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DRAWING FROM THE OFFICE OF
BALLANTYNE & ASSOCIATES

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS MARY, PRESIDENT OF THE GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION



Guides throughout Victoria have been saddened at the sudden death of H.R.H. the Princess Royal, Princess Mary, the beloved President of the Girl Guides Associations throughout the Commonwealth.

In 1922 the Princess Royal became President of the Association, and both before this appointment and since has been a constant worker for, and helped with, the foundation and growth of our world-wide organisation.

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or if you do not know what it is, ask your District Commissioner at your next District meeting. What a thrill if a Guider from your District won the trip to Fiji — it might even be your own Captain!

It is sometimes hard to make a Building Appeal real to a small child and to really arouse their interest in such a project. In order to help do this we are going to supply charts of a building to all units with bricks, tiles, doors, windows, etc., which can be bought for various sums of money and stuck on to the charts. How much of our new H.Q. do you think your Pack or Company could build? Details of this scheme will come to you through your District Commissioner, and may even have reached you by the time this article appears in print.

Have you ever thought what a vast band of ex-Guides there must be throughout the

Her Majesty the Queen and Princess Margaret were both enrolled by their aunt.

In the same year as the Princess Royal became President an American benefactor offered the Association a large and historic home with charming and vast parklands, in the New Forest, Hampshire, England, for the establishment of a permanent training centre for Guide leaders. At the time the Association was not in a position to accept this gift because of the lack of available funds to maintain it.

However, Princess Mary offered to put her wedding gifts on display, and some of the money thus raised was used to establish an Endowment Fund. So the Guides were able to accept the charming property, Foxlease, or Princess Mary House, as it is also known; many women of the Commonwealth gather there frequently for specialised Youth Leadership Training Courses, and hundreds of Guides have enjoyed camping and staying there.

It is with gratitude and affection that the Princess Royal will be remembered by all members of the Guide Association.

State? Probably many of these women have no contact with Guiding today, but they will have happy memories of the time they spent in a Company. Many would be willing to contribute towards our appeal. It does mean contacting them and telling them of our plans (now you see one reason for keeping old Record Books!). We realise that Captains are busy people and that they cannot be expected to have time to write such letters, so we have produced one for them to send out. Supplies of these letters can be obtained, free of charge, if Guiders call personally at H.Q. Those who are unable to get to the city should write to Miss McLeod, Flat 9, 18 Mercer Road, Armadale, S.E.3, stating the number of letters required and the letters will be posted to them. Please make use of this opportunity. Ex-Guides could provide us with great support.

Remember this is OUR H.Q. and OUR opportunity to help. A chain is as strong as its weakest link. Make sure that YOU are not a weak link!

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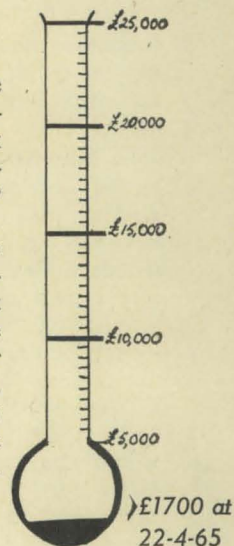
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ONE HUNDRED PER CENT EFFORT . . . THIS MEANS YOU!

"Appeal" is a word which is being heard frequently among the Guide population all over Victoria at the present time. It comes up at Division meetings, at District meetings, and — we hope — at Courts of Honour and at Pack Pow-wows. It comes up, but is each and everyone of us doing something concrete about it? Raising money in some way to ensure that we reach our target?

First of all, why do we need an appeal at all? Simply because we have outgrown our present building and must have more space if Guiding is to continue to grow and expand in this State. It is not our first money-raising effort for our H.Q. In 1949 with about one-quarter of our present membership, we raised sufficient money to leave our rented rooms in Market Street and buy our present building. That was a great step forward — to get our very own home. In 1953 we raised more money to alter and extend that home, and since that date we have added still more accommodation to the building. Now the limit to what can be added has been reached, but our numbers are still increasing. At the end of last year we found that it would be possible to purchase the building next door to 20 Russell Street — an opportunity too good to be missed and which might never come again. These two adjoining sites will give us adequate space for many years to come.

"Will give US" because it is YOUR building, YOUR home, it belongs to YOU just as much as to the staff who actually work there, and the fact that we will have more space will be of benefit to every one of you. Here are just a few instances to prove my point. Bigger and better shop accommodation will mean more goods on display when Brownies and Guides come in to buy uniforms. More adequate storage facilities will mean less likelihood of any items being out of stock. More space for packing will mean a quicker dispatch of country orders. More than one Training Room will mean more Training Classes available for new and for experienced Guiders. There is also a scheme afoot to provide a room where country Guiders visiting the city can make themselves a cup of tea and an adjoining shower and changing room, and, of course, such facilities



ties will also be available to the metropolitan Guiders.

These are only a few of the facilities and improvements we are planning. What I want to stress is that such a building will be of benefit to everyone in the Movement, so it is up to everyone to do their bit towards providing the money required. Mrs. Bolte and various other friends of Guiding (some of whom are not even members of the Movement) have been working hard all this year raising money to help us. Now it is our turn to show what we can do and to prove that we are worthy of the help we have been given and grateful to the people who have given it to us. We can only do this if every single member of the Movement plays her part. What are YOU doing?

Regions, Divisions and Districts are raising money in various ways. Has your District entered for the Qantas Project? If not,

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FROM THE STATE COMMISSIONER

I must first report a piece of news that I know you will all regret along with Mrs. Gray and myself. Mrs. Richardson has found the travelling required as Assistant State Commissioner more than she can manage, and has therefore decided that she must resign this position. We are grateful for all that she has done in this capacity over the past two years and that she is able to continue as Region Commissioner for the Western District Region.

Certainly the diary for March, with appeal functions added to the first full month of regular Guiding activity, looked formidable, but was enjoyable and satisfying in the event.

1st March: A pleasant and very successful tennis day at Kooyong, given for the appeal by Mrs. H. Hopman. It was good to have an antidote to our sadness that the wonderful weekend with our Chief Commissioner had ended. First meeting for the year of the State Council, the business consisting mainly of further planning to aid the appeal. Members were most interested in Miss Peg Barr's perceptive account of the Gathering of World Trainers in Ireland at which she represented Australia last year. Mrs. Hartley-Watson showed pictures she had taken at recent special occasions: on the Guide Day at the 7th Australian Boy Scouts Jamboree, with the activities at a Regional Field Day by way of contrast, and at the Flag Raising Ceremony at the Melbourne Town Hall.

3rd: Another first meeting for the year at Headquarters, this time of Division Commissioners. It was made memorable by a surprise call from Mrs. Buntine on her way home from visiting family and friends in Geelong. The pleasure we always gain from meeting on a State-wide basis was enhanced by the opportunity for everyone to chat with her over lunch.

4th: On this day we had to remind ourselves how much Dr. Buntine and the Australian staff would welcome the Chief Commissioner's return to Sydney. And still the appeal advanced, with the proceeds of another delightful function at the home of Mrs. Laurens.

6th-8th: Labour Day weekend, with much camping under the restricted conditions imposed by the acute fire danger — the Annual Senior Branch Conference Camp being an

outstanding event. Our thoughts were constantly with those in the areas ravaged by fire, and we know that many of you were helping as circumstances required.

9th: Presented Prefects' and House Captains' badges and spoke at the Caulfield North Central School. I was also privileged to present the cricket ball concerned to a lad who had performed the hat-trick — a unique happening in my life, I think, if not in his. Continued to our weekly Executive business meeting, which occupies some hours every Tuesday.

10th: Mrs. Sharp and I to Ballarat, to speak on radio, TV, and with the press, about our Building Extension Appeal. The Division and Region Commissioners looked after us so well between times that we scarcely realised that it had been a busy day.

11th: New Commissioners' and Boundaries' meeting.

12th: Lunched with the "class" of new Commissioners assembled at H.Q. before departing for a training weekend at the Retreat House. How one feels strengthened and encouraged by each trained addition of personnel new to the Movement or new to their particular job!

15th: Meeting of Movement Appeal Committee.

17th: Meetings of the Women's Committee and the Organising Committee for the appeal, between which was a pleasant luncheon and Mannequin Parade at Ciro's.

18th: Luncheon given by the Council for Adult Education at which Mr. David Scott spoke on "Australia in Asia". 6 p.m.: Monthly Executive Committee meeting.

19th: Delightful weather for the Garden Party at Government House, as it was for the Youth Garden Party next morning. The Extension Section kindly entertained as wide a representation as possible with slides taken on their recent trip to New Zealand.

20th: A team from H.Q. took part in the first Regional Conference for the Goulburn Region in Shepparton. We thank all concerned for such an excellent beginning, and thank them for their thoughtfulness and hospitality. As always we came away hoping that we had been able to give as much as we had gained.

21st: A very special day with the opening of the Chapel at Guide House. Congratula-

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REPORT FROM WORLD ASSOCIATION OF GIRL GUIDES AND GIRL SCOUTS

Conference on Mutual Appreciation of East/West Cultural Values (26th October to 11th November, 1964)

In 1956 the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (U.N.E.S.C.O.) launched a major project to promote the mutual appreciation of Eastern and Western cultural values as a medium for the understanding between peoples.

It is appropriate that the contribution of an interested international organisation such as the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts should be to explore the cultural influences which affect other societies throughout the world.

UNESCO showed its approval of the World Association contribution to the major project by the award of financial assistance for the conference.

As a delegate I received circulars, pamphlets and books from UNESCO to help me to prepare for the seminar. I was able to learn a little of the culture of the hostess country, India, and other orient societies, giving me some understanding of their different customs. A list of all delegates, with information about each, had been compiled, too, so that a bridge could be formed between unknown colleagues prior to meeting.

Most delegates were sponsored by their countries' National Headquarters, as I was, but in some cases the Juliette Low Fund aided the Guiders, and it was particularly interesting to note that the Governments of Nigeria and Iran sponsored their delegates.

The Conference was held in New Delhi, capital of India, at the India International Centre. This Centre is built for the purpose of accommodating persons visiting India for educational reasons, and as well as the first-class residential area, it is equipped with a magnificent auditorium, two Conference rooms, a library, secretarial offices and an open balcony, ideal for art exhibitions or similar functions. The Indian people are very hospitable indeed, and this magnificent building in its beautiful surroundings of gardens, fountains and lawns, was made to feel our home; even the staff, predominantly male, went out of its way to make our stay enjoyable, and their efforts were much appreciated.

Twenty-one nationalities attended the Conference — Argentina, Australia, Canada,

Colombia, England, Scotland, Greece, Iran, Japan, Malaya, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Spain, Finland, Switzerland, Thailand, Nigeria, Denmark, United States of America and India — giving a total of 26 delegates. Twelve Guiders from India, and Mrs. I. Steche of Australia, attended as observers.

The World Association staffed the Conference. Unfortunately, Mrs. Lakshmi Menon, Minister of External Affairs for India, and Chairman of the Seminar, was unable to attend through illness, and so the Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Hesselbein, of America, carried out her duties with the assistance of Mlle. Baillard of France, Mrs. K. Vil of Thailand and Mrs. E. Ferris from the World Bureau, London. Mrs. Lakshmi Mazumdar, National Commissioner of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, represented India and was indeed a very charming hostess.

We wore uniform during all sessions and lectures, wearing camp dress in the day, as the weather was quite hot, and dress uniform for visits and receptions. I couldn't help feeling what a shame it was that I had no dress uniform, such as a suit, to wear on these occasions; a skirt and blouse did not feel very dressy. To see the Great Britain girls looking very smart in their newly designed "chic" suits made me feel quite envious, particularly when I learnt they were made with Australian wool!

The first day was one of settling in and getting to know each other. I don't know if it was because we were all Guides and Girl Scouts, or just because we were women, but we certainly found plenty to talk about!

The Opening Ceremony was a grand and moving experience. Girls from the Bharat Guides carrying flags of every attending country, and, singing the World Song in Hindi, moved slowly on stage to form a colourful, impressive background to the staff and guest speakers.

Amidst cameras warring, bulbs flashing and tapes rolling, the Conference began with the inaugural address on the broad concept of the Topic by Dr. C. D. Deshmukh, Vice-Chancellor of the Delhi University. A moving introduction from the Chairman, Mrs. Menon, was read by Mrs. Hesselbein, followed by many messages of goodwill and best wishes for a successful Conference from all over the globe, and Dame Leslie Whateley sent us an inspiring address. After this regal ceremony, the stage was set

for the journey of discovery over the next two weeks, when we would live, work and play together.

Lectures were given by Swami Ranganathananda, of the Ramakrishna Institute of Culture, Calcutta, who outlined most effectively and enthusiastically the history of the cultural values of the East, and Bernard Clergerie, Cultural Counsellor at the French Embassy, India, who outlined cultural values of the West. These two lectures formed the framework for our group discussions.

Other guest speakers included Dr. Mulik Rajanard, who spoke on Artistic Presentation of the East, and Dr. Grace Morley, Director of the National Museum, New Delhi, who spoke on Western Art. Mrs. Ferris told us of the World Bureau and its tremendous undertakings.

The main topic was divided into three sub-topics for discussion groups:

"Cultural Values As Reflected in Family Life".

"Cultural Values As Reflected in Community Life".

"The Role of Women in Public Life".

These were introduced by a staff member; discussion group leaders and recorders were appointed, and altered for each sub-topic, so that every person within the group had a responsibility and a share in compiling the reports. Reports from each sub-topic were made and presented to delegates at a "round the table discussion", so that all countries had the opportunity of having their opinions recorded. Following these general discussions, the group leaders compiled one detailed report. At the conclusion of the Conference the three final reports from the three sub-topics used in discussion were read and forwarded to UNESCO and the World Association, who will send copies to every World Association country.

I will not elaborate on these findings, but will mention suggestions which arose in criticism:

To aid us in discussion groups a series of questions were issued. This perhaps kept our discussions stereotyped. By letting each group choose its own method of approach to the subject more varied opinions could have been expressed and a wider field of customs and habits covered.

The topic was really too vast to cover in the allotted time. Within each group were six nationalities, and in order to hear each country's ideas for every aspect dis-

cussed we could not allow talks to become too involved; therefore we kept to the basic every-day life ideas. When it came to the final discussion, "The Role of Women in Public Life", the most controversial of all, we found it impossible to satisfy our desire to learn of the customs and habits of our fellow-women in different countries.

Because of the majority of Indian Guiders we found that Indian Culture dominated discussions of the East, for the Thai and Japanese delegates both had difficulty with English during group conversation. I would like to have learned more about our Asian neighbours.

We felt that appreciation of East and West Cultural Values, the aim of the Conference, had not been achieved because we were dissatisfied with our findings. A thirst for knowledge had arisen, and, of course, could not be satisfied within such a short time. On return to our countries, this intense interest in cultural values in other countries will continue and spread to other individuals. I feel that **this** was the real aim of the Conference — not to conclude findings, but to commence them.

Besides lectures and discussions we witnessed various artistic presentations, including Indian Music, Dancing, Western Music and Drama, a Modern Ballet by an American company, the Delhi Children's Little Theatre, a French Puppet Troupe and a Thai Wedding.

The French Government sponsored the Puppet Theatre especially for the purpose of performing to delegates at Conference. The performance was ingenious and superb.

The Delhi Children's Little Theatre presentation proved to us that people are no different anywhere; these kiddies performed with the same pride and delight which our children display whilst performing at school concert.

We were fortunate indeed in attending a wedding held at the Thai Embassy. Throughout the ceremony no minister of religion actually marries the couple, although he may attend to offer his blessings. The uniting symbol is the pouring of holy water through the man's, and then the woman's, closed hands by the guests as they all come forward individually to offer their blessings. It is this social acceptance which actually unites man and wife.

Nowadays, to make the marriage legal, couples must sign the register.

We also had numerous visits, including one where we laid wreaths on the memorials to Ghandi and Nehru.

Eight miles from Delhi we visited a village which is under a Government scheme to aid and promote the people's handicrafts. The villagers came out to welcome us, and in spite of eight long speeches the children stood motionless and stared. It was the first occasion for some to see white people, let alone 21 different nationalities at once. We saw their handicrafts, weaving, pottery, sewing, bootmaking, and the daily work — ploughing the fields, pounding the cow dung for winter fuel, churning milk for butter, collecting water from the village well, and sitting smoking, much-indulged pastime of the men folk.

The President of India, Dr. Radhakrishnan welcomed us in the magnificent splendour of his residence in the Rastrapati. A remarkable man, he gave us a wise address and then jovially chatted informally with us, much to the excitement of the Indian girls.

A cultural exhibition was set up by staff members on the open-air balcony, and school pupils and interested noted persons were invited to inspect. Being good Scouts and Guides, we had read the programme forwarded to us prior to leaving our homes and, seeing that a Cultural Exhibition was to take place, we all came well prepared with books, pictures, dolls and other articles depicting our countries' culture. However, as the staff had made arrangements with Embassies and had already planned the Exhibition, they required few of our collections. Many countries which displayed exhibitions were not represented at the Conference, e.g., Mexico, Russia and Germany. For the girls who had spent so much effort in preparing articles for the Exhibition it was disappointing not to use the goods, particularly when they had paid excess baggage rates! But, just as we had remembered the Motto, we tried to remember Law No. 8!

Indians usually have a mid-day break, and free time was programmed from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. There never seemed to be sufficient — if it wasn't shopping or sightseeing, then there were reports to be done, letters to write, Embassies to visit. Of course, rest was the last thing to be had in free time.

At every opportunity we came together for songs and dances, and we even sang while waiting for guest speakers.

A lovely Guides' Own was held in the serenity of a peaceful Indian evening in the beautiful grounds of Lodi Estate, surrounding the India International Office. Delegates, carrying candles lit from one flame to symbolise unity of mankind, formed a Horseshoe to hear passages from varying countries appraising God's bounteous goods on earth.

An international evening was arranged during which all delegates performed an aspect of their countries' culture. I sang an Australian bush folk-song, "The Drover's Dream", which gave a colourful description of the wild life in Australia. The kitchen and dining-room staff had been so pleased to attend to such "a gay group of young women" that they also desired to perform, but they wanted time of no less than three hours! All was well on the evening, and they managed to complete the item within half an hour.

One evening the United States delegate arranged a Halloween Night and invited us to attend in disguise. Not having fancy dress packed with us, night attire was the next best to "make do". What was our horror when we discovered that the head waiter had been asked to judge!

Nobuko, from Japan, performed, and explained the tea ceremony, which was very interesting.

After the colour and splendour of the opening ceremony we thought it would be fitting to have a quiet, dignified closing ceremony. During the ceremony the major findings were read, sincere "thank you's" extended and a beautiful closing message from Mrs. Lakshmi Menon conveyed to us. All delegates were presented with books, pictures and a Buddha head, as a memento from the hostess country.

As a final gesture of hospitality towards their guests the Bharat Scouts and Guides entertained us at a campfire on their permanent campsite. The items were typical of those Boy Scouts would perform anywhere, and we had many a laugh. Most of all we enjoyed an Indian dance performed by a group of Cubs; didn't those little boys love to show off as they stamped, clapped, shouted and twirled in the dust!

Following the campfire we were entertained at dinner cooked by the Guides. The food was well prepared, but I'm afraid they were inexperienced in cooking for European

visitors — the tears poured down our cheeks all night!

The tour, which was an integral part of the Conference, took us to Agra, to Jaipur and back to Delhi, a journey of some 500 miles. The bus in which we travelled was far from comfortable, and we were not even able to remember Law No. 8, because we were warned of the infections caused by dust! Extremely good accommodation had been arranged, which was much appreciated after the long journeys.

A well-planned programme was drawn up, and we visited mosques, temples and tombs, our eyes feasting on the beautiful architecture and magnificent carvings on the marble and sandstone structures. We had ample time for shopping and exploring the unusual little stores.

One morning, to our delight, elephants, colourfully draped in true Indian style, were waiting to take us to Amber Palace, Jaipur.

But of all the surprises, wonders, contrasts and sights, etc., the Taj Mahal surpassed all. It is truly a splendour in marble, with a great central dome, surrounded by four smaller ones, while from the terrace rise four slender minarets, all bearing exquisite carvings and motifs of set-in coloured stones.

I discovered that India is a country of vast contrasts — from wealth to poverty, beauty to squalor, delightful days to unbearable conditions, green bush hills to dry, sparse fields, from deep thinking to illiterate men, but all is part of India's ancient, mystic and fascinating culture.

The friendships and bonds between our sisters in the Girl Guide Movement strengthen through international gatherings such as this World Association East/West Conference in New Delhi, because of greater understanding and appreciation of our varying ways of life.

If the aims of the Conference were to stimulate interest in foreign peoples, captivate sympathy and understanding of the changing societies in the world today, and to impart this knowledge and goodwill among our friends at home, then UNESCO can be sure that the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts made the Seminar truly successful.

—MARILYN K. GILBERTSON
(South Australia),
Australian Delegate,
East/West Conference.

VISIT OF THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF GLOUCESTER

Never having visited the Monash University before, I was overwhelmed by its size, but could quite understand why students call it "The Farm".

My first task was to open the door of the Duchess's car on her arrival. As the minutes ticked by and the V.I.P.'s took up their positions my nervousness increased. This first door seemed to be by far the hardest to master, but I hoped my nerves went unnoticed.

After lunch I opened doors for both the Duke and the Duchess, as they were departing on different routes. These tasks seemed immeasurably easier than the first, though the crowds of students watching appeared to be rather amused by the whole procedure.

I will always remember the day for the honour I felt in representing the Girl Guide Movement and for the insight it gave me into the minute details which are considered in organising a Royal visit.

—Carolyn Roberts,
Moorleigh Land Rangers.

As well as the ceremony at Monash University, Carol Martin, of S.R.S. "Melbourne", opened doors for the Duchess at the R.S.L. Village.

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tions to the Guide House Committee and its Chairman, Mrs. Gray, on such splendid arrangements, made for the occasion.

25th: South-Eastern Region were privileged to represent the Association in welcoming the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester on their arrival at Government House. We were honoured, too, in attending the reception given by the State Government for their Royal Highnesses.

31st: Final appeal meetings for March and a satisfactory assessment of the position in which the donations and the efforts of our friends have placed us. It now remains for us to equal this with our own exertions. Meeting with the Advisers, the business of which was interesting and vital as always, and underlined the reason for the need to expand our Headquarters premises.

Joyce E. Price



MISS SENIOR GUIDE

Miss Senior Guide, 1965, is Janet Frost, of Stradbroke Cadets. Janet, 17, is a Matriculation student at M.L.C., and her hobbies are tennis, badminton and dressmaking.

Seventeen contestants were presented to our panel of judges — Miss Suzan Johnston (School of Department), Miss Sturrock (T.A.A. Air Hostess), Mr. Ray Chapman (3AW Community Service Board), Mr. McKenzie (Education Department Recruiting Officer) and Mrs. Rylah (Senior Branch Adviser).

Second placing went to Pamela Barr, of Elsternwick Land Rangers, and third to Robyn Jennings, of S.R.S. Quiberon (Portland).

Janet received the Miss Senior Guide Sash and a course (kindly donated by Miss Johnston) at the Suzan Johnston School of Department as her prize, and will represent the Guide Movement in the "Miss Teenage of Victoria" Quest. Pamela and Robyn received engraved powder compacts.

Thanks to the support of our sale of Christmas cards we have raised over £300 for the Royal Women's Hospital.



TRAINING CERTIFICATES

The Brownie Training Certificate has been awarded to Miss Janet Thomas, of the 2nd Upwey Pack, and the Campcraft Training Certificate to Mrs. G. Kentmann, of the 2nd Wangaratta Pack. Mrs. Kentmann also holds her Brownie Training Diploma.

Congratulations to both on attaining these qualifications.

—LAURA GREGORY,
Training Adviser.

PHOTOGRAPHER'S BADGE — ARE YOUR GUIDES INTERESTED?

If so, here is a wonderful opportunity for them to gain experience which will enable them to qualify for this Badge.

Kodak (A'sia) Pty. Ltd. has kindly offered to arrange a series of four talks and demonstrations for the Guide age group, to include the requirements of the Guide Photographer's Badge. Particulars are as follows:—

DATE: Saturdays mornings — 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th June.

TIME: 9.30 to 11 a.m.

PLACE: Kodak Theatre, 252 Collins Street, Melbourne.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS, WHICH GUIDERS ARE ASKED TO FORWARD TO **MRS. J. THOMPSON, SECRETARY TO ADVISERS, GUIDE HEADQUARTERS, IS 31st MAY.**

GUIDES ATTENDING ARE ASKED TO WEAR UNIFORM.

NOTE: As the maximum number which can be accommodated at this course is 70, applications will be accepted in order of receipt. Priority will be given to Guides working for this Badge.

We feel sure that there will be many Guides interested in availing themselves of this offer from Kodak (A'sia) Pty. Ltd., for which the Association is most grateful.

—BETTY M. MACARTNEY,
State Secretary.



GUIDE REPRESENTATIVES ON AFFILIATED ORGANISATIONS

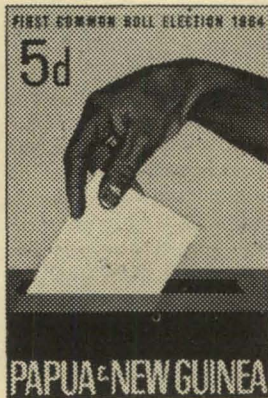
We are pleased to announce the following new appointments:—

1. Natural Resources Conservation League of Victoria: Miss M. Mellor (Skipper, S.R.S. "Akuna").

2. National Safety Council of Australia (Home Safety Committee): Mrs. A. N. Fox (recently retired Brownie Adviser) vice Mrs. G. Mee (resigned).

3. United Nations Association of Australia (Victorian Branch): Mrs. G. Kentmann (Brown Owl and Diplom'd Trainer), of Wangaratta, who, together with Mrs. M. Kirsner, will represent the Association.

4. Youth Council of Victoria: Miss Christine Canavan (Lieutenant S.R.S. "Invincible") vice Miss J. Meade (resigned); Mrs. S. Astolfi (Lieutenant, 1st Carlton Company) vice Miss S. Neck (resigned).



STAMPS

On 21st April last three new Australian stamps were issued: 2/- Golden whistler; 2/6 Scarlet robin; and 3/- Straw necked ibis. These stamps will replace the Flannel flower, Aborigine and Waratah designs.

As yet no final figures are to hand for the proceeds of sales of stamps towards the special Guide House Appeal; these will be advised later. From the beginning of May all money raised from used stamp sales will be allocated towards the new Guide Headquarters Appeal.

Points to remember in preparing stamps are: Save only good used stamps, throw away all torn or too heavily postmarked ones; soak stamps off paper, being careful not to let any blue-backed paper get into the soaking-off dish; when dry, pack stamps carefully into used envelopes (window-faced if possible), placing each kind of stamp into a separate envelope. This last hint is most important, as lately some folk have just put mixed of different amounts (e.g., 4d., 5d., etc.) all into one envelope, and this needs to be sorted, and I really do not have time.

Post parcels to: 12 Cowderoy Street, ST. KILDA, enclosing name and address of sender.

—LORNA E. CUZENS,
Hon. Organiser for Stamps.

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WORLD ASSOCIATION NEWS HEADQUARTERS

Reconstruction of the building is proceeding according to our plans. We now have two of our offices on the ground floor totally modernised, with added space and new office furniture. The workmen will continue work on the lower ground floor during the spring months, and after the World Committee Session (May, 1965) they will be tackling the upper floors of the building.—(From News Sheet from Miss Signe Dreijer, new Director of the World Bureau).

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CONGO (LEOPOLDVILLE)

It is with the greatest pleasure that I am in a position to let you know that Congo (Leopoldville) is now a Tenderfoot member of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. The 18th World Conference, held in Denmark in June, 1963, passed the following resolution:—

“Haiti moved: That the 18th World Conference authorise the World Committee to accept the Congo (Leopoldville) as a Tenderfoot member of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts on their being assured that the National Organisation is established and working in accordance with Article IV, Section 1 (b), of the World Association Constitution.”

India seconded.

Thirty in favour. Carried unanimously.

The World Committee now having been assured that the Federation des Guides du Congo is established as the National Organisation in Congo (Leopoldville), and is working in accordance with the World Association Constitution—

CONGO (Leopoldville)

(Federation des Guides du Congo)

has been accepted as a Tenderfoot member of the World Association.

As the National Commissioner of Federation des Guides du Congo plans to be in London early in 1965, it is hoped that the Certificate of Membership, now being prepared, will be presented to her in person.

The address of the Federation des Guides du Congo is: B.P. 3014, Kalina/Leopoldville, Congo.

This raises the number of our Tenderfoot member countries to 31, which, with our 37 full member countries, makes the total membership of the World Association 68.

JULIETTE GORDON LOW, FOUNDER OF THE GIRL SCOUTS, U.S.A.

As they visit the Juliette Low birthplace in Savannah, Georgia, Girl Scouts feel quite at home, because, in fact, they are "daughters of the house".

There are high wooden gates at 142 Bull Street, Savannah, Georgia, and through these gates Girl Scouts from all 50 States and 49 different countries have come to visit the birthplace of Juliette Low, founder of Girl Scouting in the U.S.A. This house is owned and operated since 1956 by the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. as a living memorial to the founder of Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. and as a National Programme Centre.

A visiting Girl Scout Troop enters through the high wooden gate into a grey brick courtyard. They walk down the path leading into the garden to the Troop House, which was converted from a stable into an activity centre and museum of Juliette Low's (or Daisy as she was always called) life. A staff member welcomes the girls and explains the programme for their visit, which will include a tour of the main house and its 21 rooms. In some of these rooms the girls will participate in some of the activities which their founder enjoyed as a child in this house. There is a room set aside for silhouette painting with walls adorned with those belonging to Juliette Low. Another room where girls browse through old copies of Louisa May Alcott's "Eight Cousins" and other books, while another group is studying the world as girls in the 1870's did, through a stereopticon, the TV of the day.

There is a gift shop, too, where each Patrol will present hand-made articles to be sold, and will buy something to remind them of their visit there.

In one of the two modern kitchens in the Troop House, the girls bake some of the old-fashioned "cookies" from recipes used during Juliette Low's childhood — rolled sweet wafers, sesame seed "cookies" and drop peppermints.

Before they leave the Troop gathers around one of the beautiful garden beds for the parting ceremony and presentation of "Daisy Pin" brooches. The visit always ends with a reading of the words of Juliette Low, "Ours is a circle of friendship, united by ideals."

Mrs. Low was on a world tour in 1911, and it was during this time that she met General Sir Robert Baden-Powell, who was to bring into her life something alien to anything she had ever done — Scouting. In her letters home, 52-year-old Mrs. Low described B.P. as a "genius as a soldier, and he draws, paints and models as well. He left the Army against King Edward's wishes, to organise the Boy Scouts, and now he has 40,000 boys all over Great Britain, with branches in the U.S.A., France and Germany."

She also wrote: "The Girl Guides is a sort of an outcome of the Boy Scouts. I like girls and I like the organisation and the rules and pastimes, so if you find that I get deeply interested, you must not be surprised" — and so Juliette Low did become deeply interested.

She first organised a group of seven girls in Scotland, and one of these girls had to walk six miles to meetings, but the way that Mrs. Low taught them knotting, spinning, cooking and knitting kept them really interested, and the girls kept coming. Then in 1912 she went home to America, and on 12th March, 1912, in Savannah, Georgia, she opened the first Girl Scout Troop in the U.S.A. Due to her never-failing enthusiasm, the Movement spread rapidly through the country, and Mrs. Low would always turn a deaf ear to anyone who refused to help Scouting, and answered them, saying, "I'm so glad you're interested."

In other words, she would never take "No" for an answer, and enlisted the aid of her friends, relatives and many influential people.

In 1915 the organisation was incorporated as Girl Scouts, and thus her dream had become a reality.

Although Juliette Low had no children of her own, she left behind, when she died in 1927, an adopted family of 167,925 girls! Today that family has increased to nearly three million, all of whom have benefited because there once lived a person named Juliette Gordon Low.

The Juliette Low World Friendship Fund was set up by the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. in memory of their founder, and this fund benefits from annual contributions of each Girl Scout in the U.S.A. Because of this fund, Girl Scouts may travel to represent their country at overseas gatherings, and

Girl Guides and Girl Scouts from other countries receive awards to attend gatherings in the U.S.A. or at our World Centres.

All the expenses for Penelope Preston (Western Australia) and Janet Cole (Victoria) to attend the All States Camp in North Carolina this July are provided by the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund, and all expenses while in the U.S.A. for our Roundup Team of Trudy Monk and Robyn Riddett will be met by this fund also.

So we have much to thank Juliette Low and the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. for, haven't we?

—SHIRLEY FARROW,
State International Representative.

● A Brownie Birthday ●

One day we had a Birthday Party,
All the Brownies were gay and hearty,
Silver Birch came, Butanga, too,
Both in their uniforms of blue.

—Lynne Davidson, 8½ years.

1st Parkdale celebrated their second birthday with special visitors — Silver Birch, Butanga and Brown Owl, who has been away for some time because of illness. A happy time was spent with specially decorated six corners and each Six chose their own game to play. A lovely party with two birthday cakes — all baked by the Brownies themselves — was enjoyed.

Two surprise parcels were an owl for our Toadstool and two koalas on a tree trunk from Brown Owl.

—Jean Park,
Tawny Owl, 1st Parkdale Pack.

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which 31 youth leaders have done on UNESCO travel grants. These UNESCO awards send youth leaders between the ages of 20 and 30 abroad to study at first hand the problems which youth faces in other parts of the world

These are just a few of the ways in which the United Nations has brought people of different nationalities together to help one another, and there are thousands of other examples concerning communications, meteorology, health, agriculture and education.—N.B.K. (Extracts from "UNESCO Features").

INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION YEAR

In 20 years of its very active life, the United Nations has achieved quite remarkable co-operation between peoples of the world, placing combined skills, talents, knowledge and understanding where it is most urgently required. 1965 has been designated International Co-operation Year to highlight these achievements and to inform the world of the work that goes on all the time, in spite of political and economic problems which continually threaten both the United Nations Organisation and humanity generally.

International organisations are asked to play their part in this year's activities. Girl Guiding is very clearly linked with the work of United Nations by its fostering of understanding between peoples and children of different nationalities, and creeds in particular; but we must make a special effort to ensure that all the children of today grow up with a readiness to pool their resources and give help and understanding where and when it is most needed.

The Specialised Agencies of the United Nations are the bodies which carry out the co-operative work, bringing teams of specialists from many countries to work together. United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, UNESCO; World Health Organisation, WHO; and the Food and Agricultural Organisation, FAO; are three of the best known of these bodies.

For example, FAO in 1963 began a "World Food Programme" in which 64 countries are co-operating; by pooling resources, food aid is given instead of money to assist people to help themselves; services are given in exchange for food or equipment. Some countries, unable to contribute money or food, have offered transportation, storage facilities or manpower.

WHO conducts projects in member countries at their request and with their co-operation. In a single year WHO undertook with its international teams 825 individual projects, dealing with diseases such as yaws, malaria, trachoma and problems of hygiene and nutrition.

Building schools in Kenya, constructing homes in flood disaster areas, teaching in Tanganyika — these are some of the things

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BARREE REGIONAL CAMP

One morning great activity could be seen on the property of Mr. K. Riordan beside the Kiewa River, at Tawonga. Buses and cars laden with Guides and camping equipment arrived throughout the morning, spilling their contents along the river bank, and by 3 p.m. five sub-camps had been erected. Willows, gums and ti-tree provided our shade, and we were surrounded on all sides by tall mountains, while the murmuring of the river provided a continuous accompaniment for the chatter of Guides and the calls of the birds.

When we had our gear and tents in order we changed for a swim. This was fun, as the water was icy cold and we were dusty and hot from working in the sun. We settled into our camp routine and made gadgets. Some Guides worked in the cool, shallow water, moving the smooth stones to build causeways and deepen holes so that water might be more easily collected or milk stored safely.

One day we were up early to pack lunches, as an excursion over the Kiewa Hydro-Electric Scheme had been arranged. We travelled in three buses to Mt. Beauty, where each bus picked up a State Electricity Commission guide to explain points of interest and answer questions. Travelling along the Kiewa Valley we saw Junction and Clover Dams, passed through Bogong Village and saw the big pipeline which passes through Mt. McKay. We visited Falls Creek and the McKay Creek Power Station, where we saw the turbines and generators housed 250ft. underground. We viewed the high plains from the top of Mt. McKay and returned to camp via Rocky Valley Reservoir and Mt. Beauty. That evening we enjoyed the hot meal which the Local Association kindly cooked for us, as we were forbidden to light fires. These kindly folk also cooked our next evening meal, as the fire ban continued.

Friday was not only the day on which our parents visited camp, but was also the day of our swimming sports. One event brought much laughter from our audience — we climbed a pole on which dripping had been liberally smeared. One of the Milawa Guides made the most determined effort . . .

and the biggest splash. Our grateful thanks were given to our two lifesavers, who organised the sports, made a fine trophy from bark and other natural objects, and who supervised all swimming.

But most of all I liked the campfires, held in a big ring, around the lamps. Guides and Guiders from all the camps were present, and, as we sang, our voices carried high into the heavens. It was wonderful to see Simba perform the Maori Poi Dance, learned during her Guiding days in New Zealand.

Although we laughed and played together we did not forget to thank God for our happiness. We said a quiet prayer each night before retiring to bed and when we awoke in the morning.

On Saturday afternoon we broke camp. Guides and gear were packed into cars and buses, and we said our last 'goodbyes' and "thank yous", especially to the leaders, whom we cannot thank enough for giving us such a lovely time.

—From stories by Helga Peterson, Wangaratta; Christa Sterzing, Wangaratta; Anne Garratt, Markwood; Patricia Harris, Yarrawonga.

—Compiled by Mrs. W. Nunn, Captain, 2nd Yarrawonga Coy.

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CONGRATULATIONS

CONGRATULATIONS to the recipients of the following Awards:—

Thanks Badge:

Mr. A. Hair, Culloden, via Stratford.
Mr. K. Taylor, North Essendon.
Mr. J. Thorburn, Warracknabeal.
Mr. N. Brendel, Essendon.
Miss J. McNab, Moonee Ponds.

Local Association Long Service Award:

Mrs. C. J. Wise, Hampton.

Long Service Award (Uniformed Members):

25 years (Silver Knot)—

Miss J. Mitchell, Armadale.
Miss J. McDonald, Frankston.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO

Diana Ward, S.R.S. Quadrant, and Meredith Ackland, Camberwell Land Rangers, on completion of their full Ranger Service Star.

SALE RANGERS AND THE BUSH FIRES

Excitement ran high at our meeting on 26th February, as there was only one weekend to go before we set off for the Senior Branch Conference Camp at Anglesea. The experienced campers were trying to be 'know-it-all's' and give smug answers to the new girls' questions, but all eyes were shining and all the talk excited.

Then Thursday came around, very hot and windy, and the smoke appeared at first as little soft white clouds, then heavy, billowing sheets of smoke, and, by afternoon, smoke one could taste and smell. People seemed to be holding their breaths, crowds were standing still with their heads raised, and even little children seemed to be quieter and more obedient, and when the fire siren first started we felt something like relief — at last, action! We all knew long before the fourth blast that it wouldn't stop — on and on, the long fierce sound went and movement began.

At first it was only men with "know-how" who got quietly into their cars and trucks and roared away, the others stayed at their jobs, nearer the telephone than usual, and one ear turned towards the nearest wireless. By five o'clock the calls started coming — "everyone, please!" — "the need is urgent!" There really was no need for the loud-speaker car that drove along the main street asking for all able-bodied men to help save whole townships from destruction — as it drove along, the shops and houses spilled out manpower. The school children knew, as they poured out of school, why their bus was not there to collect them; they didn't have to be told they might have to spend the night at school; they knew that roads would be blocked and that, in many cases, their homes were no longer there.

They suddenly felt hungry and, just as suddenly, found mothers appearing with quiet efficiency, their arms full of bundles, cups, tins, boxes and kettles. Tea would not be missed — it would not even be late. The young fry found something really exciting in this bushfire business, but the older girls knew there would be no picnic tea for them — they were old enough to help. Four girls met, as if by pre-arrangement, at the High School gate, realising now what being Rangers meant. Now was their chance to work as a team and put their training to use.

Captain's home was only two blocks away. They rang the bell and, as she opened the door, they knew that it had been right to come — dump books, off with hat and gloves, and into the car and off to the Red Cross Centre. The bustle of setting up a casualty clearing centre is something every Ranger should experience, and, in one way, we were lucky to have the chance to do it in a real crisis. We made up beds, counted bandages and dressings, made cotton wool swabs, boiled water, prepared treatment trays, made tea, cut sandwiches, answered endless phone calls, and by 8 o'clock were ready and waiting.

Trained nurses had arrived by now, and Captain sent us home, to be on call by 7 o'clock next morning. Some of us were there by 6.30 a.m., though it was quiet at first. A few weary-eyed men drifted in to have their eyes bathed and their burns dressed, then the little radio called for food — the men were coming home tired and very hungry. There were helpers to feed them at the fire station, but supplies were running low, so Captain gave us the word and a pile of baskets. We covered three blocks of houses without meeting one refusal, everyone had something to give, and most were grateful to us for coming to them in our need.

By lunchtime a call had come to the Centre, "Can you send something to stop this dreadful loss of manpower caused by sparks in the eyes?" Lieut. (Mrs. Bruce) had an answer — beg, borrow or steal as many old sunglasses as we could. We collected over 100 pairs in as many minutes, and the drivers took them off, but about two hours later we learned these were not nearly enough, and were not entirely suitable. The doctor suggested eye-shields, half-heartedly, because they would have to be cut out and taped, and he didn't see how it could be done. Well, Rangers to the fore! Three hours and 197 shields later they put down their scissors and tapes and rubbed sore fingers and went home to bed feeling they had done a good job.

The next day the reports were good, and we knew by the falling off of patients for treatment we had really got on top of things. The next day we rostered ourselves and sent Captain home for some sleep. We answered the telephone and delivered mes-

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

A TALK BY MRS. M. A. BUNTINE

(Continued from the April issue)

One of the great values of international organisations such as these is that they provide opportunities for their members from different countries to get to know one another. We need to know as much as possible of the people we are trying to befriend — something of their traditions and customs and habits and thinking and reasoning — know how they look at things and how things look to them.

Anyone who has had the good fortune to take part in an international gathering knows how easy it is to overcome barriers when you are all living together and drawn together by a common bond and purpose.

There may still be difficulties, and language is probably the greatest. There are the difficulties of exact translation: the one word or phrase can mean different things to different people. What a host of misunderstandings could be avoided if only there were a common, acceptable international language!

Even when everybody is supposedly speaking the same language, meanings are not always clear. I well remember attending a Conference of delegates from 15 different countries in the Asian area, at which English was the official language. Everyone spoke it, but I suppose I was the only one who could claim it as my mother tongue. It should have been very simple for me, but I can assure you that English as spoken by someone from Korea or from Thailand, who had possibly learned it from an American, didn't always bear much resemblance to my Australian version.

Another difficulty is that an action or an attitude of thought regarded as normal by one nationality can be unacceptable, even offensive, to another.

But when all belong to the same organisation the shared aims and purpose which have brought members together produce the tolerance and patience and goodwill which make understanding possible. Differences disappear, and what become far more evident are the similarities. After all, we are all very much alike, fundamentally. We all

share the same basic needs — food, shelter, security.

Most of us, it seems to me, are heading in the same direction, even if we travel by different routes. I well remember a Conference Guides' Own — people attending were not only of different denominations, but of different faith — Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus, Zoroastrians, Confucians.

Our Asian hostesses, with perspicacity, I suppose, had put Roman Catholics and Protestants in separate groups. The Catholic Guides came to the Protestants, and said, "Surely we could be one group as Christians?" — which we quickly became.

From each group came a thought, a reading, a chant or a prayer — our group recited the Lord's Prayer and sang the 23rd Psalm to Crimond.

I can never hear that sung now without thinking back to that lovely, unifying service.

My mind turns readily to international relations this afternoon, because this is the week when members of the Movement which I represent are celebrating what we call Thinking Day — the day on which we send out very special thoughts to the other five and a half million fellow-members. This, again, was the inspiration of an individual, and 22nd February — the birthday of both Lord and Lady Baden-Powell — was set aside for this purpose. Each year there are gatherings, beginning with a dawn service in New Zealand, moving across to Australia, and travelling westward right round the world, forming a continuous chain of thoughts, and making us more aware of the implications of belonging to a world-wide Movement.

As well as sending out our thoughts, we try to send practical help. Originally, each member was asked to contribute a penny (or its equivalent), and it was always a bright, shiny penny, polished up for the occasion. Alas! a penny doesn't go far these days, so that every effort is made to give pennies (in the plural).

These should be earned in some way, and many and varied are the ways in which they are acquired. A story I like is that of a small group of Brownies (our little 7 to 11 year old folk) in a hospital for crippled children. There wouldn't appear to be many avenues for earning money open to them,

but they aroused the interest of a sympathetic staff, who found jobs for them to do, such as winding bandages and polishing equipment. I can assure you that the shine of that equipment wouldn't be any brighter than the shine in the children's eyes as they proudly contributed their pennies to the Thinking Day Fund. Then there were the children in a Guide Company on a little island in Melanesia, who raised money to help others less fortunate than they, though they could have known little about the world outside their remote island, and this was possibly the first time they had ever sent money away anywhere.

When this Thinking Day Fund was established 30 odd years ago it went a long way towards helping to provide the funds needed by our World Bureau, whose function then, as now, was to keep in touch with Guiding throughout the world; to see that it was being run on sound and acceptable lines; to help countries who wanted to establish Guiding; to arrange conferences and gatherings for mutual help and discussion, and generally to give assistance where needed. This work was splendidly carried out, and it laid very sound foundations, but one cannot help feeling that in those days it was, comparatively speaking, a rather comfortable and leisurely proceeding. The picture today is very different.

As many of you will know, Guiding came into existence in England close on the heels of Scouting, because there was a need for such Movements.

Baden-Powell, returning home after his long and distinguished army service in India and Africa, found great changes. Living conditions had altered enormously, due largely to the Industrial Revolution.

There had been a great move towards the cities. Many children were being deprived of the opportunity for any out-of-doors life, of learning to know and to appreciate the wonder and beauty of Nature, of acquiring the fine skills and characteristics which camping and hiking and sailing and stalking develop (as he and his brothers had proved in their own early days).

He found that, generally speaking, the qualities of resourcefulness and adaptability, responsibility and reliability, and "stickability" were conspicuous by their absence; that the "gang" spirit, which is normal in the young, was working the wrong way;

that far too many lacked a spiritual background, a sound code of ethics, a love of their country (and I am speaking of more than half a century ago).

Baden-Powell knew that these young people were capable of becoming fine citizens — able to give splendid service, willingly and wholeheartedly, if they were given the right training, leadership and example, and knew they were being trusted. And I believe, with all my heart, that that is as true today as it was 50 odd years ago.

This assessment of the situation was, very roughly, the foundation on which B-P built, and Scouting and Guiding spread to other countries with astonishing speed. Always they have been spontaneously sought — never have they been, nor could they be, "inflicted".

As far as Guiding is concerned (and speaking in rather broad terms), there have been three big waves of development, with some smaller waves coming in between.

First it spread throughout Great Britain and the Commonwealth countries, the United States of America, the Scandinavian and Central European countries, with the Mediterranean countries a little later. These were mostly old and well-established countries, able to help themselves materially, and the assistance they required, one imagines, would have been more in the nature of discussions, with occasional interchange of personnel and literature. This is what I feel must have been the comfortable and leisurely period.

The second wave spread over the Latin American countries, and here there was a great need for help of all kinds from the older-established countries represented by the World Association.

The third wave is the one spreading over Africa and the Middle East. In many of these countries Guiding started years ago as branches of the National Organisation of the Mother Country. In what were then known as colonies, the local Guide Associations would look to Britain, to France, to Belgium, to whichever was their mother country, for the help and encouragement they needed. With the coming of political independence these countries are now wanting, and being encouraged, to take their place as independent members of our World Association.

Never have there been so many calls made on the World Bureau resources — never have the opportunities been greater.

Before any country can become a member of the World Association it has to show that its Guiding is fundamentally sound and that it is being administered according to accepted Guide principles. Its need must be studied on the spot, against its geographical, historical and social background. This means much travelling on the part of our World Director and of her staff.

Usually assistance is needed in various ways — with the training of leaders, with administration, with establishing good public relations, with finance, with the many problems which face most organisations. Experienced people must be sent out to help, inexperienced people must be given a chance to gain experience.

The World Bureau functions with only a tiny staff, so requests go out to the older-established countries for the help of their trained personnel — and we have been very happy when Australia has been able to meet such requests. But from wherever the help comes, it invariably means considerable expense, and this is where the Thinking Day pennies are used.

In so many of these newly emerging countries the difficulties are so great that they seem almost overwhelming.

We in Australia know something of the problems of distance, but we do have means of overcoming them. In some parts of Africa, for instance, there is no telephone service and letters may take 10 days to go a few miles. There are no bus or coach services, trains are so slow that the time factor precludes using them. (An African Leader writes: "A Trainer was able, through Thinking Day pennies, to visit one centre by car, the journey taking only a few hours. Had she gone by train the journey would have taken seven days, and by bus 48 hours".)

Often there are no means of hiring transport, or, when there are, it is the rule rather than the exception for it to break down; rainy seasons make already difficult roadways impassable, and a Trainer is held up for a week or a month; there are no shops or factories from which to buy equipment, and so enormous sums of money have to be paid in customs duties on imported goods; there are no administrative quarters; no literature

in the language; and there are so many different languages and dialects spoken that communication is a major problem.

A shortage of volunteers willing to train as Leaders seems common to us all, but in some of these places this shortage is aggravated by the fact that women are still expected to lead a secluded life, their participation in community life is not traditional, and therefore very much frowned on by husbands and/or parents.

(We are so incredibly lucky in Australia. Not only are we so well endowed, but we have such freedom, including the freedom to choose our own method of community service. I hadn't realised just what that means until I met others who are frustrated because they haven't that freedom!)

In some countries there is the additional obstacle of local authority being suspicious, even antagonistic, because Movements such as ours were established in the days of "colonisation", and therefore must be bad. Sound and convincing results are needed quickly to allay such suspicion. In other places the Local Associations are at present receiving encouragement and support from their Governments, but here again the need is urgent because these opportunities must be seized at once lest they be lost.

Time is running out in so many places, and if help isn't received quickly it may very soon be too late.

These, I imagine, are problems facing all organisations such as ours. Is it any wonder, then, that World Bureaux feel almost desperate at times as they try to respond to all the needs — and all the opportunities? But what a thrilling and exciting challenge it is to all of us!

There are still, thank God, people with vision; still wonderful people, young and not so young, able and willing to cope with these situations — if the rest of us will play our parts.

There is no doubt in my mind that everyone of us has a part, even if only a very small one. And I believe that Australians in general have not only opportunities, but the capacity for establishing good relations. In conversation with people from some of our neighbouring countries, I have been impressed and delighted with the number who have told me that Australians seemed to them to be able to "fit into the picture" so quickly — to have an understanding and a

tolerance for the other person's point of view which enable them to make the necessary adjustments and the right approach.

And surely the manner of approach is of tremendous importance!

Let me finish with an incident (and yet another phrase!) which made a deep impression on my mind.

At a recent Conference, at which there were delegates from 68 different countries, the representative from one of the Asian countries told me that she wasn't finding this gathering as friendly as the one at which we had met the previous year. This surprised me very much, and I asked her why. Her reply was: "Every morning I go for a walk before breakfast, and every morning Mrs. X. (naming a Middle East delegate) goes at the same time, and not once has she said, 'Will you walk with me?'"

I felt that I had got to know this very delightful Asian fairly well, so I said to her, "Have you ever asked her whether she would like to walk with you?" She gave me a half-smile, and nothing more was said then, but next day she came to me with a big smile, and said, "You were right. This morning I said to Mrs. X., 'Will you walk with me?' and she was so happy to do so, and we have arranged to walk together every morning."

"Will you walk with me?" A friendly approach, isn't it? Not, "Follow me and I'll show you the way", or "I'll tell you where and how, and off you go!", but "Will you walk with me, so that together we may explore the paths, and together try to find the best way of establishing mutual understanding and tolerance and friendliness."

This, I suggest, is the spirit in which we could well examine our responsibilities, and our opportunities, and the spirit which enables us to acknowledge that "no man is an island, no man stands alone." And, as long as there are people who are inspired by this spirit, there is hope and there is scope!

Perhaps, in an Atomic Age, this sounds a little "airy-fairy" — pleasant, but not very practical. Again I suggest that fear and greed and lust for power have never established satisfactory international relations. Surely love, and I mean the love of compassion and understanding and service — surely love could hardly be less successful!

AN L.A. RALLY

"Tirrengower", Swan Marsh, saw 70 L.A. members, representing the seven districts in the Polwarth Division, spending a wonderful and gainful afternoon as the guests of Division Commissioner, Mrs. C. Taylor, ably assisted by the District Commissioners.

Three years ago the first of these happy get-togethers was held, as an experiment in the possible benefits to be derived from the exchange — in a relaxed and sociable way — of interests, ideas and experiences between the widely scattered L.As. in the Division (which includes Apollo Bay, Irrewarra, Birregurra, Winchelsea, Corangamite South, Colac East and Colac West Districts).

Following a delicious casserole luncheon enjoyed in leisurely style while old friendships were renewed and new friends made, we were invited to take part in an informal outdoor meeting, chaired by the Division Commissioner. Here, seated on chairs placed on a springy green lawn, with a perfect blue and white sky overhead, reports on the previous year's activities of each L.A. Committee were heard. Discussion arising out of these followed, proving of great interest and help to us all. Questions placed in boxes during the earlier part of the afternoon were then dealt with, these also evoking valuable, interesting comment and exchange of thought on a wide range of topics of very real interest to all connected with Guiding and L.As. in particular. Finally, an excellent and comprehensive report on the progress of the Building Fund.

We were all delighted to learn that it should be possible to commence, within the near future, erection of the new Guide Hall in Colac.

Remembering the information gained, lessons learned and the fellowship enjoyed at the delightful function, need we say that the L.A. members are all looking forward to next year, "same time, same place", when it is hoped to repeat something which can no longer be classed as an experiment, but appears to have become, for L.A. members in Polwarth Division, a fixture.

—I.B., Colac West L.A.

IN WANNON DIVISION

Standing on Panhandle Hill, overlooking a magnificent view of Victoria Valley and the mountains, and watching Guides break the Colour for their Hewett Shield Day, was an impressive sight.

After welcoming their guests, the Guides welcomed back Miss R. M. Abbott after her six months abroad.

Division Commissioner, Mrs. W. S. R. Henning, presented Supporters' Badges to the guests, who have been of so much help to the Guide Movement, then the Guides broke the Horseshoe and prepared themselves for the tasks ahead.

Seven Companies of the Wannon River Division were out to show me what Guiding was all about — and show me they did!

The Guides made short work of their Nature Hunt, and even brought back some unusual species not on the list!

Miniature landscapes made on a large enamel plate were simply delightful.

The part I enjoyed most of all was the Billy Boiling Contest.

Watching the girls "turf a spot" and gather dry wood, bark and leaves, and to get the billies ready with a pint of water inspired enthusiasm among the spectators.

When the Guides completed the Billy Contest they replaced the turf and left no evidence that there had been seven fires only moments before.

Sitting in with some of the groups while they ingeniously styled and made a camp gadget, I realised how little some of us mothers give our daughters credit for thinking up ideas by themselves.

This is where Guiding does such a wonderful job. It makes the girls self-sufficient and able to handle most any task put before them.

Circling the Campfire for some rousing good camp songs, and seeing Cr. Francis Hewett present the Hewett Shield to Joyce Dunn, Patrol Leader of the Swallows, 1st Byaduk Company, was a thrilling moment.

I feel the future of our country is in excellent hands when the young girls in the Guide Movement give only their very best in everything they do.

Lowering the Flag and Taps ended a perfect day, and I must say the Guide Leaders, who give of their time to guide our future home-makers, are to be commended for a job well done.

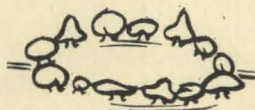
—Story from the "Hamilton Spectator".

"The Owl and the Pussycat" REVELS

In answer to many prayers Saturday dawned brightly — a beautiful warm day — and Brownies from eight Packs, representing Malvern Division, gathered happily in the Spring Road Gardens to take part in their annual Brownie Revels.

The theme, "The Owl and the Pussycat", was used, and the Brownies were led over the waves and past "The Beautiful Pea-Green Boat", where Pussy and the Owl, with his soft guitar, stood (plus their pot of honey and plenty of money) ready to welcome all.

The only cloud to mar the day was the illness of our Divisional Commissioner, Mrs. Anderson, but her place was ably taken by our District Commissioner, Miss Warren. She collected the Brownie Cottage Sixpences in a blue sailor pig, complete with a bright gold ring at the end of his nose.



The Brownies dipped into honey pots, covered in blossoms and bees made by Malvern Guider, Nell Hutton. Soon all were divided into Owls, Pussycats, Sea, Boats, Honey, Money and the games began.

After the games came morning tea, and visiting Commissioners and Guiders were welcomed with the customary "cuppa".

Soon came the rally for Brownie Ring, and we welcomed strange-sounding but lyrical Australian Sixes to our midst. Then the "Grand Salutes" and dismissal by "Snowy" (Miss Warren).

Malvern Brownie Guiders thank all who took part and co-operated with that well-known Brownie, "L.A.H."

—Mrs. B. J. Turner,
Brown Owl, 7th Malvern Pack.

BOROONDARA ADVENTURE

Fifteen members of the Boroondara (Whitehorse Division) Cadet Company and two Guiders had 10 days of adventure in Tasmania.

After months of planning and preparation for this walking tour, and full of anticipation, we at last boarded an aircraft for Devonport, and there changed from Cadet uniform into serviceable walking garb, including boots, gaiters and parkas.

A bus then took us to our first stopping place, the fascinating Waldheim Chalet in the Cradle Mountain Reserve; we arrived in the late afternoon, but there was time to walk and stretch our legs and to see Dove Lake and Cradle Mountain in the distance showing patches of snow.

Next day, while the temperature rose to 90 degrees, we followed a track and slowly climbed 3500 feet to the plateau, which was ablaze with summer wildflowers. The night was spent at Windermere Hut, and it was probably the earliest Saturday night any of us had spent for some time, as we rolled into sleeping bags for our well-earned rest. We rose very early next morning to make our way to Pelion Hut, 11 miles away, and here we came face to face with horrid, squirmy, black "things" that have a reputation for lurking in the mossy grass or dropping silently from overhanging bushes, but we were relieved to find that it is only the thought of having leeches latch on to you that is the terrifying part! Some of us slept in the hut, while the remainder pitched hike tents somewhat hurriedly as thunder threatened oncoming rain.

However, we had finished breakfast before the rain finally descended, and we began our brisk climb through the gap between Mt. Ossa (Tasmania's highest mountain) and Mt. Pelion East. We had hoped to climb Mt. Ossa, but fog forced us to press on. Some Cadets did sidetrack to climb Pelion East, where the views were magnificent, and the mist and fog only seemed to enhance them.

The remainder of our walk was a gradual downhill slope to the shores of Lake St. Clair, but, as we still had some 25 miles to go, and the temperature was dropping rapidly, we fairly galloped to Du Cane Hut. On the way we often walked through water over our ankles, which, after a while, we did

not even notice, although we did feel as if tadpoles were swimming about in our boots!

Du Cane Hut stands in a perfect setting, with rich green grass that looks like a planted lawn; dotted here and there were huge fallen trees and little green bushes sprinkled with lipstick-pink berries. All around there were magnificent rock "walls" of mountains rising above the tops of the tall beech trees. It was in Du Cane Hut that we looked forward to a date with Black Pete, a notorious black possum which allegedly unties buckles on packs and eats all food in sight (and any thought to be safely stowed in the pack!). Our only disappointment on the whole trip was being "stood up" by Pete. Perhaps the night was just too cold for him to venture out! This same cold woke us very early next morning, and as we opened the door of the hut we found that it was gently snowing! How delightful it was to see our "lawn" of the night before being slowly covered by a soft white blanket, relieved only by the bright pink of the berries on the little bushes!

After breakfast we maintained a steady pace to keep warm, and were really thrilled with the gentle snow falling around us and on the distant mountains, making them very picturesque.

We were not one minute behind schedule, as we arrived at Narcissus Hut, where we were to have been picked up by the Ranger to take us over Lake St. Clair. Instead, we spent the night in the hut, guessing that it was too rough to cross the lake. However, the waves subsided and very early in the morning we were roused by the Ranger and, packing our rucsacs in record time, we boarded the launch headed for Cunthia Bay, with four miles more to walk to catch our bus on time. We trudged on with rather heavy hearts, the fact that as yet we had not had breakfast of much less importance than the realisation that our walk through Cradle Mountain Reserve was nearly over. We took one last look at the snow-covered mountains and the now calm waters of the lake, and vowed that one day we would return.

In Hobart we bathed and changed into Cadet uniforms and began the next phase of our tour. We thoroughly enjoyed the historical parts of Hobart, visits to industry and the view of the beautiful Derwent

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GUIDE HOUSE



The Guide House Committee wish to thank the following for their contributions to the Guide House Maintenance Fund during the month of February:—

- 16th—Beaumaris L.A.
- 17th—Donald District.
- 20th—1st Creswick Coy. and Pack.

Also the following for **their** contributions for March:—

- 1st—Caulfield District Brownies.
- 2nd—Chelsea District.
- 4th—Wonthaggi L.A.
- 5th—2nd Newborough Pack.
- 11th—1st Mentone Pack.
- 17th—Donald District.
- 23rd—2nd Doncaster Coy.
- 27th—1st Montrose Pack.
- 30th—Mornington District.



As it was impossible for everyone to be present at the opening of the new Chapel at Guide House we are printing a copy of the service and of the State Commissioner's address.

OPENING OF THE NEW CHAPEL AT GUIDE HOUSE

Sunday, 21st March, 1965

ORDER OF SERVICE

NATIONAL ANTHEM.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

"We are gathered together here in the presence of God to offer Him our worship and to ask Him to bless this Chapel and all who come herein. Let us thank Him for our rich heritage, for all the blessings which we enjoy, and ask for His guidance for the years to come."

HYMN:

Praise My Soul, The King of Heaven.

READING:

The groves were God's first temples. Ere man learned
To hew the shaft, and lay the architrave,
And spread the roof above them—ere He framed
The lofty vault, to gather and roll back
The sound of anthems; in the darkling wood,
Amid the cool and silence, He knelt down
And offered to the Mightiest solemn thanks
And supplication. For His simple heart
Might not resist the sacred influences,
Which, stole over Him, and bowed
His spirit with the thought of boundless power
And inaccessible majesty. Ah, why
Should we, in the world's riper years,
neglect
God's ancient sanctuaries, and adore
Only among the crowd, and under roofs
That our frail hands have raised? Let me,
at least,

Here, in the shadow of this aged wood,
Offer one hymn—thrice happy, if it find
acceptance in His ear.

—(From the poem by William Cullen
Bryant in "Altars Under the Sky",
published by Abingdon Press, U.S.A.)

PRAYER:

God of the mountains, God of the high places, we come from the busy towns, we come from the rushing cities, to keep tryst with Thee in the serenity of this sunlit hillside. We seek Thy blessing as the multitudes on that other hillside sought Thy blessing and were satisfied. Wilt Thou come near and touch us with Thy cool breezes; wilt Thou quiet our mental turmoil with Thy mountain stillness; wilt Thou give to our souls renewed faith and strength to live courageously? Amen.

O God, make the entrance of this Chapel wide enough to receive all whose need is human love and fellowship; narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children nor to straying feet. O God, may this Chapel help to lead us to Thine eternal Kingdom. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer.

HYMN:

The Lord's My Shepherd (Crimond).

ADDRESS:

Mrs. J. R. Price, State Commissioner.

"In seeking inspiration for such a special occasion as this, I remembered what a clergyman once said to me, 'If people would only stop talking sometimes and let God speak to them, if they would **listen** with the same intensity, as they ask, they would know what He wants to say to them'. And so today I thought we would let this Chapel speak to us.

"Firstly, **The Trees**. They speak to us of the Beauty of God, of the Might of God. They have an artistry greater than the brush of man can depict, a God-given sense of loveliness. In addition, we are aware that there are intricate processes going on within them, the secrets of which generations of scientists, using all the intelligence bequeathed to them, are still endeavouring to unfold — the secret of life itself. They call us to thankfulness for beauty, and to worship and praise for His might.

"And then, **The Mountains**. Although we cannot actually see them from this Chapel, we are always conscious of the mountains in the background. They speak to us of the Strength of God, of His Majesty, of His Steadfastness, of His Enduring Presence. The mountains call us to a reliance on His strength. They call our qualities of courage. They call us to look beyond their feet to the far horizons, to a vision of high ideals.



"The **Quietness**. In this Chapel there is quietness. It speaks of the Peace of God that passeth all understanding.

'Drop thy still dews of quietness

Till all our strivings cease.

Take from our souls the strain and stress
And let our ordered lives confess

The beauty of Thy peace.'

It calls us to calmness and serenity.

The **Birds**. In this Chapel we hear the birds. Their beauty of song, speaks of joy and happiness and love. It calls us to reflect this glow of happiness as we, too, trust to His protection and care.

"To those of us who are members of the Guide and Scout Movements, this place, set among the trees, speaks of the core of the Promise we have made standing for the way of life that we have personally undertaken to follow — our Duty to God, and, through that, to our fellow-men. It calls us to revitalise our Promise, to go out strengthened with renewed courage, to live more nearly every day as we have promised.

"This natural setting speaks all languages, belongs to all nations, cultures and religions. It calls us to really live that tolerance which is an important aspect of our Movement.

"The **Architecture** of this Chapel, cleverly moulded to the work of God's hand, calls us to mould our lives to God's Will.

"The door that is never shut calls us to constant communion and to constant availability for service.

"We remember that the Founder of our Movement guided us to bring the children in our care to God 'through the direct appeal of nature and her store of wonders'. To teach them alertness to, and awareness of, the beauty and wonder of the natural world, so that they would look to the Source of infinite beauty, truth and love, and mould their lives on what is good and true.

"Who knows to how many who visit this place will come from THESE trees such a message as this? (It is called 'The Cry of the Redwoods', but it applies equally to these lovely eucalypts around and above us.):

'Be tall

For there are stars to touch

And worlds undreamed above a lifted
space.

Be straight,

For there are others round

Who, crowded, cannot reach what they
aspire.

Be green,

For he is always young

Who holds eternal parley with the spring.

Be glad

So that all lovely things

Within your boughs may nest and sing.

Be strong,

For there are winds that blow

And long to tear away your plumed crest.

Stand fast,

And you will some day hold

The wisdom of the ages in your breast.

Be true,

That Man will always look

Unto that which, rising from the sod

Has grown,

When it is tall with years,

Into an anthem on the hill of God.'

"I am sure that, with me, you are conscious today of all who, in the past, have loved this place and, somewhere in its precincts, have sought a quiet place to talk, and listen, with God — of all those also to whom the previous Chapel was a treasured spot — of the heritage that they have passed on to us, that we, too, may be living links in the chain of Guiding for future generations.

"Let us join with all these unknown ones and with all those thinking of us here today at this service, in thankfulness for the blessings of beauty, for our ability to enjoy them, and to pass on this love to the children, in praise for His love, care and guidance, in willingness to let Him use our lives for His purpose and in gratitude for His gift of courage and strength and the endurance to keep our resolutions.

"In declaring this Chapel open, my prayer is that the many who will be brought directly or indirectly through Guiding to this altar under the sky will dedicate afresh their hearts, minds and hands to the service of God and their fellow-men."

HYMN:

Now Thank We All Our God.

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CLOSING PRAYER:

Bless this Chapel and all who come herein. Give to us the light of heavenly understanding, the peace of heaven in our hearts, and the joy of heaven in our minds; that others may find Thee here through us, to the praise and glory of Thy grace. Amen.

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. . . INTO A WIDER WORLD

How often have we said, "I don't like that," when looking at a contemporary painting or a piece of sculpture, when, if we were honest, we would have said, "I don't understand what the article is saying because I've never taken time to learn the language." After all, like all communication, whether it be the written or spoken word, music, dancing or painting, the basis of understanding is knowledge.

What wonderful opportunities clause 9 of the Ranger Service Star gives us to show our Seniors how they may play an active part in that wider cultural world which is so necessary in our society where leisure time is growing year by year.

Did Mary, when she decided to do part A, go off, and, in solitary splendour at home over a period of six months, read? Did she receive any guidance as to what to read? Just what is a first-class book? What contact did she make with books and authors? Did she come to the unit and talk so much about the exciting book she was reading that we all decided to read it, too? What a wonderful evening followed, as, enthralled, we "talked books". How many of the books Mary read were by Australian authors? Has she discovered Marcus Clark, Henry Handel Richardson (why such a strange name for a woman?) Vance Palmer — to mention only three?

Let us play our part by showing our Seniors the wisdom of joining a library, or a book club such as the World Book Club, where, if they don't know what to buy, they will receive a cheap but good book once a month. How many of us open our own libraries to our Seniors, and so give the unit librarian a responsible job to do? Today is the era of the paperback. Let us show our Seniors how simple it is to become the owner of the best of the world's books — from classics to mystery stories — and they will be forever grateful. For what

could be better on a cold winter's night than a warm fire and a good book?

Perhaps Sue is more interested in seeing and hearing than reading, and so she chooses plays, films or ballet. Does she know what live theatre is? What fun she and the unit could have going to their first musical or drama — whether at the local Repertory or the professional theatre! Encourage her to save for the next visit of Nureyev or Fontaine, or to go to the Elizabethan Theatre Trust performances at the Union or Russell Street Theatres.

Who knows what doors will be opened to a future behind scenes — painting scenery, collecting props, making up or even acting, with amateur theatricals? How many of our Seniors have been "back stage" after a professional performance? Once the smell of grease paint has cast its spell, who knows?

If it is films which interest our Senior, let us ensure that she becomes discriminating and sees good production, good acting and the excellent plot which together make a sound story line. Perhaps our reader and film critic can get together here and compare notes of the same story — e.g., why did the producer use only one small facet of the story for "Exodus"? Do they read the critics? What do they do when they read directly opposing views? What makes a good film, play or ballet? What a wonderful opportunity our ballet enthusiast has had over the past year or so to compare English ballet, Russian ballet and the Australian ballet, "The Display". It is very worth while to see the same show twice: the first time they are lost in the plot and the effect, the second time their critical and analytical faculties come alive, and they begin to see how the effect was produced, and can suggest improvements themselves.

Are our Seniors aware of how many wonderful paintings there are in galleries throughout Victoria? Perhaps you do not know much about painting? Ask any art teacher, who will be only too willing to help you. Next time they are in Melbourne shopping suggest that the girls pop into the Museum of Modern Art in Ball & Welch's, or Georges' Art Gallery. They will find it a

fascinating and rewarding experience. Have you ever thought of going to an Art Show — particularly to the opening? What a fascinating study, apart from the paintings, to see and hear those devotees, sometimes standing with backs to the paintings, uttering those things they feel are expected. I can assure you our eager teenagers will stand, mouths apage, eyes bulging, or silently convulsed — unbelieving until they have seen it for themselves.

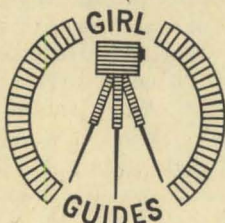
Perhaps three girls, interested in architecture, could join together to compare their own churches of different styles. Let architecture be a real and interesting study of actual buildings, not only illustrations in books. It is a simple matter to find, for instance, a Gothic, Georgian and Contemporary Church.

The girl interested in music has unlimited choice of composers, orchestras and records. The Australian Broadcasting Commission concerts offer wonderful music at cheap rates for young people. These are not

limited only to the city. However, records and radio offer excellent alternatives.

Thinking Day or the International Clause of the Ranger Service Star offer opportunities to combine the clause concerned with folk tunes or dances. For the girl, or unit, interested in this aspect there can be hours of fun. What good work in international relations can be done by the girl going to a foreigner living in our country to learn these in the first place before she teaches the unit.

Let us try to show our Seniors that the sharing of these cultural activities makes participation in them so much more enjoyable. Then this clause becomes not a test which isolates each candidate from the unit, but one in which the whole unit can share the joy and achievement of the individual. Either during the preparation, or at the test, let us see if each girl doing clause 9 can share her pleasure with us all, and so render us a service by showing how culture can not only be part of our lives, but a way of life.—J.M.P.



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And try to lend a hand each day.
She must be able to fold her tie,
And never, ever, tell a lie.

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That think of others, not themselves,
Also fairies, glad and gay,
Helping others every day.

There are gnomes and pixies, too,
Who are always helping you,
We are all jolly Brownies,
Not all little "frownies."

Caron Cavalier (8),
2nd East Brighton (St. Mary's) Pack.

A SONG FROM SWEDEN

You will find the correct tempo for this traditional Swedish melody if you sing it to a swinging walk. It is a HIKING song, not a dawdling song!

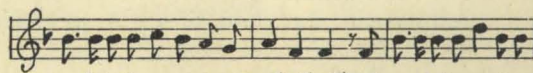
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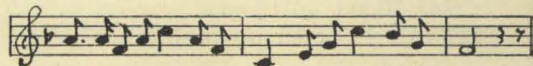
Swedish Folk Song



We hike o-ver dew- freshened hills, hills, hills, And



rev-el o'er the moun-tains and the rills, rills, rills. We can- cel ev'ry care As with



song we fill the air, As we hike o-ver dew freshened hills.

We hike over dew-freshened hills, hills, hills,
And revel o'er the mountains and the rills,
rills, rills,
We cancel ev'ry care as with song we fill
the air,
As we hike over dew-freshened hills.

The song of the forest is strong, strong,
strong,
It peals out like an organ, loud and long,
long, long,
And we become forgetful of things which
make us fretful,
We join in the lilt of the song.



NOTICES

NOTICES — TRAINING DEPARTMENT

Headquarters Courses

The following Headquarters Courses have been arranged. All applications should be made on the blue nomination form.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE EXACTLY ONE WEEK PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF THE COURSE. Fee: 7/6 for course.

DAYTIME

Senior Branch

Commencing Tuesday, 1st June, to 20th July (eight weeks), 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Guide Pre-Warrant

Commencing 2nd June to 4th August (ten weeks), 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Brownie Pre-Warrant

Commencing 27th May to 15th July (eight weeks), 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

SPECIAL — Commonwealth Knowledge.

Fee: 4/.

One day only — Thursday, 10th June, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. G.I.C.: Miss M. Lambe.

EVENING

Brownie Pre-Warrant

Commencing Wednesday, 16th June, to 4th August (eight weeks), 7.45 to 9.45 p.m.

Guide Pre-Warrant

Commencing Friday, 28th May, to 30th July (ten weeks), 7.45 to 9.45 p.m.

SPECIAL — Commonwealth Knowledge.

Fee: 4/-.

One evening only — Tuesday, 1st June; 7.45 to 9.45 p.m. Miss Lambe, G.I.C.

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GUIDE BRANCH RED BAR

It is pointed out that the eight clauses of 1st Class required for the Red Bar are as printed in P.O.&R.; not as set out on the Test Card, where, for convenience, Compass-Sun, Compass-Stars and Read a Map are listed separately, although only one test.

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CAMERA Brownie, Starlet, left at Rally on 27th February at M.C.G., with Mrs. Edna J. Thomson, 5 Ibis Court, Norlane, and not claimed. Will owner please contact Mrs. Thomson.

SENIOR BRANCH BALL

The 1965 Senior Branch Debutante Ball will be held on Monday, 26th July, at the Palais de Danse, St. Kilda.

Would girls wishing to make their debut please contact Mrs. L. S. Brownell, 37 Range Street, Camberwell, NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, 21st MAY.

Ticket enquiries to be directed to: Mrs. B. R. Parker, Flat 9, 54 Barkly Street, St. Kilda (94 2804).

CAMPING DEPARTMENT CAMPCRAFT TRAINING COURSE

The next series of Campcraft Training will consist of four weekends and two nights at H.Q. This course will be limited to the first 30 applicants. Dates are:

17th to 18th July: Guide House.

Monday, 2nd August: Headquarters, 7.45 p.m.

21st to 22nd August: Gipton.

25th to 26th September: Guide House.

Monday, 11th October: Headquarters, 7.45 p.m.

30th to 31st October: Janet Whitlam.

Applications on blue training form to Camping Secretary, Mrs. B. D. McNally.

PACK HOLIDAY TRAINING

If applications warrant it a Pack Holiday Training Course will be held at Headquarters, and will consist of four Monday nights from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., commencing on Monday, 5th July. This course will be limited to the first 36 applicants. Applications on blue training form to Camping Secretary, Mrs. B. D. McNally.

If applications warrant it a Pack Holiday Training Course will be held at Headquarters, and will consist of four Thursday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, commencing on Thursday, 22nd July. This course will be limited to the first 36 applicants. Guider-in-Charge, Miss D. Holtz. Applications on blue training form to Camping Secretary, Mrs. B. D. McNally.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

23rd OCTOBER, 1965

GUIDERS' CONFERENCE

at UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

&& A STORY FROM CEYLON &&

"Not what we give, but what we share—
The gift without the giver is bare."

This, the theme of the Quo Vadis (Where goest thou?) Conference in Ceylon in 1963, is well exemplified in the story of Ceylon's Training Van.

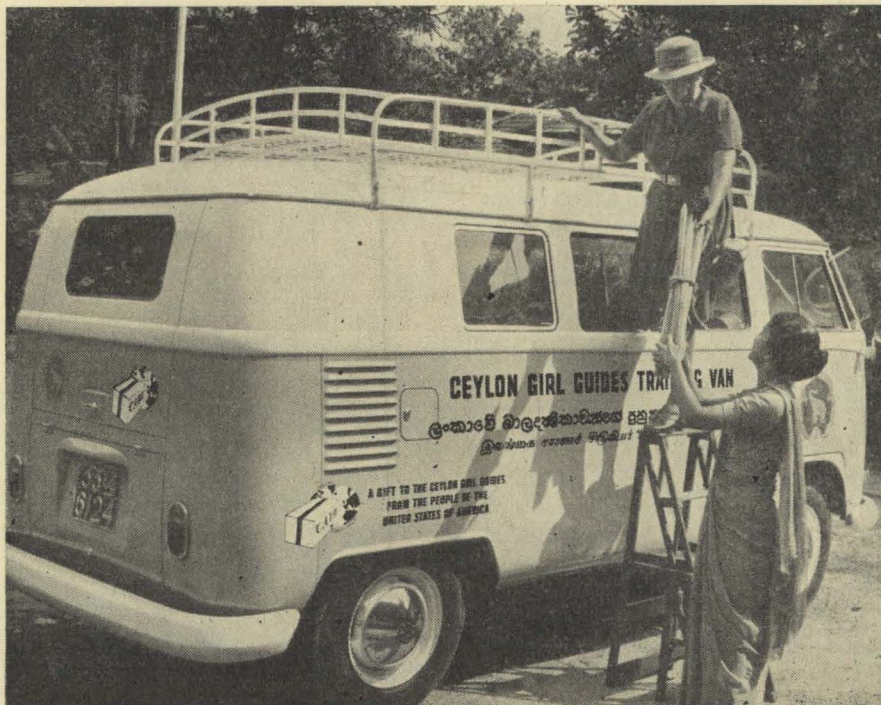
Named MOBEE — for they believed for so long it would be possible to get it — it came to them through the kindness of C.A.R.E. — "Co-operative American Relief Everywhere".

"The devotion to duty of our trainees won for our Training Department the gift of a van we named "Mobee" (the magic of believing). It came as a gift from the Girl Scouts of the United States of America, through C.A.R.E., as an expression of their genuine concern for the expansion of our Training work in the rural parts of our

island. This gift has certainly given the Units an impetus to quicker action, for they want to prove worthy of so great a trust.

"Fourteen Units have already benefited, and plans for the others are well in hand. We assure the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. that all the kind thoughts, hopes and wishes with which they made this gift will be manifest in every mile of Mobee's journey. Along with the Girl Scouts we place on record the kind assistance and careful handling of Mobee which was done by C.A.R.E., who still takes a personal interest in its movements and follows keenly all we achieve.

"Whatever area we have visited, in whatever surroundings we found ourselves, whatever class or creed we mingled with, the needs we found were the same — more Guiding."—Extract from Annual Report, Ceylon.



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BOROONDARA ADVENTURE

—Continued from page 288

River from Mt. Wellington; spent a wonderful day touring Port Arthur, then boarded our coach for Launceston and Margaret McIntyre House, where we exchanged greetings and were entertained by some of the Launceston Rangers. All too soon we were passengers aboard an aircraft headed for home and families, but we will never forget the experience shared during our wonderful "Adventure in Tasmania".

—Margaret Fooks.



INTERNATIONAL INVITATION

Australia has received an invitation from the Philippines for three Rangers and one Adult Delegate to attend the International Camp to be held in January-February, 1966. All applicants will be responsible for their own fares (return air fare approximately £300). Anybody interested is to contact Mrs. Farrow, S.I.R., 3 Merrion Grove Kew; phone, 86 6677.

SALE RANGERS AND BUSH FIRES

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sages and served endless cups of tea to tired workers as they reported in from the fire.

Were we disappointed to miss our trip to "Eumeralla", the Senior Branch Conference Camp at Anglesea? Well, perhaps, but we knew we would have done the same next time, and we were all glad we were Rangers who knew how to help when help was needed most. Thank you, Eumeralla Conference, for sending us your camp pennant and for thinking of us. Some of us will see you on the Train Trek at Easter and others at the Conservation Camp in May.

Yours in Rangering,

—1st Sale Ranger Coy.
and A.R.F. Anson.



"FOREIGN" MATHEMATICS

To develop fluency in foreign languages among Soviet youngsters, the Ministry of Education of the Russian Federation has decided that, in certain secondary schools, Mathematics and Physics Courses will be taught in English, German and French.

—U.N.E.S.C.O. Features.

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“Holly Green”, the State's oldest homestead, situated near Sunbury, will be open to the public to aid our appeal on Sunday, 23rd May, from 2 to 5 p.m. Admission 3/6. Afternoon tea will be available. As well as seeing this historic home and its furnishings you can also view an Aboriginal burial mound and gum trees from which the Aborigines cut the bark for their canoes.