the badge syllabus last month will be available. It is printed in three colours and will cost 3d.

The idea of having a car sticker seems specially appropriate for a roadside project, but you will think of many other suitable places to display it.

Please, will everyone help distribute the EVERGREEN transfers as widely as possible as soon as stocks are available? Don't be surprised, either, when you meet a South Australian car wearing our badge, because the Guides over there are joining in PLAN EVERGREEN. They have asked us to order an extra 5000 transfers just for them.

Have you thought of setting up a production line in your Pack or Company and turning out a 1963 model litterbag of your own design? Local traders might help with a supply of suitable paper bags (8 or 10 lb. sugar bags are good) or these can be saved at home, in which case remind the Guides to flatten them carefully after emptying.

A production line works on the principle of one pair of hands for one job and five or six children can make a team. For example: No. 1 folds down the tops of the bags. No. 2, using a punch, makes holes in the double thickness for the strong handle. No. 3 prints PLAN EVERGREEN, 1963, in bold Texta colour. No. 4 has a large cut-out of the Guide Trefoil and quickly runs round this, again with Texta. No. 5 prints CAR LITTER BAG neatly at the bottom (or a brief anti-litter slogan could be used). No. 6 completes the job by threading in pre-cut string for handles and finishing with quick double overhand on the inside. Hey, presto! — another litterbag goes on the pile!

"Why not an EVERGREEN song?" someone has said. Why not, if someone would write one! Meantime—with due apologies—we offer a 1963 version of an old favourite.

Little Jenny Evergreen she went a-wandering,
She went a-wandering all the year long.
All along the highways, in and out the byways,
Little Jenny Evergreen all the year long.

You are the digger, you are the planter,
You are the waterer all the year long;
You'll pick up the paper, you'll leave no ugly
Litter,
You'll care for the wildflowers all the
year long.

I am the digger, etc.

Little Jenny Evergreen she went a-wandering,
She went a-wandering all the year long.
"Trees along the roadsides help to make
things beautiful,"
Says little Jenny Evergreen all the year long
(Tune: "Little Johnny England.")

A number of films relevant to the theme of PLAN EVERGREEN are available from the State Film Centre, 110 Victoria Street, Carlton, N.3. The following films are suggested:—

The American Road

B. & W., 38 mins., U.S.A., 1953
M.P.O. Productions for Ford Motors.

Produced to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Ford Motor Company, this film relates the story of changes on the roads of America during the last half century and the impact of the changes on American life, business, health and recreation.

Around a Gum Tree

B. & W., 17 mins., Australia, 1949.
Owen Bros. for Shell Company.

In the forests, deserts and mountains of Australia grow many varieties of eucalyptus trees. The film describes the characteristics of the many types, and at the same time presents an impression of the Australian countryside and way of life.

Conservation in the Snowy Mountains

Colour, 19 mins., Australia, 1955.
Snowy Mountains Hydro-Electric Authority.

Emphasises the importance of soil conservation in the catchment areas of the Snowy Mountains and illustrates how erosion is being controlled.

Devastation

B. & W., 5 mins., Australia, 1951.
Australian National Film Board for the National Films Council of the Motion Picture Industry.

A plea for increased planting of trees to offset the dangers of soil erosion. Shows eroded land caused by indiscriminate cutting down of trees and by bushfires.

Forest Heritage

B. & W., 23 mins., Britain, 1953.
Esso Petroleum. Acquired by the Central Office of Information.

The film gives a picture of life in the New Forest in Hampshire, featuring the ponies, the ancient customs and historical remains of the Forest, and the work of the Forestry Commission.

Highways Challenge

Colour, 24 mins., Australia, 1956.
Kingcroft for Federal Chamber of Automobile Industries.

This film deals with Australia's road problems. Describes how each member of the public is dependent upon road transport and points out that poor roads increase prices. Suggests that the correct approach to the problem is lacking, and offers a solution.

Roads and Erosion

B. & W., 20 mins., U.S.A., 1941.
A survey of the measures taken by farmers and highway authorities throughout U.S.A. to combat soil erosion on farms and roads. The collective efforts of farmers are supplemented by the work of highway departments in planning road construction, controlling road erosion, and beautifying roadsides, at the same time reducing highway maintenance costs and improving highway safety.

A Tree is Planted

B. & W., 8 mins., Britain, 1955.
Campbell Harper Films for Films of Scotland.

In every part of Britain, empty moorlands and bald, eroded hillsides have been transformed by the work of the Forestry Commission, enhancing both the economic value and the beauty of the countryside.

Bookings must be in writing and preferably on the application form obtainable from the State Film Centre. As the demand for films greatly exceeds the supply, prospective borrowers are asked to book well in advance and to nominate alternative choices.

CORRECTION ! !

EASTER TRAINING, GUIDE HOUSE, YARRA JUNCTION. 12th-15th April, 1963, for Brownie, Guide and Senior Branch Guiders.

APPLICATIONS to Training Secretary by 22nd March, if possible, **NOT** 29th March as mentioned in February "Matilda." Further details on application.

GUIDER-IN-CHARGE: Miss M. Lambe.

A DATE TO REMEMBER

All members of the Victorian Extension Section hope you will be able to attend their "Bring a Gift — Buy a Gift" afternoon on Saturday, 30th March, at the Victorian School for Deaf Children, 597 St. Kilda Road, Prahran. To be opened at 2 p.m. by the State Commissioner, Mrs. J. R. Price.

Proceeds to help defray expenses of the proposed trip to New Zealand. Anyone willing to donate goods should contact Miss M. Lambe, 13 John Street, Kew, or Miss D. Kane, 41 Amsterdam Street, Richmond.

The Extension Section has been simmering with excitement for months about this trip to New Zealand in 1965. It is hoped that about 35 handicapped Guides, Rangers, and Guiders, plus active helpers, will be able to go, and ways and means of earning money to that end have been the main topic of conversation for some time.

Please add your support by coming to our Fete, bringing your Packs, Companies and friends with you! There will be the usual stalls, pony rides, hot dogs (edible!), lucky dips, and an exhibition of Guide and Scout stamps. Afternoon tea also available.

TREFOIL GUILD TWIGS OLD GUIDE GROUP

The Twigs are holding an Open Weekend at the Guide House on the weekend of 17th-19th March.

This is for all past and present members, and arrangements can be made by contacting Miss W. Cozens, 47 Highbury Street, West Richmond. Phone 41 6976 (after 6 p.m.).

WISE COUNSEL

Have more than thou showest,
Speak less than thou knowest,
Lend less than thou owest.

—Shakespeare.

CAMPING DEPARTMENT

The following Courses have been arranged for 1963:—

Camp First-Aid Course.—Daytime and evening classes will be held, commencing on Friday, 26th April, at Headquarters, and continuing for four weeks. Daytime: 10 a.m.-12 noon. Evening: 7.45 p.m.-9.45 p.m. Application ONE WEEK before. Fee—7/6.

Pack Holiday Training and Indoor Camp Training.—Daytime classes commencing Monday, 24th June, for two weeks. 10 a.m.-12 noon. Evening class commencing Monday, 24th June, for two weeks. 7.45 p.m.-9.45 p.m. Application ONE WEEK before. Both classes will combine for weekend at Guide House, 13th-14th July.

Q.M. Course.—Daytime and evening classes commencing on Wednesday, 3rd July, for four weeks. Daytime: 10 a.m.-12 noon. Evening: 7.45 p.m.-9.45 p.m. Application ONE WEEK before. Fee—7/6.

Campcraft Training.—A Campcraft Training Course has been arranged for three nights at H.Q., and two or three weekends at the Guide House. Dates are as follows: Tuesdays, 17th and 24th September, and 1st October—7.45 p.m.-9.45 p.m. at H.Q.; and weekends at the Guide House, 19th-20th October and 9th-10th November. Application to Camping Secretary by 30th August.

M. McDonald, Camping Adviser.

CAMPFIRE SONGS

An effort is being made to arrange a series of Campfire Songs to be published in "Matilda" in the near future. If you let us know of any you would like included we will do our best to trace them and, if possible, include them in the series.

Inclusion is mainly dependent on copyright permission to reprint being obtained, and this is not always easy. Therefore, if you include a stamped, addressed envelope with your list we will let you know if the song you want is already included in a songbook readily available from Headquarters, etc.

Lists should be sent as soon as possible to Miss M. Shaw, 44 Tooronga Road, Hawthorn East, E.3.



BASS DIVISION BROWNIE REVELS

Heavy rain was not able to spoil the Revels held at Wonthaggi when Brownies from Cowes, Inverloch, Kongwak, San Remo, Newhaven and Wonthaggi met for fun and games.

Guides manned the First-aid Post and three Wonthaggi Tweenies were enrolled and six Brownies received Service Stars.

The Divisional Commissioner, Mrs. Abraham, spoke of the reason for holding the Revels and introduced the Mayor and Mayoress, Cr. and Mrs. Berry, who declared the Revels open.

Australian birds and animals painted on large wooden discs were used to section off the bush, each Brownie wearing similar emblems.

As each group (Echnida, Emu, Kangaroo, Koala, Penguin, Platypus and Wombat) were called, they ran to a small tree where a large Koala was holding out a Brownie cap to collect their sixpences and then on to their emblem to commence games.

The Brownies played eight different games and clutched a cardboard cat as their hand-craft (thanks, Mrs. Fox, for the idea).

Two big circles formed Brownie Ring and the Grand Salute was given to our Division Commissioner and the Mayor and Mayoress.

Guiders, parents and friends were served a beautiful afternoon tea by the L.A., and we thank Wonthaggi for planning such a successful Revels. It was a day truly of friendship and fun.

Elizabeth Douglas, Brown Owl, Wonthaggi.

SWAN HILL DIVISION REVELS

One Saturday the three Brownie Packs from Swan Hill met at the bus to go to Lake Boga (ten miles from Swan Hill). About one mile out of the town the bus stopped to pick up a Brownie—and a big bag of oranges!

We all had a good sing-song going down and arrived to find that Lake Boga Brownies were waiting to greet us, and also the Nyah West Brownie Pack—they are 28 miles from Lake Boga.

We all lined up and passed through the gates of Hamelin town. We paid sixpence to the Mayor to enter and then received a rat (pink, green, red, blue and yellow rats) to put on our uniforms.

We had to find leaders with big rats the same colour as we had on their backs; then we followed them to their corners.

One stop was the Church, and we played games there, and when the whistle blew moved on to the Council Chamber. At the next whistle we went to the river where all the rats were falling in! We then moved on to the Town Square, and the last stop was the Toy Shop where we made a Pied Piper.

After so much activity we were feeling rather hot, but along came the Pied Piper and led us right through the mountain to afternoon tea.

The rats were certainly hungry by the way that afternoon tea disappeared.

Then we all piled back on to the bus to Swan Hill. All agreed it was a beaut day.

1st Swan Hill Brownie Pack.

BROWNIE BETTY

Robyn was the new Sixer of the Fairies, with Lynette as her Second, and three new Tweenies joined the Pack, Wendy, who was in the same class as Betty at school, became a Fairy.

That day, after a story and a game, Brown Owl took the Tweenies to a quiet corner of the garden, while the Brownies went into the hall, and Tawny said, "There are 21 pieces of card scattered round—seven with blue writing for the Elves, seven with yellow for the Fairies, and seven with green for the Pixies. The Sixers are mother hens and only they can pick up the cards, all the others are chickens who look for the cards with their Six colour, and when they find one they call "chick, chick, chick," until their mother hen comes and gets it. When a hen has seven pieces, the Six change back to Brownies and see what they can make of the pieces." Betty found a card shaped like a kite with yellow writing saying:—Canberra, Northern Territory, Papua and Eastern New Guinea, some islands and part of Antarctica. She called till Robyn picked it up. The other six cards had the names of the Australian States on them, and when they fitted together they made a seven-pointed star. The Fairies finished first, and were able to tell that it was the Commonwealth Star on Australia's Flag. Denise knew something else about the star. "It's on most of our coins, too," she said. Can I pass my Australian Flag, Tawny?" asked Betty. "I think I know it, and skipping, too. My father knows the Southern Cross in the sky, and he showed it to me, but it is on its side, not standing up like on the flag." "Yes," said Tawny, "it moves round in the south like the hand of a clock and you'd be asleep before it gets right way up at this time of the year, but if you watch you'll see it right way up quite early in the evening in July and August. "Betty, see if you can find any Australian Flags in there," said Brown Owl next meeting, giving her an envelope of small cards with flags on them. Betty found two, one of them with a red background, and Brown Owl pointed to the Union Jack, and asked what it is, and why it is on our flag. Betty knew that, and also about the Southern Cross showing that Australia is in the south part of the world (and when it would be right way up in the sky). She explained that the Commonwealth Star showed that Aus-

tralia was made up of six States and some Territories, and the star was also on pennies, and all our coins except threepences, and said that all Australians fly the blue flag, except on ships which carry goods and passengers which use the Australian Flag with a red background. Brown Owl said she knew a lot about the flag, and signed her card.

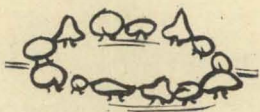
A couple of weeks before Easter, Brown Owl asked if the Brownies would like to make Easter eggs for their mothers. "Chocolate ones?" Can you eat them?" asked Jenny and Faye together, quite forgetting the Pow-wow Sign that they wished to speak. "Tawny and I were thinking of solid sugar ones with yellow centres and white outsides," said Brown Owl, and the Pack decided that that would be lovely. Before the next meeting Brown Owl mixed two lightly beaten egg whites with one pound of sifted icing sugar, some yellow colouring and flavouring essence, and just enough water to stop the



mixture being crumbly. While the Brownies were washing their hands she cut it into 19 pieces. Tawny and she had brought three plastic egg trays, each to hold six eggs, and Tawny gave one to each Six, with some stamp paper on which each one wrote her initials, and stuck the piece on the outside of one of the depressions in the egg tray. Pack Leader gave out lunch wraps to work on, Brown Owl the pieces of fondant, and Tawny pinches of dry icing sugar so it wouldn't stick to their hands, and they rolled the fondant into balls and put it in their marked places in the egg trays. Brown Owl took the trays home, and Pack Leader coped with her own. Next week Brown Owl made a double

quantity of the fondant, leaving it white, and early in the meeting everyone shaped hers something like an egg, made a hole right into the middle with a thumb, and put the yolk, now quite dry and firm, into it and then carefully moulded the white round it. Then the eggs went into the trays, being turned halfway through the meeting, so both ends would dry a bit. During Pow-wow they discussed how they would decorate their eggs, and Brown Owl said to be careful not to squeeze them on the way home, and then to unwrap them and let them dry, either in an airy place where they would not get dusty, or in the refrigerator.

Betty knew her mother would see hers in the safe, or the fridge, so she put it on the lunch wrap on top of her wardrobe with a straw hat over it to keep out the dust. This worked beautifully, and the egg being a bit flat on one side didn't matter, but stopped it from rolling. She tied a blue bow around it, and her mother was delighted when she presented it on Easter Day.



VISITORS TO BORONIA

1st Boronia Guide Company visited the St. John's Homes in Canterbury, were shown round the buildings, and took eight children home with them!

Each visitor went home with a different Guide and stayed overnight with them.

On the Sunday everybody went to our favourite Guide hike spot, where, after joining together in a Guides' Own Service, groups of Guides—each with a child visitor—cooked their dinners.

Everyone enjoyed themselves immensely. Jane, our youngest visitor, was paralysed on the left side, but she enjoyed holding out a piece of bread on the toasting fork—even before the fire was lit!

Afterwards we took the children back to Canterbury, and went home tired, but happy after a wonderful weekend.

Blue Wren Patrol, 1st Boronia Coy.

TOADSTOOL PRESENTED AT OCEAN LODGE

There was a very special day for 1st Newtown Brownies holidaying at Ocean Lodge when Mrs. G. F. Lindsay, President of the Newtown and Chilwell L.A., presented a Toadstool in memory of Miss Elsie Littleton, late Brown Owl of 3a Pack.

Miss Elsie Littleton joined the Guide Movement as a Ranger in 3a Ranger Company, and whilst still a Ranger, became Tawny Owl of 3a Pack. She served the Pack continuously as Tawny Owl and Brown Owl for twenty years, until she was called to higher service on 22nd February, 1962. In her quiet unassuming manner, she endeared herself to the large number of Brownies who came under her care.

Among those present at the Ocean Lodge ceremony were Mrs. Littleton and Miss Littleton, Miss Taylor, Barwon Division Commissioner, and Miss Freeman, Division Secretary. Tawny Owl of 3a Pack brought three Brownies to represent the Pack.

The 1st Newtown Brownies received the visitors and then formed a guard of honour for Mrs. Sharp, who was representing Headquarters. The Brownies from 3a Pack placed the Toadstool before Mrs. Sharp and Mrs. Lindsay, who spoke of the service Miss Littleton had given to her Pack and to the Movement. She asked Mrs. Sharp to accept the Toadstool for the use of the Brownies at Ocean Lodge. Mrs. Sharp accepted the Toadstool and said how much such service as it commemorated meant to the Movement.

The ceremony concluded with Brownie Ring and Prayer.

J. E. LANG, District Commissioner.



Isn't it strange that princes and kings,
And clowns who caper in sawdust rings,
And ordinary folk like you and me,
Are builders of eternity?
To each is given a book of rules,
A shapeless mass and bag of tools,
And each must fashion, ere life be done,
A stumbling block, or a stepping stone.

IN THE GRAMPAINS WITH THE CAULFIELD RANGERS

Somewhere round midday we arrived at Stawell, where our train connected with a bus. The driver proved to be a very patient man, incidentally. He needed to be in view of what was to come!

Confidently we stepped from the bus just outside Hall's Gap, at the previously booked Camp Site, but our confidence was shaken when we found it overrun with Scouts, who were not very keen on the idea of having a lot of girls around. Easy! We would find another Camp Site, of course. It would have been easy but for the fact that nearly every Camp Site was full and any unoccupied ones were short of water due to the dry weather.

However, with the help of the bus driver, who drove us around in our search, we finally found a beautiful site. Originally a guest house had stood there, but it had been burnt down some years before. The remaining trees of its garden, in their autumn array, supplied a colourful background.

Another glorious day dawned, and a few rose at 6.30 a.m. (really 5.30 a.m. due to our daylight saving scheme) to get breakfast. Afterwards we left the site to hike six miles into Hall's Gap. From there we began our real hike—this took us via Venus' Bath, and the Elephant's Hide to Wonderland, part of which is Wonderland Peak or the Pinnacle. The Pinnacle is perched far above the busyness of the world below, and provides a magnificent view — a more than adequate reward for the long climb.

An exciting aspect of it was the nerve test—a prominent, narrow strip of rock which stands as a challenge to the steel-nerved.

The test is to walk to the end, and, incidentally, there is a sheer drop on either side. We can say that some of us passed the test and there were no casualties.

Back at Hall's Gap, at dusk, there is no need to add that we slept well that night!

Next day we assured ourselves that we needed rest, so we went on a bus tour — to Reed's Lookout, where we again found a lovely view of the Grampians, then on to Lake Wartook, Horsham's water supply. From there to McKenzie Falls, well-supplied



with water, as they form part of the water supply.

On to Mt. Difficult Lookout, which gave us still another marvellous view of the countryside.

When we arrived back at Camp we found a furry visitor high in one of the trees — a koala. Many koalas and kangaroos added to the interest of the Grampian countryside.

We hiked to Delly's Dell, and from there to Mt. Rosea, via the Grand Stairway, a natural rock staircase made, we're sure, for a giant.

No matter how hard the climbs were though, we always felt compensated by the wonderful views at the top.

On the track back, confident members of the party decided to go across country to find another old track. The track did not materialise and they found themselves in a "not-very-comfortable" blackberry patch. They arrived back at camp eventually — thanks to a man who had guided them — scratched and slightly disappointed from the thorns.

We continued our stay and enjoyed more hiking — but finally we sadly left behind these wonderful mountains which have such mysterious enchantment. We do hope to return to them again.

This trip gave us a most scenic and enjoyable holiday, and we can thoroughly recommend it to anyone, particularly if you are fond of hiking.

Caulfield Rangers are certainly putting it down in their log as one of the most enjoyable camps they have had.

—JUDY GILLESPIE.

GUIDERS-PAINTERS

When I looked at the picture I couldn't help thinking it was rather like our work as Guiders—when you are right up against the paper (as we sometimes are in the Movement, doing far too many small routine jobs)—the painting has no real shape and colouring—a line here, a patch of colour there, seem to have no real effect; but if you stand back and look at the whole, away from each little bit, you see how each little line, each patch of colour, builds up the whole. When we are busy with the little things—perhaps we have too many to do—we sometimes get discouraged; but if we can get further away and see the whole we will see how each of our lines makes the picture. But the great thing is to remember this in time, or your lines may get put in the wrong places, or your view narrowed down.

(Joan W. Hogarth in "Matilda",
December, 1924.)

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Miss A. M. Butler, Skipper, S.R.S. "Wyuna";
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OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE GUIDE HALL AT NOBLE PARK

In spite of a gale-force wind, which threatened to blow everything away, all proceeded according to plan for our State Commissioner, Mrs. Fairbairn, to officially open our new Guide Hall in Mills Reserve, Noble Park. Mrs. Iles, Divisional Commissioner, introduced Mrs. Porter, District Commissioner, and Mrs. Sierocinski, President of the Local Association, and Mrs. Fairbairn walked down the pathway through a Guard of Honour of the Guides and Brownies.

The ceremony commenced with the singing of the National Anthem accompanied by the Salvation Army Band.

Our District Commissioner welcomed Mrs. Fairbairn, the Mayor and Mayoress (Cr. and Mrs. Jeanes), Mr. Reid, M.L.A., and Mrs. Reid and all other visitors.

The highlight of the afternoon approached after Margaret Williams of the 1st Noble Park Company presented Mrs. Fairbairn with a pair of gold scissors with which to cut the gold ribbon stretched across the royal blue doors. As Mrs. Fairbairn cut the ribbon she declared our Guide Hall officially open, asking God to bless all the people who use the Hall, and all those who had helped to make the Hall possible. The Noble Park Guide Choir sang the Guide Law Song and the World Song.

The L.A. President gave an interesting report on the history of the Movement in Noble Park, from the formation of one Company and one Pack in 1956, up to the present two Companies and four Packs which can now meet in their own Guide Hall acquired after much hard work—financial and physical.

After Brownie Diane Lloyd had presented Mrs. Fairbairn with a momento of our official opening, Mrs. Iles passed a vote of thanks to the speakers and afternoon tea was served in the new Hall.

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A DAY AT STUDLEY PARK

One Saturday the Brownies and Guides went to Studley Park for a Field Day with Whitehorse Division. When we got there we had to make a Toadstool, so we gathered grass and other odd bits and pieces. Then we played games and had a house competition. Each group was to make a bark hut. We also made some grass hats. We had the chance, too, to see what everybody had done. Then we had a parade of the hats the Guides had made. We finished a good day with a big Campfire.

Myfanwy Lewis, 4th Box Hill Pack,
St. Andrews.

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