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# THINKING DAY



THINKING DAY, which is part of a month devoted to international friendship, is the day established to commemorate the birthdays of the Founder of Scouting, Lord Baden-Powell, and of his wife. It is a good time to remember Lord Baden-Powell's message:

**"LET US KEEP BEFORE US THIS VISION OF A WORLD-WIDE SISTERHOOD, A SISTERHOOD WHERE THE MEMBERS ARE PREPARED TO SINK MINOR DIFFERENCES OF RACE, RELIGION AND RANK, AND TO GO FORWARD HAND IN HAND TO THE GREAT FUTURE WHICH LIES BEFORE THEM IN HELPING TO BUILD UP PEACE AND HAPPINESS IN THE WORLD."**



## WILL YOU HELP THE WORLD COMPANY?

By Rose Kerr.

Thinking Day is an instance of how, in Scouting and Guiding, a happy thought often catches on, spreads abroad, and soon becomes an established tradition.

The idea is very simple. The 22nd February is not a day for great rallies or functions involving extra work for harassed Guiders, but simply a day for the children themselves, on which they shall send out thoughts of peace and goodwill to their sisters of every nation.

Thought is a very great power; it is a spiritual force stronger than the most formidable army, and the thoughts of over a million Guides must surely be a factor in bringing about the moral disarmament which must precede the scrapping of engines of war.

A thought and a prayer can be given by each Guide and each Brownie all over the world without any material cost. But thought tends to express itself in action, and the action suggested to complete the thought on the 22nd February is just that of giving a penny or halfpenny to help to provide the organisation which knits together the Guides of the different countries. This is

the World Bureau, which is, as the Chief Guide has told us, the Court of Honour of the World Company, in which the different nations are the patrols.

The World Company must have some funds, and if the Guides will help to provide them, the work done by the Company will be better and more far-reaching. The money will go to help other children in far-off countries to have the fun of Guiding.

Besides, birthdays are such fun, and anything given on 22nd February is a birthday present to the Chief Scout and Chief Guide. We all love them, but there is, as a rule, very little we can do to prove it; this one small thing, however, we can do, to bring each our penny or our halfpenny to help on the work which lies so near their hearts.

But, as with all birthdays, it is the spirit behind the gift which counts more than the gift itself, and since both the Chief Scout and Chief Guide well know how scarce pennies and half-pennies are with many people just now, they will well understand if these have to be saved or spent for needs nearer home, and will take the will for the deed. The great thing is for us all to join together in spirit and form a chain of love and friendship all round the world.

—From the "Guider" of February, 1935.

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## THE THINKING DAY FUND

Have you ever thought what it would be like to try to arrange a meeting of Patrol Leaders, or plan Brownie Revels in a locality where there was absolutely no means of communication except by a personal visit? Or, imagine having to organise a Guiders' Conference without the use of a telephone or where, if a telephone service does exist, it functions only during a strictly limited number of hours. Again, think of visiting Companies and Packs in a country where there are no bus or coach services, roads are poor and in rainy seasons are impassable, and a train takes 10 hours to travel 30 miles. These and many other problems face Guiding in various parts of the world, and it is in order to help in such situations that we ask our Brownies, Guides and Seniors to make their annual contribution to the Thinking Day Fund. Elsewhere in "Matilda" you will read more about this fund. This article is to give you a few ideas which you may be able to adapt for your own circumstances to use at your meetings around the time of Thinking Day.

Do try to prepare your girls for the Thinking Day meeting by telling them beforehand something of what the fund does, and thus bringing home to them the ease in which we carry out our Guiding in comparison with the difficulties facing many of our sister Guides. Many of the countries in which Guiding is starting get little or no assistance from their Government; many of the Guides themselves are too poor to pay for uniforms, and in some places there are no shops or factories from which to purchase uniforms or books or other equipment, and large sums must be paid in customs duties if articles are imported. Members of Senior Branch Units who are students or teachers will appreciate the problem of trying to communicate ideas in rural areas where there is no

common language, but only a large number of dialects. Training is done through an interpreter, or by a trainer using a language which is not her own, and in almost all cases it must be done through the demonstration method, as Leaders find it almost impossible to transfer words into actions.

In 1964, among many other projects, the Thinking Day Fund was used to help the Director of the World Bureau to visit India to lay the foundation stone of Sangam and to help Leaders attend a training at Our Cabana. In 1965 funds will be required to finance visits of representatives of the World Association to visit the following countries: Afghanistan, Bahrain, Congo (Brazzaville), Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Israel, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Laos, Libya, Morocco, Panama, Portugal, Republic of China, Southern Rhodesia, Spain, Syria, Tanganyika, Thailand and Tunisia. Gatherings of various kinds on a World or Regional basis will be held in Mexico, U.S.A., Suomi-Finland, Brazil and Venezuela. Perhaps the members of your Unit could plan a journey to visit some or all of these places, finding them on a map, and collecting the national flags and Guide badges. Some would be interested to find out typical means of transport in some of the lands, and bring their Thinking Day contribution to the ceremony while "travelling" by bullock cart, or on an elephant or a camel. All sorts of special activities can be invented for the meeting nearest 22nd February, and the charts of badges and flags of all nations can be used in many different ways. Most Brownies and Guides are interested in collecting, whether it be coins or stamps or dolls or postcards or anything else. Why not ask each member of the Unit to bring something from a foreign country to show to others? (These could be used in various kinds of quizzes or Kim's games.) A Troop of U.S.A. Girl

Scouts once were given the name of a foreign country and asked to find out a tree which was native to that land and bring a drawing or a model of a leaf of it. At the Troop meeting these were placed on an improvised tree of bare branches while the girl's contribution was placed at its base. One Australian Guide Company, where many of the members were working on the Emergency Helper Badge, asked each Patrol to dress up in the uniform of another country, and then stage and treat an accident. These "accidents" were carefully selected as being more or less typical of the country concerned and also as coming within the syllabus of the badge. For example, Japan dealt with a fire accident following an earthquake, and Sudan endeavoured to deal with a case of sunstroke. Then the contributions to the fund were presented by each Patrol while sending their thoughts to their particular country.

An annual letter about the Thinking Day Fund is sent out by the World Bureau, and I would like to conclude this article by quoting from it: ". . . those of us most closely involved in work for Tenderfoot and pre-Tenderfoot countries are having to accept, more and more, the fact that we can no longer fulfil the requests and recommendations for help which come to the World Bureau. . . . It becomes daily more evident to those of us travelling on behalf of the World Association that time is not on our side. Voluntary Youth Organisations are being watched by the responsible authority in countries in a way that we have never known, and compulsory National Youth Organisations are on the increase, putting, at best, a severe strain on and, at worst, a serious threat to Guide Organisations. . . . Guiding/Girl Scouting can be likened to a garden — where the soil is good the flowers and plants grow easily and strongly. Today the seeds of Guiding/Girl Scouting are certainly sown all over the world, but in far too many countries the soil is such that Guiding must have all the help you can give if it is to establish strong roots. . . . Please do all you possibly can to make 1965 a record year."

—MARY LAMBE.

## HAIL AND FAREWELL

All Brownie Guiders and Commissioners throughout the State will wish to join together in conveying to Mrs. A. N. Fox, who has recently completed her term as Victorian Brownie Adviser, their heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the splendid job she has done.

In saying a sincere "thank you" to Mrs. Fox, we extend to Miss Norma Sims, her successor, a warm welcome and best wishes for a happy term of office. Miss Sims is already well known to our country Guiders and Commissioners through her work as a Travelling Brownie Trainer.

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It is with deep regret that we announce the resignation, due to personal commitments, of Mrs. L. Davis as Public Relations Adviser for Victoria, from 31st December, 1964. You will remember that, having in mind the importance of public relations, this position was created by the Executive Committee early in 1964. Mrs. Davis was our first Public Relations Adviser, and to her we say a very sincere and warm "thank you" for all she has done since accepting this appointment.

Our new Adviser — Mrs. Stuart McKay, formerly Chairman of the Public Relations Sub-Committee — needs no introduction, as, for many years, she has served Victorian Guiding in various capacities. We are delighted that she has accepted this position, and convey to her our good wishes.

## JAMBOREE BIRD NOTES

I wonder how many birds were listed by the Guides at the Jamboree Hospital?

In the lightly timbered open forest I noticed eight birds in half an hour. The most predominant was the Rufous Whistler, with his ringing "echong". Little blue wrens, like living jewels, popped up from the undergrowth. Up and down the foliage of the box gums went tomtits in their search for insects. A pair of grey fantails gave a display of acrobatics. Close by were a pair of yellow robins sitting quietly. Three bigger birds to fly into this temporary sanctuary were the black-faced cuckoo-shrike, the wattle bird and the whistling grey thrush.—J.H.

## FROM THE STATE COMMISSIONER

When you read this diary the work and planning carried out in this month for the War Memorial Building Extension Appeal will be bearing fruit — abundantly, we hope. There have been a number of meetings of the overall Organising Committee, with Mrs. H. E. Bolte as President, of the Women's Committee under Lady Selleck, and the Movement Committee under Mrs. A. E. Sharp, as well as many informal meetings. How grateful one feels to our many "outside" friends who are working with such interest and energy on our behalf.

**2nd:** The month started with a very special function, given to us through Mrs. Bolte — the opening night of the glamorous Top-of-the-Town Restaurant. All one could have wished was that it was several times larger so that everyone who wanted to come could have been accommodated. I was proud to have there a guard of honour of members of all four sections of the Senior Branch. A great deal of complimentary interest was taken in them.

**5th:** I had the pleasure of meeting, during their "in transit" stay with Miss Barr, the two New Zealand visitors to the All-Australia Commissioners' Training. They, as well as the 11 Commissioners attending from Victoria, were delighted with the success of this gathering. Congratulations and thanks to Miss Clare Broadhurst, Australian Training Adviser, who was responsible for the programme.

**7th:** Members of the International Committee and I had a day "at home" with their Adviser, Mrs. Farrow, to select the two Victorian representatives to stand for Australian selection for the Juliette Lowe grant to attend the "All States Camp" in America next year. The calibre of the 30 Senior Branch girls, who came from both country and city, was so high that the Selection Committee had an extremely difficult task. I would like to congratulate all of them, as well as the two girls, finally chosen.

It seemed justifiable to be able to relax in the evening at the very pleasant party given by Mr. and Mrs. Gregory to enable us to hear and see something of the overseas "working" journeyings of three of our Trainers — Miss Margaret Watson, Mrs. Laurie Sharp and Miss Peg Barr.

**12th:** Mrs. Pearson, our representative to the Pan-Pacific and South-East Asian Women's Association, and I attended a "Tongan" Night arranged by this group to enable the delegates to their recent triennial Conference held in Tonga to show pictures and give news of this important event. Among the guests were Tongan people, temporarily or permanently resident in Melbourne, and I'm sure they must have felt proud of the magnificent arrangements made in their home island for such a large gathering, as well as nostalgic. We heard, too, that our friend, Mele Simiki, who represented Tonga at our International Camp, has now married, and she and her husband are working with the Methodist Mission in Suva.

**15th:** Miss Mary Lambe kindly made it possible to meet an interstate visitor, Mrs. Collins, previously Extension Adviser in Western Australia, and now advising Local Associations in that State.

**22nd:** It was a great happiness to me to join in the first Combined Guide and Scout Service in my own Parish Church of St. Margaret's, Caulfield.

**23rd:** The final meeting for the year with the Region Commissioners. The growth in strength of the regional organisation during this first year, as clearly shown in their reports, seems almost miraculous.

**25th:** Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Richardson and I were guests of the Public Relations Subcommittee at a luncheon party given to representatives of the various channels of publicity that have co-operated with us during the year, as well as to members of the Movement who do special jobs for this Committee. The public relations value of this very delightful function was obviously high.

**27th:** Another final meeting for 1964 — this evening with the Advisers.

All the usual monthly meetings have taken place among the days not specifically mentioned, so that, with the special meetings for our appeal added, there haven't really been many "blanks". Wouldn't it be dreadful not to have a good reason to be busy?

Joyce S. Price



**A MESSAGE FROM MISS ANSTICE GIBBS, whose visit in October, 1964, gave Victorian Guiding such pleasure:**

"I felt really sad to be at the end of my lovely visit to Australia when I left Perth yesterday. It has been a wonderful time for me, and I can never thank you enough for all your kind and generous hospitality. I have been so thrilled to have this marvellous 'view' of Australian Guiding and the chance to have so many names turned into faces!

"Everyone has given me such a lovely time, and in every State they managed to show me wonderful samples of the beauties of your country which, put together, have made a gorgeous picture.

"It has been great fun to be with you all, and I just hope that the gatherings together have done a bit to back up what you are all doing in Guiding.

"Certainly it is going to make it even easier to discuss things in future and especially the ways we may be able to help each other — and Guiding — in other Commonwealth countries.

"The lavish V.I.P. treatment Australia has given me was continued on the flight yesterday! I was invited to the flight deck and found a particularly charming crew. The Captain thought I must be successor to Lady Stratheden, whom he remembered, and asked if I knew Rene Fairbairn, as his home is near Banongill.

"The engineer's wife, a former Guide, had been telling him about my visit. The navigator apologised for interrupting the ensuing conversation to check the course, and seemed inclined to offer to go nearer to Christmas Island when he heard there were Guides there! When I landed I had a Qantas man to meet me on the tarmac and deal with my luggage. I can recommend travel under the wing of the Australian Guide Association."



### THINKING DAY SONG

Chorus:

We're thinking of Guides all over the world.  
We're thinking, we're thinking of you.  
We've made the same Promise, we share the  
same Laws—  
Remember we're thinking of you!

There's a great chain of Guides around this  
old world,  
We're thinking, we're thinking of you.  
And far though you travel and far though  
you roam  
The Girl Guides will welcome you home.

Chorus:

Guide Friendship is sent to all distant lands,  
We're thinking, we're thinking of you.  
A smile full of cheer and a strong helping  
hand  
We know that you think of us too.

Chorus:

And with our Guide thoughts go pennies as  
well,  
We're thinking, yes, thinking of you,  
To help our Guide sisters wherever they  
dwell  
For always we're thinking of you.

—From "Our News", South Africa.

(South African Guides sang this to a  
"local" tune unknown here. Perhaps a Victorian Guide may have inspiration?)

# THINKING DAY REFLECTIONS

Thinking Day — all of us can let our thoughts take wing on this very special occasion, and we picture friends—known and unknown—in various corners of this fascinating world of ours. Isn't it grand that our Guide Movement has linked us together in one large happy family, irrespective of our individual environments and ways of life — New York apartment-dweller, New Guinea villager, the lass who looks out upon the vineyards of Southern Europe, the girl who starts each day with a glimpse of a Norwegian fjord. Yes, through our Guide Promise and the shared interest of Guiding we have become friends, even if we have never met face to face.

Thinking Day for me, one of the lucky ones who has had several wonderful opportunities of living and working with Guide folk in different countries, has special significance. It is a day on which I can indulge in the luxury of day dreaming! I can let my mind wander off to visit some of my many good friends in various corners of the world. Would you like to come with me?

My first port of call would probably be Thailand, a country of golden Buddhist temples, fascinating waterways and delightfully warm friendly people. Several years ago I had the honour of working there on behalf of the World Association, and I quickly came to know and love the Thai people. Guiding in Thailand was young and, like any new-born child, needed guidance and help, so the World Association offered to send a Trainer there to help by training Guiders. Most of my work centred around Bangkok, where Guiding was slowly but surely establishing itself, but I also did several trips out to different country areas where Companies had started or hoped to start soon.

One of these journeys took me to the far north of Thailand, an adventurous trip by rail and bus of several hundreds of miles, many of which were through flooded rice-fields, the aftermath of heavy monsoonal rains. There in Chiangmai I helped a group of exceptionally keen Guiders (whom I had trained in the south earlier) to start a Guide

Company, and in my mind's eye I can still see the 60 bright-eyed girls who came to our first meeting. Rampai, a young Guider who travelled with me as Interpreter, Assistant Trainer, confidant and friend, visited her family who lived nearby, leaving me alone in the hotel bungalow. Was I alone? Not for long — two of the Guiders, fearing I would be lonely, arrived to spend the night with me! Typical Thai thoughtfulness!

New as they were to Guiding, my Thai friends readily understood the significance of the Guide Promise; in fact, one of them had occasion to remind me that an enrolment was a serious affair, not to be dealt with lightly. I had been working with 40 young young people, all of whom passed their Tenderfoot Test and were ready to be enrolled, and I tried valiantly to learn to say the words of the enrolment ceremony in the Thai language. Every time I practised they went into peals of laughter at my pronunciation until finally one of them said, "It is no use. If you try to speak in Thai we will all laugh too much. An enrolment should be a serious occasion, so please speak in English." They were perfectly right, of course, so we compromised — I used English, while they gave their responses in Thai.



On this sort of assignment, language can bring forth both fun and frustration — fun and hilarity when one tries to make oneself understood by gestures, frustration when one wants to chat with people and share a little of their thoughts and dreams, but cannot have easy communication. Mention of language reminds me of Nicky, two-year-old daughter of the Thai Chief Commissioner — Nicky, with her winning smile, shiny black hair, bright brown eyes. Whenever I visited her home she would serenade me

with "Kookaburra", a song so much enjoyed by the Thai Guides.

Just before I left Thailand I went to the Royal Palace with some of the Thai Guides who were to present some money they had earned to the Royal Princess as a gift for charity. The Princess had been enrolled as a Brownie in the U.S.A., so had a very real interest in the Thai Guides. I was presented to the Princess, and had much pleasure in giving her, on behalf of all of us here in Australia, an Australian Friendship Badge.

Last year, en route to Europe, I stopped off in Bangkok to say "Hi" to my friends there. How lovely it was to meet them all again! How encouraging it was to note the progress they have made in Guiding since my previous visit! How pleasing to be able to congratulate them personally on the fact that, at the last World Conference, they were accepted as a Tenderfoot Member Country of our World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts!

One cannot visit Europe, either in reality or through one's imagination, without "dropping in" on C.H.Q. — centre of Guiding for the British Commonwealth and touch of home for the many Australian Guiders who have found their way through its welcoming doorways.

My next port of call would be Ireland, where I spent 10 stimulating days last year attending a World Association Course for Trainers. This proved a veritable meeting place for old friends, and it is fascinating to note again what a small world it really is. Berit Brederson from Norway was there — an Exchange Trainer who worked with many of us here in Victoria in 1955; Teodore Datoc, the first of many delightful Filipino visitors who have come to our shores in recent years; Getsie Samuel, of India, who shared her wide Guiding experience with Guiders throughout the State some years ago; Dame Lesley Whateley — mother, aunt, sister and cousin of Guides of all parts of the world, which she knows from her extensive travels almost as well as you and I know our own home towns. New friends quickly became old friends as we shared our varying backgrounds and experiences with one another, never to waste a minute of those too fleeting 10 days.

Twenty-five of the world's full member countries were represented at our Course, which was planned with a view to preparing Trainers for assignments in other countries of the world, it being recognised that the older sisters — the experienced countries — must be prepared to assist their younger sisters of our Guide family, the many new countries. The theme of the Course — "The Simple Unity of a Tree is Made Out of the Varied Beauty of its Branches" — helped us to realise that much of Guiding's strength lies in its adaptability—although we want the fundamental principle of our Movement to remain unchanged and unchanging, our programme and methods must be adapted to meet the needs of the people and varying conditions of a country if it is to serve the young people of that country to the fullest extent.

There are two other places I would particularly like to re-visit in my wanderings — one is Our Chalet, that wonderful centre of International Guiding, where one has the chance to taste the unbelievable beauty of the Swiss Alps and learn so much about the countries from which come its many international visitors. The other is Fiji, hostess centre for a World Association Gathering of Young Adults in 1959. I can still hear the music of the Guiders from the islands — Tonga, Cook Islands, Tahiti and Fiji. For them each day began with singing which seemed to last the whole day, and their spontaneous music and dancing was enjoyed by all, European and Islander alike. Not only did we Europeans enjoy the music of the Island folk — I like to think that each of us came home with a renewed appreciation and awareness of the simple things in life, something in which the islands are rich and we are poor.

My final "reflection" comes from Foxlease, in England. It is a little verse which appears in the hallway there and expresses the very essence of Thinking Day:

"Not chance of birth, nor place, hath made  
us friends,  
Being oftentimes of different tongues  
and nations,  
But the endeavour for the self-same ends,  
with the same hopes and fears and  
aspirations."  
—Peg Barr.



## BUCKINGHAM PALACE

19th November, 1964.

Dear Madam,

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

Yours truly,  
MARTIN CHANTEIN.

Mrs. J. R. Price,  
State Commissioner,  
Girl Guides Association,  
Victoria.



## WEDDING PRESENT

Government House,  
Canberra.  
26th November, 1964.

Dear Mrs. Buntine,

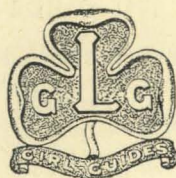
I was so very touched by the lovely wedding present from the Girl Guides of Australia, and want to thank you all so much for the really beautiful and "Australian" coffee spoons. Every time I use them I shall think of all the Girl Guide friends that I have in Australia, and hope that it won't be too long before I come back again.

Before leaving Australia I should like to say how proud I am to have been President of the Girl Guides Association of Australia and how much I have enjoyed being associated with you all. It has been the most wonderful and interesting experience for me to learn, through the Girl Guides, something about the life of young people in Australia.

I shall take with me the happiest recollections of our association, and grateful memories of the support and guidance that I have received from Guides and Guiders at all levels, and from all the States of Australia and the Territory of Papua and New Guinea.

With my warmest thanks to you all and every good wish for the future.

Yours sincerely,  
(Signed) CATHERINE SIDNEY.



## INVESTITURE BADGE

The Investiture Badge worn by Lone Rangers is now to be enamel in the appropriate colour of their Section. Lone Land Rangers will wear red; Lone Sea Rangers, dark blue; and Lone Air Rangers, light blue — all with a gold L showing they are Lones.

Until now, Lone Rangers have worn a gilt badge with an L in the appropriate colour superimposed. However, when they joined in Senior Branch activities they discovered that they were not readily recognised as invested Rangers because of the similarity of the Lone Ranger Badge to the Lone Guide Badge which is gilt with a blue L.

5th Victorian Lone Ranger Company decided to protest! Other Lone Ranger Companies and Crew were asked to express an opinion, and the majority voted for a change.

A request from the Victorian Lone Section for an enamel badge in the appropriate colour with a gold L was sent first to our Victorian Executive — then to all States. All have approved, so it is now the rule.

We are always reminding ourselves that Guiding is both democratically governed and constantly moving, adapting to meet changing needs.

It is healthy to see that both factors are present in the Victorian Lone Section.

Thank you, 5th Victorian Lone Rangers.



## NOTES FOR THE GUIDE BRANCH

**BUSHCRAFT:** It has been decided throughout Australia that wherever the word "Woodcraft" appears we substitute our own word "Bushcraft".

This will be done in various publications as and when they require reprinting.

The "Woodcraft Emblem" therefore now becomes the "Bushcraft Emblem". Requirements are exactly the same: it is a change of name only.



**RED BAR:** It has been decided that in Australia a Guide working towards First Class shall have recognition when she is about half-way.

When she has passed eight clauses of First Class (any eight she chooses) she may sew a straight Red Bar below her Second Class Badge. One condition is that the Character clause (i.e., good influence in the Company) is not one of the eight. It should come later when the Guide has completed, or almost completed, all tests for First Class. Also, the usual rules for First Class tests apply — Captain may pass for Camping if she herself is a qualified camper, and, if warranted, may test her own Guides for Health and Expedition. We in Victoria require outside testers for other clauses (see Victorian Supplement, page 10; do not take the rulings re testing in the Australian P.O.&R.).

When First Class Badge is gained, both the Second Class Badge and the Red Bar will be removed from the uniform sleeve, as the First Class includes and replaces both.

The Guide Shop has made every effort to have these Red Bars in stock by the time this appears in print.

They can be purchased by any Guider, Commissioner or Badge Secretary on presentation of the Test Card bearing the necessary eight signatures. This is retrospective — the tests can be already passed.

Until new Test Cards are printed, Guiders are asked to endorse the Test Card: **Red Bar, giving date** at the top of the Section for **FIRST CLASS** Test.



**QUEEN'S GUIDE BADGE:** Australian P.O.&R. Rule 60, page 35, clause 2 (a), has been altered to read:

"Hold, and have subsequently used the Patrol Permit, or hold the Bushcraft (formerly Woodcraft) Emblem".

This will apply as from **1st March, 1965**.

Commissioners were advised of this in the Newsletter sent out at the end of November, 1964, so they could tell Guides then working through their six months' proving time, and any Application Forms issued from 20th November onwards will show this alteration typed on the sheet.

—E. BUNNING, Guide Adviser.



Do you know where Honiara is? Brownies from 5th Box Hill Pack, 2nd Mitcham Pack, and 1st Wonga Park Pack helped during the year with parcels of coloured pencils, scrap-books, pictures and toothbrushes and face washer mitts to assist with a health project for the Brownies in the British Solomon Islands. Since then, when it was learned how keen they are to play basketball, three balls have been sent from Wonga Park, North Croydon, and 2nd Mitcham Packs, with the wish they will have fun and happiness playing their games.

## NEWS FROM NEW GUINEA

During my term as Brownie Adviser it has been the greatest joy to experience the goodwill and practical help that has gone from Victoria to assist in bringing Guiding to the villages of the Territory; no request has gone unanswered. Mrs. Yabsley has had a particularly heavy year with training and has not been able to write personally to everyone, but has asked me to convey her thanks to all who have given uniforms for Brownies and Guides. The overwhelming response to this appeal was very ably coped with by Miss Audrey Nelson and the 1st Caulfield Guides, who packed these uniforms for despatch, and how grateful we are to T.A.A. for their courtesy and wonderful gesture in taking these free to New Guinea.

Some of the uniforms went to the new Pack and Company at Kokoda. Perhaps the Brownies and Guides would like to journey by air to visit Kokoda with Mrs. Yabsley:

"The first touch-down was at Poppendetta, which lies in the shadow of Mt. Lamington. You will perhaps recall that some years back Lamington blew out, covering villages with lava and wiped out Sangara Church of England Mission. It looks quite peaceful and beautiful now, rising stark against the blue sky with vapour sending little white puffs into the air. Next on to Kokoda, where five Guides met the plane. They looked lovely, but had their ties on Scout fashion."

The training programme here was to test and enrol a Brown Owl and Captain; test and enrol the Brownie Pack and the Patrol Leaders, all in 2½ days. In theory, this was a splendid idea until Mrs. Yabsley discovered that the Guiders did not possess even a handbook — it had been just like a school lesson, as both Guiders were school teachers. At first they thought Brownie Ring was hilarious, and she was quite mad, but later became so enthusiastic that training would start at 8.30 and go right through to 6.30, with an hour or less for lunch. Guides were similar with roll call, drill, patrol system — an exhausting but wonderful time, and everyone was very happy.

"On Sunday afternoon the enrolments took place, and many parents came. They all patted me to express approval, but we couldn't talk, as they only speak their place

talk Orakiva. Then the children took me for a small walk (it turned out to be 10 miles!) to show me their homes. Every afternoon it rains, and so I was soaked to the skin, even though we had banana leaves for umbrellas. The earth is so productive here, we went through stands of rubber, coffee and cocoa."

Miss Gibbs, Chief Commissioner of the Commonwealth, told us of her visit to Barakau village, where 24 Brownies looked absolutely enchanting in skirts made by Mrs. Dennis, of Heathmont Pack, and the badges from Maidstone District. The Brownies had flowers entwined in their hair and leis around their necks.

So Guiding is being brought to the villages and wonderfully extended to help the sick and suffering. From one village three cases were brought back to hospital — one a babe of a few months with pneumonia and meningitis, but yes, she will live; Ebo, a Guide with dermatitis on both legs, which were full of fluid; and last, but loveliest, little Maroka with wasted legs from polio — her legs covered with sores from dragging along the ground around the village. One home had to be reached by balancing on a single bamboo over the water, with another to hold for 200 yards. Red Cross are able to take Maroka, who is only five years old, three days a week, and Guiders will take her the other two days, and she will be fitted with irons and crutches and will be taught to walk, surely a worthwhile service.

Victorian Trefoil Guilds made dozens of matinee jackets and cotton rugs to help in the caring for sick babies.

A Papuan Commissioner, in hospital for many weary months until she peacefully died, was greatly helped by a letter almost every week from Whorouly Pack, and grew to know and love the occupants of the farm of the Brown Owl.

There are so many stories that one could tell it is not possible to name everyone who has helped in many different ways, with parcels for Christmas parties, pencils, pictures, pack equipment and a hand sewing machine. Thank you for the thought and love for others, that means so much to those who are taking the Promise to our brown friends in New Guinea in such a devoted way.

—Dorothy Fox.



## SANGAM

Victoria's Sub-Committee for the Sangam Appeal wish to thank everyone who has helped — and I would think that must be almost every Brownie and Guide in the State — in making such a success of the appeal. I am thrilled to tell you when the appeal closed on 30th November there was £2002/1/2 in the bank and more still coming. Congratulations to you all, and we will be assured now that Australia's contribution to Sangam will be a really worthwhile one. Until the final amount has been ascertained it will not be possible to decide WHAT we can give, but it MAY be a cottage.

Sangam Elephant Badges may be worn until the opening of our new World Home, which it is hoped will be at the end of 1965. They are still available at the Guide Shop, 1/- each, and over 17,000 have been sold already.

Below is a list of Companies which have contributed to this fund and whose names have not appeared in "Matilda" previously. If there are still any omissions, please let the State International Representative know; and if any Company wants a receipt, please send a stamped, addressed envelope to:

Mrs. G. Farrow,  
3 Merrion Grove, Kew,  
and she would be pleased to send you one.

—SHIRLEY FARROW,  
State International Representative.

## COMPANY LIST FOR SANGAM

1st Beaufort	2nd Doncaster
1st Keon Park	1st Pakenham
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1st North Ringwood	1st Inverleigh
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1st Boort	2nd Eaglehawk
2nd Mont Albert	1st Tyabb

1st Ripplebrook	1st Winchelsea
4th Kew	1st Drysdale
1st Dromana	1st Heywood
1st Darlington	1st Parkville
1st Cobram	2nd Ballarat
1st Ivanhoe	1st Katanga
4th South Yarra	1st Marnoo
1st Skipton	3rd Maidstone
1st Camperdown	1st Mt. Waverley
1st Springvale	3rd Hawthorn
1st Bennettswood	5th Preston
1st Wodonga	2nd North Balwyn

## GIRL SCOUT ROUND-UP, IDAHO, 1965



Our team of Trudy Monk (S.R.S. Quadrant) and Robyn Riddett (Stradbroke Cadets) will represent Australia at the Girl Scout Round-up later this year, and at present are embarking on a programme designed to increase their knowledge of, and interest in, Australia. All of which will help them to be better representatives of our Association and to give more to the Round-up and their hostess Councils while in the U.S.A.

Congratulations, Robyn and Trudy.

## U.S.A. ALL-STATES' CAMP

Janet Cole, 17, from Monash Cadets, has been selected as one of Australia's representatives to attend the All-States Camp at Nantahala National Forest, Western North Carolina, during July and August, 1965.

Australia's second representative will be Penelope Preston, a Ranger with the Stirling Senior Branch Unit, Western Australia.



We offer our congratulations to Janet and Penelope on their selection, and look forward to their reports of activities at the camp.

### TRAINING CERTIFICATES

Members of the Movement will be interested to learn that Miss M. Mellor, S.R.S. Akuna, who already holds the Camp Training Diploma, has now gained her Senior Branch Training Certificate.

The following Guiders have gained the Brownie Training Certificate:—

Mrs. M. Mee, 2nd Canterbury Pack.

Mrs. R. Neilson, 2nd Koonung Heights Pack.

Miss J. McGahy, 2nd Doncaster Pack.

I am sure all members of the Movement would wish to join with me in congratulating these Guiders on the successful completion of the requirements for a Training Qualification.

—LAURA GREGORY,  
Training Adviser.

### "POST BOX" GREETINGS

Dear Guides and Guiders,—I feel that it is quite time that "Post Box" sent greetings to all of you, especially as I often receive such nice letters, either inquiring about or requesting Guide pen friends or thanking for "links" that have been found for you.

You might be interested to know some of the places where pen friendships have recently been made. Besides England, Scotland and Ireland we now have "links" in U.S.A., Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, as well as in France, Denmark, Holland, Japan and Hong Kong. We have them, too, in the Philippines and in the Solomon Islands.

I hope that there are not many of you who sent in requests during the past year who are still awaiting answers to your letters. The trouble is that some countries are slow in finding pen friends for us, and in other cases there is quite a waiting list for a particular place — for instance, Liverpool, England, where the Beatles live! It is also difficult to get links in Asian countries.

Write to me any time you want a pen friend, giving me your name, address, age and any special interests, as well as preferences for any country or countries in which you would like a pen friend. Don't forget that it is always a good idea to give a choice of countries.

With best wishes to you for happy summer holidays and camps.

—NELL HALL

(Post Box Secretary for Victoria)

Mrs. B. Hall,

37 Bond Street, Ringwood.

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Twinkle, twinkle, little star,  
I don't wonder what you are;  
I surmised your spot in space  
When you left your missile base.  
Any wondering I do  
Centres on the price of you,  
And I shudder when I think  
What you're costing me per twink!

—William Pratt, from "Conference",  
the paper of the Church of Scotland  
Missions in India and Pakistan.

## • PAXWOLD • Western Australia •



Paxwold is the Training Centre and Campsite of the Girl Guides Association of Western Australia.

Situated about 14 miles from Perth, this area of 15 acres includes a steep escarpment and has a glorious view to the southwest. The land was a gift from Mr. G. H. Johnston, of Kalamunda, at a time when the Guide Association, having determined to obtain its own campsite, had spent two years searching for suitable land. The gift of the land made possible a permanent Guide Centre, and the Association set about developing it.

The name chosen for the new centre was Paxwold, to keep alive the association with our beloved Chiefs.

In order to raise the target of £25,000 the Girl Guides War Memorial Association was formed and the whole effort dedicated to the service given by Guides in both world wars.

A public appeal was launched in 1953 at the home of Mrs. Rosemary Foulkes Taylor, who, during all the years of our campsite and

Training Centre development, has been the Chairman of the Committee, and whose enthusiasm and practical help have contributed immeasurably to the success of the whole enterprise. The State Commissioner, Lady Lee-Steere, was President of the Girl Guides War Memorial Association.

In July, 1953, Dame Lesley Whateley, Director of the World Bureau, visited the site, then untouched bush, and planted the first tree in what became the ceremonial area. By September, 1953, the equipment shed was built. This is 30ft. by 15ft. of tubular steel and asbestos, with a bitumen floor laid by the Guides themselves, and a rain-water tank.

The first canvas camp was held in February, 1954, water being carted from Kalamunda, as there had been almost no rain to fill the tank. Areas for two permanent campsites were bulldozed in August, 1954.

By voluntary labour a small dam was constructed at the spring, a pump house erected and a pump installed. Rangers carried and laid the 900 feet of water piping needed for

this project, completed in August, 1955. In 1960 Paxwold was connected to main water and electricity supplies.

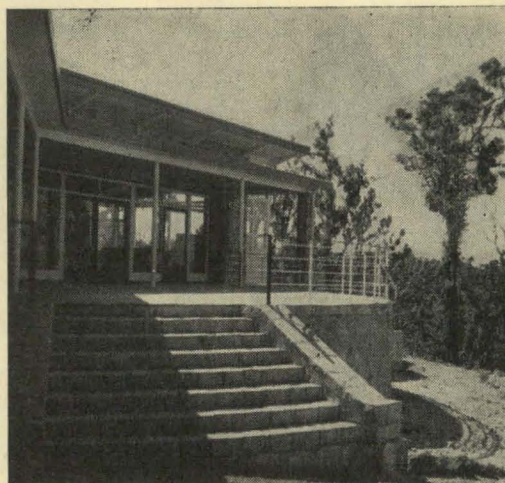
The Honorary Architect, Miss Nancy Allen, prepared plans for the Training Centre, which is of salmon coloured bricks with foundations of Mundaring granite. During the construction of the foundations, Lady Lee-Steere unveiled a commemorative plaque, behind which is a sealed container holding, for future generations, objects illustrating Guiding of our times.

The first section — the Rosemary Foulkes Taylor Wing (comprising sleeping quarters, Guiders' rooms and ablution block) — was officially opened by the World Chief Guide, Lady Baden-Powell, on 27th October, 1957. The section built was very efficient for small trainings, when the verandah was a dining-room, served by a tin-shed kitchen just opposite. Work on the foundations for the second sections of the building started in November, 1958, and the building was officially opened in March, 1960, by Lady Lee-Steere, whose name is given to the large training room presented by the Guides of Western Australia as a tribute to work and devotion.

The ceremonial area behind the house was planned to allow for the planting of indigenous trees by distinguished visitors. Up to the end of 1963 17 trees had been planted, the most flourishing of which is the Rottnest Pine planted in 1957 by the Chief Guide. Grass planted on the parade makes it pleasantly green for official occasions.

A memorial to Alice Beecham, a well-loved Guider, is the camp fireplace on the large campfire site. In February, 1961, two men were completing this memorial when a swift bushfire swept through. Luckily, Mr. and Mrs. Kirkwood were paying a visit to Paxwold, and the combined efforts of the men checked the fire, saving the ceremonial area and the main building from damage. Amidst desolation of blackened and burnt trees the dedication of the Alice Beecham Memorial was performed to schedule in March, 1961.

In 1963 the Brownie Branch, with enthusiastic Guiders and parents, made its own



Entrance to Paxwold.

corner, "Bimbimbie" — "Place of Many Birds". This is a charming spot, with toadstools, bird baths, Brownie Ring and barbecues. Among the many and varied gifts, practical and decorative, which have been received by Paxwold are the chair for the Guider-in-Charge, presented by Lady Baden-Powell, who also presented a copy of an oil painting of herself. In the front hall is a table given by Lady McLarty, State Commissioner, 1952-1957, and a presentation curio cabinet.

Many Pack holidays, camps and trainings have been held at Paxwold. The largest gathering was "Djindunga" ("Camp in the West") in August, 1960. Here 360 Guides from all Australian States, Papua-New Guinea, Malaya and Kenya camped together for two happy weeks. In 1963 a "Friendship Camp" of 150 Guides from Australia and Papua-New Guinea was held.

By 1963 the Girl Guides War Memorial Training Centre was paid for. Our Secretary cannot speak too highly of the generosity of friends of Guiding, both in direct giving and in fund-raising activities. However, it is mainly due to the wonderful efforts of the Brownies, Guides and Rangers in the Willing Shilling Drive, organised by the State Commissioner, Miss Perry, that Paxwold is now their very own.

(Thanks to Western Australian Guide H.Q. for information in this article.)



# GUIDE DAY at the SCOUT Jamboree



1st January  
1965

Have you ever sat on Christmas Eve and wondered whether you would really receive the next day all the gifts you had been promised? That is how we felt in the period between our last Committee meeting and 1st January. We had been promised things, but would they really arrive?

1st JANUARY — THE DAY — saw the Committee, with early entry passes in hand, entering the main gate of the 7th Australian Scout Jamboree at Dandenong. Straight to the arena to prepare for the hundreds of Guides — we hoped. The first sight that met our eyes was a horse and jinker — at least we have received one present. But we were not to be let down — for, as the Guides were admitted at 11 a.m., all manner of odd vehicles and means of travelling requiring vehicle entry passes arrived. Now, where do you affix a vehicle pass on a horse?

1.30 p.m.: Our worries re the pageant cast were over.

2.00 p.m.: Our big worry, of whether we would have sufficient marchers, was also allayed. We had hundreds and hundreds. Another present come true.

2.05 p.m.: Minor panic. Were there enough chairs for the Band as well as the people on the stage?

2.25 p.m.: Lady Delacombe arrives after attending the official luncheon.

2.30 p.m.: The Band strikes up — and we are ON! Down the centre of the arena in Sixes, then by magic you divided into two columns and saluted our State President and State Commissioner as we passed the dais. (Shouted on the walkie-talkie radio from one marshal to another: "Pretty good, eh what?" And you WERE pretty good!) And so the markers leave the arena as the final ranks of the march pass through the exit gates.

AND THEN — the Pageant.

2.50 p.m.: Enter horse and-jinker, driven by ladies "in their sixties", amid a ripple of laughter, which turns to loud applause as it is overtaken by modern members of the Girl Guides Association in camp uniform on scooter bikes. "Tut, tut! What is the younger generation coming to?"

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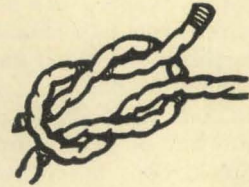
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**Lady Delacombe, State President, with Mrs. J. R. Price, State Commissioner, on Guide Day.**

—Block by courtesy of the "Age".



# TRAINING PAGES



## BUSHFIRE PROTECTION

KNOW HOW TO PREPARE A HOUSE FOR THE PASSING OF A GRASSFIRE — Victorian additional clause (b), Community Service Certificate, Firefighting.

KNOW HOW TO PREPARE A HOUSE FOR THE PASSING OF A BUSHFIRE — New Senior Brance Investiture Test, clause C (b) (i).

All Australians, but particularly those who, like myself, live in the hills with the memory of the 1962 fires still fresh, are very conscious of the danger of bushfires. Despite this, it is surprising how many do not take simple precautions against loss of property or even life.

Protection of a home against bushfire is two-fold:

1. ADVANCE MEASURES.
2. ADDITIONAL PROTECTION when a fire is actually approaching.

### 1. Advance Measures

People who are planning to build or buy a home have special opportunities. If you fall in love with a site tucked away among beautiful trees, make sure before purchasing of the following points:—

- (i) That it has adequate access roads with space for large vehicles to turn around (necessary for your own escape, and for quick and easy approach and getaway by firefighters and their equipment);
- (ii) That there is laid-on water or a sufficient close supply (nearby creek or a really adequate tank capacity).

Clear trees from around the house for a sufficient distance to act as a firebreak (10 fet is the minimum distance recommended by the Country Fire Authority). Be particularly careful of pine or cypress trees anywhere near a building—they catch fire easily, burn with intense heat and often explode, throwing burning material quite a distance.

This matter of having no trees close to the house helps also to prevent the guttering becoming filled with leaves and twigs—

which reminds us of the necessity of examining gutterings from time to time, clearing away any inflammable matter which may have collected there.

Consider the construction materials—brick and fibro-cement are less flammable than other types of construction, and insurance companies recognise this by offering lower fire insurance premiums on houses built of these. As an additional precaution against fire in general, you may wish to consider installing an extinguisher—again, some types make you eligible for a reduced insurance premium. Consult your local fire brigade before deciding on the type of extinguisher, and notify them when it is installed, for they will then assume responsibility for maintaining it in good working condition.

Once installed in your home, keep the surrounding area tidy. Keep grass short. If it had grown high before cutting, then rake it away into a pile well clear of the house, and cover the heap with old netting to prevent it blowing about. Slash or poison blackberries—these, especially where allowed to creep right in and under a house, caused the loss of several hills homes in the last bad fires. Stacks of inflammable materials (planks, papers, rags, etc., such as you do see in some back yards) are open invitation to fires to advance close enough to destroy the home.

If the house is built off the ground with an open space under it, as an advance precaution this should be boarded up or enclosed with flywire to prevent burning materials from being blown underneath.

Where is your fuel stored? Firewood, briquettes, tins of petrol or kerosene, etc., are best stored in a shed, a good distance from the house, and built (if possible) on the leeward side of the house from the prevailing wind.

Sort out important papers—birth certificates, insurance policies, etc. Ideally these should be lodged with your bank in safe deposit. Otherwise, store them always in a

fireproof container such as a metal cash-box, which you can quickly snatch up in an emergency, or which has a good chance of surviving the flames if this is impossible.

Think out an "escape plan"—decide on the best way of getting out of your house if the front door is blocked by fire—or the passage—or the living room or bedrooms are in flames. See that everyone in the family knows the best way of escape in these different circumstances. This will be as helpful, of course, in the case of fire breaking out within the house, as it will be if a sudden onrush of bushfire sets part of the home afire.

## 2. When Fire is Approaching.

How much you can do will depend on how much warning you have of the fire's approach.

If you are told by Fire Authorities or Police to leave, then **LEAVE AT ONCE**, whether you have collected treasures and completed your preparations **OR NOT**.

- (i) Consider what you would take with you if you have to evacuate and pack these things without panic. Clothes for a few days (practical ones — one or two every-day outfits, not your glamorous party dress, no matter how expensive it was!). That box of important papers if not at the bank. Money and valuable jewellery. When packing include any item of very special sentimental value (advice I heard from someone who had been burnt out was to include a few family photographs — she had lost all hers and missed them sadly for the rest of her life). Money and small valuables can be kept safe — if you can't take them with you — by being placed in a tin or saucepan; put the lid on firmly and bury them under six inches of earth in as bare a patch of the garden as you can find. Precious china and crystal can be kept safe in the bath, well covered with water (the more water, the safer).

However, **KEEP THINGS IN PROPORTION**: make safe or pack what you simply can't do without as quickly and compactly as possible, and then put them all out of your mind while you attend to the other things that must be done.

Above all, **NEVER RISK LIFE FOR THE SAKE OF BELONGINGS**.

- (ii) Turn off all electric power.
- (iii) Remove outside blinds and clear verandahs of beds, garden chairs, stacks of papers, etc.
- (iv) Important furniture, if it cannot be taken away in a truck in good time, should either be stacked in the open or pushed into the centre of rooms and covered if possible with blankets or mats or heavy curtains.
- (v) Shut all doors and windows to reduce draughts.
- (vi) Put something such as a tennis ball in the guttering where each downpipe leads down, and then flood the guttering with water.
- (vii) After windows are shut and verandahs clear, hose the house generously with water, and then the surrounding garden. Leave hoses attached to taps.
- (viii) Prepare firefighting equipment: wet sacks, beaters (strips of sacking attached to sticks 6ft. long), rakes. Leave them in suitable places, together with water in buckets, kerosene tins, baby baths or such containers, and make sure that everyone knows where they are.
- (ix) Pets, if they cannot be taken away to safety in time, are given their best chance if let loose. Take the budgie's cage when you leave yourself.
- (x) People are safest — if trapped — if they remain in the house near a door. Each person needs a wet overcoat, blanket or sack, and these can be ready and soaked beforehand. Put wet cloths across the nose and mouth and over the head, or thoroughly wet the hair. When the fire has passed, move outside, in your damp coat or bag, and get to work on any burning material.
- (xi) If you are forced to make a dash for it and have no wet coat or other protection, hose yourself, or even puncture your storage tank and stand under the escaping water. **NEVER** take shelter in a water tank — a man was boiled to death in 1939 doing this. Run **to-wards** the fire and quickly through the burning front which is narrow (and is

usually narrowest where the flames look brightest) on to the already burnt-out area. If possible, then make for a roadway, or for a creek in which you can lie down until the danger has passed (but avoid a spot where there are overhanging branches which may fall, burning, on to you).



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#### GUIDE DAY—Cont. from page 188.

Then the early Guides with their drab uniforms and First Aid practices.

The Brownies, with gold streamers for their Golden Jubilee, really did create fairy land, where Brownies come from.

The Senior Branch, with their different modes of transport (durable?). We are grateful to the Puffing Billy Preservation Society for their help with plans and building of the train.

Lones — some were even driven to camp on scooter bikes!

Our two horses, to represent B.P.'s horses at the 1935 Jamboree, which were cared for by mounted Guides, had faithfully appeared.

1939 WAR. Did you collect tins for Food for Britain? It brought back memories.

Guide International Service rated a scene of their own, telling of their relief work.

Royal Wedding — we really did celebrate.

A circuit of the arena by the camp travelling van brought a round of applause.

International Camp — we didn't know "T-I-R-O" could look so good.

Plan Evergreen — it was murmured that the streamers disappeared as if by a large vacuum cleaner.

Victoria's place in World Guiding was "demonstrated" by streamers on a maypole.

A message was read by a Guide: "We, the Guides of Victoria, ask each of the Scouts attending this Jamboree to take back to our sister Guides and Girl Scouts in your homelands our message of friendship. We hope that sometime we may be able to meet them as we have met you today."

And so, to the singing of our World Song, the Pageant drew to a close.

Eight months of fun, hard work, planning, headaches and enjoyment. It was well worth while, and we would not have missed it for anything!

Thank you, one and all, for our "presents".

—BETTY DE MARCHI and the Guide Day Committee.

#### JAMBOREE JOTTINGS

Did you know that each Australian Scout attending the Jamboree paid an extra fee to the Brotherhood Fund, to help bring to Australia Scouts from countries which would not have been able to send representatives?

That the Tea Adviser of the Indian High Commission told us the legend how tea originally grew from the eyelashes of a monk who had plucked them out to ensure that his eyes would not close during his long meditation. No doubt the tea was an extra stimulation to keep him awake!

That the Senior Branch "train" had some extra "horsepower" underneath? The legs looked very much as though they belonged to Scouts!

## **... DUTY TO GOD AND MY COUNTRY"**

"No man is much good," wrote Lord Baden-Powell, Founder of Scouting and Guiding, "unless he believes in God and obeys His laws, so every Scout should have a religion." Baden-Powell's own definition of religion was simplicity itself: to trust in God and to do good to other people.

A practical man, our Founder recognised that "duty to God" means different things to different people. He gave much thought to it and had many consultations with religious leaders in order to arrive at a policy for the Scout Movement that would be hospitable to all the religions to which its members might conceivably belong. But he realised that a word of admonition might be needed: "When you meet a girl of a different religion from your own . . . recognise . . . that all who honestly feel that they can take the promise to 'do their duty to God' are welcome in our Movement. Having made it, they will live up to the highest as they know it. In this way may brotherly love and unity be brought nearer year by year."

Baden-Powell had the humility and the simplicity of the truly great. He wrote: "Remember that a present given to you is not yours until you have thanked the giver for it. In doing your duty to God, do not forget to be grateful to Him. Whenever you enjoy a pleasure or succeed in doing a good thing, thank Him for it, if only with a word or two, just as you say grace after a meal."

Our Founder never feared to speak plainly and honestly of the things of the spirit and by means of examples from everyday life that boys and girls would understand. Do we, as leaders, sometimes fail the youth in our charge by shying away from making the homely applications of the principles to which we say we subscribe? Do we talk about "ideals" in the large but never relate them to the decisions — often painful and sometimes terrifying — that every child has to face every day? Do we forget the great power of example on the young, and that to our Troop members the strongest argument for duty to God is the fact that we grown-ups live up faithfully to the standards our own beliefs impose?

Our Founder thought long and wrote much about the responsibilities of citizen-

ship, and his thoughts ranged beyond geographical barriers. "Every Scout ought to prepare himself to be a good citizen of his country and of the world," he said, and in order to do this he felt that a boy or a girl should start by being friends with those nearby.

Small Girl Scouts may find it hard to discover something concrete to do for their country, and it is reassuring to them if we leaders can show them that the ability to get along well with others, even in the microcosm of a Girl Scout Troop, will do something worth while for the country and the world. And here is comfort for any Leader who may be saying to herself: "What can I do for my country?" Helping the young become good citizens is the highest form of patriotism.—By Ann Roos.

(From "The Girl Scout Leader", October, 1962.)

## **GAMES FOR BROWNIES**

### **"Save Your Life"**

Brownies form a circle with one in the middle, who is supplied with a tin plate. A ball is thrown from the circle, and the Brownie in the middle must either dodge it or bat it with the plate. If she is hit, her hitter takes her place in the centre.

### **"Taking Gifts to the Emperor"**

Sixes line up at one end. The first member of each team is given a cardboard plate and a blown-up balloon. She must balance the balloon on the plate, walk down, kneel to the Emperor (Tawny Owl) and return to give the "gift" to the next Brownie. If the "gift" is dropped, that Brownie must begin again.

## **NOAH'S ARK**

Under a plan now being studied by the Indian Government's Wildlife Board, rare animal species in India in danger of extinction may be shipped to new homes abroad under a Noah's Ark plan.

At present 21 species have been listed as liable to disappear completely unless action is taken soon. Under the scheme families or small herds of animals would sail for new homes in suitable environments in North and South America, Australia and New Zealand.—U.N.E.S.C.O. Features.

## BROWNIES OF THE WORLD

The following could be adapted for Thinking Day:—

**SETTING:** Brownies form semi-circle, each stepping forward to say her part from alternate ends, afterwards stepping back.

**COSTUMES:** National costume for each country and/or each Brownie carrying pennant with name of country.

### ENGLAND:

I come from London, I've seen the Queen,  
The Houses of Parliament, and Paddington Green.  
Brownies all over the world are the same,  
We help other people, and play the game.

### IRELAND:

Here am I, from Emerald's green Isle,  
I sing and I dance, in real Irish style.  
I go to school, my lesson to learn,  
I try to remember my Brownie good turn.

### SCOTLAND:

I'm a Scottish Brownie, Jean from Aberdeen,  
To help somebody every day, I am very keen.  
I'm happy and bright, and I gaily sing,  
In my kilt, I dance the Highland Fling.

### WALES:

My name is Gwennie, I come from Wales,  
The land amidst the hills and the vales.  
Singing is one of my joys in life,  
Keeping me cheerful, when I get in strife.

### AFRICA:

I come from Ghana, in Africa's west,  
'Tho' I'm only eight, I try my best  
To help other people, and play the game,  
My face may be black, underneath I'm the same.

### FRANCE:

My name is Marie, I come from France,  
I'm happy and gay, I sing and I dance.  
To help other people, I always try,  
When things go wrong, I never say "die".

### AMERICA:

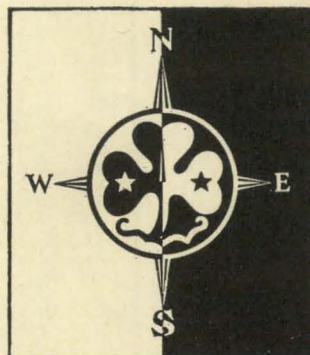
I'm from Alaska, in the U.S.A.,  
I feel very happy to be here today,  
To meet other Brownies, from distant places,  
And see Brownie smiles on all of their faces.

### SPAIN:

Here am I, Delores is my name,  
I come from Granada, in sunny Spain,  
To older folk, I always give in,  
And when I can't smile, I try to grin.

### AUSTRALIA:

I am Sheila from Australia fair,  
Calling every Brownie our fun to share.  
Giving a smile, and welcoming hands,  
Let's join a circle around all lands.



## RUBY ROMANIS MEMORIAL

St. Andrew's Church of England saw a gathering of the friends of Ruby Romanis towards the end of 1964.

The occasion was the dedication of the plaque, in memory of Ruby, beneath a window in the Lady Chapel of the Church.

We acknowledge, with gratitude, the donor of the window, which has an Australian and Aboriginal motif, fitting for the memory of Ruby Romanis, ex-1st Melbourne Ranger.

The simple plaque, bearing engravings of the Guide Badge and the "I have gone home" sign, in addition to the words, was unveiled by Archdeacon Codrington during the Evensong Service.



## **Qantas says 'Aloha!' every day of the week**

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## THINKING DAY PRAYER

"O Lord, our God, this day we have set apart to think of our sister Guides in other lands, beyond racial frontiers, beyond lands and seas. We are many, and we are strong; grant us to grow in numbers and strength that we may resolve to work steadfastly for Thee, in this world that is Thine. Grant that the uniform we wear may never be put on simply from force of habit; let it be a perpetual reminder to us of Whose servants we are, and of what we are striving to be. Grant that the Law which we have promised to obey may never become to us a mere string of empty words; let it be the Guiding principle of our lives. Grant that our Promise may be a help to us each morning, as we prepare to face a new day, and a strength to us each evening when, wearied by our work, cheered or saddened by events, we turn to rest. O Lord, our God, this is the day we have set apart to think of our sister Guides beyond the narrow confines of race and creed. We are many and we are strong, grant us to grow in numbers and in strength, and give us courage to work for Thee in this world which is Thine. Amen."

## TILL ALL MEN LIVE LIKE BROTHERS

Give us, Lord, a bit of sun, a bit of work and  
a bit of fun,  
Give us all in the struggle and splutter,  
Our daily bread and a bit of butter.  
Give us health our keep to make,  
And a bit to spare for poor folks' sake,  
Give us sense, for we're some of us duffers,  
And a heart to feel for all that suffers,  
Give us too a bit of song, a tale and a book  
to help us along,  
Give us our share of sorrows lessened,  
That we may prove that grief's a blessin'.  
Give us, Lord, a chance to be  
Our goodly best, brave, wise and free,  
Our goodly best for ourselves and others,  
Till all men learn to live as brothers.

—Written on the wall of an old inn in  
Lancashire.



—Block by courtesy of the "Age".

## STAMPS

The Postmaster-General's Department will issue, in April next, three stamps to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing at Anzac Cove on 25th April, 1915, during World War I.

The designer — Mr. Carl Andrew, of Briar Hil, Victoria — based his design on the statue of Private Simpson and his donkey, which is near Melbourne's Shrine of Remembrance. At Gallipoli, Private Simpson, with the little donkey, for 25 days and nights helped in the big task of carrying the wounded soldiers from Shrapnel Gully down to the beach ambulance stations. He was killed on 19th May, 1915.

Stamps are still being collected towards the special appeal for the Guide House. Please see that all stamps are washed off paper and that no gum is left on. Keep sending, please.

—LORNA E. CUZENS.

## NEWS FROM NORTHCOTE

In June, 1924, the 1st Northcote (Epiphany) Company of Girl Guides was formed, and on 5th August in that year the first Enrolment Ceremony took place. Miss F. E. Batten was Captain of the Company and Miss Gladys Pierce, her Lieutenant.

Many hundreds of children have belonged to the Company during the past 40 years, and at a reunion held this year, at the Northcote Guide Hall, many ex-members enjoyed talking of the "good old days". 1st Northcote is the only Company in the district which has given continuous service, and amongst those present at the reunion were Miss Batten, Miss Frieda Barfus (who tested and enrolled the first Guides of the Company in 1924), and Miss Alva Slater (daughter of the first District Commissioner, Mrs. Slater). Ex-members came from as far as Nar-nar-goon and Yea, and apologies were received from South Australia, Western Australia, New South Wales, New Guinea and France.

On the Sunday a Church Parade was held. Brownies and Guides from all parts of the City of Northcote were invited, as well as all ex-members and their friends. His Worship the Mayor and Mayoress, also the Town Clerk and many members of the Northcote Council attended.

Color Parties formed a guard of honour through which the Mayoral party and uniformed members of the Movement passed.

Since 1924 Guiding in Northcote has had many changes, but the children are still keen, as evidenced by waiting lists. The need for further sub-division has become necessary, and a public meeting was held recently in the Northcote East area when the new Guiding District of Northcote East — previously part of Northcote District — was formed.

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Christie, M.L.A., and the gathering was privileged to witness the enrolment of two new members into 1st Northcote East Company. Northcote East District has two Brownie Packs and two Girl Guide Companies, and more units are needed. And so a new era of Guiding in the City of Northcote begins; from one Company in 1924 we now have four Districts — Northcote, Northcote East, Northcote West and Fairfield/Alphington — and each

District could increase considerably if Guiders were available.

More than 200 past and present members of the Northcote Local Association of Girl Guides attended the recent 40th Annual Meeting. Cr. Inman was attending his 21st Annual Meeting of the Association. Guest speaker, the State Commissioner, Mrs. J. R. Price, announced to the meeting that Miss Alma Cockerell had been awarded the Medal of Merit. Later a beautiful birthday cake, decorated by Local Association member Mrs. Purdy, was cut by Miss Cockerell.

## VISIT TO GUIDE HOUSE

Forty-three Brownies and Leaders from 2nd and 5th Hawthorn Packs hired a bus to visit Brownie Cottage, and the Brownies were thrilled by the coloured motifs decorating the walls. After cooking lunch we walked to Britannia Creek Falls, then visited Guide House and the swimming pool; and there was still time enough for a treasure hunt before we boarded the bus for home. Mothers must have been amused to see Brownies arriving home with toadstools, but we all had a very happy day.

—Pam Schmid, Brown Owl,  
5th Hawthorn Pack.

## SONNET

I, having been installed upon the earth  
With no instructions in particular,  
And having looked but to myself thus far,  
Am no more certain than I was at birth.  
I do not know what my day is worth,  
Or to what end I sight my little star.  
But small heartaches have left no lasting  
scar,  
And I have had a maximum of mirth.

Then must I have a purpose to proclaim  
In loud, explosive voice unto a horde  
Of small, marooned beings, tired and bored?  
If so, let love of living be its name.  
My life, not wise, nor elegant, nor drastic,  
If nothing else, shall be enthusiastic.

—By Margaret Dobkins, age 19,  
Steelville, Missouri.





## SENIOR BRANCH

Congratulations to Heather Bell, of 1st Ringwood Rangers, on completion of the full Ranger Service Star.

—A. F. RYLAH,  
Senior Branch Adviser.

## SENIOR BRANCH SWIMMING SPORTS,

Approximately 120 Senior Branch members and their friends attended this fixture at the Melbourne City Baths. Fourteen Units competed.

There were events for everyone — swimmers and non-swimmers — and competition was keen.

The final scores showed that S.R.S. Melbourne had, for the second year in succession, gained first place, with S.R.S. Quadrant second and Elsternwick Land Rangers third.

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## DISTRICT GOOD TURN TO GUIDE DOG CENTRE

In anticipation of their visit to the Guide Dog Training Centre at Kew, Guides and Brownies of Emerald Lakeside District saved money for weeks.

Each Guide and Brownie made a picture or container depicting a guide dog. Cutouts of dogs with matchboxes on their backs, dogs carrying purses or money bags, dogs with money attached to them, all made a varied collection of individual effort.

With L.A. members we travelled to the Centre, where we were welcomed by Mr. Edwards, who escorted us to a beautifully furnished room which is used by blind

## YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE BUILDING APPEAL

By now your Commissioner will have to hand details of the QANTAS scheme to help boost the Movement's contribution to the War Memorial Building Extension Appeal for £75,000. In conjunction with QANTAS two economy air fares to Fiji have been made available to the Association, to be presented to the District raising the most money on a per capita basis. Even if your District is not participating in this scheme I know you will do all you can help us reach the Movement's target of £25,000.

Car stickers are available free of charge and can be re-sold by you for 2/- each. The money from the sale of these will be credited to your District. An application form for car stickers has been forwarded to your Commissioner.

Please contact me if I can be of any assistance to you with your appeal effort.

Laurie Sharp,

Chairman, Movement Appeal Committee.

## SOUTH-EASTERN REGION

Our first Annual Meeting will be held on 22nd March, at 8 p.m. All Commissioners and Guiders are invited to attend.

Where? Commissioners will be advised. Please make it a date and come.

—EILEEN BARWICK,  
Region Commissioner.

people and their dogs when a meeting is held.

We formed a Horseshoe and Brownie Ring, and each Guide and Brownie went forward and presented her "guide dog". Mr. Edwards was pleased with this gesture, as the donations were so personal.

He told us all about the Centre and the blind people who trained there with their dogs. We were asked if we would like our donation to be used to buy a harness for a guide dog, and we agreed.

After looking over the Centre we went to see the kennels in the grounds — the dogs greeted us, and we were pleased to see them and to take some pictures, too.



## GUIDE HOUSE



I am writing this early in December, but, by the time you read it, it will be February and you will all be planning your Guiding activities for the year 1965. The Guide House Committee hope that you will all try to include a visit to Guide House during the year.

Three times during 1964 an L.A. went up to Guide House on a weekday to have a Working Bee, and several times the Committee did the same. It was a most successful idea, and we have to thank Blackburn L.A. for starting it. This year I am starting a new idea — a regular monthly Working Bee on the fourth Thursday in every month. I will be going up to Guide House on that day and will take with me as many of the Committee as can go, and we hope that a carload of L.As. and/or Guiders will come, too, and work with us. We could kill **three** birds with the one stone that way: help Guide House, get to know each other, and have some fun. How about it? If you could ring me before the fourth Thursday in the month we could have a talk and discuss what we could do up there. My number is 83 9207. We usually leave about 9.30 in the morning and get back at about 3.30 or 4 p.m.

Our appeal for an auto tray has been answered, and we are most grateful to the donor. Great work has been going on up there in the house. The Twigs finished the

work of painting the bedroom at the back of the house. This work was started before by Overport L.A. The Camberwell Apex Club finished the painting of the inside of the Guide House Ablution Block, and also, with much help from the Warden, put in the new diving board.

When you read this the Chapel will have been in use for some weeks. The Dedication Service will be held some time in March. The granite for the altar and lectern was brought from a small outcrop up the hill from our property. Our Honorary Architect has given up a lot of time for us in connection with this Chapel, and we are **most** grateful to him. Mr. Ballantyne made many trips up to Guide House, and, as well as designing the Chapel, he designed also the incinerator and the new entrance gates.



The Maintenance Fund to the end of November had brought in £1249, which was truly wonderful. In spite of Sangam and the Extension holiday to New Zealand, you have still managed to support Guide House to that extent, and we are thrilled to bits. It has been a great stimulus to our work up there.

The Committee wishes to thank the following, who maintained the property during the months of October and November:—

October:

- 1st—Doncaster L.A.
  - 3rd—Box Hill District.
  - 4th—Bairnsdale L.A.
  - 5th—Noble Park L.A.
  - 7th—Brighton Brownies.
  - 8th—Mitchell Division.
  - 9th—Dandenong L.A.
  - 10th—Dandenong L.A.
  - 11th—Dandenong L.A.
  - 12th—1st Doncaster Coy.
  - 13th—4th Kew Coy.
  - 14th—1st Victorian Post Trefoil.
  - 15th—Executive Committee.
  - 16th—Miss E. M. McArthur.  
1st Ballarat Trefoil.
  - 17th—Yarraville L.A.
  - 18th—Guiders' Conference, 1963.
  - 19th—Nunawading Trefoil.
  - 20th—Guiders' Conference, 1963.
  - 21st—Miss G. Buckland.
  - 23rd—Guiders' Conference, 1963.
  - 25th—Guiders' Conference, 1963.
  - 26th—2nd Sale Guides.
  - 27th—Newport L.A.
  - 28th—Inner Southern Suburbs.
  - 29th—Forest Hill District.
  - 30th—Williamstown L.A. and Guiders.
  - 31st—Mrs. G. Kirk.
- PATRICIA GRAY,  
Chairman, Guide House Committee.

### GARDEN PARTY AT WAAIA

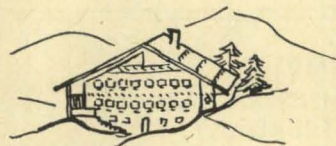
Thanks to the foresight and work of a great many people the Garden Party held at "Waaia", the home of Mrs. Warwick, was a great success. Even a sharp shower did little to dampen spirits.

The result was that Waaia Guides benefited by a substantial amount, which is very gratifying to all concerned.

The garden was greatly admired, the flower exhibits arranged by Mrs. R. Tweddle were a delight, and the art exhibits arranged by Mr. J. Norman, and judged by Mr. Steen, aroused a good deal of comment.

Mrs. MacDonald, L.A. President, introduced our Divisional Commissioner, who opened the Garden Party.

Devonshire tea was served at tables in the garden, while music from the pipers of Cobram Pipe Band gave a holiday atmosphere.



### THINKING DAY SONG

By Rosalie Curtis.

Tune: "My Bonny Lies Over the Ocean".

Way out in far distant Australia,  
Where Christmas is spent on the beach,  
For her Guides and her Brownies and  
Rangers  
Our Greetings are still within reach.

Chorus:  
Greetings, Greetings,  
Bringing their message this Thinking Day.  
Welcome, Welcome  
To these our Guide sisters we say.

O Canada, land of the maple,  
With your wonderful mountains and lakes,  
We envy your Guide when she's camping,  
Seeing sunshine each time she awakes.

Chorus:  
Ceylon is a tea-growing country.  
That's something we all can enjoy,  
And the girls there enjoy something also,  
For Guiding their time can employ.

Chorus:  
A land of canals and of windmills  
Brings Holland at once into view;  
Her Guides join our circle of friendship,  
Each year finding pleasure anew.

Chorus:  
When we think of the East and its colour,  
Then India comes to our mind.  
The Guides in their beautiful saris  
Great joy in our Movement can find.

Chorus:  
A long way from her there's a Chalet  
Where every Guide longs to be.  
To the Swiss Guides this is their own  
country  
And we'd all like its beauty to see.

—From "The Guide".

# NOTICES

## REMEMBER!

### GUIDING RE-UNION, 28th FEBRUARY, 1965

Anyone who has been in the Movement and would like to meet old friends again is welcome to attend the Guiding Re-union to be held at the Nurses' Memorial Centre, 431 St. Kilda Road, Melbourne, on Sunday, 28th February, 1965, from 3 to 5 p.m.

It is expected that Mrs. M. A. Buntine, Chief Commissioner for Australia, and Mrs. J. R. Price, State Commissioner, will join us after the Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Service, at which Mrs. Buntine is speaking, is over.

Snaps of Guide activities, rally programmes and any other souvenirs of your years in Guiding would be most interesting, and you are asked to bring these.

Any details available from Mrs. J. Brooks, 78 Ballarat Road, Maidstone (phone, 317 9212), who, with Miss Agnes Paton, is Co-Convener of the Re-union.

### COMBINED MASS FOR THINKING DAY

All Catholic members of the Guide Movement are invited to attend the Annual Combined Mass, held in conjunction with Thinking Day, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne, on 28th February, 1965, at 11 a.m.

Those attending should assemble in Lansdown Street (near Albert Street) at 10.15 a.m.

To give Guides and Guiders an opportunity to meet and enjoy some social activity it is hoped that, following the Mass, those attending will arrange to have a basket picnic lunch in the nearby gardens.

Country Guides and Guiders are especially invited to attend.

Any further information may be obtained from—

The Catholic Guiders' Council,  
c/o Miss Q. Aitchison,  
19 Victoria Street,  
Oak Park;

or  
c/o Mrs. M. Lacey,  
36 Stott Street,  
Box Hill South.  
Phone: 28 1708.

## TRAINING DEPARTMENT

### Headquarters Courses:

The following Headquarters Courses have been arranged for Term 1, 1965. All applications should be made on the official blue nomination form. Closing date is exactly ONE WEEK PRIOR to the commencement of the course. Fee: 7/6.

#### DAYTIME:

##### Brownie — for Warranted Guiders:

Commencing Tuesday, 23rd February, to 13th April (8 weeks), from 12.30 to 2.30 p.m. Guider-in-Charge, Mrs. R. Neilson.

##### Brownie Pre-Warrant:

Commencing Tuesday, 23rd February, to 13th April (8 weeks), from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Guider-in-Charge, Mrs. L. Sharp.

##### Guide Pre-Warrant:

Commencing Thursday, 18th February, to 22nd April (10 weeks), from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Guider-in-Charge, Mrs. McNally.

##### Guide — for Warranted Guiders:

Commencing Thursday, 18th February, to 8th April (8 weeks), from 12.30 to 2.30 p.m. Guider-in-Charge, Miss Lambe.

#### EVENING:

##### Senior Branch Training:

Commencing Thursday, 18th February, to 8th April (8 weeks), from 7.45 to 9.45 p.m. Guider-in-Charge, Miss J. Parrott.

##### Brownie Pre-Warrant:

Commencing Monday, 22nd February, to 12th April (8 weeks), from 7.45 to 9.45 p.m. Guider-in-Charge, Miss H. Gross.

##### Guide Pre-Warrant:

Commencing Tuesday, 23rd February, to 27th April (10 weeks), from 7.45 to 9.45 p.m. Guider-in-Charge, Miss Y. James.

##### Brownie — for Warranted Guiders:

Commencing Wednesday, 17th February, to 7th April (8 weeks), from 7.45 to 9.45 p.m. Guider-in-Charge, Mrs. L. Sharp.

##### Guide — for Warranted Guiders:

Commencing Thursday, 22nd April, to 24th June (10 weeks), from 7.45 to 9.45 p.m. Guider-in-Charge, Mrs. D. James.

**Note:** This date was previously given as 15th April — Easter Thursday.

##### Guiders First Class Training:

Commencing Friday, 5th March, to 9th April (6 weeks), from 7.45 to 9.45 p.m. Guider-in-Charge, Miss E. Bunning.

# NOTICES

## MUSIC, DANCE AND DRAMA

This is YOUR day. If you can sing, play, dance, act — or possibly more so if you can't, but have always wished you could — this is for you.

A day has been arranged — 27th March, 1965 — when Training will be given in many aspects of "the arts". Experts will be there to teach you how, for your own enjoyment and so you may be able to pass on to your Brownie, Guides and Senior Branch members the many pleasures to be found in the world of music, dance and drama.

Place:

Guide Headquarters,  
20 Russell Street,  
Melbourne.

Time:

10.30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Come part-time if you can't come all day, but, we warn you, you'll miss a lot of fun.

For full details, enquire from the Training Department.



## SENIOR BRANCH TRAIN TREK, EASTER, 1965

This is the last opportunity for Senior Branch members and Guiders to apply for this wonderful tour through Northern Victoria. See December "Matilda" for full details — but hurry! Applications close on 20th February.

Application forms from Mrs. Thompson, Secretary to Advisers, at Headquarters.

## EASTER TRAINING WEEK

Residential for Brownie, Guide and Senior Branch, at Guide House, Yarra Junction. The fee will be £4/7/6, closing date 5th April — applications to be made on the official blue form and forwarded to the Training Secretary.

## CAMPING DEPARTMENT

**CAMPER BADGE.**—Interpretation of the clause, "have camped at least one week under canvas". There have been several queries as to whether such places as "Gip-ton" would pass for this clause, and the answer is "no", unless Guides have camped also for two nights at a site which used trench lats.

## ALL-AUSTRALIAN PATROL LEADERS' CONFERENCE/TRAINING CAMP AND GUIDERS' FRIENDSHIP CAMP

The above two camps for all Australian States are to be held at St. Ives Showground, N.S.W., from 30th August to 6th September, 1965.

**COST.**—The camp fee is £8, and this includes a one-day excursion, camp book and badge, etc. **PLUS FARES:** approximately £3/10/8 under 16 years; £6/15/4, 16 years and over (concession).

Victoria's quota is 85 P.Ls. and 20 Guiders and **APPLICATIONS** are invited from—

- (a) Patrol Leaders who wish to attend the All-Australia P.Ls. Conference/Training Camp.
- (b) Guiders who wish to attend the All-Australia Guiders' Friendship Camp. (This camp will be run alongside the P.L. Camp, and Guiders will be made aware of the training received by the P.Ls. by participation.)

**APPLICATION FORMS** for selection may be obtained from the Camping Secretary, Mrs. B. D. McNally, **ON RECEIPT OF A STAMPED AND ADDRESSED ENVELOPE.** Please state clearly which group (a) or (b) you wish to apply for. Applications will close on 1st April, and those chosen will be notified by the end of April.

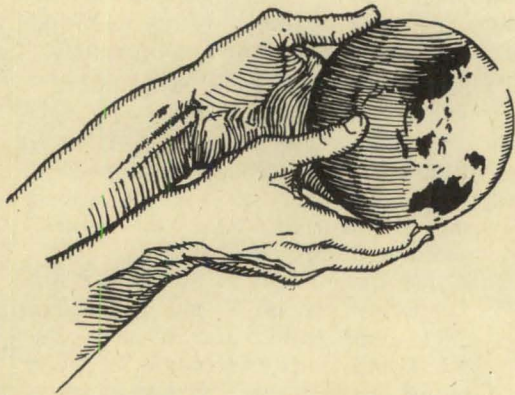
**CAMP STAFF.**—Camp Staff — G.I.Cs., Assistant G.I.Cs., Q.Ms., Assistant Q.Ms., Staff Guiders — may still be required for both the above camps. The fee in this case would be £4, plus fares. Applications to Mrs. B. D. McNally, Camping Secretary, with stamped addressed envelope, please.

## CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Mr. Arthur Rylah, husband of our Senior Branch Adviser, on the honour of Commander of the most noble Order of St. Michael and St. George bestowed on him by H.M. the Queen.

### ANOTHER THOUGHT (!) FOR THE MONTH

If you're a Guider  
You want to hide a  
Picture of this, and a cutting of that.  
And you know it's a case  
Of — SPACE.



## INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

Unesco's International Conference on Youth, which ended after 10 days of debate and discussion, left three major impressions in the minds of most of the delegates.

The first was a recognition of the tremendous role which youth must play in today's world, particularly in the social and economic advancement of the developing countries.

Second was a reminder that education is not something that ends with a secondary school or university diploma, but, on the contrary, is a permanent and continuing process of life itself.

Third — and most important perhaps — was the realisation that there is a certain similarity in the problems of young people around the world as well as in the solutions to those problems. This realisation made it possible for men and women from widely differing regions and political idealities to work together in the atmosphere of overall goodwill and mutual understanding at the Conference, despite occasional sharp exchanges.

Nearly 200 delegates from 73 of Unesco's member States attended the meeting — the first Inter-Governmental Conference ever held on youth problems. For three days they took part in the general debates and plenary sessions at the Grenoble Theatre — then adjourned to the Institutes of Geology and of Alpine Geography high on a mountain overlooking the old city for commission meetings.

The commissions concentrated on four different aspects of the overall theme of the role of out-of-school education for youth: preparation for working life, preparation for leisure activities, preparation for civic and social responsibilities, and preparation for international understanding and co-operation.

Among the recommendations which emerged from the Conference a number contained specific suggestions for action by Unesco itself or by other specialised agencies of the United Nations system. Others were directed toward member States, while a third category suggested activities for national and international non-governmental organisations concerned with youth.

The suggestions to Unesco, which will now be studied by the Secretariat before being presented to Unesco's General Conference, included the creation of an international committee on youth, representing diverse points of view and political orientations, as well as different geographical regions. The Conference also urged a vast expansion of Unesco's youth activities; the organisation of more Conferences such as the present one; the sending of experts in various fields of youth work to the developing countries; and the establishment of a pilot project for the utilisation of young, long-term volunteers recruited on an international basis.

—From U.N.E.S.C.O. Press  
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# CAMPFIRE SONGS



## DANISH BELLS.

La la la la la, La la la la la la la la

My finger, my finger, my finger, my finger, My finger, my finger, my finger, my finger, My

My el-bow, my el-bow, my el-bow, my el-bow, My el-bow, my el-bow, my el-bow, my el-bow, My

My arm, my arm, my arm, my arm, My arm, my arm, my arm, my arm, My

My heel and my toe, my heel and my toe, My heel and my toe, my heel and my toe, My

La la la la la, La la la la la la...

DANISH BELLS is a popular campfire song — its origins lost in days past.

"Matilda" is glad to bring these campfire songs to her readers, and if anyone knows of the source of music and/or words of this song, we would be pleased to give acknowledgement.

## UNITED NATIONS WEEK CELEBRATIONS

### STAWELL:

On Friday night, Guides, Brownies and Rangers held a United Nations Night. Many of the girls arrived wearing costumes of other nations. Parents, friends, members of L.A. and a Nauruan visitor, Miss Marina Albert, were present. District Commissioner and members of the Great Western District were also present.

A varied programme was presented:— Sailor's Hornpipe, a bracket of songs by the Rangers, Irish Reel, Highland Fling, Candle Lighting Ceremony by a Lone Ranger, a "stunt" by 2nd Stawell Company, a talk on Japan and a talk by Mrs. McMurtrie.

When the candles were lit, Mrs. McMurtrie said: "These candles of different shape, size and colour all burn the same when lit. Some give a tiny flame in comparison to their size, others a larger flame. Whatever their colour their wicks give light.

"They are all made of tallow. Our bodies are the same composition, whether we are black or white, yellow, brown or red.

"Do you know that every human body has enough mineral in it to make a two-inch nail; our backbone would make a small bar of soap; the carbon would make dozens of pencils.

"There would be enough sulphur for a packet of flea powder! The whole lot would be worth about 30/-. All this mixed together with 9 to 12 gallons of water and you have a man or woman.

"But there is something about us, whether we are black or white, which is more than chemical. Our brains and conscience make us individuals.

"In this world we are meant to live happily, each in his own country, and this is what the United Nations is trying to do — to help countries and the people in them to live peaceably together and with each other.

"We, as Guides, can do a lot to help right here in Stawell if we try to see each other's point of view, be kind and thoughtful and willing to help others less fortunate than ourselves."

### WODONGA:

At the suggestion of the Guides, Wodonga Municipality obtained a United Nations Flag.

The Guides of 1st Wodonga Company then formed a Colour Party for each morning and evening of United Nations Week. At 7 a.m. each day they raised the U.N. flag and at 6 p.m. they lowered it.

The Wodonga Company and Pack also held a United Nations evening, for which each girl had been given the name of a U.N. member country and had to bring information as to the population, food, dress, industries, etc. This was a most successful and happy evening.

### ELTHAM:

During United Nations Week the blue U.N. flag flew above the Eltham Shire Offices. The flag was presented to Eltham Council by the Sea Ranger Crew, S.R.S. Terra Nova. The Handing-over Ceremony was conducted by the girls themselves, all 16 and 17 year olds, as a fitting recognition of United Nations Week. They were accompanied by the Division Commissioner and the Mate of the Crew. Six members of the Crew made up the presentation party and the flag was handed over to the Shire President. Accepting the flag, the Shire President said the flag would be flown by the shire during United Nations Week in each subsequent year.

## UNITED NATIONS DAY

Rangers, Guides and Brownies from Mitcham District celebrated United Nations Day with an evening to which parents and friends were invited.

The evening opened with Ranger Colour Parties carrying in the World Flag and the United Nations Flag before nearly 200 Brownies and Guides.

Then each Pack and Company in turn sang songs from the countries of their choice, after which the L.A. served supper. This interval gave everyone the opportunity to inspect an interesting display of pictures and souvenirs from other lands.

The four Packs and four Companies then presented games and items from countries belonging to the United Nations, and these were entertaining and colourful.

As a result of the evening the District was able to present £10 to U.N.I.C.E.F.



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