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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

LIFE BEGAN AT FORTY!



EXCITING NEWS

Miss Anstice Gibbs, C.B.E., the Chief Commissioner for the British Commonwealth, will make an official tour of Australia late this year, and will be our honoured guest from 16th to 22nd October.

A programme will be planned to enable Miss Gibbs to see as many aspects of Guiding as possible, as well as allowing time for her to meet Leaders of other organisations with which we have liaison and other interested people.

Included in her programme will be the Annual Meeting of the Association and the Guiders' Conference, at both of which she will be guest speaker.

Full details of her official programme will be published in "Matilda" when finalised.

For your interest and information:

Over and above the importance of her present appointment, Miss Gibbs has had a wealth of experience in other aspects of Guiding, having been a Guider, District Commissioner, Assistant County Commissioner and County Camp Adviser. She was Vice-Chairman of the Executive, Commonwealth Headquarters, for a period including the war years, during which time she was "reserved" specifically for Guide work. She was Deputy Chief Commissioner of the British Commonwealth from 1953-1957, since which time she has held the office of Chief Commissioner.

Miss Gibbs has also played an important part in International Guiding, having been a member of the World Committee for nine years, Vice-Chairman of this Committee for three years and was Chairman of the recent World Conference held in Denmark in 1963.



AUSTRALIAN PRESIDENT

The presentation of the President's Badge to the Hon. Catherine Sydney was a delightful experience. Please accept my thanks for asking me to go as Victoria's representative.

Miss Sidney entered the drawing-room at Government House with a wide and delightful smile, and it seemed to me that smile pervaded the whole ceremony and gave it a freshness and charm all its own.

Miss Sidney, after being presented with the President's Badge by Mrs. Buntine, was presented by a Brownie with a bouquet. In the shape of a trefoil and made of tight gold chrysanthemum buds, it was very effective.

Following refreshments we were taken out on to the lawn and saw the arrival of the new Ambassador for Ireland to present his credentials to the Governor-General. The sun was shining on the red and blue uniformed soldiers from Duntroon as the Ambassador inspected them, and this further ceremony made a very colourful finish to our morning.—Phyll Swanson.



You will be interested to know that, following the presentation of the President's Badge of the Girl Guides Association of Australia to her sister, the Hon. Catherine Sydney, Lucy Sidney has joined Guides in Canberra.

We all wish them well and welcome them both wholeheartedly to their joys and work with us.



FROM THE STATE COMMISSIONER

As Mrs. Price was still away for the first week in May she has asked me to write about the functions at which I represented her during that week.

3rd May: The Youth March in the city. Mrs. Osbourn Shave accompanied me to the Town Hall, where H.E. the Governor Sir Rohan Delacombe took the salute. The march was most inspiring, but we both felt it rather a pity that our representation was so small whilst the schools were so well represented. We were very proud of our Seniors, who marched beautifully, but their numbers gave no indication to the public of the strength of our Movement.

4th May: I was privileged to represent Mrs. Price at a luncheon given at the Lyceum Club by Mrs. J. G. Norris to Chief Manuwa of Lagos. Mrs. Norris had invited the heads of several of the women's and girls' organisations in Melbourne. Chief Manuwa was in Australia as the guest of the Australian Government to attend the Council Meeting of the International Federation of the business and professional women held in Canberra. She is a most interesting woman, and has many interests, not the least of which is Guiding. She is Chief Guide Commissioner for Lagos. She is also Headmistress of a large Girls' School. Unfortunately her time was too limited for her to see anything of Guiding in Victoria, though she was most interested to hear about our activities.

12th May: It was with great pleasure (and relief!) that we welcomed Mrs. Price back to Melbourne — glad that she had had a good holiday, but hoping that she will not have another until 1968!

Patricia Gray

14th May: Meeting of the New Commissioners' and Boundaries' Sub-Committee — a very appropriate first contact after my return home, as through the business of this Committee the State Commissioner's team is kept in close touch with the personnel responsible for the Movement throughout the State. It was a pleasure indeed to be welcomed home over lunch at Headquarters and to thank Mrs. Gray, who had

acted for me in my absence, and our Senior Secretaries, who had shared the additional work.

15th May: Meeting with our Hon. Architect, Mr. Ballantyne, to discuss future plans for H.Q. accommodation.

Afternoon Tea Party — for the usual time only — to greet and chat with H.Q. staff.

18th May: Entertained Mrs. Black, State Commissioner-elect for South Australia and present Brownie Adviser in that State.

19th May: Press interviews (efficiently arranged by our Publicity Secretary, Miss Wirth) concerning my visit to S.E. Asian countries.

21st May: Welcome home to Mrs. Sharp after her training visit to Nauru. As you know, Australia has committed the care of Guiding in Nauru to Victoria, with Mrs. Proudfoot as Liaison.

Visit to the Exhibition Building to see the Guide exhibit at the Wonderful World of the Young. Our Public Relations Adviser, Miss Wirth, and the members of the Public Relations Sub-Committee, as well as all Guiding personnel, and especially the children who participated, must have been very gratified with the keen interest shown by the public.

Executive Committee Meeting, with a great deal of important business.

22nd May: Visit to Mrs. Gray at Launching Place, where she was hoping to have a well-deserved holiday, to catch up on business. We also paid a joint call on the 6th Kew Pack Holiday in the wonderful holiday house erected on their property by Mr. and Mrs. Ricketson for the benefit of Guide, Scout and other worthwhile Youth organisations. It was indeed a thrill to inspect the building and its surroundings, planned with such care, generosity, insight and foresight for the use of young people in Victoria and a delight that it was a Brownie Pack who had been granted the privilege of "christening" it.

25th May: A special Executive Meeting to discuss items on the agenda of the Australian Executive Meeting to be held in Sydney from 1st to 4th June.

26th May: Attendance at the Annual Meeting of the Good Neighbour Council of Victoria, with whom we are affiliated.

28th May: Weekly meeting at Headquarters.

30th May: I had the pleasure of attending and opening the Brownie Guiders' "Day", held in the pleasant surroundings provided by the Burnley Horticultural College as a culmination to the month's celebrations for the Golden Jubilee of the Brownie Branch. I hope that many of you were able to admire our special shop window decorations, and these were transferred to the fine Assembly Hall at Burnley to add the right atmosphere for the Conference. It was most appropriate to the occasion and the site of the gathering that golden "rosebuds" were given to all attending, and that presentations were made of the "Sutter's Gold" rose, which the Brownie Branch selected to make commemorative gifts throughout the State. Our State President, Lady Delacombe, has graciously consented to have one planted in the garden of Government House to celebrate this important landmark in the development of Guiding. Congratulations to Mrs. Fox, our Brownie Adviser, and her Committee on their special arrangements for this occasion as well as for their constant care of the Branch.

Joyce E. Price

TAKE TIME

Take time to think, it is the source of power.

Take time to play, it is the secret of perpetual youth.

Take time to read, it is the fountain of wisdom.

Take time to pray, it is the greatest power on earth.

Take time to love and be loved, it is a God-given privilege.

Take time to be friendly, it is the road to happiness.

Take time to laugh, it is the music of the soul.

Take time to give, it is too short a day to be selfish.

Take time to work, it is the price of success.

—Author Anonymous.

LOCAL ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

The thirteenth Annual Conference of the Local Association of Victoria, held in the Richmond Town Hall on Monday, 1st June, was attended by about 350 delegates from L.A.'s, both country and metropolitan.

The State Commissioner, Mrs. J. R. Price, who opened the Conference, mentioned in her talk that this was the first State Conference held since Region Commissioners had been appointed. She spoke of the Patrol System and of the part regions played in it. She said how pleased she was to see how many L.A.'s were represented at the Conference and especially so many country members, showing that, although most regions had had their own Conferences during the year, it was realised how important it was to meet together on a State basis also and exchange ideas.

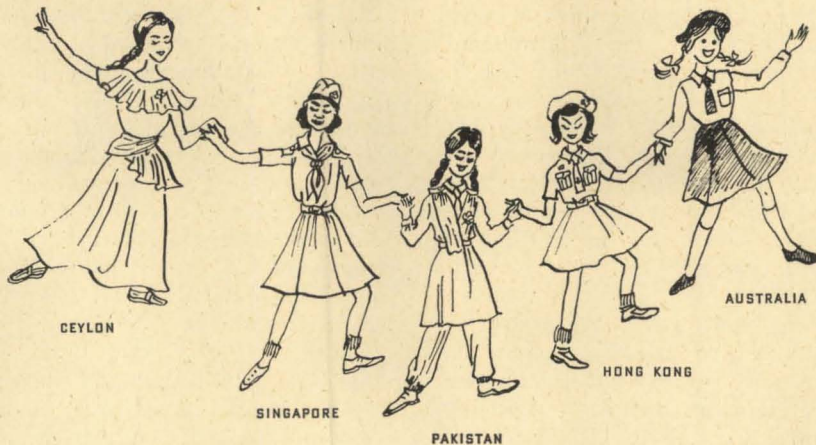
The theme of the Conference, "Wider Aspects of Guiding," was very ably covered by Mrs. H. G. Hilton (Lone Adviser), Mrs. D. Moors (Extension Adviser), and Mrs. E. G. Cameron (Trefoil Recorder). During the afternoon, Mrs. D. J. Riddle spoke about publicity from the receiving end, or—as she called it — from the other side of the mirror.

The guest speaker, Mrs. A. G. Rylah, gave a most interesting talk on the Senior Branch, mentioning some of their past activities and some of their plans for the future.

The Conveners — Glen Iris-Ashburton Local Association — are to be congratulated on a very well-organised Conference, so well organised that they were all actually able to (really) enjoy the Conference after all their hard work. The lunch, provided by Whitburn L.A., was very good and the soup piping hot. Mitcham L.A. gave us a much-needed morning tea and Richmond an equally appreciated afternoon tea.

Suggestion for next year — more time for question box.





Greetings From Our Sister Guides in South-East Asia

It has been my privilege, while on a private visit to several of the countries in S.E. Asia, to greet on your behalf representatives of our Movement there and to bring back to you their warm greetings.

In Singapore I was met with orchids by Miss Ng Seoh Seoh, whom many of you will remember from her stay in Victoria for the purpose, successfully accomplished, of obtaining the Australian Training Diploma. Her photograph is on page 22 of this year's Guide Diary. Subsequently, Chief Commissioner, Mrs. John Emmanuel, enabled me to meet over a delightful luncheon party at her home members of her Executive Committee and Commissioners. The Guiders in Singapore were not free, as all of the units except Seoh's Company are attached to schools and are led by teachers, and with the intensive education programmes there are two sessions in each school on six days each week. What a wonderful thing it is for them to be willing to give so much of their very small amount of personal time to Guiding!

In Bangkok, our next port of call, I was fortunate to be able to attend the open day at the first all-Thailand Senior Branch Camp and to present there a quite delightful greeting card from Australia prepared by the Australian Public Relations Adviser

and a member of our Victorian Executive Committee, Mrs. Curtis Otter, and Miss Betty Reynolds of her Australian Committee and our official photographer. The message, borne by a kangaroo, made of genuine hide, against an Australian landscape, created great interest and appreciation. Most of the Leaders in the camp had been trained by our Miss Peg. Barr during her visit to Thailand on behalf of the World Association, and it was a great delight to be made aware of the affection and gratitude felt towards her by the Thai Guiders. I kept thinking how proud she would have been of the camp as a whole and interested in the special competitive activities — the erection of miniature bamboo houses (time limit, two hours), the log books describing the woodcraft, handcrafts, nature observations, and the discussions that had taken place during the week, and the cooking, all of which I was invited to help judge. Tasting is telling for cookery, and I had to go out to dinner afterwards!

The interest of the Royal Family in Guiding was indicated by the attendance of the Princess Prem Bura-chat to present the prizes to the winning Patrols. This was the prelude to a most enjoyable Campfire, at which special greetings were sent to Australia, and to Victoria in particular, and "Kookaburra on a Tree" was sung.

I had further social opportunities to meet the Chief Commissioner, the International Commissioner and members of the Executive, and the discussions here, as in the other countries visited, made me realise how extremely fortunate is our Movement in Australia, with its established position and its public and Government recognition, relative to the places where Guiding still has to struggle for acceptance as well as with problems of development.

In Hong Kong there was a welcome waiting from Mrs. Pauline Stephens, known to many here, and I had the added pleasure of a welcome from our own Miss Margaret Watson, doing a Guiding job there on her way to Korea. We were joint guests of honour at a splendid Chinese dinner given by the Colony Commissioner, Mrs. Staples, her Executive members, Commissioners and Trainers. I felt that they were the people who should have been feted, when I found that most of them were doing several major jobs for Guiding on top of exacting personal commitments, and resolved never to think that we are **really** short of Leaders.

Again, in Japan, the International Commissioner, Mrs. Kato, immediately took me under her wing and had me meet the Executive Directors and Headquarters Staff in Tokyo, including our very good friend, Miss Mitsumi, who attended the International Camp at Guide House. I was enabled, too, to visit the fourth Tokyo Intermediate and Senior Girl Scout Groups one Saturday afternoon (there, too, schools work on Saturday mornings). Their programmes were essentially like ours, with a special allocation of time that afternoon to singing in honour of Australia (again "Kookaburra" was sung and it sounded fine in Japanese) and to questions so that I could satisfy as best I could their keenness to know all about you.

During Patrol time in the Intermediate Group the girls were embroidering pillow-cases for the L.A. to sell for Guide funds. It was fascinating to see the general artistic interest and ability of the Japanese people exemplified in the aptitude for design and handwork shown by these Girl Scouts.

I was fortunate to be able to attend for part of the day the Annual Convention of the Girl Scouts of Japan, to which Leaders from all four islands came, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Nabeshima, their Chief

Commissioner. Other guests were members of the Far East Council of U.S.A. who look after the 8000 American Girl Scouts resident in Japan, Korea, Taiwan and Okinawa. Plans for the World Conference to be held in Japan in 1966 had an important place on the agenda. There were many references to Australian Guide people known to their Japanese counterparts through Conferences and personal visits, and over and above these one was happily conscious of the glow of international friendship extended so readily for all.

Our route back enabled me to visit Western Australian and South Australian colleagues and even to see Paxwold, the lovely Guide home so close to Perth. And then with all the pleasure of a most interesting trip and meeting so many interesting people came the greatest happiness of all in coming back to my own and my Guide families.

Joyce S. Price

FINDING A PEN PAL BY COMPUTER

Want a penfriend in Allahabad, Brisbane, Yalta or Zagreb? If you go to the New York World Fair, opening this month (April), you can be matched up by electronic computer with a boy or girl your own age, sharing your interests and hobbies, anywhere in the world.

The computer is in the pavilion of an exhibitor manufacturing fountain pens, whose display is based on the theme, "Peace Through Understanding Through Writing." Names have been gathered from many countries and fed into the computer, along with information on subjects of interest to the writer: hobbies, crafts, jobs, the arts, music, sport, entertainment, etc., as well as the language in which the correspondence would be carried on.

The visitor to the exhibit gives similar details, as well as the country or countries where he would like to find a correspondent. The machine immediately produces the name and address of a pen pal, and the young visitor is encouraged to write the first letter straight away, in the pavilion, on a form provided.

—From "UNESCO Features".

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THIS IS OUR LEGACY

For a number of years I have been training Guide Guiders by correspondence, and a short time ago I accepted the position of Correspondence Training Secretary. This also meant the acceptance of a large box of material, obsolete and otherwise, and since then quite a lot of printing, stationery, etc. I'm sure the Training Room at Headquarters must wonder how they have suddenly acquired so much spare room.

It was a shock to discover that only one other Guider — a contemporary and close friend — was doing Correspondence Training. Because of Miss Watson's visit to Korea the demand for this type of training has increased tremendously. So, using the telephone and my best sales manner, I tried to persuade other Guiders to help. Almost everyone approached said that they had never heard of Correspondence Training, but quickly appreciated the necessity after listening to my explanation.

In a few short years we have become so accustomed to the wonderful training which is nearly always available that it is hard to imagine that previously nearly all country Guiders were trained by correspondence.

The aforementioned contemporary and I enjoyed a wonderful afternoon browsing through the card index I inherited.

The names of our "greats" were there — Frieda Barfus, Gwen Swinburne, Mollie Hoffmeyer, Merle Bush, Del Hayman and many more. There is a certain Guider in our midst who has surely occupied every position from the highest in Australia to being an acting Statue of Liberty! Yes — she, too, — has trained Guiders by correspondence.

What happened before November, 1931, is quite a mystery. But in November, 1931, a Mrs. or Miss E. Bond undertook to train Elsie Cox of Yarram and M. Gellion and Elsie Clarke of Pt. Albert. From that day until April, 1956, 1533 Guide Guiders were trained by 128 Trainers — a number of Trainers training only one Guider, but Miss Molly Hoffman trained 178! A very prominent present-day Guider trained 265 Guiders! A wonderful achievement.

Until April, 1956, all country Guiders were trained by correspondence. Then when our

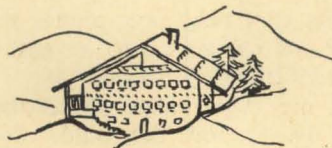
Travelling Trainers started work the demand for Correspondence Training lessened considerably. But it is still vitally necessary when the district is too far away for it to be financially possible to send a Trainer. During the past eight years, only 46 Guiders have been trained by correspondence; but at the current time 21 are being trained by a very small team of nine Trainers, and this number of Trainees is sure to increase as Miss Watson will not return for a few months.

Unless more experienced Guiders will help with this training we will have to keep the Trainees waiting. That, to me, is as bad as keeping a recruit waiting months before enrolling her. So, if there are Guiders who would like further opportunities to keep their fourth and third laws, I would be very glad to hear from them. The fourth law has been put first because this is a very definite act of friendship. With the example of our predecessors before us, how can we refuse to help?

The Correspondence Training which is done now is pre-warrant, and it is stressed to both District Commissioners and Trainees that any opportunity to attend Practical Training Sessions should be taken. Nevertheless the Correspondence Training has proved helpful to the Trainees and has bridged the gap of waiting that is inevitable when a Trainer cannot be sent to the area for some time. This is a field of service where the country Guider can help as well as the metropolitan one. By helping you learn more, and by helping more friends are gained.

Many have helped in the past. Now it is left to us to carry on this wonderful legacy so that, through our efforts, Guiding might reach even to the most remote parts of Victoria.

(C. M. Williamson, 6 Haines Street, Cheltenham, S.22; 93 2467.)



NAURU WELCOMES A TRAINER

One of the many occasions I enjoyed during my visit to Nauru was a breakfast cook-out at sunrise with the Ranger Guiders, Miss Sunshine Keke and Miss Lilva Stephens.

I was awakened at 4.45 a.m. and journeyed half-way round the island to Anabare Bay to meet the Guiders — a journey lasting about 20 minutes. Although it was very warm, I was surprised that it was also very dark at this hour, with only the stars shining in the sky and lights of a ship drifting on the horizon.

I suppose that sunrise that morning was much the same as many sunrises over Anabare Bay, but to me it was particularly beautiful, sitting on the white sandy beach beneath the coconut trees, listening to the steady fall of the waves breaking on the shore and to the numerous crabs crunching on the coral pinnacles, and then to watch the simply glorious colours of the cloudy sky as they changed from what I can only describe as the delicate pink colour of the galah's crest to deep glowing reds. The whole horizon was aglow with colour.

Then as quick as a flash daylight had broken, for the sun appears to rise very quickly and is soon high above the eastern horizon.

We lit our breakfast fire on the beach, and the Guiders showed me the value of the dried coconut husks as fuel as they piled them high on the tiny fire. At first there was a great deal of smoke, but then came the fiery hot coals that were just right for toast! We tried cooking eggs in the shell in the leaves of wild hibiscus and they were quite a success!

All too soon the colours of the sunrise faded as the sun shone intensely, as it seems to do all day on Nauru.

Of course not all the training sessions were held on the beach at sunrise! Each week we had two sessions for all of the Guiders in the three Branches, and some Commissioners' training, too, and one whole day was spent on special woodcraft activities.

It was a very busy programme, but very enjoyable, as everyone was so enthusiastic and so very friendly.

During my stay I also visited the three Brownie Packs and the Guide Company,



1st Nauru Guide Company.

and found that the programmes were very similar to those we have in Victoria, except for the delightful singing by the Brownies when they sang their traditional island songs.

By now I expect that the fourth Pack and the Ranger Company have started, and I feel sure that these units will be just as happy for the Brownies and the Rangers, too.

All too soon it was time to leave Nauru. Just before I left I was entertained at a farewell party at the home of Mrs. J. Taylor, with all the Guiders and some of the members of the L.A. This was a most enjoyable evening, and we all joined in the singing of both traditional Guide and Nauruan songs.

Then time for Mrs. Chinnery and I to be the guests of Mrs. J. Aingimea (the Assistant Commissioner) and some of the Guiders and to be treated to a dinner of Nauruan dishes. And what a wonderful treat! We had traditional rawfish and coconut, paw-paw baked in coconut, fish cooked whole; baked, smoked and fricassed breadfruit, rice, baked and curried chicken and coconut juice to drink! — so many delicious foods to try and all very tasty and nourishing. Afterwards we sang many songs to the accompaniment of the ukelele, and all too soon it was time to say "goodbye."

"Nauru" means Pleasant Island, and this I found to be true throughout my whole visit — a beautiful island where the people are warm and friendly.—Laurie Sharp.

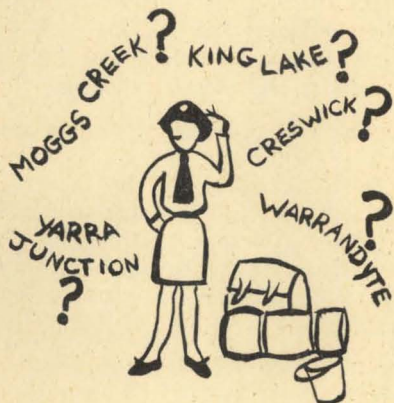
NEWS ABOUT WOODCRAFT BADGES

The following syllabi have been approved for Victoria. Guides already on the way with any of these badges may use the old tests until September, or they have the choice of using the following tests as from this month:—

Camp Tenderfoot (note that this, like Thrift, is NOT a Proficiency Badge). Australian P. O. & R., page 66, with these slight alterations:

Clause 2: Instead of marquee hitch, use round turn and two half-hitches, or rolling hitch.

Clause 3: Kitchen fire in camp stove, or copper fire for baths, can be allowed. **May** be a trench fire, but we do not say **must**.

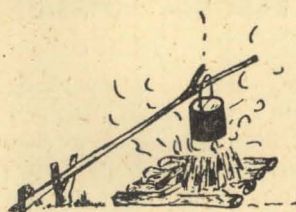


PIONEER BADGE.—REFER to Australian P. O. & R., page 58. Delete clause 1.

Clauses 2, 5, 6 and 7 as in book.

Clause 3 to read: Improvise some useful camp gadget without string or nails. Use diagonal, square, and snake lashing to make a piece of camp furniture, as a chair, washing up or cookhouse table, etc.

Clause 4 to read: Make a shelter and use it (not necessarily to sleep in), or make and use a rope ladder or a means of crossing a stream.



CAMPER BADGE.—Keep to the test as on page 45 of the 1962 Victorian Supplement, but add:

Be able to use a sheepshank to shorten a rope.

HIKER BADGE.—As in Australian P. O. & R., page 50, except that, see note, we do not say that all hikes must be organised by the candidate, and clauses 5 and 6 are combined, as in our 1962 Supplement, to read:

Know what precautions to take when lighting fires in the open, how to remove turf, and the responsibilities involved in regard to trespassing, gates, crops, sanctuaries, and wooding for fires. Know the regulations governing the lighting of fires out of doors in the State of Victoria as set down in the pamphlet, "What Every Girl Guide Should Know About Fire" issued by the Country Fire Authority of Victoria and available at Headquarters.



NOTE that for Pioneer, Hiker and Camper Badges, the tester must be approved by the Camp Adviser. Your Division C.A. will nominate the tester and subsequently endorse the badge certificate.—E. Bunning.



CAMPER BADGE — NOTES OF A TESTER

When you have a Guide aspiring to be a Camper with a capital "C", entitled to wear a badge to show that she is proficient at it, do **you** check that she is efficient in all the details before sending her to the Tester? Having tested a number of would-be campers in the recent school holidays, I doubt it! Though all were obviously fairly experienced campers there were many details which Captain could have checked which would have ensured that tests were passed at a high standard.

The actual pitching and striking of tents and screening was usually well done. The weaknesses were in things which were probably considered "easy", and so had not been practised enough. Some of these were:

Fire-lighting: A Second Class test, so every aspiring camper has passed it already, but **how?** Many did not know how to strike a match to protect it from the wind, or to hold it head down so that the flame would burn upwards and take hold on its own wood before being thrust into the fire. Many did not thrust it into the fire — right in under the punk so that it would catch and burn upwards to the tiny twigs and then bigger ones — instead they held it hopefully at the side, where it caught on one leaf or twig, flared briefly, and died. When a trench was used the fire was often a shapeless mass, not one laid properly so that it would light easily. And the trench — how was it dug? Often with a knife or tomahawk, enough to make the hair of a real camper stand on end! If turfing was necessary, sometimes only the side of the trench itself was lifted away, so that as soon as the fire was lit it scorched the roots and grass at the edge.

Fire-lighting precautions were often very vaguely known — or would be glibly recited and then the Guide proceeded to light a fire without so much as a billy of water at hand in case of emergency!

Food Storage: Meat-safes were made, sometimes quite elaborately and sometimes a simple piece of netting with a plate suspended in it (equally effective), but often these were hung in the sun, and often the meat was left wrapped in paper or plastic.

Why bother to make a nice fly-proof safe if the meat inside is not exposed to the air it needs?

Milk bottles were often put up to their necks in a billy of water, without thought of how quickly that water would get warm on a hot day. Much more effective is a wet cloth around the milk container, with its ends in a **little** water — the principle of the old coolgardie safe, whereby the water soaking into the cloth and evaporating keeps it constantly cool.

Cooking: Few Guides realised that this was really a test of their ability to control the fire to the needs of what was being cooked; that a stew should simmer gently (**never** boil!), that a grill needs glowing coals not flame, that custard or anything milky will burn or boil over easily, and is safer done in a "double dixie."

Tent Mending: Main fault with darning was stitches not lying close enough to each other and "tailing off" instead of maintaining even lengths. Patches were sometimes not big enough, so that there was not enough to turn under and edges frayed out.

Flagpole and Colours: Another Second Class test, but often not up to standard. Main difficulties were the use of string instead of a stout cord for making the grommet (and the grommet much too big); cleat badly trimmed (if at all), and square lashing very insecure. Colour Party drill was often inaccurate.

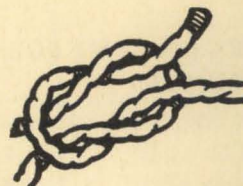
Care of Groundsheets was given little thought — Guides walked all over them and put hot plates on them. Heat is not good for either plastic or rubber, and spilt food has to be cleaned off.

Gadget lashings were often insecure, sometimes because string was used instead of cord and could not be pulled firmly enough. Sticks were roughly broken instead of being neatly cut and trimmed.

None of these things is outside the scope of Captain's ability to check, even in cases where she is not herself an experienced camper. So **please**, Guiders, be sure before future tests that the Guide who hopes to wear a Camper Proficiency Badge is indeed a PROFICIENT CAMPER!

—M.M.

TRAINING PAGES



WHY WE ARE CALLED GUIDES

By the term "Scouting" is meant the work and attributes of backwoodsmen, explorers and frontiersmen — so began the explanation of Scouting in Lord Baden-Powell's book, "Scouting for Boys". When he found that girls also wanted to join his new organisation his soldier's mind must quite easily have moved to the word "Guide".

The Queen Victoria's Own Corps of Guides was formed on 14th December, 1846, and was originally one troop of Cavalry and two companies of Infantry under the command of Lieutenant, afterwards Sir Harry, Lumsden. They were mounted with lances in the plains, on foot with rifles on the hillside. The men of the Corps were intelligence agents whose chief purpose was not to fight pitched battles (that was for regular troops), but to know all that was going on and to protect regulars against surprise. They acted as guides and scouts. Lumsden, it is interesting here to note, then introduced khaki. He found that the white that the Guides then wore was too conspicuous, so at first he had mud daubed on their uniforms; afterwards because this was too crude, a yellow dye was evolved, and this, in fact, was khaki.

The men were enlisted from many tribes and from six to seven different races who spoke different languages. Some of them were from the foothills of the Punjab and others were hillmen who were able to find routes and conditions for climbing in snow and ice.

At the time of the Indian Mutiny in 1857 the Punjab Irregular Force, led by the Guides, remained loyal and went south to help to quell the rising. It was then that the Guides made the march for which they are justly famous. They marched about four hundred miles in the hot weather from Mardan, their regimental headquarters in the North West Frontier area, to Delhi. Although it was not considered possible to average more than 15 miles a day for six days a week, the Guides actually marched an average of 20 miles a day for seven days a week, a great feat of endurance.

The motto of the Girl Guides, "Be Prepared", could well be that of this famous Corps. They served in troubled times and in a wild, inhospitable country. They were always ready to move at four hours' notice and even ate armed. They operated on the North Western Frontier of India and had to be alert for the attacks of the hostile tribesmen and to watch the passes, the famous Khyber particularly, for the infiltration of attackers.

It could seem curious that Lord Baden-Powell should choose to name the sister organisation of the Boy Scouts after a fighting Corps of Guides, and yet not only are scout and guide almost synonymous in army parlance, but that particular Corps is remembered for certain qualities. The Founder must have thought of these, loyalty, courage, endurance, "stickability", alertness of mind, readiness, the list is endless. Now that we are a world-wide body of girls and women, of many races and languages, there is another lesson for us, the combining, in spite of difficulty in common service.

The Girl Guides of 1963 salute Queen Victoria's Own Corps of Guides.

(By Joan Colquitt-Craven; reprinted from "The Guide".)

BE THE BEST OF WHATEVER YOU ARE

If you can't be a pine on the top of the hill,
Be a shrub in the valley—but be
The best little shrub at the side of the rill;
Be a bush if you can't be a tree.
We can't all be captains; some have to be
crew.
There's something for all of us here;
There's work to be done and we've all got
to do
Our part on the way that's sincere.
If you can't be a highway, then just be a
trail;
If you can't be a sun be a star;
It isn't by size that you win or you fail . . .
Be the best of whatever you are.

—Douglas Malloch.

KIM'S GAME FOR GUIDERS AND GUIDES

Would you be able to answer a quiz question asked on television not long ago: "What was Kim's surname?" Do you know who Kim was, and why we have a game called after him?

Kimball O'Hara figures in a story by Rudyard Kipling. He lived in India and as a small boy played with Indian children. He knew so much about the Indian people that a member of the Intelligence Department decided to train him to be a Secret Service Agent. Noticing details and remembering them was the most important part of Kim's training. He had to look at a tray of precious stones, then it was covered with a cloth and Kim had to describe them. He was very poor at first, but after a good deal of practice he was able to remember them all and describe them fully.

Now do you understand why we call our observation test Kim's Game? It is designed to make you observant in your daily life, to make you look for details and remember them. It isn't just a question of playing a game. It can be great fun, but we want you to use the game to make you more lively, intelligent and wide awake. As the Founder said: "Noticing small things and remembering them is the most important thing in the training of a Scout."

There will be observation games and activities in many of your Company programmes, but that isn't enough. You must also help yourself! Kim practised every day and so can you. Do you walk to school or work, or go by bus or train? What do you think about on your journey? As you walk, do you notice things? If you always use a certain street, have you any idea about the houses? What are the colours of the front doors? How many have flowers in the windows? What about the curtains? In a shopping street do you know the order in which the shops appear? Is it "Bells" the grocers, then "Whites" the tobacconists, before Woolworth's, or does Whites come before Bells? Can you name the shops in order right along the street? Well, can you?

Do you pass any hoardings? What are they advertising? Who tins the cream, and who

bottles the sauce? Can you remember them all in order? If you travel at the same time every day you will meet a number of other regulars coming towards you. How many can you remember? If you go by bus or train do you notice the other passengers? Which paper do the business men settle down to read? Is it always the same one?

When you are actually playing Kim's Game, probably you will start with fewer objects (the test says to describe 25 out of 30). What do you do when you see them laid out in front of you? Do you have a plan or system which you follow? I believe there are some people who see the collection laid out as a sort of pattern. They transfer the pattern into their mind's eye and they can see the place of each article in the pattern. They are lucky ones. You perhaps try to find some system of grouping your objects according to shape, colour, similarity of purpose, etc. You start the test with a little plan in your head to help you. Sometimes this is a help. You do realise, don't you, that you can either write a description or describe them verbally.

Finally, can I appeal to the Patrol Leaders? Do help your Patrol with this test. Some girls seem to find it easy, others find it a real stumbling block. Don't present them with a nasty collection of dusty little objects of the button, thimble, pencil variety. Do try to include a few interesting and stimulating collections. Kim learnt with precious stones. You probably have a few brooches or necklaces which are not valuable and which could be used one evening as a collection. Could they be stolen jewels of immense value and could the Patrol make a detailed list to give to the police?

Have you ever asked the Patrol to make a shopping list from a collection of empty packets and tins? You could ask them to name the manufacturers each time, and also to include the price which you would have put on beforehand. Could you manage a suitcase packed with things for a holiday? Someone takes the wrong one from the bus. Could the Patrol convince the police it was yours? We once had a mannequin parade for the whole Company. The Leaders and Seconds were the mannequins and provided the clothes, and the others had to remem-

ber the descriptions and prices which I read out as the models paraded. It was great fun.

My dictionary says that if you are observant you are carefully attentive, and we hope that the training we give you through Kim's game will help to make you the kind of person who is on the look-out all the time.—(From the "Guide").

INTERNATIONAL HYDROLOGICAL DECADE

The International Hydrological Decade — man's first concerted attempt to take stock of his diminishing resources of fresh water and to co-ordinate world-wide research on how to make better use of them — is now well on the way to becoming a reality.

This is the most significant result of a 10-day Unesco meeting in Paris that brought together 140 delegates from 56 countries to adopt concrete proposals for the International Hydrological Decade. Scheduled to begin on 1st January, 1965, the Decade now awaits final approval by the Unesco General Conference meeting this October and November in Paris.

The Decade will open in the context of a growing world shortage of water. Ninety-seven per cent of the world's total supply is in the oceans where, as one leading hydrologist said, it is largely unusable. at present "except to float boats." And three-quarters of the remainder is locked up in ice caps and glaciers.

Yet man's water needs are growing astronomically. He is thirsty for drinking water, true, but his domestic needs are literally not much more than a drop in the bucket compared to the demands of industry and agriculture. Over 400 tons of water, for example, are needed to produce just one ton of rolled steel, and two tons of water are required to grow, process and bake the ingredients of a loaf of bread.

As a result, water is no longer an inexhaustible commodity even in a damp climate. The taste of spring water is a remote memory in many towns now tapping rivers and adding heavy doses of chlorine. Pumping out of ground water has led to the

actual sinking of cities and irrigated land in some cases.

The programme that has just been adopted in Paris involves action on a number of fronts to meet the increasing demand of both industrial and developing countries.

States already equipped with networks for measuring rainfall, river flow, ground water, evaporation, snow and ice will provide data for the Decade. Other countries have planned such networks. Throughout the world, measuring stations conforming to certain standards will be designated as International Hydrological Decade Stations.

Specific proposals for co-operative enterprises put forth at the meeting included the establishment of observation stations on mountain glaciers, the measurement of changes in the chemical composition of water and the study of the Antarctic ice fields.

The meeting also adopted a number of proposals for research throughout the Decade in such fields as the precise measurement of soil moisture, the transport of sediment by rivers, and the influence of man's activities on hydrological processes.

Five areas were singled out for research at the beginning of the Decade:

Time trends in such hydrological phenomena as rainfall, sedimentation of reservoirs, evaporation and runoff;

Effects of urbanisation, afforestation, deforestation, farming and grazing on runoff and sediments;

Variations in glaciers and ice fields with snow, the effects of ice and snow on studies of the melting characteristics of runoff, and the replenishment of ground water supplies;

Studies of river channels and small streams in wet and dry zones alike, with special emphasis on the effects of man's engineering works on rivers.

It was announced at the meeting that 30 countries have already set up national committees for the International Hydrological Decade. Consequently, the adopted proposals can be carried out immediately after the official opening of the Decade next year.

—"Unesco Features".

PATROL COLOURS AND THEIR MEANINGS

The boys who attended the first Scout camp on Brownsea Island in 1907 had no uniform, but they were divided into Patrols and wore shoulder-knots of Patrol colours. The Founder took many of his ideas from the knights of olden times; and it may well be that when he invented Patrol emblems and colours he was remembering the coats of arms and lance pennants of the Middle Ages. Originally the personal or family badge was embroidered on the "surcoat" worn over a knight's armour (as well as being painted on his shield), and this is the reason it became known as a "coat of arms". At tournaments or in battle a helmeted knight with his visor down would have been quite unrecognisable without these distinguishing marks; and you can see much the same idea in modern football guernseys, which help to distinguish one side from the other.

The ancient Romans dressed their circus charioteers in special colours, just as jockeys wear racing colours nowadays. In the Byzantine Empire during the 6th century two political parties became known as the Blues and the Greens after their rival charioteers; so people who wear coloured rosettes at election time are following a very old fashion.

Your shoulder knots are more than a useful way of distinguishing one Patrol from another. Each colour has a meaning of its own, and there may be some special history or superstition attached to it. For instance, it is said that in ancient times the curtains of the Temple at Jerusalem were brown, red, pale blue, and dark blue to symbolise earth, fire, air, and water. Long ago men divided the horizon into four regions, attributing a colour to each; and in some Chinese cities the gates were painted the appropriate colour. Yellow symbolised the golden morning of the East and the red the fire of the Southern sun. The West was black as night and the North as white as snow.

Among the Zulus of Africa white is the symbol of love and green means sickness or lack of love. Red indicates unhappiness (red eyes from weeping) and black is the darkness of separation. Pink stands for poverty and yellow (gold) for wealth. Blue

is the sign of the bluebird of happiness, which can unite those who have been parted. You may like to compare this with the following English rhyme:—

Blue is true,
Yellow is jealous,
Green's forsaken,
Red's brazen,
White is love,
And black is death.

—From "The Guide".

HOW NOT TO GROW OLD

Youth is not entirely a time of life — it is a state of mind.

Youth is a temper of the will, a quality of the imagination, a vigour of the emotions, a freshness of the deep springs of life.

It means a temperamental predominance of courage over timidity, of an appetite for adventure over love of ease.

Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years. People grow old only by deserting their ideals.

Years may wrinkle the skin, but to give up interest wrinkles the soul.

Worry, doubt, self-distrust, fear and despair — these are the long, long years that bow the head and turn the growing spirit back to dust.

Whatever your age, there is in every person's heart the love of wonder, the undaunted challenge of events, the unfailing child-like appetite for what next, and the joy of the game of life.

You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt; as young as your confidence, as old as your fear; as young as your hope, as old as your despair.

In the central place of every heart there is a recording chamber — so long as it receives messages of beauty, hope, cheer and courage, so long are you young.

When the wires are all down and your heart is covered with the snows of pessimism and the ice of cynicism, then, and then only, are you grown old.

—Points from speech by General Douglas MacArthur on the occasion of his 75th birthday.

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CAMPFIRE SONGS



JUBELANA.

Ju-be-la-na let us re-joice Guides all over the world

Ju-be-la-na come raise your voice Let our song be heard,

Far and near come let us share Sending a message of courage and joy

Sorrow will vanish dark clouds be banished When our song echoes all over ^{the world,}

2. Jubelana, let us rejoice,
Guides all over the world.
Jubelana, come raise your voice,
Let our song be heard.
For by tomorrow you'll want to follow
The path that was shown us so long ago:
With wisdom he gave us our vision and made us
United in friendship all over the world.

By permission of Mlle. M. de Meulemeester and the Girl Guides Association of South Africa.

There have been many requests for the publication of "Jubelana" in our Campfire Songs series. We are grateful to Mlle. Meulemeester of Belgium, and to the Girl Guides Association of South Africa, for permission to reprint the song and for the good wishes they sent to all the Guides who sing it.



GUIDE HOUSE

Maintenance Fund

April was not such a good month for this fund — only 13 of the 30 days were maintained. Perhaps April, 1965, will be better. I hope so. The Guide House Committee wishes to thank the following for their support in maintaining these days:—

- 1st—North Brighton District
- 2nd—Brighton Division
- 5th—Burwood L.A.
- 13th—Mrs. S. G. Dewar
- 15th—1st South Croydon Coy.
- 16th—Executive Committee
- 18th—2nd East Malvern Coy.
- 19th—Northcote L.A.
- 22nd—Mrs. S. W. Noble
- 23rd—Skipton Coy.
- 25th—7th Malvern Pack
- 27th—Mrs. E. Dann
- 29th—1st Kerang Coy.

Last month I promised you I would give you the progress scores, and I am delighted to be able to tell you that we have received to date £828! You wonderful people! We still have another month to go to complete the year since the fund was opened, and although we won't reach the £1000, perhaps we might next year? **Please** continue to support this fund. Mr. Ballantyne, our Hon. Architect, has been up to look at Guide House and is hoping to present us with some ideas by the end of June.

Campsites

The Merle Bush Campsite: So many of you will have camped on this site down in the big paddock near those lovely big eucalypts, and many of you also will know Miss Bush, after whom this site is named.

Miss Bush is a Guider who has brought great honour to our Movement. The Queen honoured her with the O.B.E. and also she received the Medal of Merit from the Chief Guide.

She began Guiding in 1922 when she started the 1st Bendigo Coy. The following year she gained her Blue Cord Diploma and was one of the first in Australia to do so. In 1926 she received the Red Cord for service in Training in other States and again was the first in Australia to receive it. Over the years she has held positions of the greatest importance to the Movement — Commissioner (Adviser) for Brownies, Commissioner for Training, Commissioner for Camping, and during the war years she became State Secretary.

Some years ago the Victorian Executive Committee made her a Life Member of that Committee, the only one who has received that honour.

In 1934 Miss Bush was a member of the Committee formed to search for a property suitable for a "Guide Camp House", so her association with Guide House dates back to the time, in 1938, when we first took possession of it.

UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION
of the eliminations of all forms of
Racial Discrimination and of the
Rights of the Child.

We may think that because we live in a land of sunshine and plenty that racial discrimination does not exist and that the rights of the child are well cared for in Australia or wherever we happen to live. Nevertheless, racial discrimination does exist and many children do not receive their rights.

We, as members of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, have a duty to perform alongside our voluntary work in Guiding, to understand the meaning of racial discrimination and the rights of the child, and then do our utmost to spread this knowledge to those within our influence. We must go further, if we can, and make very sure that no such discrimination happens in the community in which we live.

We must realise that "racial differentiation or superiority is scientifically false, morally condemnable, socially unjust and dangerous, and that there is no justification for racial discrimination either in theory or practice," so states the Declaration.

While our work in the Guide Movement is centred upon girls of all races, in giving them full opportunity to develop into useful, happy, healthy members of the community we cannot ignore what goes on around them and ourselves.

We have, each in our own group, the opportunity of conveying this urgent understanding both of the equal needs and rights of the child and of the human person of any age or colour. It is this opportunity that the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts has asked us to use effectively.

In Article 3 of the above Declaration it states: "Particular efforts should be made to prevent discrimination based on race, colour or ethnic origin, especially in the field of civil rights, access to citizenship, education, religion, employment, occupation and housing.

"Everyone shall have equal access to any place or facility intended for use by the general public, without distinction as to race, colour or ethnic origin."

The Declaration in Article 8 requests that "all effective steps shall be taken in the fields of teaching, education and information, with a view to eliminating racial discrimination and prejudice and promoting understanding, tolerance and friendship among nations and racial groups."

Surely this comes close to our field of endeavours with young children — making quite sure that we eliminate all prejudice from our own approach and implant in them a wide open tolerance towards others.

This is of the utmost importance if we are to hand over to our children a future that is worth living in.

—N. B. Kirsner, U.N. Representative.



CORRESPONDENCE

From a personal letter . . . You may remember that I am a nurse at Rabaul.

At Rabaul I am a District Commissioner, and all the Packs and Companies in my area are native. We have lots and lots of fun, but, oh, the hardships and heartbreaks! All the meetings are held in the school grounds straight after school. Because very few of the children can afford a uniform, they attend in the "lap-laps" that they wear to school. Especially with Brownies, this can be very confusing, as boys and girls wear exactly the same, and it is not uncommon to find a boy sitting, unrecognised, in the middle of the Pack.

Our biggest surprise was last Anzac Day. We were all forming our lines to join the march when 20 girls in blouses and skirts arrived and told us they were the Kabahada Company. A Guide who is teaching was transferred to their area 12 months before and had started this Company. They were too far into the bush to be able to notify anyone! They were all so well groomed and trained it was a credit to her.

These things really make our work seem well worth while.

Margaret Schellenberger (nee Ritchie).

NOTICES

CAMPING DEPARTMENT

Indoor Q.M. Course has been arranged for September and will consist of one night at H.Q. and one weekend at the Guide House. This course might interest L.A. members as well as Guiders. Dates are—Thursday, 17th September, H.Q., 7.45 p.m.; weekend, Guide House, 19th-20th September. Applications to Camping Secretary, Mrs. B. D. McNally. Course will be limited to 25.

Q.M. Course has been arranged and will consist of three nights at H.Q., 7.30 p.m., followed by one overnight camp at Donvale. Dates are—Tuesday, 15th, 22nd and 29th September; weekend at Donvale, 3rd-4th October. The course will be limited to 30. Guider-in-charge, Miss H. Carnegie. Applications to Camping Secretary, Mrs. B. D. McNally, as soon as possible.

Pack Holiday: A Pack Holiday Course has been arranged and will consist of four nights at H.Q., commencing on Monday, 21st September, at 7.30 p.m. The course will be limited to 30. Guider-in-charge, Mrs. P. J. Newton. Applications to Camping Secretary, Mrs. B. D. McNally, as soon as possible.

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FORMER GUIDES and Guiders of the 1st Gardiner Guide Coy. are invited to celebrate the Company's 40th birthday on Friday, 17th July, at 8 p.m., in the St. Andrew's Parish Hall, corner Burke and Malvern Roads, Gardiner.

Please reply to Mrs. Grills, 1 Ashley Grove, Malvern (20 1717); or Miss Wenborn, 11 Amelia Street, Camberwell, E.6 (29 4962).

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VICTORIAN FIELD NATURALISTS' SOCIETY NATURE SHOW

Exhibition of Australian conifers from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday, 31st August, to Wednesday, 2nd September, Lower Town Hall, Melbourne.

SENIOR BRANCH BALL — 27th JULY

Closing date for ticket bookings for our Ball is 22nd July.

Bookings may be made by contacting Miss J. Oliver, 123 Wellington Street, Windsor.

HERITAGE TRAIL IN TASMANIA

During the past twelve months, Tasmania has been holding Heritage Hikes and Trails which will culminate in a Heritage Camp near Hobart. This will be preceded by a three-day bus tour of the State. Tasmania

INVITES SEVEN GUIDES (ages 13-16) **AND TWO GUIDERS** from each State to join them in this venture. The girls selected should be really interested in the Heritage and History of our country and be prepared to serve Australia in the future. They must be good travellers.

Dates: Depart Melbourne Charter Flight 4th January, 1965.

Return Melbourne 14th January, 1965.

QUALIFICATIONS as above and hold the Camper Badge. Further information as to fares, fees, etc., are not available at present.

Applications for selection to reach the Camping Secretary, Mrs. B. D. McNally, by **14th AUGUST** and should have Commissioner's recommendation.

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More than 50 years ago Kipling foreshadowed modern techniques when he wrote:

"I have six faithful serving men,
They taught me all I knew,
Their names are What, and Where, and
When,
And How, and Why, and Who."

NOTICES

GUIDE STAMPS

On 1st August, 1964, there will be an exhibition of Scouting and Guiding on Stamps at Guide Headquarters, 20 Russell Street, from 10 a.m. till 4 p.m. Admission by silver coin. Stamps will be on sale. Proceeds from the display are in aid of the Extension Section, N.Z. Fund. Various Scout and Guide collectors are lending material which will include the famous Mafeking stamps, the Siamese stamps of 1920 and many interesting covers.

We would be glad if you could make this known among your Brownies and Guides, and ask them to tell their friends.

Our N.Z. Fund is now approaching £800, and we hope it will be well over that by the time this appears in print.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my very sincere thanks, on behalf of the members of the Australian Contingent to N.Z., to all those who have helped in so many ways to raise this amount. Well over £200 has come in from sale of stamps. I hope to see many of you at this exhibition on 1st August.

MARY LAMBE,

Organiser, Extension Section Trip to N.Z.

SHERBROOKE FOREST DIVISION FIELD DAY AND BROWNIE REVELS

Readers of "Matilda" may be interested to read of a Guides' Field Day and Brownie Revels recently held by the girls of the Sherbrooke Forest Division at the Scout Hall, Ferny Creek.

It was a very special day for us, as we are a newly-formed Division and this was the first chance to get together over our Guiding activities and meet each other. It was also an excellent opportunity of meeting many new Guilders in the Division.

Our retiring Division Commissioner and the Commissioner for the Mountain District were there to cheer the girls on in their efforts.

We were very fortunate in having Guiders from Boronia to test the Guides' work. This included erecting flagpoles, pitching tents, gadget-making, knotting, bed-making, first aid and fire-lighting, and 1st Monbulk Company gained the highest number of points.

Meanwhile the Brownies were enjoying their Revels, and joined together in singing and activity games.



Parents and L.A. members moved about freely during the afternoon and watched the girls' work and games with great interest, and during the afternoon a new Brownie Guider was enrolled.

The gum tree setting was ideal for the barbecue tea, which was held outside the hall after the Field Day and Revels were over. Then it was home time for Brownies, and the Guides assembled by a big log fire in the hall for campfire. Captain of 1st Monbulk Company led the singing and the day closed with Taps.

We feel we learnt a lot from our first Field Day, especially from the advice of our testers, and it has given us a sense of direction and ideas on how to proceed for next year's meeting of the Division.

Brownie Branch

USE A COMPASS

Setting a compass means placing it so that it indicates directions correctly. To do this, with the simple type of compass most suitable for Brownies, see that the compass needle is swinging (there may be a little knob at the side which has to be moved to free it for use), place it on a level surface away from metal, and, when the needle is still gently turn the compass until the N is under the coloured end of the needle. Brownies are always thrilled to learn how to do this; but sometimes don't quite get the idea, and when they want to go east trustingly turn the E under the needle! Stress that the needle only shows north and show them how to place something fine and straight, such as a grass stem, across the compass right through the centre and the point they want so that the end points straight in that direction. Placing triangles of cardboard, four showing the main points and four smaller with the intermediate ones, will help Brownies to remember where the points are. Boxing the compass helps, too—after finding the north, turn round, and without further reference to the compass, point to and name each point—north, north-east, east, etc. Don't always use the compass in the same place, or the Brownies may associate fences, trees or walls with certain directions. Brownies who have learned about compass points in a hall have been surprised to find that the wall which was north of them in the hall was south when they went outside.

A good compass game for the Pack is played with eight cards about six inches square with the compass points on them. Let the Brownies use a compass to arrange these in their correct positions in a big circle, then turn all but one upside down. The Pack skip round in a circle inside the cards, singing to the tune of "In and Out the Windows"—

Round and round the country
Round and round the country
Round and round the country
From north, south, east and west.

The Guider names a compass point and the first one to stand on that cards calls the next point.

Treasure hunts in a Pack, with clues like "Go west to a big tree," "Go S.E. to a bush with white flowers," are fun for either the whole Pack working in sixes or for individual Brownies preparing for Golden Hand; and here, where there may be metal fences, seats or gratings, the Brownies need to know that some metals upset a compass. Move a penknife or pair of scissors near a compass and it will, as one Brownie put it, "Go silly." Finding a level spot can be a problem sometimes, too; and often the best idea is to place the compass on the palm of a hand resting on the ground, fingers pointing uphill if there is a slope; or supported by the fingers of the other hand when the ground is level, but grassy or rough.

Here are a couple of ways of using a compass which one or a group of Brownies can do during "group" times in Pack meetings. If they work without a Guider or Pack Leader be sure to check what they have done afterwards:

Prepare a set of cards which show where they are to be placed—"Put me south of the piano," "Put me west of the gum tree," "Inside the hall put me in the N.E. corner," "Find the tree which is furthest south, then put me N.W. of it," etc.

Prepare at least eight objects of different colours, tiny flags or toothpicks, to stick in the ground, or coloured pegs provided they have no metal which will upset the compass; and a list of instructions, "Four paces west and put a blue flag," "Six paces S.E. and put a yellow flag," "Two paces N.W. and put a pink flag." Mark the starting place and see that the Brownie understands that they take the next directions from where they place their flag. It is interesting to watch the recitation of different Brownies working separately who get instructions to go, as one said, "Back on their tracks."

When a Brownie can manage activities such as these she is not only prepared for the compass section of Golden Hand, she also has a good foundation for compass work in the Guide Company.



—Block by courtesy of "The Age".

FIRST POSTAGE STAMP

The first prepaid adhesive postage stamp was issued in Great Britain on 6th May, 1840. Known as "Penny Black", it shows a profile of the young Queen Victoria, with finely engraved panels down each side and letters in the two bottom corners. Even today the words "Great Britain" do not generally appear on ordinary British stamps, only occasionally on special or commemorative issues.

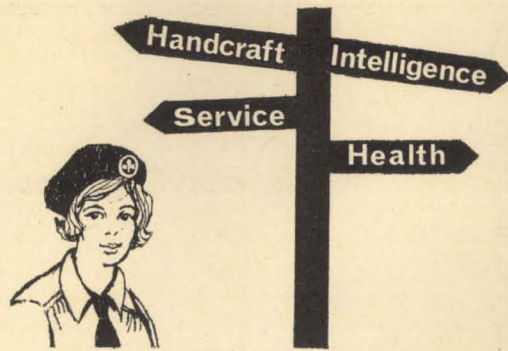
The man responsible for the idea of penny postage was Sir Rowland Hill. His tomb is in Westminster Abbey and a statue is opposite the London Stock Exchange.

Although it is not expected that copies of such an early stamp will be sent for our appeal, it was thought to be of interest to our many collectors of used stamps.

It is hoped that by now all Brownies and Guides have got the collecting habit, and are sorting and soaking off used stamps before taking them to the Pack or Company meetings. It is your own thrift effort. Watch that only good copies of stamps are sent in. We cannot sell damaged, torn or too heavily postmarked ones.

Please enclose a name and address in all parcels so that a reply can be sent. Address packets to: "Stamps for Guide House Appeal," c/o 12 Cowderoy Street, St. Kilda, S.2, Victoria.

LORNA E. CUZENS,
Hon. Organiser for Stamps.



1st BALLARAT SENIOR TREFOIL GUILD 14th ANNUAL MEETING

This was held at "Eildon", Waubra, the home of Mrs. Grant Coutts, who is a member of the Guild, and members were welcomed by the chairman.

On taking the chair, Mrs. Grundy thanked Mrs. Harrington and her office-bearers for their leadership during the past twelve months.

The Secretary's report of the year's activities showed that members endeavoured to help the community as much as possible, and towards this end were represented on the Good Neighbour Council and had helped in providing supper at naturalisation ceremonies.

The Equipment Depot under their sponsorship had expanded, and was now able to have a part-time supervisor. More and more Packs and Companies were forming in surrounding districts and having the Equipment Depot in Ballarat was proving a great boon to them.

Last September a return visit was paid to the Mildura Trefoil Guild, when nine members were guests of members of the Mildura Guild. Members also attended the fourth Annual Meeting of the International Fellowship of Former Scouts and Guides at Fitzroy, and a happy weekend was spent at Guide House with members of other Guilds.

The Assistant Division Commissioner, Mrs. R. V. Ince, commended the officers on their work and all members for their interest.

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Guides and Brownies of Port Phillip Division had a very happy night recently, when Australian National Flags were presented by Mr. R. W. Lindsay, M.H.R. for Flinders, on behalf of the Commonwealth Government. The function was held at the home of Mrs. Hartley Watson, Regional Commissioner, and attended by representatives of all Packs, Companies, Local Associations in the Division. After Mr. Lindsay had given a most interesting talk and presented the flags, one of the Guides read a message of thanks to Sir Robert Menzies, Prime Minister. Mr. Lindsay said he would be happy to see that the letter was delivered. Our Division Commissioner thanked Mr. Lindsay for presenting the flags and Mrs. Hartley Watson for allowing the use of her home. Supper brought to a close a memorable night for Port Phillip Division.

E. Marshall, Division Commissioner.

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