

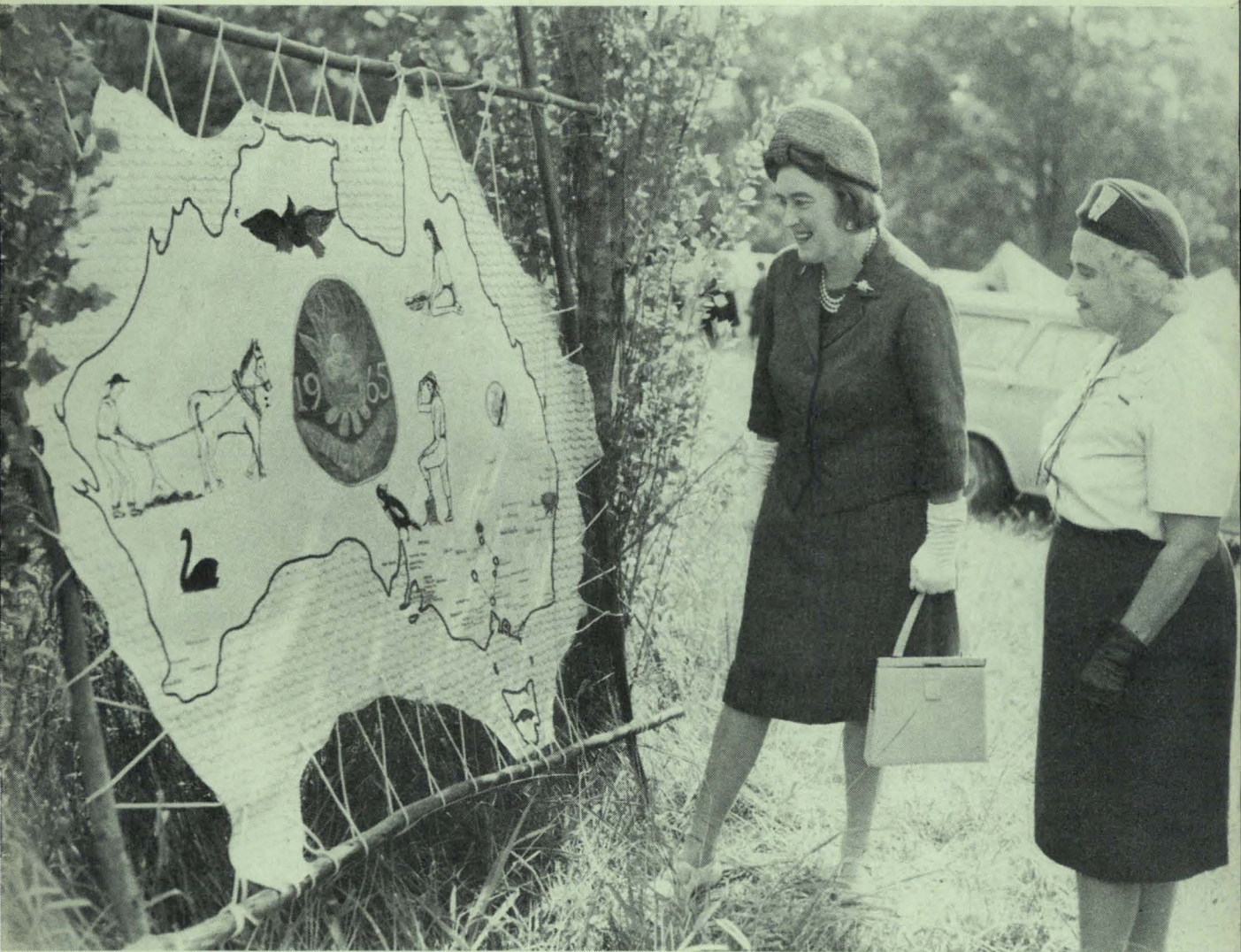
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Lady Delacombe and Mrs. Hilton (Lone Adviser) admire the Jindalee map showing where all the campers came from

—Photo Betty Reynolds.

APRIL IS WILLING SHILLING TIME

CAN WE COUNT ON THE
SUPPORT OF EVERY PRESENT
MEMBER "LENDING A HAND"
SO THAT VICTORIAN GUIDING
CAN "BE PREPARED"
FOR THE FUTURE



In the past months 3rd Yarraville Guides have been busy making toys and scrap books, and they were completed ready for our big day. The Company went to the Royal Children's Hospital at Mt. Eliza to distribute all the articles. We had lunch on Frankston back beach, and at 2 p.m. went into the hospital. It was a great thrill to see the delight on the toddlers' faces. We left the hospital at 2.45 to catch the bus back to the station. By the time we had reached home we were tired, but felt we had now completed our Good Turn.

—Ruth Seivers,
3rd Yarraville Guide Coy.

DON'T FORGET THAT RALLY PROGRAMMES

are still available at the Guide Shop. 9d each, they contain much valuable information and pictures for knowledge of the Movement.

WANNON RIVER DIVISION REVELS

For the Golden Jubilee Revels at Caven-dish it was a glorious day.

Revels opened with Brownie Ring, then the Brownies were divided into groups representing different countries. The groups circulated, learning something different in each country. It was great fun, but soon it was time for the Local Association — there in force — to serve tea to the hungry Brownies.
—L.E.

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To celebrate the Brownie Jubilee, 1st and 2nd Yarrowonga Packs planted a golden rose at the local hospital.

The ground was prepared for us and the rose planted by Matron. Each Brownie sprinkled on some earth, and all the Brownies were invited to attend the Hospital's Open Day.
—Brown Owl.

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DAME LESLIE WHATELEY, D.B.E.

DIRECTOR OF THE WORLD BUREAU, March, 1951, to December, 1964

Dame Leslie Whateley was officially appointed Director of the World Bureau from 1st March, 1951. Her retirement is effective as from 1st January, 1965. Below are some of the major developments which have taken place during her period of office and which speak for themselves.

THE WORLD BUREAU

Staff:

1951—

6 members: 4 full-time, 1 part-time, plus
1 voluntary part-time.

1964—

19 members: 16 full-time, 1 part-time,
plus 2 voluntary part-time.

THE WORLD ASSOCIATION

Member Countries:

1951—

25 Full Member countries, 5 Tenderfoot
countries; total 30.

1964—

37 Full Member countries, 31 Tenderfoot
countries; total, 68.

Number of International Organisations with which the World Association co-operates:

1951—21.

1964—41.

World Centres:

When Dame Leslie became Director there were two World Association Centres—

“Our Chalet” in Switzerland, opened on
31st July, 1932 (to which a staff house,
“Stockli”, has since been added) and

“Our Ark”, the Guide/Girl Scout Hostel
(next door to the World Bureau in
Palace Street), opened on 2nd May,
1939. “Our Ark” was removed to larger



premises at 45 Longridge Road, Earls
Court, on 30th July, 1959, and in 1963
the name was changed to “Olave
House”.

Now there are three, with a fourth in the
process of completion:

“Our Cabana” in Mexico was opened on
24th July, 1957, and the foundation stone
for the fourth Centre, “Sangam” in
Poona, India, was laid by Dame Leslie
in January, 1964.

PROMOTIONAL WORK

The pattern of administration of the training aspect of the Movement has evolved from a Commissioner for Training in 1952 to a Training Sub-Committee in 1957, and finally to an Advisory Panel for Promotion in 1960, to advise the World Committee on all promotional work, of which training is but a part.

DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

With the development of closer co-operation with other International Organisations with similar aims to those of the World Association, a Public Relations Department was set up at the World Bureau in 1955. One of the broad aims of its work is to ensure that the confidence shown in the Movement up to the present time by the United Nations and specialised agencies is sustained and consolidated.

A World Association Public Relations team is used, with representatives in New York, Paris and Geneva.

In each of the years, 1952 and 1954 to 1962, the World Association was granted a **Unesco Youth Travel Grant**. This is considerable when one considers the large number of applications from non-governmental organisations and the limited funds allocated for this purpose.

The object of the grant is to give youth leaders opportunities for observation and study abroad of youth problems in countries other than their own; also to provide international experience and leadership training. Since 1962 the Travel Grant has been awarded every two years, and in 1964 the World Association again received this practical help from Unesco.

Since 1955 the **System of Associated Youth Enterprises** has formed part of Unesco's general programme. This collaboration between Youth Organisations and Unesco has taken the form of mutual aid in carrying out projects common to Unesco's programme and to those Youth Organisations concerned. During Dame Leslie's term of office the World Association has received financial assistance under this scheme for the following projects:—

- (a) Fundamental education in the Pacific Islands: New Zealand sent a Trainer to the Cook and other islands in the Pacific for two years (1957-59).

- (b) "Homes of Today and Tomorrow": The Record Book of Good Turns carried out in centenary year, produced by the World Bureau (1957).
- (c) Pakistan Girl Guides Association: Urban Community Development (1958).
- (d) Federation des Eclaireuses Suisses: "Experiment in sending a Swiss Guider to Pakistan and India (1959).
- (e) The All-Africa Conference, Uganda (1961).
- (f) Girl Guides Association of Australia: Project for Girl Guide Trainers in Papua-New Guinea (1962).
- (g) World Association Conference on the Mutual Appreciation of Eastern and Western Cultural Values, New Delhi (1964).

During Dame Leslie's Directorship, the World Association sponsored two sound films — "The Wider World" and "Journey Into Friendship" produced by Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., and Dame Leslie advised on the scripts for these.

The World Bureau initiated, during 1964, a large collection of colour slides, many of them taken by Dame Leslie herself, of Guiding/Girl Scouting around the world.

GUIDING AMONGST REFUGEES

The task of bringing Guiding/Girl Scouting to refugee children, especially in Germany, the Middle East and India, has been one of the important activities of the Director since October, 1951, when Miss Rosa Ward, then Chairman of the Guide International Service (Great Britain) asked the Director if any help could be given by the World Association for refugees.

Since that time many visits by World Association Representatives have been arranged to refugee camps with the ultimate object, where possible, of linking the camps with the National Guide Organisation of the country (where such existed).

During her tour in India in 1955, Dame Leslie attended an enrolment in a refugee camp near Calcutta, of which she wrote: "I can still see the faces of the children who were not being enrolled gazing with longing eyes, and those who were enrolled almost in tears with emotion and pride." To this day Dame Leslie still hears from some of these Guides.

WORLD ASSOCIATION EVENTS

From 1951-64, 49 events were held. The Director attended a number of these in various countries, including Brazil, Denmark, France, Ireland, Nigeria, Switzerland, and Uganda.

The events covered International Commissioners' Meetings, Round Tables of Trainers, Quo Vadis Conferences, Training for National Commissioners and Committee Members, World Association Courses, Young Adults' Gatherings, World Camps, etc.

ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCES, ETC., OF OTHER ORGANISATIONS

In the early years of Dame Leslie's Directorship, the World Association was invited to some 15 or 20 Conferences and Seminars a year—by the United Nations or its specialised agencies, or other international organisations with which the World Association co-operates. In the latter years this number has risen to approximately 40 a year. The Director herself has attended a number of these Conferences dealing with matters of vital interest to the Movement, such as out-of-school education, particularly in the developing countries; youth and youth organisations in relation to the modern world; social work; rehabilitation of the disabled; and other important subjects. To instance but one, Dame Leslie was present at a United Nations Regional Seminar on "The Participation of Women in Public Life", held in Addis Ababa in December, 1960. This was only four months before the World Association's All-Africa Conference in Uganda, and provided her with valuable personal contacts with delegates from over 30 African countries.

Invitations from other organisations are reciprocated by the World Association, and it is perhaps significant that, whereas in 1952 only four observers from international organisations were present at the 14th World Conference in Norway, representatives from 15 attended the 18th World Conference in Denmark in 1963.

VISITS TO MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD ASSOCIATION

During her term of office, Dame Leslie has visited the following countries, many of them more than once:—Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Ceylon, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Iceland, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, The Lebanon, Luxembourg, Mexico, Monaco,

The Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, The Philippines, South Africa, Suomi-Finland, Sweden, Switzerland, United Arab Republic, United States of America, Austria, Central African Republic, Congo (Brazzaville), Congo (Leopoldville), Cyprus, Dahomey, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Malaysia, Nigeria, Portugal, Sierra Leone, Spain, Sudan, Tanganyika, Thailand, Togo and Uganda.

During her visits abroad, the Director has been received by Royalty, heads of State and other dignitaries, thus finding herself in the real sense an "Ambadress" for the World Association.

The number of talks given by Dame Leslie over the last 13 years is difficult to estimate. Her audiences were not only within the Guide/Girl Scout membership, but to children at school prize-giving, etc.; to other organisations such as the National Council of Women of Great Britain; United Nations Association; Business and Professional Women's Club; The Soroptimists; International Fellowship of Former Scouts and Guides; Toc H; Rotary, etc. In addition, Dame Leslie has made a large number of broadcast recordings, appeared on television, addressed Mayoral banquets, Government luncheons and other civic functions.

AWARDS

Before Dame Leslie became Director of the World Bureau she had already become Dame Commander of the British Empire, a Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur, and an Officer of the Legion of Merit (U.S.A.).

She has been honoured with the highest awards in the Movement by the Girl Guides Association of Great Britain, Girl Scouts of Japan and the Union of Finnish Girl Guides.

Just before her retirement in December, 1964, she also had the Royal Order of Benevolence bestowed on her by His Majesty King Constantine of Greece.

NEW WORLD BUREAU DIRECTOR

Miss Signe Dreijer

Miss Signe Dreijer takes up her new appointment as Director of the World Bureau of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts on 1st January, 1965.



Guiding is not, however, a new venture for her, since she has had many years' experience with the Swedish Y.W.C.A. Girl Guides, first as their Travelling Secretary and, subsequently, as their Chief Commissioner.

A gay, warm-hearted personality, Miss Dreijer began her career as Director of Physical Education and Teacher of Anatomy and Physiology at People's High Schools in Sweden. This took her on to become Director of the Leadership Institute and Deputy U.S. zone, a post for which she was eminently qualified.

The following year she accepted the Directorship of the World Y.M.C.A./Y.W.C.A. Refugee Services in Germany, and a few years later became Executive for Training and Refugee Work in the World Y.W.C.A. In this, perhaps of all her work, her qualities of compassion and level-headed common sense came to the fore, combined, to the great good fortune of the refugees, with immense practical ability. There were many times when things were far from easy, but with her deeply-rooted spiritual convictions and her sheer joy in living, she managed to surmount all the problems which came her way and to earn the unlimited affection and respect of all her colleagues, staff and, of course, the refugees themselves.

Miss Dreijer has now accepted to come back and assume the heavy responsibilities of the leading Executive post of the World Movement, which, on a national level, she served with such loyalty for so many years. For this her previous experience will stand her and the World Association in very good stead, as by now she has travelled the world and met many of our leaders in their own countries as well as through her attendance at some of our World Conferences.

With all the activities that crowd her busy day and the many extraneous calls on her time from those who know they will always receive a sympathetic and friendly welcome, she finds little time for relaxation, but whenever she can she will escape to the country, where her keen observation of nature is a constant source of delight to her friends and herself. Her enthusiasm, too, for sports, particularly skiing and tennis, remains undiminished, though, for the present, they must be in the background.



"MATILDA" ADVERTISEMENTS

In view of the volume of interesting material of service to Guiders, and the limited space available, but realising that insertion of notices, etc., could be of service also, it has been agreed that this facility be provided as under—

From 1st May, 1965, "Matilda" will accept small advertisements, notices, etc., which may be submitted from any source.

Cost will be 4d. per word, and this should be sent with the copy.

Telephone numbers, uniform measurements, dates, etc., count as one word.

The Editor reserves the right to refuse any advertisement and no responsibility can be accepted for information given in any advertisement.

NOTE: Notices of local annual meetings (e.g., for Regions, etc.) and similar functions will be advertised without charge up to 30 words (five lines). Any additional words will be charged at the normal rate of 4d. per word.



REMEMBERING ROBERT BADEN-POWELL

On Saturday, 20th February, 1965, at 11 a.m., 15 million Scouts and Guides throughout the world were represented at a service at Westminster Abbey conducted by the Dean, the Very Rev. Eric Symes Abbot, D.D., M.A., in memory of their Founder, Robert Baden-Powell.

The chief representatives of British Scouts and Guides were Mr. E. C. Neate, C.B.E. (Chief Training Commissioner for Boy Scouts Association) and Mrs. D. Parker-Bowles (Deputy Chief Commissioner for Guides of the Commonwealth).

Wreaths were laid on Robert Baden-Powell's memorial stone (near the West Door of the Abbey) by members of the Girl Guides and Boy Scouts Associations (representing one million members), by representatives of World Guiding and Scouting, and former members of the two Movements.

For the Girl Guides Association:

Beris Cox, Queen's Guide in the 10th Ilford (St. Andrew's) Guide Company.

For the Boy Scouts Association:

Peter Barton, Queen's Scout in the 2nd City of Westminster (St. Michael's) Troop.

For World Scout Bureau:

Mr. J. F. Colquhoun, O.B.E., a member of World Committee.

For the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts:

Miss Signe Dreijer, World Bureau Director.

For the Trefoil Guild and Baden-Powell Guild:

(For former members of the Guide and Scout Movements)

Mrs. E. A. D. Naylor (Trefoil Guild Recorder for London).

Mr. C. W. Wood (a member of the Baden-Powell Guild National Council).

It has always been the custom to hold this service on 22nd February, the joint birthday of the Founder and his wife, Olave, Lady Baden-Powell (World Chief Guide). Last year, however, when 22nd February fell on a Saturday, so many extra members of the Movement (both adults and children) were able to attend that it was decided to hold the service on the Saturday nearest to 22nd February.

This arrangement will not affect the observance by Scouts and Guides throughout the world of the Founder's birthday as a very special occasion when greetings are exchanged and Guides and Scouts in other countries are especially remembered.



THE BROWNIES' DAY OUT

Our District Commissioner took all the Brownies from Box Hill to see Brownie Cottage. There were six Packs and we went in three buses.

When we arrived each Pack found a home under the trees, and then we went to explore the cottage. We saw the Wise Old Owl over the stove, we saw the bunk where Packy slept when she was a Brownie, and in the lounge-room we saw cushions with the names of all different Packs on them.

After lunch each Pack had a photo taken with Rover the dog, then we explored the grounds. We went to see some trees planted and Silver Owl planted one for all the Brownies of Box Hill.

We had a huge Brownie Ring near Brownie Cottage and then went to our buses.

On the way home we sang and sang — and we thank Silver Owl, Brown Owls, Tawny Owls and Pack Leaders for giving us a wonderful day.

—Christene Clement,
4th Box Hill Pack (St. Andrew's).

FROM THE STATE COMMISSIONER

27th to 28th February: The final event of the month — the official visit to Victoria of our Chief Commissioner, Australia, Mrs. M. A. Buntine, M.B.E. — will always mark February, 1965, as a Very Special Month. We will remember the happiness of coming together from all over the State, and, in the presence of our State President, Lady Delacombe, welcoming her and doing her honour at the Rally, so splendidly planned for us by Mrs. A. J. Turnbull and her Committee. We will remember the special emphasis given to Thinking Day by Mrs. Buntine, and the culmination of our practical "thinking" when representatives from all the Regions presented their tokens to be passed on to the "World" by the Chief Commissioner. You will remember her evident delight, and I shall never forget my glow of pride, as Region by Region, Guides and Leaders, marched past, followed by the immaculate Senior Branch squad and myriads of smiling Brownies. We will remember her surprise and happiness with the Brownies' "welcome", with the depicting of her Territory by the Guides, and the Senior Branch presentation of a sample of their skills.

Who knows how many people will have been inspired to greater personal efforts towards international understanding and greater appreciation and support for organisations such as our own, as a result of the splendid address given by Mrs. Buntine at the Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Service? Her message, most appropriate also for Churchill Sunday, had special import for all of us who hold dear our marking of 22nd February as a basis for daily living. The lovely singing by the Guide Choir added to the inspiration of the service. And then the warm welcome and relaxation, under the wing of the Trefoil Guild, at the Reunion, with its feeling of unalterable comradeship and understanding, brought to a reluctant, but satisfying, close our special weekend.

We were grateful for the fortunate circumstance that enabled us to have Lady Somers attend the Rally; and that she, an early State Commissioner, and Lady Chauvel, who succeeded her, could also be honoured guests at the Reunion. As Mrs. Graeme Orr was present, too, it needed only Mrs. Curtis-Otter to have been able to delay her removal to Sydney (we had said a regretful farewell to her from Victoria only a few days earlier), and Mrs. Fairbairn to



Mrs. Buntine (second from right) with Victorian State Commissioners (l. to r.)— Mrs. R. G. Orr, 1947-53; Lady Chauvel, 1931-34 (acting), 1934-47; Lady Somers, 1926-31; Mrs. J. R. Price, 1963.

Other State Commissioners: Lady Stradbroke, 1921-26; Mrs. D. Curtis-Otter, 1953-58; Mrs. C. O. Fairbairn, 1958-63

have returned from England, to have had a succession of State Commissioners at the first of what is requested to be a regular series of Reunions.

With no need for a reminder, the pleasure of the company of Mrs. Bolte, our Appeal President, at the events of the weekend, did give the opportunity to express thanks for her leadership prior to and during this month, set down as the Public Appeal Month. My diary, apart from initial meetings for the year for the Executive and Sub-Committees, is crowded with meetings for the various sections of the Appeal organisation, interspersed by a number of most delightful functions given by members of the Women's Committee — and I know that my diary is only a sample of many others.

Of special note was the opening, by the Hon the Premier, of the Opportunity Shop — that most successful project organised by Mrs. Stuart McKay — in the new premises generously donated for our use by Kiwi Polish Co., through the kindness of Mr. T. Ramsay.

As well as for the successful opening of our Appeal, on which, along with our many friends, new and old, we, the Movement, with strength and expedition will continue to build, we would thank Mrs. Bolte, and every facet of her Appeal organisation, for their encouragement to us, Guiding today, building, on the foundation passed on to us, for the future.

Joyce E. Price

THE NEW LOOK OF GUIDING IN BRITAIN

However much one enjoys travel it is always good to be home again. After meeting Guides in Africa, India and Australia, and being away for two and a half years, I can see British Guiding with a fresh eye. It is not just as it was when I left and it definitely has a "new look". In 1962 the Movement was running on traditional and accepted lines. Now the key motive is experiment and change. The Guides even look different, with smart new caps instead of the old beret.

All over Great Britain the last census shows an increase in our numbers compared with last year. This increase is in the Brownie Branch and among the younger Guides. We are not holding the right proportion of girls between the ages of 13½ and 15. There are several reasons for this, and the increasing pressure of exams. is obviously one of them. Yet, since there are fewer teenagers in the Companies, we must ask ourselves if we are giving the modern child what she needs, if our programme appeals and helps the "Miss" of 1965. Without a doubt girls now mature at a younger age. This means that some items that were only put into the Ranger programme before are now of interest to the older Guide. So a new test has been produced called the "Guide Service Flash". It is in four sections: "Poise and Personality", which includes dress and the use of make-up; "Hobbies and Skills", for which a Guide must pursue a new hobby for at least three months; "Adventures Out of Doors" and "Service to the Community".

In addition to the new test Companies are being encouraged to make all kinds of experiments and then to report on the results. Some Companies are dividing into two, with those over 13 separated from the younger girls. Almost any bright idea, from Guide to Guider, can be tried out, naturally with the Commissioner's permission. The outcome of so much variety will be most interesting. Only by readiness to adapt to new situations can the Movement retain its vitality, can it truly "Be Prepared". Yet, in all this change, it is most necessary to think clearly about those things which are basic, which must remain if Guiding is to retain its character, to be the Movement that B.-P. founded; in fact as well as in name. The ideals expressed in the Promise and

Law are basic; so also, surely, are the Patrol System, Woodcraft, and Service to other people. One of our great strengths is the fourth Guide Law — the friendship between Guides of different religions, races and classes. A world tour, such as the one I have just enjoyed, makes one value this idea of friendship more than ever before. It is something so needed in the world of today, and will help to bring understanding and peace instead of rivalry and discord.

Another important change is in the Warrant Tests. For all Guiders there is an increased emphasis on training, and the ways in which a new Guider can be trained are carefully listed. After being warranted a Guider not only can, but must, attend refresher sessions from time to time, so as to keep herself up to date. Again, in the past many Guides never had the chance to camp. Now a Captain is required to arrange for her Guides to camp, even if she cannot go with them herself. More emphasis than ever before is put on the Patrol system, and the need for it to be used with fuller understanding in every Company.

After hearing and reading of all these new developments it was with feelings of some uncertainty that I went to meet my own future Guide Company. This is in Exeter, 16 strong, and attached to one of the Churches. The Guides meet in the old Parish Hall. After the beautiful halls I have seen in Australia, I must admit that my heart sank when I went in — it was so small and drab. There was the old problem of turning on the heaters on arrival, so that the room only became comfortable when we were about to leave. Then I looked at the Guides and saw their clean, smart uniforms and their interested and alert faces. Each Patrol was busy with its own ploys in its own corner. I soon learnt that the girls come from homes of varied standards, and attend several different schools; in fact, they are the complete mixture which is one of the strengths of Guiding. In other words, in spite of all the talk about change in the modern girl, these Guides are so like the ones I had in my former Company that they might almost be the same. Manners and appearance may alter, and seem to add a greater maturity, but the fundamentals remain the same. The adventure of Guiding, which has appealed for over 50 years, is still what the children want today.—Marjorie Cobham.



—Block by courtesy of "Age"

STAMPS

At the end of February I re-visited the Guide House after about 20 years. The day was hot, and only a brief time could be spent on the property. The house is the same as I remember it; but with many improvements, which will make it hard to select something to which our money from the sale of stamps can go.

The new entrance gate pillars were being erected as we passed through. The new open air Chapel was nearly finished. Mrs. Gray and two other ladies comprised the "working bee" May I add my plea for lots of strong, willing assistants in their big maintenance task.

April sees the new ANZAC commemorative stamps on sale, so send in as many as you can. From May onwards proceeds from stamp sales will go to the new Headquarters Building Appeal.

Please wash all gum from the stamps when removing the paper. Address all parcels to me at 12 Cowderoy Street, St. Kilda, S.2.

—LORNA E. CUZENS,

Hon. Organiser for Stamps.



POLYVISION

A new technique in educational T.V., demonstrated recently in Paris, provides each pupil in a class with his own T.V. image. Known as Polyvision, it consists of a large ceiling screen on which the transmitted image appears in reverse. Movable mirrors on each desk then reflect the image. By this method one television set can serve 15 or 16 pupils.—U.N.E.S.C.O. Features.



THE THINKING DAY GATHERING FOR TREFOIL GUILD MEMBERS, 1965

"Make new friends, but keep the old;
One is silver, the other gold."

This advice was taken by all when former Scouts and Guides met for their Annual Reunion to commemorate Founder's and Thinking Day. The Baden-Powell Scout Guild of Victoria were hosts this year at the 4th Waverley Scout Hall on the nearest Saturday to 22nd February. The site and the weather were perfect, so it was no wonder that the local rosellas, magpies, etc., looked down from their boughs at so many chattering, energetic adults, some with their children.

What did we do? Colours were broken, and Lloyd Markham led us in prayer. Mrs. Grace Cameron spoke well on the Thinking Day Fund, and Lloyd told us about its Scout equivalent — the Resolution Day Fund. Then we were shuffled into Patrols and off we went on a mystery hike in the nearby paddocks and bush, searching for various leaves and treasures as well as very-well-hidden clue-cards of the right colour. The barbecue tea was very popular after our trek. As the sun set we gathered under a gum tree for campfire — Scout style mainly, with plenty of action and noise to make it really live. Then Mr. Homer-Fraser gave a fireside talk on B.-P. as he knew him. Speaking of the Chief's wonderful memory, he told us the secret — he and Lady B.-P. asked friends to collect and send them notes of the achievements and interests of the people they would probably meet on overseas visits in the near future. Then they would use their idle moments together thriftily — while walking or travelling they rehearsed their meetings with their future acquaintances till they knew about each from memory.

When the lights of the fire faded we had supper and went our varied ways, with hopes of as good a gathering in Ballarat next year.
—S.L.

THE PACIFIC TRAINERS' CONFERENCE

"Kia Ora, Aotearoa," "Welcome to the Land of the Long White Cloud," and welcome indeed it was to the delegates to the Pacific Trainers' Conference held in Lincoln College, Christchurch, New Zealand, from 30th December, 1964, to 8th January, 1965.

From those islands and continents whose shores are washed by the mighty Pacific Ocean came the Trainers, 105 in all, of many races, colours and creeds, and representing all branches of the Girl Guide Movement, to meet together in New Zealand. We came to examine the place of Guiding in the modern world, and particularly its development in the Pacific area, to look at our own attitudes, and to exchange ideas and methods of making a greater impact on our Trainees and, through them, the children under their care.

The Australian delegation numbered 29, including Mrs. Yabsley and Gima Kila from Papua/New Guinea, and there were representatives from the British Solomon Islands, Canada, Cook Islands, Fiji, Gilbert and Ellice Islands, Hong Kong, Malaysia, New Caledonia, New Hebrides, New Zealand, Tonga, United States of America, Western Samoa. The Chairman of the Conference was Miss Greta Collyns from Scotland.

The programme was full and the sessions strenuous, but there was still plenty of time for fun and singing. Indeed, the Conference could have almost been called a Song Feste, as everyone sang at every possible opportunity, starting with the lovely theme of the Conference, "No Man is an Island", and continuing happily with the girls from the Pacific Islands, complete with ukelele and flowers in the hair, graceful hand movements and soft, harmonious voices, teaching the not quite so graceful white delegates their native songs and dances.

It would take too long to detail all that happened during those nine days, and the sight-seeing tours that followed, but there are some highlights that will always be treasured—

The wonderful organisation and efficiency of the New Zealand Guides Association and their unceasing care of us, both at the Conference and during the tours.

The quality of the Patrol Leaders, who were in Conference at the College at the

same time, and shared some of our activities and Campfires.

The Guides and Brownies of New Zealand, who, through their Patrol Leaders, daily left a little gift in the room for each overseas delegate.

The gentle, wise authority of the Chairman, Miss Greta Collyns, who was always in control, and just one jump ahead.

The outstanding speakers from outside the Movement, who came to help our deliberations.

The Teaching Aids of the delegates from the United States of America, and the catchy songs they brought us.

The lovely Maori Poi Dances performed by a group of the Patrol Leaders in costume, and the subsequent rash of amateur poi swingers everywhere you turned.

The girls from the Pacific Islands, in native dress and garlanded with flowers, performing their dances and songs to the soft beat of tom-toms and the twang of the ukulele.

The glorious saris worn by the Indians from Fiji when out of uniform — of course, some of the Australians had to try them on!

The deep voices and organ-like sound as the Fijians sang their beautiful grace for us before dinner.

The press photographer anxiously waiting to taste a sample of the various national dishes on the outdoor cooking day.

Mrs. Walker and her divided sleeping bag and rain kit.

The sad spectacle of the Australian delegation trying to sort out the words of "Waltzing Matilda" and march into formation (under the resigned eye of Miss Bunning), rehearsing for our "stunt" on the last day of the Conference.

Cynthia Walker blowing on a Melodica and squinting down looking for the b sharp note that wasn't there, while delegates waited for the note, and later her triumph when she obtained one which had that missing b sharp note.

The heroism of the young man with the guitar, trying to teach somewhat "square" ? Trainers a modern folksong.

Miss Herrick, Chief Commissioner for New Zealand, trying the twist on New Year's Eve.

The moving and memorable closing ceremony.

A bus load of happy, relaxed Guiders on tour, singing, of course, and a certain photogenic Queensland Guider learning "Kisi Mai" on the ukelele.

The majestic white peak of Mt. Cook outlined against a vivid blue sky visible for a few moments between the white clouds and the green of the ice falls on the mountain-side.

Walking on the Tasman Glacier in mountain boots and heavy socks and climbing back up that steep moraine.

The delicate blue of the ice crevasses.

Watching the sun rise over the Remarkable Ranges and Lake Wakatipu from the balcony of the Guide Chalet at Queenstown.

Floating down in the chair lift from the top of Coronet Peak, and the breathtaking view.

The roadside wildflowers throughout the South Island and the swift-flowing green rivers.

The frenzied exodus from the bus at every stop for souvenir hunting and ice cream, and, of course, the camera fiends.

The soaked and bedraggled Guiders drinking hot coffee in the hotel lounge at Milford Sound after a launch trip in the pouring rain.

The kindness and hospitality of many New Zealanders to the travelling delegates and especially our Guider "Couriers", who looked after us so well.

Finally, the friends we made, the experiences we shared, the inspiration, laughter and song, and the opportunity to see so much of a very beautiful country, is something that I am sure none of us will ever forget.

Our heartfelt thanks to the Girl Guides Association of New Zealand for convening the Conference and allowing us to share.

—J. BARRATT.



GUIDING IN THE PACIFIC AREA

This is a short report of a talk given at the Pacific Trainers' Gathering in Christchurch last January by Mrs. Smith, now a member of the New Zealand G.G. Executive, and formerly a Commissioner in Western Samoa. She has travelled throughout the islands with her husband, and during the week, when I thanked her for giving us such a clear picture and a better understanding of our island "sisters", she just said, very simply, "Well, I know them and I love them."

The full title of the session was: "What Can Guiding/Girl Scouting Offer to the Girl of Today and the Woman of Tomorrow in the Pacific Area?"

Speaking of Polynesia, the islands to the east, she told us that women there enjoyed a high status, which made the introduction of Guiding easy. With Western influences, change in the way of life of these islanders was inevitable, and she felt that Guiding was helping that change.

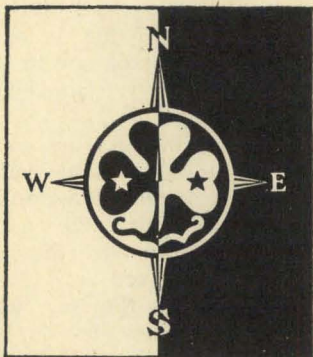
Further westward in the Pacific, the people are Melanesian, and in some environments they suffer from food shortage and poor diet. Here, the situation is very different. Girls and women are considered inferior. The "bride price" system is an indication of this, and after the "price" has been paid the bride is very much the creature of the husband, who is dominant. It was pointed out that Guiding can help girls in these areas, as it opens up to them a world where each girl is an important person, with chances of some development of her own individuality.

For Fiji, Mrs. Smith had a special word. The mixture of peoples in these islands is a difficulty. The native Fijians are "Melanesians given good living conditions, hence their splendid physique", and the Guides there have many "Indian sisters". She feels that Guiding can "help heal wounds made by men, government and the caste system. Our Movement may offer peace between the two different racial groups."

Certain it is that the Fijian group at Christchurch was a very happy one, comprising, as it did, native Fijians with "splendid physique" and three Indian Guiders, two of whom were Hindu, noted most, I think, for their lovely eyes and magnificent saris.

While stressing the value of Guiding to the various island peoples, the speaker did not minimise the difficulties. She pointed out that something we may want Guides to do may be considered men's work, and for Guides to do these tasks would break into long-established custom.

Mrs. Smith gave this talk to the assembled gathering, which included all the island types about which she spoke: Polynesians,



Melanesians, Fijian and others. That she did so, naturally and calmly, says much for her sympathetic understanding. Thank you, Mrs. Smith.

After this talk we met in our Patrol Groups, which were very mixed, to discuss such questions as: What do you consider a good contribution of Western influence to Pacific countries? And another: What could the so-called "developed countries" learn from Pacific Island communities . . . and we found we could learn a very great deal, for example, in the realm of real neighbourliness and sharing.

—E.F.B.



JINDALEE — ALL AUSTRALIAN LONE GUIDE AND RANGER CAMP

Impressions of 1st Victorian Lone Guide Company.

About 100 Lone Rangers and Guides from all States met in Melbourne for sightseeing before setting off for a further week in camp, and many kind people accepted us into their homes as one of the family.

Many excursions were organised for us, all interesting and exciting. Excitement was high, too, at the thought of camping — a new experience for many Lones. Guiders, too, had pleasant surprises to find their Lones, whom they had known only as names on a piece of paper, were much better looking than they had imagined!

The camp was not without incident. That night the wind proved too good for some of the tents, and, of course, the usual mishaps! We are grateful to the staff for their care on such occasions.

The highlight of the week was when we were able to welcome Lady Delacombe to Jindalee; but altogether we had a wonderful time, making new friends from all States and going home firmer than ever friends with Lones from our own Companies.

We are all tremendously grateful to those who spent so much time in preparations for the organisation of Jindalee and for the opportunity of being able to camp together. Hope to meet again soon.

—G.N., K.N., A.W., M.R., C.N., P.M.

Notes from Alyson Scrimgeour, 5th Queensland Lones:

When the Queensland contingent arrived in Melbourne we were greeted so warmly, and the hospitality extended to us was wonderful. . . . The green of Victoria was different to Queensland's brown; the weather was a change, and I think the rain made the camp even more enjoyable! . . . I enjoyed myself at camp — thanks to all the Victorian Guiders who planned it for us, and our Guiders, who accompanied us to Melbourne.

RANGERS at JINDALEE made their own camp beds which had to be two feet from the ground

JINDALEE — ALL AUSTRALIAN LONE GUIDE AND RANGER CAMP

"Though a Lone I'm alone no longer . . ."

How true this was by the end of Camp Jindalee! One hundred and forty Lone Guides, Rangers and Guiders — "bound together by the bond of Guiding, though we may have never met before. Each one a link to form a chain of friendship joining shore to shore," though the time did come "when we with sadness must once again each go her way. All our tomorrows we will greet with gladness," for we have met together — our small Guiding lights fused in the glow of Guide company.

"And now we know wherever we go we'll find an open door", for the "laughter shared, adventure dared and song at the end of day, are the memories that we will cherish when we're far away."

To Mrs. C. Walker, who composed OUR song and expressed so perfectly our feeling in these words, we owe happiness and many thanks.

—A Victorian Lone Cadet.



JINDALEE SONG

Words and music specially written for Jindalee by Mrs. Cynthia Walker, and words reproduced here with her permission.

Bound together by the bond of Guiding,
Tho' we may have never before;
Each one a link to form a chain of friendship,
Joining shore to shore.
And now we know wherever we go we'll find
an open door,
And once you know it what a different place
is the world you were living in before.
And though the time will come when we
with sadness
Must once again each go her way,
All our tomorrows we will greet with glad-
ness
For we know today.
Laughter shared, adventure dared and song
at the end of day.
These are the memories that we will cherish
when we're far away.
Alone no longer, alone no longer, though a
Lone I'm alone no longer.

JINDALEE GUIDES' OWN ORDER OF SERVICE

(Published in response to requests)

Song: Hali Ho.

Prayers: O God, on this night, let us feel your presence within and around us. As we come together from distant parts of this wide continent, joining our sister Guides in understanding and happiness, may we know of the friendship that encircles us here and become aware of its source. As we return to our homes may we carry with us the spark that has been lit in this camp so that it may glow within us for the rest of our lives.

Guide 1: I see God in the sunshine which warms us.

Guide 2: I see God in the trees which shelter and shade us and provide our homes.

Guide 3: I see God in the plants and flowers which provide us with food.

Guide 4: I see God in the animals which help to clothe and feed us.

Guide 5: I see God in the man who loves and labours and strives.

Reading—Taken from Unapishads (Sanskrit):

"Man's problems are many. His needs are great. To heal, to build will take many days. The wise man believes in peace, work, love and patience. The wise man looks within himself and finds eternal truth."

Song: The Lord is my Shepherd (Crimond).
Reading—From the writings of Buddha:

"Man shall conquer anger by love, evil by good, greed by generosity and the liar by truth."

Prayer: God our Father, creator of all beauty and truth, we thank Thee for our days of re-creation in Thy great outdoors. In this world so fraught with injustice, prejudice, selfishness, hatred and strife, may we, as Guides, find some specific ways in which we may strengthen the bonds of world brotherhood. Help us to lose ourselves in the needs of others and find Thee there.

Talk: Mrs. N. Kirsner.

Song—Foxlease Vesper:

Father, unto Thee we raise
Hearts and voices full of praise;
Bless us waking, guard us sleeping,
Through this night and all our days.

Prayer: "Lord, bless us and keep us; Lord, make Thy face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us; Lord, lift up Thy countenance upon us and give us peace."

TWENTY YEARS ON . . .

The old song says, "Twenty' years on, growing older and older . . ." but for the hundreds of Guides who attended the Guiding Reunion on Sunday, 28th February, that could not be true. It was amazing how many times you heard the comment, "Well, it's 30 years since I saw you, but you haven't changed a bit!"

It just must have been true — for recognition dawned on faces before their "quarry" was near enough for their name-tags to be read!

Many were the friends we met again after a long time — Lady Somers, Chief Commissioner for Victoria until 1931 — it was such a thrill to have her with us; Lady Chauvel, also a former Victorian State Commissioner; Mrs. F. Faulkner, enrolled in England in 1912; Miss Hansford, who joined 1st Camberwell (Fintona) Pack at its early beginning; and Miss Edith Peters, Captain of the 2nd Guide Company formed at The Hermitage, Geelong, by Miss Elsie Morres and registered direct with Guide Headquarters in London. Miss Peters was enrolled in 1920 in Geelong.

There were several present who had been enrolled here in the early twenties — and some who were enrolled in England before that. All sorts of stories were told — have you heard the report that one Guider (many years ago, of course) had her Warrant issued before she was enrolled?

Guides and Guiders came from near and far — almost every area of Victoria was represented by those present, whilst, when we considered the areas they had been in at the time of enrolment, their influence and contacts spread far and wide.

The Committee organising the Reunion had made sure they would be able to keep track of us. We were asked many questions at the door, and it was all carefully recorded. What intrigued me was that even if some of those present had had no real contact with Guides for 20 or more years they could almost all tell you exactly what year they were enrolled. And with no hesitation either!

In true "Be Prepared" spirit, Mrs. H. E. Bolte was able to spread the word of the Headquarters Appeal — and was ably, if unexpectedly, backed by Mrs. Buntine when she came on from speaking at the Wesley

Church Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Service. Mrs. Buntine told us how important it was that leaders and facilities kept pace with the growth of Brownies and Guides, and we had only to look at the bubbling mass of Brownies and Guides at the M.C.G. Rally to know that the challenge is right here and now.

As our State Commissioner remarked, it had been a nicely balanced weekend for Mrs. Buntine — from the chattering, joyful children at the Rally to the chattering, joyful Reunion of — well, those who were, I'm sure, still children at heart.

We were glad to welcome both Mrs. Buntine and Mrs. Price to the Reunion, and appreciative of their effort in coming after such a hectic weekend.

The Committee arranging the Reunion — Trefoil Guild members, still active Guiders, and other interested friends — had done a wonderful job in tracking down so many former Guides and Guiders, and in organising us all just enough to give people passing in St. Kilda Road an occasional respite from the noise of chatter and laughter. We do thank them all for their work.

It was good to see and hear that many of the people present were still actively supporting Guiding — as Mrs. Buntine commented: "We don't want a few people doing lots of work; Guiding is a game where we want lots of people all doing their share, and all having fun."

And the Guiding Reunion showed that so many remembered the fun and fellowship they had had over the years, and that it was good to meet together again.

An annual function? Well, we may have YOUR name now — but what about contacting someone else, too, and bringing them along to share the fun next year?



May I write a few lines in appreciation to the organisers of the Guide Reunion held at the Nurses' Memorial Centre on Sunday, 28th February.

Meeting people and joining in the Guiding atmosphere once again after 25 years gave me a feeling that cannot be expressed in words.

The afternoon was spent reminiscing of "old" times in Guiding and renewing acquaintances not seen since girlhood. I

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—Block by courtesy of "Sun"

"The tumult and the shouting die,
The Captains and the Kings depart".

With some alterations, these might well have been the words to close the Rally.

Thirty minutes after the finish, across the arena and through all the stands, it was most odd — silence!

Neat mounds of soft drink tins and small piles of rubbish were all that remained, though the World Flag still fluttered above the ground.

Months of planning and preparation, ideas thought of and abandoned, hesitant anticipation of what we did finally draw up — all these things come to mind, and we ask ourselves, "Was it all worth while?"

Without hesitation — yes, it was!

We planned a Rally to welcome the Chief Commissioner for Australia to Victoria, and that is exactly what we did. Will we ever forget the sight of thousands of Guides and Brownies coming on to the arena, the colours held aloft, flying in the breeze, in front of each region — it was most spectacular. And the Brownies! They just kept coming like a never-ending stream.

We had thought we might have 3000 Brownies. Shall we ever know what the figure really was? But it was **marvellous** to see them come. All shapes and sizes — many of them had hardly ever seen Brownies other than their own Pack before, and what an impression of the vastness of our Movement must have been left in their minds!

The Brownie "Welcome" was wonderful. Our distinguished guests were most impressed that the planning of this and the Guide display had been done completely on paper, but so well done by the people responsible that they just fell into place — looking at a film of the Australia is truly a revelation.

The Senior Branch, with their displays of each section — our concern over the months, "Would we get the boats in?" — we did; the very colourful ending with the balloons; all these things will leave very colourful memories with us.

Those of you who came from the country — many leaving home in the early hours of the morning and not getting back till nearly midnight — we do hope you felt it was worth while.

One of our thoughts as we planned this Rally was that we might have to consider not having a State Rally again. It takes such a lot of organisation. The transport arrangements alone took many months of planning and working out between Headquarters and the transport authorities.

The Melbourne Cricket Club was most generous, placing all their facilities at our disposal, and many people have to be alerted on these occasions — the caterers, St. John Ambulance, the police, parking attendants, the Southern Command Band, all had to be dealt with. The Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology arranged all the surveying and marking for our displays.

To many people we owe a debt of gratitude — even the weather man — those who acted as marshals, ushers, programme sellers, we say "thank you very much"; and to all of you, in your thousands, thank you for coming and giving us such support and encouragement. We learnt from the Rally what could be overcome on another occasion, and we hope you will look forward to another Rally — not perhaps in the immediate future — but sometime — having enjoyed yourselves so much this time.

—L. TURNBULL.

RAMBLINGS FROM THE RALLY

Arrive just after 2 p.m. to find the stands bubbling over with Brownies and Guides pouring on to the ground. Picnic baskets

and gear, all tidily packed, on almost every seat.

Walk around the ground, stopping to watch the spectacle of colours coming in banks through the gates and marching against the ever-growing background of blue.

The colourful balloons released by the Senior Branch, which created so much excitement among the Brownies and Guides in the stands.

The width of Australia — it seemed such a hike from "Melbourne" to "Perth".

Climb the stairs of the northern stand and see the spectacle of WELCOME spelt out to Australia's Chief Commissioner — brown "letters" sitting so still.

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BUILDING APPEAL

It is pleasing to hear that so many Districts have set aside time for special meetings to discuss ways and means for money-raising efforts and for assisting the Boy Scouts' Bottle Drive for the appeal.

As I write it seems that selling car stickers heads the list of popular activities in aid of the appeal by Brownie Packs, Patrols and members of the Senior Branch.

I hear that one Patrol has already spent one Saturday morning at a local garage working on a "car wash" and have raised £8/10/- by their efforts. There is keen competition between the Patrols in another Guide Company to see which Patrol can collect the most empty egg-cartons to be sold as waste material. A Brownie Pack has almost completed a "Penny Toadstool" — when the "toadstool" is full of pennies earned by the Brownies they will use them for a "calculation competition"—to see how many dollars and cents their pennies amount to. The Extension Rangers have

already forwarded a donation to the appeal, raised from soaking and sorting used postage stamps.

Several Patrols are looking forward to their pet competition days and are no doubt trying to guess how many varieties of pets will turn up. I heard a whisper that a Bicycle Rally might be a possibility for an enterprising Guide Company.

When sending donations to the appeal, may I ask that you tell us some of the ingenious activities you have thought up to earn your contribution?

All donations for the appeal may be sent to—

The Hon. Treasurer,
War Memorial Extensions Appeal,
Girl Guides Association,
20 Russell Street,
Melbourne, C.I.

Please note that all donations of £1 and over are tax deductible.

—LAURIE SHARP,
Chairman, War Memorial
Extension Appeal (Movement).

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I wonder just how much practice was done by the Brownies who semaphore their message so well?

The shining car in which Mrs. Buntine made the circuit of the ground.

That "fire" which just didn't seem to respond to attention.

New South Wales boundary vanishing at the call that their trains would not be long leaving.

Boats on the Meelbourne Cricket Ground? Yes — and with colourful sails, too!

The difficulty in hearing announcements from the microphone — both from the dais and from the press box.

The beautiful weather turned on by the Rally Committee.

The long distances travelled by many Brownies and Guides whose buses arrived not long before the Rally and who would not be home until very late.

The speed with which the ground cleared of children, and the organisation which got billeting Guides and their guests together so well.

The unusual pleasure of sitting and WATCHING a Rally, instead of helping to plan or organise a Company.

The pity that there were not more of the general public there to watch the spectacle.

Appreciation of the task undertaken by the Committee, who must have been very glad to relax on Saturday night feeling that a good job had now been finalised.



INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Whilst Mrs. Buntine was with us in Victoria she was invited to speak at the Wesley Church well-known Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Service.

We are pleased to be able to bring her talk to those who were not able to be present, and we are grateful to Mrs. Buntine for allowing us to use her notes.

Today most of our thoughts are focussed on one man — and many may feel that he, and he only, should be the subject of any address given this afternoon.

I confess that my own feelings inclined in this direction, but, before this 28th February had been named as a special day for making tangible recognition of the debt we owe to a very great statesman, it had been agreed that my talk should be based on international relations.

And possibly this is **not** an irrelevant subject, but one which can quite fittingly be associated with the name of Winston Churchill, for surely he, with his wisdom and wide knowledge and understanding, his dedicated service on behalf of not only his own country but of all freedom-seeking countries, was vitally concerned with this question.

And so, though I am only too well aware of my inability to cope adequately with either subject, I want to try to express a few thoughts on this matter of our relations with people in and from other countries.

A vivid recollection of my own young days is a feeling of despair — almost resentment — because it seemed to me that everything worth saying had already been said. Anything anyone would want to say, it seemed, could always be found, aptly expressed, usually in the Bible or in Shakespeare!

The resentment and despair disappeared, but astonishment and admiration remained, and it still seems to be an enviable accomplishment to have created a phrase, or a thought, which remains pertinent for centuries!

It is well over 300 years since John Donne used the words which I have taken as a title, "No Man is an Island". Most of you

know the rest of the stanza from which they come:

"No man is an Island, no man stands alone,
Each man's joy is joy to me, each man's grief is my own.
We need one another, so I will defend
Each man as my Brother, each man as my Friend!"

Donne, of course, was speaking metaphysically — and I am taking the words out of their context — an unforgivable thing to do, I know — but those five words are, to me, a lovely phrase and still significant in more senses than one.

We have become more and more aware of our interdependence on one another. Man cannot stand alone, neither as an individual nor as a group. Many have tried, but the tides of humanity are too strong.

Though nationalism, as we know it, is comparatively modern, it would seem that the forces which make men attempt to break down barriers between countries are not new — that they are not the result of our modern scientific developments, our faster means of travel, our quicker and more extensive systems of communication — though undoubtedly these have made us more aware of the world situation and its implications than ever before.

I can't speak as an authority (and please let me emphasise that I am certainly not trying to do so!), but it appears to me that the urge to establish international — or inter-country — relations is a very old one, going right back to the beginning of countries as such, and that the principal impulses have always been the same — love, fear, desire for power (in which I would include greed) and, to a lesser degree, curiosity.

In general, there seem to be four main media through which these forces have found an outlet — trade, culture, religion and war.

Often it is difficult to say exactly where one ends and another begins, because they become so involved with each other!

TRADE is as old as mankind — the desire and need to sell to, or barter with, each other so that commodities can become evenly balanced — so that the "haves" can share with the "have nots". When trade failed, WAR often succeeded, but to the satisfaction, presumably, of only one side.

CULTURE, too, has been playing its part since the beginning of recorded history. Countries sought to bestow (occasionally to inflict) their culture on others. Students and scholars went from place to place to study with those masters whose reputations had become widely known and, in their journeyings, passed on much of what they had absorbed.

I am not sure how far back one goes to find RELIGION as a motivating force. I am only going to the beginning of our Christian era, when we find men going out to tell of the love of God.

Here, as with culture, we have people wanting to break down barriers not for any selfish purpose, but rather to help their fellowmen — to share with them something they felt to be good.

Again we find the intermingling of impulses and their media. Our first missionaries, inspired by a religion of love, made use of the facilities provided by trade! It was because Antioch was the great central crossroads of the main trade routes of that time — from Egypt up to the Northern Mediterranean shores, and from Cathay and India across to the west — that Paul went to that city to preach the Gospel in the hope and belief that it would be carried to the countries through which the trade routes ran.

Culture, too, was involved. Because the Greeks, eager to share their culture, had spread the Greek language to so many places, Paul and his fellow-workers had a common language in which to speak to the people from other countries.

But it would appear that the present urge to break barriers is greater than ever. If our hearts fail to move us, our heads and our pockets can — and do! The economy of the nations which "have" is severely threatened if the "have not" nations cannot purchase sufficient goods. Obviously, a way must be found to lower the barriers. Millions and millions of hungry people are not going to go on starving if they feel that they can get what they need by fighting. Again, barriers are broken down and in a manner disastrous to all concerned.

Voluntarily or involuntarily, then, we are all pretty vitally concerned with these international relations. Of course, there are people who say, "Leave things alone and Nature will put them right!" Some of you

may have seen a recent cartoon which showed all the people in the world standing shoulder to shoulder, their arms in the air and each grasping his neighbour's hand in apparent friendship. But the caption explains that in the year such-and-such (I've forgotten which, but is wasn't far off) there would be so many people on the earth, and each would have such a small space on which to stand, that there would no room to put their hands anywhere else — certainly no room to pull them back for a punch! Maybe that's one solution, but it doesn't seem a very comfortable one.

Fortunately, the forces of love are still trying to make their impact — through religion, through culture, through the innate decency and goodness of man.

How does all this affect us as individuals? Are we involved? It doesn't seem much use saying, "Tut tut! What is the world coming to?" and then doing nothing about it — if there is anything we could, and should, be doing.

History is full of the names of individuals who have overcome barriers between countries — Alexander the Great, Julius Caesar, Saul of Tarsus, Marco Polo, David Livingstone, Hitler, the man whose name is in our thoughts today, Winston Churchill — one could go on and on.

I imagine that not many of us can anticipate acquiring the fame (nor the notoreity) of people such as these, but I think it is important to remember that, in almost every case, they succeeded only because they had the support and help of ordinary, everyday people like you and me.

All around us today are groups of people who are doing exciting and worthwhile things in the way of offering help, encouragement, friendship and understanding to people of other countries. Many of these groups are the result of the vision and courage of an individual, but they couldn't have developed, and they can't carry on, without the help of hundreds, and of thousands, of ordinary people.

I am thinking of groups such as the International Red Cross, the Y.M. and Y.W.C.As., Scouts and Guides (the inspiration of Baden-Powell), Country Women of the World, World Council of Churches, the United Nations (and despite its present difficulties don't let us overlook its tremendous achievements); there are the many

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Qantas says 'Aloha!' every day of the week

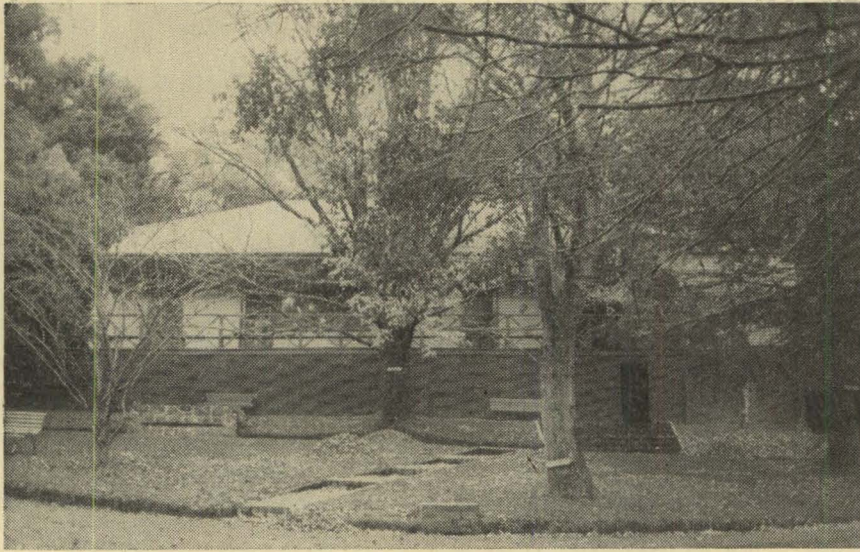
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GUIDE HOUSE



Those who visit Guide House now will notice the new granite walls on either side of the main entrance to Guide House, and also the new cattle pit which stretches across the drive between these walls. The granite has been taken from an outcrop up the road behind Guide House. We are grateful to the Forestry Commission for giving us permission to take granite from there. The stonemason, Mr. Wispelway, has done a very good job, and I think you will all feel that this new entrance is a beautiful addition to our property. The Guide House Committee has used some of the Tartandi money for this work. This, with the new Chapel, will be a fitting memento of that memorable camp.

You will notice also that on the granite walls are two brass trefoils. These were made for Guide House many years ago and were attached to the posts at the entrance.

I hope also, when you read this, that the entrance to Brownie Cottage (which will also have a cattle pit) will be finished, and all the fence and gates will be completed. It has been a very big job, but, when completed, it will be a great improvement to our property.

Blackburn L.A. have come up trumps again, and have offered to have their April meeting up at Guide House, so that they can do some jobs for us. We hope that as

the year progresses more L.As. will do this. We have been very disappointed in the response (or lack of it) to our plea for help on the Guide House Working Day — fourth Thursday in the month. So far we have not received **one** offer of help. This property belongs to all of us. The Committee work very hard, but they would be so encouraged with a little practical help. Surely with 4000 L.A. members, 3000 Guiders and 400 Commissioners there are three or four who are prepared to give up one day to help.

We are looking forward during March to having a visit to Guide House by Lady Somers, who did such a tremendous amount for Guiding in Victoria during the time her husband was our Governor. She was for some years our State Commissioner and she also took a keen interest in the Extension Branch. At a combined Scout and Guide Rally in the Melbourne Cricket Ground she was presented with the Silver Fish by Lady Baden-Powell.

Maintenance Fund

Our wide-awake Editor has brought to my notice that I have not mentioned the generous people who supported this fund during the month of November. For this I am very sorry, and will now proceed to thank, on behalf of the Guide House Committee, the following people who maintained Guide House during the month of

November, 1964:—

- 1st—1st Marnoo Coy.
- 2nd—3rd East Brighton Pack.
- 3rd—1st South Oakleigh Coy.
- 4th—Cheltenham L.A.
- 6th—1st Victorian Post Trefoil Guild.
- 7th—Nunawading-Tunstall Div.
- 9th—7st South Oakleigh Coy.
- 10th—1st South Oakleigh Coy.
- 12th—Caulfield L.A.
- 13th—Maidstone L.A.
- 14th—7th Malvern Pack.
- 15th—Miss Bunning.
- 16th—Newtown-Chilwell District.
- 17th—Caulfield L.A.
- 18th—Narre Warren North L.A.
- 19th—Executive Committee.
- 20th—Mrs. N. B. Welsh.
- 21st—Ballarat Division Council.
- 22nd—4th East Brighton Pack.
- 23rd—2nd Ashburton Pack.
- 24th—Geelong Trefoil Guild.
- 25th—1st Euroa Coy.
- 26th—1st South Oakleigh and
1st Oakleigh Packs.
- 28th—Nunawading District.
- 29th—Tawonga District.
- 30th—East Malvern-Gardiner L.A.

We also thank the following for their contributions during January, 1965:—

- 1st—Mrs. J. R. Price.
- 2nd—Templestowe Packs and Coys.
- 3rd—Glen Iris L.A.
- 5th—Overport L.A., Pack and Coys.
- 7th—Paynesville District.
- 9th—Paynesville District.
- 10th—4th East Malvern Coy.
- 11th—Noble Park L.A.
- 12th—Eastern Suburbs Trefoil.
- 13th—Miss J. Roffey.
- 14th—Kew L.A.
- 15th—1st Parkdale L.A.
- 16th—2nd Croydon Pack.
- 17th—Donald District.
- 18th—1st, 2nd 3rd Sandringham Packs.
- 19th—Miss Grace Holden.
- 21st—Heathmont L.A.
- 22nd—Nilma L.A.
- 25th—Mrs. Ascroft-Smith, Port Moresby.
- 26th—Mrs. Ascroft-Smith, Port Moresby.
- 27th—Yarraville L.A.
- 28th—Benalla Coys. and Packs.
- 29th—Yarra Junction L.A.

Next month I hope to tell you all about the opening, on 21st March, of the new Chapel.

MERRI DIVISION ACTIVITIES

All members of the Division are very aware of the needs of the Movement outside their own area, as is obvious from some of their most recent activities.

Brownie Revels

Held at Westfield Park, Northcote, with a "musical" theme — everyone present wearing a label depicting the musical instrument of their group. Progressive games were played, then all gathered to hear a story of Australian Christmas Bells. Division Commissioner received from a representative of each Pack a container in the shape of the Pack's "musical instrument" in which were sixpences towards the maintenance of Brownie Cottage. Each Pack was hostess to a Commissioner for afternoon tea, and it was most encouraging to see a number of L.A. members viewing proceedings. Brownie Bells concluded a very happy gathering.

Garden Party for Sangam

Brownies, Guides, Guiders and L.A. members all joined in making a most successful event of a Garden Party and Apron Auction held in the grounds of Deaconess House, Station Street, Fairfield. This function was convened by Collingwood L.A., with two representatives from all Division L.As. forming a Committee. The aim of the day was to raise funds for Victoria's contribution towards Sangam. Officially opening the Garden Party, Mrs. Farrow, State International Representative, outlined the Sangam project and expressed appreciation of such an overall Division effort. Beautiful sunshine and soft background music from a modern orchestra added to the enjoyment of the afternoon, at the close of which it was very pleasing to know that Merri Division would be able to send a cheque for £40 to the appeal.

Division Campfire

Guides of the Division decided to hold a Campfire at the Fitzroy Guide Hall and everyone would contribute sixpence towards Guide House Maintenance Fund. Mrs. Gray, Convener of Guide House Committee, was present, received contributions from Company representatives, and thanked the Division for its assistance to the Maintenance Fund. She commented that she hoped more Divisions might follow Merri's lead. Contributions were sufficient to maintain two days, and those chosen were the day on which

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**"ARE YOU COMING?" WE ASKED —
OF COURSE YOU ARE!**

RENT A CAR, HELICOPTER OR HORSE, BUT **COME**
ON 1st MAY, 1965, **10 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.**
UNLIMITED PARKING, BATMAN AVENUE OR SWAN STREET
UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MISS THIS DAY
NO ONE IS TOO OLD OR TOO YOUNG
DOWN AT **THE ARTILLERY DEPOT, BATMAN AVENUE** (OPP.
ANDERSON STREET.

URGE YOUR BROWNIES, GUIDES, SENIORS, GUIDERS, BROTHERS,
SISTERS, FRIENDS, PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS TO COME
PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY **NOW — 1st MAY, 1965**

ROUND UP ANYONE WE HAVE FORGOTTEN TO LIST
EVEN HUSBANDS and BOY FRIENDS!
VERY GOOD ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL
EVEN A **DANCE** (CASUAL) IN THE EVENING — **8 p.m. to 11 p.m.**
LET'S MAKE THIS A GET-TOGETHER FOR EVERYONE
SUCCESS DEPENDS ON **YOU!**

**All proceeds to send our representative to the Girl Scouts Round-up in the
U.S.A. in July and to help the Association's Building Appeal.**

**HAVE YOU MARKED THIS DAY
IN YOUR DIARY?**

Friday, 23rd April, at 7.45 p.m.
FOR—The Annual Scout and Guide Service.
TO—Commemorate St. George's Day.
AT—St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne.
Preacher—The Archbishop of Melbourne.

The singing will be led by the Guide
Choir.

(Refer to the March issue of the Commis-
sioners' Newsletter for full details.)

MERRI DIVISION—Cont. from page 259.
Merri Division "began" in June, 1958, and the
date of the Campfire. Mrs. Kirk, Division
Commissioner, thanked Miss Cockerell for
arranging the Campfire and took the oppor-
tunity of presenting her with her 25 years'
Long Service Award.

CAMPING DEPARTMENT

We would like to remind all Guiders that
any enquiries about camping should be re-
ferred to their own Division C.A., as we are
now working on decentralisation within
Regions.

—LYSBETH TURNBULL,
Camping Adviser.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

—Cont. from page 256.

international business and professional
groups; the teams of splendid young men
and women going out under the auspices of
the British Voluntary Service Abroad, the
American Peace Corps; the Australian
Volunteers Abroad.

These, and others like them, are doing
magnificent work, but they still need help
and support to make their efforts fully
effective. (To be continued)



RANGER SERVICE STAR — CLAUSE 6

"Cook a well-balanced, two-course meal; serve it and clear away". What a mundane chore this can sound! Stated thus, as part 6 of the Ranger Service Star, it could conjure up a meal of stew and steam pudding — both can be delicious, but they do sound rather stodgy.

On the other hand, what a fascinating clause to use to introduce Seniors to the delights of being successful hostesses in that wider world for which they are preparing themselves.

Will some man, in the not too distant future bless the days his wife spent as a Senior as he partakes of a gourmet's meal after a hard day's toil? Will he proudly show off the delicious cake in his lunch to his mates? Or will he sit down to the dreary sound of, "Didn't know what to get for tea, so I've cooked sausages again. You like them, don't you?"

How often when she reads this clause does a Senior say, "Gee! I did that at Guides." Or, "Do I really have to? I cook the dinner at home every night!"

Can we render service to our Seniors by showing them the wider possibilities and fascinating activities which can turn this test into an exciting experience? Let us take the test word by word. COOK—How? Boil, fry, bake, roast—which is most suitable? What are the best cuts of meat to buy for each different method? Are there cheap but good cuts of meat? Who has a butcher boy-friend to explain these to us all? Will we be using gas, electricity, fuel? Can we visit the local appliance showrooms and look at the latest models? Have we ever visited a cooking demonstration whilst shopping in town? Do we prefer ground-based saucepans, copper ones or a fry pan? Can we have a cooking night? Even cooking toffee can be hilarious fun and profitable, too.

On Thinking Day or United Nations Day, can we bring something from another country for supper? Perhaps the figure will

suffer from Mexican orange cream, Danish open sandwiches, Indian curry and rice, Scottish shortbread, Welsh rarebit and American hot dogs, but it will be worth it. Who has a recipe book? Let's all start one. Shall we swop favourite recipes next week? There is no end to the suggestions our Seniors will put forward once they get started. And don't let us forget to point out the cookery classes at the local Technical College evening sessions — "Party Cooking", "Cake Decorating". Yes, cooking can be fun!

WELL BALANCED — What balances a meal? Can we use Mary, who is studying dietetics, to learn all about vitamins, proteins, carbohydrates, and all the other necessary ingredients of foods? Why did sailors in the earlier days suffer from scurvy? Why do children in some countries suffer from rickets? Is it possible to visit the diet kitchen of our local hospital? Once again there are many aspects to choose from.

TWO COURSE — which two shall they be? Can we interpret the glamorous-sounding meals, such as those on a ship's menu, into their everyday counterpart? Will we have soup and meat, fish and sweets? Who can make a well-balanced two-course meal from Chinese food or continental recipes? Has Australia a national dish? Who has a favourite soup, casserole or sweet recipe? Can we cook dishes from member countries of the W.A.G.G.G.S.?

SERVE IT — Who knows how to carve a chicken, a leg of lamb? What cutlery do we need for each course? Can we plan interesting table settings — for a party, for a candlelight dinner for two, for a formal dinner party? Flowers? Shall we have them at table?

Perhaps we will go off on a tangent and do a course in floral art of bonsai. Who knows? What eating utensils do they use in Singapore or Suva? Have YOU tried eating prawns with chopsticks or rice with your fingers — and still looked elegant? Perhaps we can go to a first-class restaurant for a meal. Do we tip? If so, how much? Who will be game to order chicken in a basket — and eat it with her fingers? What does one drink with a meal? Are there correct table wines for various courses? Why does the drink waiter pour a little wine for the person ordering it to taste

first? What do we do if we cannot understand the foreign-sounding menu? All these questions, and more, will be posed by eager Seniors, once we start them on the way.

CLEAR AWAY — a chore, or a job well done as a fitting end to a delicious meal? Shall we wash things as they come, or stack and work systematically through glasses, cutlery, etc.? Should a hostess wash the dishes while her guests relax with coffee in the lounge, or leave them until later? What is best to use, soap or detergent? Shall I plan for a single or double sink in my future home?

Clause 6 can be an exciting means of leading our Seniors graciously into the wider world around the corner. It can give her an interest in food — the right food, interesting or exotic food, a favourite food the preparation of which she has perfected. If it does we will have helped her to develop those social graces and poise which will allow her to entertain her husband's business acquaintances, or her own friends in her flat, or to cope with a hectic family meal-time without fuss and fears. What a wonderful service to render any teenager headed for the wider world.

—J.M.P.

JAMBOREE

Members of the hospital staff at the Jamboree may be interested to hear that Dr. Cooper, who was the doctor in charge, so greatly appreciated the work done by the members of the Guide Movement, that he has made a personal donation to our Building Appeal in appreciation.

—Mavis McDonald.



A candle's but a simple thing;
It starts with just a bit of string.
Yet dipped and dipped with patient hand,
It gathers wax upon the strand
Until, complete and snowy white,
It gives at last a lovely light.

Life seems so like that bit of string;
Each deed we do a simple thing;
Yet day by day if on life's strand
We work with patient heart and hand,
It gathers joy, makes dark days bright,
And gives at last a lovely light.

A BROWNIE PARTY

When 1st and 2nd Euroa Brownie Packs had their Break-up Party all the parents came, and our District and Divisional Commissioners, too.

Items started with four Brownies singing, and then three Sixers signalled Semaphore to music. 2nd Pack danced and sang "Shake Hands, Brownies". We all wore black masks for one item, and there were also piano solos.

All the Brownies dressed as angels, and we all carried candles. Joseph had a brown silk coat and Mary had a blue cloak and white veil. Brown Owl's new baby made a lovely babe. We sang six Christmas Carols, and the baby didn't cry once. We finished with a Christmas Tree, and Santa gave the presents we had made to our mothers and fathers, and miniature badges to us.

Brownies who were going to Guides helped serve supper and wash up. It was a lovely break-up, and I am sorry it will be my last one, as I am going on to Guides.

—Lois Ferguson,
1st Euroa Brownie Pack.

THE STOCKRIDERS' SONG

Taken from "Six Australian Bush Songs" by W. G. James, published by G. Ricordi & Co., and published with their permission, the Stockriders' Song is a fine hiking song, and if you sing it to a brisk walking pace you will get a good idea of the tempo. To drag the song is to kill it.

Incidentally, "Six Australian Bush Songs" also contains "The Bush Night Song" and other popular tunes, and is well worth buying.

"We've been up Queensland way,
With cattle many a day,
O'er many a thirsty, lonely plain.
But now we're trotting back
On the good old stony track,
For we're riding, riding, riding home again!
With a yah, yah, hollo!
How we thunder as we go,
Never staying, never drawing rein,
Never drawing rein!
With the stockwhip in our hand,
We're a merry, jolly band,
For we're riding, riding, riding, riding home again!"

(Other verses in "Six Australian Bush Songs").

CAMPFIRE SONGS



THE STOCKRIDERS' SONG

Words by Richard Baylis

Music by William G. James

ALLEGRO CON SPIRITO

We've been up Queensland way with the cat-tle ma-ny a day O'er
 many a thirs-ty lone-ly plain But now we're trot-ting
 back on the good old stan-ey track For we're rid-ing rid-ing rid-ing home a-
 -gain! — With a yah, hah, hol-lo! —
 — How we thun-der as we go — Ne-ver
 stay- -ing, ne-ver draw-ing rein, — Ne-ver
 draw-ing rein! — With the stock- whip
 in our hand — We're a mer-ry, jol-ly, jol-ly band —
 — For we're rid- ing, rid- ing, rid- ing,
 rid-ing home — a- gain! —

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REPORT ON 14th PROMISE AND LAW GATHERING, SWEDEN, 1964

The Conference, officially titled "The 14th Promise and Law Ecumenical Gathering and the 7th European Scout Duty to God Conference", was held at Sigtuna, 25 miles north of Stockholm, on the shores of Lake Malaren. It was attended by approximately 80 Scouters and Guiders from 17 different countries, and Australia had three representatives — two from Tasmania and one from Queensland.

We were offered hospitality in Stockholm before the Conference, so I travelled to Sweden with the British party, and spent a week with a Swedish Guider, who took me sightseeing every day and looked after me very well.

We arrived at "Sigtunastifelsen", where the Conference was being held, late in the afternoon, and after registering were shown our rooms. There was a little card with "Welcome to Sweden" and a small candle on the dressing table. "Sigtunastifelsen" means "Sigtuna's Foundation", and it is a mixture of a college, conference hall and holiday home for people who want peace and quiet and time to meditate. There were many lovely pine trees in the grounds, as well as cherry and apple trees.

After dinner that night we were officially welcomed by Mr. Charles Wood, of Great Britain, and Frauline Marianne Maus, of Germany, Chairman of the International Committee, and Lektor Marta Norrman and Professor Ake Andren, of the Swedish staff. The Conference was officially opened, and the theme — "The Bible in Scouting and Guiding" — outlined.

Each morning began with prayers in the Chapel, followed by breakfast which, like all meals, was served smorgasbord style. The food was delicious, and it is a wonder any of us could fit into our uniforms by the end of the week.

On Saturday, Monday and Wednesday the morning was spent in small groups (about eight Guiders or Scouters in English, French and German speaking groups) discussing the main theme by answering a series of questions on: (a) The Bible and the

Guider, (b) the Bible — a guide to life for Girl Guides and Boy Scouts, and (c) how Scouting and Guiding are tools used by the Lord to reach young people today. Each of these themes was introduced by an eminent Swedish theologian.

In the afternoons we did Bible Studies in mixed groups of about 10 Scouters and Guiders. As most of the Scouters were Ministers, I found these discussions became rather "deep".

On Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings we had summaries of the previous day's discussions.

We went to Church at St. Maria Church on Sunday, and, although it was all in Swedish, we were able to follow, as we had been given a guide to the form of service. In the afternoon a Folk Dance Group arrived, and we danced around the maypole. That evening there was a concert, followed by prayers in the open air Chapel.

One evening we were divided into groups to do handcrafts. Some carved Madonnas or Swedish Bell Towers, some made lead figures of Christ on the Cross, some made stained glass windows, while others plaited palm leaf crosses. We all enjoyed this very much.

We visited the University town of Uppsala, about 20 miles north of Sigtuna. Here we went into the Cathedral, which is the largest in Scandinavia, and then to the Museum Library, where they have the famous old "Silver Bible". We visited the grave of Dag Hammarskjeld, and laid a wreath. A visit to "Old Uppsala", with the grave mounds of ancient Kings, was next on the programme, and here we drank mead from a horn and had afternoon tea. At a little old Church a group of Guides and Scouts performed a religious drama — "The Story of Zaccheus" — for us. We went to the country home of the Botanist Linnes, and then to a small town—Uppland Varsby, where the local Scouting people rushed to our buses, and on to a "stately home" on a nearby property, and then to a campfire — lovely, but too short. We had supper with these people, and then climbed into the buses and went to a little old Church with the unlikely name of "Ed's Church" for prayers. Ten Scouters and Guiders holding

candles said one of the Laws each in different languages.

On Thursday, after watching the wedding of Princess Margaretha and John Ambler on television, we went to Stockholm, where we were met by a number of Swedish Scouters and Guiders and were taken in small groups to lunch, then sightseeing and shopping. This was followed by a Garden Party at the beautiful home of Countess Bernadotte. It was the final day of the "Duty to God" Conference, so, after prayers in Countess Bernadotte's living-room, we had to say many farewells, which made us all feel very sad. Then the Guiders returned to Sigtuna.

We had a summing up of the Conference and the effect of the joint Conference on our Guiding. That evening we had our last programme, mainly a documentary with slides, followed by singing and many farewell speeches. We presented Sweden with a scrapbook, each page of which was made by one of the countries represented at the Conference.

We were all very sorry that the Conference was over — the Swedish people had been magnificent hosts and hostesses, and really made us welcome in their beautiful country. I made so many friends and came away with many memories that will last all my life. Writing this report has brought all sorts of incidents that I had half forgotten back again, and I feel I could go on writing page after page — about the daisies in the grass; the night sky, which never darkened (as it was midsummer); the birds; the glorious pine trees with trunks that glowed red in the setting sun; the candles everywhere; the sound of the chatter in many languages at the table; the strange sound of a well-known hymn being sung in English, French, and German all around you; sitting in the sun in the rose garden before meals; staying up late and having difficulty waking in the morning; and always talking, talking, talking. It was an experience I shall remember and treasure all my life. I shall always be grateful that I was able to attend this Conference, and to anyone whoever has the opportunity to attend an International Conference I would say, "Clutch it in both hands. It will be an experience you will never forget."

—Helen Wright, Queensland.

TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS OF A CAMPFIRE CONDUCTOR

Have you ever been a Campfire Badge Conductor? Well, I have, and I dedicate this to all the up-and-coming conductors! I am the P.L. of the Swallow Patrol, and six months ago our Company decided to go for our Campfire Badge.

Our District Commissioner came to help us prepare for the "big" test. We sang many songs of many kinds, and finally, after much consideration, 12 songs were selected. Then each Patrol was requested to prepare an item.

Only two items could be picked from the four Patrols, so one night the items were demonstrated and two were chosen. They were the Rosellas' item — "The Man From Snowy River" — and my own Patrol's item, which I wrote, called "Cinderella". Hard practice and a lot of concentration went into perfecting these two "works of art", but I think that the many mishaps pulled "Cinderella" through and made it quite funny.

The weeks rolled by and we practised our singing, which became slowly but surely better. I was chosen to conduct the campfire, and sometimes I was called upon to lead the song — which I did scarlet-faced and very conscious of myself. By the time the night of our testing came I had a little more confidence, but shaking hands — giving a person the idea that I was nervous — quite ridiculous!

I was introduced to our Tester, who must have had a queer impression of me, as I was dressed in readiness for our item — my dress being much too short and my nobbly knees being very peculiar scenery. The first song we did was a "flop", so I started it again, which seemed to please everyone, but reddened my face even more. I waved my hands around hoping for the best, and, to my great surprise, the Guides were sometimes in time with the beat! I was very self-conscious, which the Company seemed to realise, so they helped me by singing very sweetly and obeying my waving hands — even though they were shaking.

The songs were sung, the Patrol items presented, and though it was not much over half an hour it seemed like 10, but finally the test ended. There were some comments

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HOW LONG IS IT SINCE YOU HAVE ENJOYED A VIOLET CRUMBLE?

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TWENTY YEARS ON—Cont. from page 251
am sure most of us had the feeling of the privilege of having been connected with Guiding.

Good luck to present Guiders. Keep up the good work, and who knows what developments there may be? There are reports of at least one group who got together at the Reunion who are planning to organise a local gathering in the near future.

—Nancy Cronin (nee Crook),
Formerly 1st Ascot Vale Coy.

COOKTOWN ORCHID IS THE FLOWER EMBLEM OF QUEENSLAND

I greatly regret the mistake in the programme of the Rally for the Chief Commissioner.

GUIDERS! As the programme could be kept for reference to other items, **PLEASE ASK BROWNIES, GUIDES AND SENIORS TO MAKE THE ALTERATION** on page 8.

—G. H. SWINBURNE.

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RESIGNATIONS

Region Commissioner:

Miss M. Taylor, Barwon.

Division Commissioner:

Miss M. Taylor, Geelong.

District Commissioners:

Mrs. A. Basham, Geelong West; Mrs. M. Miles, Bellarine.

WARRANTS

Captains:

Miss J. E. Oliver, 1st Prahran; Mrs. A. Rudd, 1st Katamatite; Miss S. Bradshaw, 3rd Northcote; Miss J. Willoughby, 2nd Northcote East; Mrs. R. Hoopell, 1st West Heidelberg; Miss C. S. May, 2nd Fitzroy.

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Tawny Owls:

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Lieutenants:

Miss E. Dunn, 1st Ringwood; Mrs. P. Perrigo, 1st Carnegie; Miss J. Gilbertson, 2nd Hamilton; Miss E. Oppy, 2nd Murrumbena; Mrs. N. Stewart, 7th Malvern.

Brown Owls:

Mrs. B. Walsh, 3rd Brighton; Miss J. Roffey, 5th South Yarra; Mrs. F. Bourke, 1st Wodonga; Mrs. J. I. Nield, 1st Ringwood; Mrs. P. M. Roberts, 1st Skipton; Miss S. Cheshire, 3rd North Balwyn; Mrs. P. Dove, 1st Alexandra; Mrs. J. Williams, 1st Springvale; Mrs. K. Jamieson, 2nd Dareton; Miss L. R. Abrahams, 4th St. Kilda.

Tawny Owls:

Miss S. Evans, 5th South Yarra; Miss E. Greig, 1st Pakenham; Mrs. J. Chapman, 1st East Reservoir.

CONGRATULATIONS

CONGRATULATIONS to the recipients of the following Awards:

Thanks Badge:

Mr. J. Deacon, Bright.

Local Association Long Service Award:

Mrs. A. Maher, Collingwood.

Long Service Award (Uniformed Members)

25 years (Silver Knot)—

Miss V. Harrison, Glen Iris.

35 years (Gold Knot)—

Mrs. Hartley Watson, Seaford.



CONGRATULATIONS

CONGRATULATIONS to—

Dianna Ward of S.R.S. "Quadrant" on completion of the Disaster Squad Syllabus.

—A. F. RYLAH,

Senior Branch Adviser.



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TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS

—Cont. from page 265.

and the Company began to break up. I could not believe my ears when the Tester said we had done very well, and the campfire had been a success. I was very pleased, and to each of my Patrol I gave a Mintie in appreciation!

I would like to say one more thing. Never try to stop the embarrassment showing by putting powder on your face — you'll find, as I did, that it cakes up on your skin!

—Pam McDermott, 4th Hawthorn Coy.

GUIDE SHOP—Cont. from page 268.

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