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AWARD WINNERS at Government House



FROM THE STATE COMMISSIONER

The theme for this month — Willing Shilling Month — has been a combination of "normal" Guide activities allied with special efforts for the Building Extension Appeal and concentrated planning for the Movement Appeal in May. My diary, as it should, reflects this overall picture.

1st April: The very pleasant and successful dinner dance at Tudor Court organised by Mrs. Farrow, our State International Representative, and the International Committee—to support both our representation at the Senior Girl Scout National Roundup in Idaho, U.S.A., in July and the Building Appeal.

5th April: The Business Men's Luncheon, planned by Mrs. A. L. Walters of the Women's Appeal Committee, assisted by Mrs. H. I. Fader and other members from the Women's Committee and our State Council. The many requests for this function to be repeated were a reflection of its success socially, and, from the Public Relations angle, financially.

7th April: Meeting of Region Commissioners at H.Q., the business of which, of course, also reflected the theme for the month. Region Commissioners volunteered to organise the next luncheon for business men to support the appeal funds.

8th April: Meeting of New Commissioners and Boundaries Sub-Committee — of prime importance in the establishment of personnel Guiding throughout the State.

12th April: Golf Day at Kingston Heath, organised superbly by Mrs. T. S. Carlyon, of the Women's Appeal Committee, and her helpers. Our State President attended and presented the Lady Delacombe Cup to the winners of this first competition, our Miss Sheila MacLeod, and her sister, Mrs. Ian MacDonald. Lady Delacombe has graciously consented for this to be a perpetual trophy, and the Executive Committee, for the State Council, has undertaken the responsibility of organising future annual competitions.

13th April: Dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Farrow, to meet a member of the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., Miss Mary-Ann Potts, en route home from a three years' assignment in West Germany.

13th-14th April: Another interesting appeal function in which members of the Women's Appeal Committee and regular members of our Association co-operated under the leadership of Mrs. F. S. Catomore — the Exhibition of Fine Foods and Wines in the Lower Melbourne Town Hall, culminating in the enjoyable dinner dance on the evening of 14th.

During that afternoon, too, the Lady Mayoress, one of the patrons of our appeal, received my call. I was delighted for the opportunity to thank her on your behalf for her constant support and interest, particularly for our special project of the moment.

15th-20th April: The Easter holiday break, around its fundamental purpose, gave opportunity for relaxation, camping, training and travelling, as you will read throughout this "Matilda". It also allowed for many demonstrations of the 8th Guide Law, along with thanksgiving for the much-needed rain.

21st April: Back to work, with the Women's Committee for the appeal meeting, as well as the Sub-Committee appointed by the Executive Committee to consider tenders and final planning for the building extension with our Hon, Architect.

22nd April: Executive Committee Meeting — and a Film Night for the appeal in the Mobil Theatre, organised by Mrs. T. Ramsay, of our State Council.

23rd April: St. George's Day Service in St. Paul's Cathedral — one of the special and important occasions when Scouts and Guides

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AWARDS PRESENTED AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Anne Greenslade, a Guide of 13 years from 2nd Kyabram Company, received a Certificate of Merit for Meritorious Conduct. Anne had shown great presence of mind in putting into action her Guide training by applying artificial respiration to her young brother after an accident. Her promptness and calm confidence was responsible for saving her brother's life, and also did much to reassure those around her.

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Miss Dorothea Holtz, who received the Beaver for outstanding service to the Movement, has served the Guide Movement in many capacities for 39 years. She has worked with loyalty and devotion, never sparing herself in her efforts, and her understanding of the Guide Spirit has been an inspiration and influence to all with whom she has come in contact.

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Mrs. Betty McNally received the Award of the Medal of Merit for unusually good service to the Movement. She has at all times given much to the Movement, which she has served in many capacities, even when under strain. Her loyalty has at all times been a shining example of true Guiding.

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Miss Alma Cockerell received the Award of the Medal of Merit for service to the Movement since 1927 in many capacities both here and abroad. As a Brown Owl and Guide Captain, Miss Cockerell gave Guiding, and camping, to many handicapped children, and has spread her influence beyond Guiding by giving service to the community in which she lives.

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Mrs. Vera Haddy received the Award of the Oak Leaf for over 40 years' service to the Movement both here and overseas. Mrs. Haddy has served Guiding in the Mitcham district since 1927, when she arrived in Australia. She has earned the affection and respect of all with whom she has worked.



It was cold and foggy on the morning of 1st May, when four Guiders — Miss A. Cockerell, Mrs. V. Haddy, Miss D. Holtz and Mrs. B. McNally — with their guests, arrived at Government House to receive Awards for service to the Guide Movement from His Excellency the Governor, Sir Rohan Delacombe.

This was the first time that Awards to adult members of the Movement had been presented in a ceremony outside the Association; it was made possible by the courtesy of the Boy Scouts Association, who invited our organisation to participate in their Presentation Ceremony of St. George's Day Awards.

The ceremony took place in the Ballroom, where the recipients were lined up and briefed — four Guiders and a long line of adult Scout personnel.

When all was ready our own State Commissioner, with the Chief Commissioner for Scouts, entered and were seated on either side of the dais. On the arrival of His Excellency and Lady Delacombe the ceremony commenced with the National Anthem.

The moment to which we had looked forward for so long had arrived! Each recipient in turn was presented to His Excellency, and, after receiving her Award and being congratulated, moved away to take her place in the assembled company, where she could view the presentation of the St. George's Day Awards to the Scouters and Lady Cubmasters. It was indeed a proud moment for us all when our Award ribbons were placed around our necks.

When all Awards had been presented, the Governor gave a short talk, asking Guiders and Scouters to do all they could to help migrant children settle happily in their new country.

After the Vice-Regal party withdrew, the recipients and their guests moved out into the sunshine, where many photos, official and unofficial, were taken, while Queen's Guides and Scouts assembled outside awaiting their own Presentation Ceremony, marched into the Ballroom to receive their Royal Certificates from His Excellency.

-D.H.

JOBS WELL DONE . . .

Friendliness, helpfulness, a knack of choosing the right person for a job, a capacity for hard work and for getting things done, coupled with gentleness and an incredibly sweet temper — these were the gifts which made Mrs. A. N. Fox's term as Brownie Adviser so successful.

She was always happy to attend Revels, Jubilee Rose planting and other activities where she could meet the Brownies themselves, to travel long distances to Regional Conferences, to advise on problems, arrange displays of "Brownie" equipment — or do

anything she could to help Brownie Guiders to help their Brownies.

Thank you, Dorothy, for a job well done.

"If you want a thing done, ask a busy person to do it" . . . it's an old saying, and it could not have a fuller application than in the job just completed by Mavis McDonald as Camping Adviser for Victoria. For someone as busy as Mavis, with a more-thanfull-time job of her own, to undertake the ever-growing demands of being Camping Adviser for the whole of Victoria, was indeed a colossal undertaking. But Mavis did it cheerfully and well, and under her leadership camping in Victoria has expanded tremendously during the past five years. An ever-increasing number of Guiders have done camp training and gained their qualifications — which means an ever-increasing number of Guides are getting to camp - and that means an ever-increasing amount of work for the Camping Adviser!

From all of us who have had anything to do with her — and that means every Brownie who has been to a Pack Holiday and every Guide who has been to camp, as well as those of us who have worked closely with her, we say "thank you" to Mavis for a job well done.

OUR COVER:

Scout Gary Johnson, of 1st Walwa Scout Group, who received the Scout Silver Cross in recognition of his gallantry in rescuing two children from drowning in the Murray River; with Guide Anne Greenslade, who received the Certificate of Merit.

-Block by courtesy of Boy Scouts Association.

Guiders who received Awards for good service to the Movement (from left to right): Miss D. Holtz, Beaver; Miss A. Cockerell, Medal of Merit; Mrs. B. McNally, Medal of Merit; Mrs. V. Haddy, Oak Leaf.

-Photo Betty Reynolds.

"This is the House we built!"

True or false? That depends upon each one of US!

As we know, we have some very good friends of the Movement who have been working hard to raise money in aid of our new H.Q. building. Thanks to their hard work a very considerable sum of money is now in hand (I am not going to state any amount, as by the time this article appears in print any amount stated would be quite out of date). Your Commissioner can give you latest details if you ask her, but still more money is needed, and it is now the Movement's turn to show what we can do.

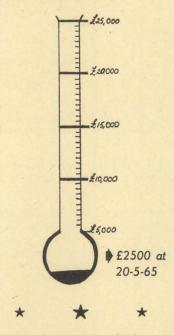
May was the special Guide month, and many of you will have been working hard all last month, others will be full of plans for the future, but perhaps there are still some Companies and Packs wondering what they can do. If you are among this number, why not use one of the charts? Have you seen them or heard about them?

These charts have been designed for units who do not know how to help and also to try and make our H.Q. Appeal real to the children in the Packs and Companies. They consist of a piece of paper about 10 by 15 inches in size with the outline of a building upon it and a little bag of coloured "bricks, tiles and windows" and a lovely blue front door embossed with our own trefoil. These articles each cost a definite sum of money varying from 1/- to £5 (or 10c to \$10 if you like to practise your decimal currency!). The idea is to put the chart up in your Guide Hall and, as the money is raised, to buy the various parts of the building. The appropriate article can then be taken from the little bag and stuck in position on the chart. Do you think this would appeal to your Guides and Brownies? Will they help to build our new home?

We feel this scheme will appeal to them, so please tell them about it. Don't decline to take part because you think a whole chart is beyond the capacity of your Company or Pack. Every window or door helps — even every brick and tile. Anyway, you never know how things will go until you try them out, and your unit might manage to

fill in the whole chart! What a thrill that would be! If they do this the completed chart may be sent back to H.Q. and will be returned to you with a special endorsement from our State Commissioner. Then you would have another treasure for your Company Log Book, an heirloom to which future generations of Guides could point with pride as they say with truth:

"This is the house we built!"



Strange how people who don't even know their next-door neighbour are curious about what is on the other side of the moon.

—Anon.



Herein lies the tragedy of our Age!
Not that men are poor,
All men know something of poverty.
Not that men are wicked,
Who is good?
Not that men are ignorant,
What is truth?
Nay, but that men should know so little

of each other.

-By the African poet, Dubois.

LION'S "DEN" HANDED OVER TO BALLARAT DIVISION GUIDES

Because the "Lions" made it, the Guides call it simply the "Den", a building which will be a most useful addition to camping facilities at Lingbogol.

It was officially handed over by Ballarat Lions Club to the Ballarat Girl Guides Division in the presence of a large crowd.

Lingbobol had on its best spring outfit for the occasion, and is quite a park nowadays.

The "Den", a brick building among the gum trees, was an attractive setting for the ceremony, with the Guides and Brownies forming a guard of honour.

Mrs. J. T. John, Division Commissioner, welcomed all friends of Guiding and official visitors, including Mrs. H. E. Bolte, Mr. J. A. McKinty (President of Ballarat Lions Club) and Mrs. McKinty and Mr. Arthur Hanson (President of Lions International) and Mrs. Hanson.

"It is wonderful to see so many present for this fourth ceremony of development at Lingbogol since 1952," said Mrs. John.

Mrs. John thanked the Lions Club and all who had given the club materials and labour.

Later Mrs. Bolte presented Robyn McBain, of 11th Ballarat Company, with her Queen's Guide Badge.

Mrs. Bolte, who had camped at Lingbogol in its infancy, was presented with the Camp Badge made as a brooch.

The President of Lions Club International said Lions Clubs have always been interested in projects of benefit to youth, and congratulated the Ballarat Club on carrying out the project for the benefit of Guiding in this area.

Mr. J. H. Pryor (Ballarat Lions Club Vice-President), speaking as head of their "labour force", said when the project was started they had to go right back and learn something about the basic elements of building. "If you look at this building you will see it has rather a roughened surface, which may mean nothing to you, but to my club it represents the combined efforts of many "Baggers", Mr. Pryor said.

Mr. McKinty referred to the help given by Eureka Tile Co. and M. B. John & Hattersley, and also the glazier.

"Many hours of fellowship consolidated our club, and we hope that the same fellowship can be enjoyed by the Guides and enable them to have better camping at Lingbogol," Mr. McKinty said.

The tiled roofed building (with plenty of room for storing and drying tents, plus an outdoor kitchen with two wood stoves and an ice chest) was then officially opened by Mrs. Bolte.

She said she felt very privileged to have the honour of opening the building, and was delighted to receive the "Lingbogol" Badge, as she had always enjoyed camping there.

"As Guides try to help other people, so do many other organisations, and we are all grateful to the Lions Club for this wonderful project," Mrs. Bolte said. "I think we in the Guide Movement are very fortunate to have such friends."

Later, members of the L.A. District Council served afternoon tea.

—From the story in the "Creswick Advertiser"



"ONE MAN WENT TO MOW"

The well-kept grounds at Lingbogol came in for much favourable comment at the Den ceremony.

Not all would realise that those well-mown lawns were the handiwork of Mr. Arthur New, of North Creswick, who last week spent no less than four days working with the camp's motor mower.

Like his other quietly-given public services, all this work is voluntary, and not too many realise how much Mr. New does at Lingbogol — hours of tidying up the place before a camp moves in, and more hours putting things ship-shape after the camp moves out.

ADVENTURES AT OUR CABANA, CUERNAVACA, MEXICO

—From Margaret Booth (Lieutenant), 1st East Brighton, and Barbara McKenzie (Ranger), Caulfield District.

We would like to tell you about the wonderful time we had at the Adult Adventure Session at Our Cabana in March. Our adventure really began when we sailed from Melbourne on the "Northern Star" on 2nd March. We called at Sydney, Wellington, Raratonga, Tahiti and finally disembarked at Acapulca, Mexico, to catch a bus to Cuernavaca. These are excerpts from our diary, kept while staying at Our Cabana.

Friday, 26th March, 1965:

On arrival we were welcomed by the Guider-in-Charge, Maria Laura. We settled into our Patrol dormitories — Margaret in Tulipanes (Mexican for Hibiscus) and I in Jacarandas (Hukarandas). We met our fellow-adventurers on their return from a sight-seeing trip. There were 11 Americans, one French, one English Canadian and two Mexicans, as well as the Cabana staff of three Mexicans and one Brazilian.

Saturday, 27th March, 1965:

Both Saturday and Sunday were free days. After breakfast we left for Mexico City. We visited the Cathedral, where a mass Confirmation was taking place. All the decorations and altars were covered in gold leaf. As it was an important occasion, some Aztec Indian dancers were performing in front of the Cathedral. From here we visited the new ultra-modern Museum of Anthropology. The Aztec Calendar Stone has been moved here. Later we visited a native market where we had fun bargaining for straw hats, a wooden donkey and scarves. We had been apprehensive about our stay, thinking we may be over-organised, but most of the programme was optional, and so interesting there was nothing we wanted to miss.

Sunday, 28th March, 1965:

We rose early to go to the 9 a.m. performance of the Ballet Folklorico of Mexico. The ballet was superb and the costumes

lavish. Some of you may have seen one of their three companies on tour in Melbourne. After lunch we set out for the pyramids, which were built in the Teotihuacan period, between the Mayan and Aztec periods. We climbed the Pyramid of the Sun, which is 212ft. high, and had a marvellous view of the Moon Pyramid and the Citadel. On the way home we photographed the University Library, which is completely covered in beautiful Mosaic. At night we usually worked in the Arts and Crafts Room. We had been taught to make stone jewellery and shown the ancient Indian art of yarn painting. As we worked we often had campfires and discussions.

Monday, 29th March, 1965:

The photographer called and took photos of our group in the garden. Later, Maria Laura told us the story of the history of Our Cabana. In the evening we saw several films on International Friendship. Early to bed, as tomorrow is the birthday of Wanda — our Brazilian staff member — and we are serenading her at 6 a.m. before she goes to Mass.

Tuesday, 30th March, 1965:

We went on a tour of three beautiful homes in nearby Cuernavaca. Two were American and the other Spanish Colonial. We fell in love with the Spanish home, although all were very attractive. In the afternoon we gathered by the frog pond, beneath shady trees, and discussed money raising for long trips and service programmes. In the evening we again celebrated Wanda's birthday with a Mexican fiesta. The Mexican girls had made a pinata, which is suspended decoration stuffed with peanuts and sweets. While Maria Laura juggled it with a rope we all tried to smash it blindfolded. We also had native musicians called Mariachis, and many of us wore fancy dress costumes. Much fun!

Wednesday, 31st March, 1965:

This was an exciting day. We travelled in taxis to Taxco, a very old silver mining town high in the mountains. We visited the Cathedral of San Sebastian and Santa Prisca, the patron saints of miners. The Cathedral, which took seven years to build, was commenced in 1751. It has 12 altars and 130ft. spires. Much of our time was spent in the native market, buying birthday presents in advance. We visited an ancient art gallery called the Palace of Tears. On return we supped, swam and feverishly worked on arts and crafts till midnight to complete them.

Thursday, 1st April, 1965:

Went to Cuernavaca to sight-see and shop. An American Scouter, who had visited Cuernavaca previously, showed us the Palace of Cortes. This is now the seat of local government, but the frescoes and carvings date back to the 16th century. That evening we had a very sad closing ceremony, where we were presented with Cabana pins and each of the staff received flowers.

Friday, 2nd April, 1965:

We left our Cabana to go our separate ways, but many of us met again in Mexico City for lunch. Parting was difficult, but several of the Americans offered us hospitality in the States, so we will see them again.

One final note — Our Cabana is not expensive. We paid five dollars per day for bed and meals. Tours were extra, but optional. Our Cabana caters for 54 guests, but our session was attended by only 17. WHY? They have two Adult Adventure Sessions every year — in March and November — and we couldn't have had a gayer or more exciting time anywhere. So if you are intending to travel, why not make interesting Mexico YOUR first stop?

-From a personal letter to the Editor.

INVESTITURE AFLOAT

At 1500 hours on Sunday, 28th March, the crew of S.R.S. "Queenborough" (St. Brigid's) held their first investiture, and for the occasion had received permission from the Naval authorities to hold the ceremony on board their namesake, H.M.A.S. "Queenborough", moored at the Naval Dockyard at Williamstown. The official party (Mrs. Rylah, Senior Branch Adviser; Mrs. Marshall, Division Commissioner; Mrs. Priestley, District Commissioner for Mordialloc; Mrs. Lee Archer, District Commissioner for Mentone; the Rev. J. C. English, Parish Priest for Mordialloc) were piped abroad by the

bosun of the starboard watch as they climbed the gangway, followed later by parents and friends of the crew.

After the official party had taken up their positions on the quarterdeck and the crew were drawn up in their respective watches, "All Hands" was held and the bosuns reported; the flag was brought on by a member of the crew escorted by two members of the St. Brigid's Sea Scouts, since all other uniformed members of the crew were taking part in the investiture. This was followed by the blessing of the badges in a short but lovely ceremony by the Rev. Father English, then the first mate brought each girl forward to make her Promise, Port Watch being invested by Mrs. Rylah and Starboard Watch by Mrs. Lee Archer. In all, 12 girls made their Promise.

Mrs. Rylah then spoke on how the crew could render service to the community, and Mrs. Lee Archer and Father English congratulated the girls on their achievement before the muster was dismissed. As a special feature the crew were then taken on a guided tour below decks by members of the Naval Dockyard Police while visitors were served a sumptuous tea at the canteen. Approximately 80 people witnessed this lovely ceremony.

-M. Gaylor, First Mate.



TRAINING DEPARTMENT

GUIDE TRAINING CERTIFICATE

The Guide Training Certificate has been awarded to Miss Zelda Martin, of Ballarat. Congratulations to Miss Martin on attaining this.

—LAURA GREGORY, Training Adviser.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Susan Anderson of S.R.S. Galatea on completion of the full Ranger Service Star. Also to Heather Bell of the Ringwood and District Ranger Company on completion of the Disaster Squad Badge.

A STORY FROM WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The day of the Guide Swimming Carnival at the Claremont Swimming Baths started with Guides from as far north as Geraldton and as far south as Boyup Brook arriving at the baths.

After the 15th event — the Open "Tired Swimmer" Race — we had lunch on the lush green grass outside the baths, and the West Australian Women's Royal Life-Saving Association gave us an excellent demonstration which everyone enjoyed immensely.

Our Life-Saving Relay — the 29th event — was the last event of the day. After placings were given for the 37 Companies competing we knew that 1st Maylands were the winning Company, and they were presented with the Shield.

—From Lexie Walker, 2nd Mount Lawley Guide Company.



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A SINCERE "THANK YOU" SENIOR BRANCH ROUNDUP REVELS

A sincere "thank you" to all those who helped to make the event a success.

A profit of approximately £150 was made, so we are that much nearer to our target to enable us to send a Senior to the Girl Scout Roundup in America.

—MARGERY Z. OWEN, Convener

TO U.S.A. AND JAMAICA

June is an exciting month for Trudy Monk (S.R.S. Quadrant) and Robyn Riddett (Stradbroke Cadets), who leave Australia on 15th June en route to the U.S.A. to represent Australia at the Girl Scout National Roundup in Idaho, U.S.A., in July.

Trudy and Robyn will first go to the Greater Long Beach Girl Scout Council (near Los Angeles) for four weeks, during which time, as guests of the Girl Scouts, they will get together with the other members who will form their Roundup Patrol.

They will also do some camping in this area before travelling to the Roundup in Idaho with the rest of their Patrol.

After the Roundup the girls will travel to Jamaica to attend the Jubilee Celebration Camp there before returning home to Australia.

The fares for these girls have been raised in Victoria, one girl being fully sponsored by the Senior Branch, and we are very proud that these two Victorians are to represent Australia at these gatherings.



ALL-AUSTRALIAN LONES' CAMP, JINDALEE

JANUARY, 1965 - GUIDES' OWN

As I look at each one of you I feel very sure that all of you possess certain qualities of character which have made it possible for you to reach this camp, travelling, as many of you have done, for hundreds of miles, and some, even thousands of miles. I think these qualities enabled you to be Lone Guides or Rangers, or perhaps Lone Guiding developed them in you. These are some of the qualities I am speaking of determination, initiative, imagination, courage and a sense of adventure! Now where did these special qualities come from? I think that each one of us can be very sure that two of our ancestors - they may be our parents, perhaps our grandparents, or even further back still — first stepped on to these shores and moved into unknown and undeveloped areas to carve out a life for themselves. Surely this demanded courage, determination and initiative? I believe this is a part of our HERITAGE; that YOU in particular have inherited these qualities, enabling you to make this great journey to Jindalee. This heritage is something very precious.

But there is another heritage for you in this camp. You are familiar with what I call the "facts of Guiding" - you know that all of us present have made the same Guide Promise and that we all try to keep the same laws. You know something about the fun and adventure of Guiding. What you may never have experienced until you entered this camp is what we call "the Spirit of Guiding". This cannot be defined or accurately described - it is something we feel - it is something which has helped to bridge the gap between you and the hundred other new acquaintances you met only a few days ago. It is something which we older folk treasure all our lives, for, once you have felt this common bond of understanding which Guiding brings, you will never lose it. Many of you, as you grow up, will get married and may move to other parts of Australia, or even overseas. You may not always have the opportunity of being active in Guiding, but this "Spirit of Guiding" is something to take with you wherever you go, for it is common to Guide folk all over the world.

Then there is another heritage, closely interwoven with the "Spirit of Guiding" indeed there would be no Guiding without it - our belief in God. By this I do not mean a specific religion, neither yours nor mine, but something much more universal, that is there for all humanity. The Indian Seer, Ramakrishna has said, "That a man may climb to the top of his house by means of a staircase, a ladder, a rope or a bamboo, and that just as diverse are the ways a man may seek and worship God and all the religions of the world show these ways." I hope you will have noticed in this brief service that the songs, prayers, readings and thoughts expressed are drawn from many sources; other religions, other cultures, other countries - vet all translated into our own language so that we may understand. You will realise that all of the ideas and thoughts expressed are part of OUR beliefs also common to many religions, common to all mankind. There is one thought that will be very well known to you all, common to all religions, but expressed in various ways -"Love thy neighbour as thyself" — and this is very much a part of Guiding. Yet there is another aspect of our belief in God — the knowledge that God is present in each one of us - that God is the spark within us, moving us to do our best, to strive and make the most of our talents and courage. When we become aware of this we begin to see it in others and understand them better.

I have spoken of three HERITAGES — the qualities of character inherited from our ancestors, the Spirit of Guiding, and our belief in God. These heritages are rich, valuable and precious. Since we receive them in such full measure, we must be prepared to give in return. Such heritages carry with them responsibility - OUR responsibility. So, my message to all of you is this: to carry this spirit of Guiding, this understanding of other people, with you wherever you go - so that for the rest of this week in camp you will be strengthening your belief in God, your readiness to understand and help others. Then, when you go home, take this spirit with you into the community, into your life wherever it leads you as the years go by.

I will finish by reading to you a little poem written by two American Scouters. I think it expresses what I have been trying to say:

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father, brothers all are

we;

Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let the moment be now;

With every step I take let this be my solemn yow.

To take each moment and live each moment

In peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth And let it begin with me.

J. Jackson and S. Miller.NANCY KIRSNER.



DET DANSKE PIGESPEJDERKORPS

22nd February, 1965.

Dear Mrs. Buntine,

On leaving Denmark after the World Conference, 1963, Lady Baden-Powell left a gift for the two Danish Guide Associations, with the wish that it should "open a door" at each of the two training centres.

Lady Baden-Powell explained to us the background of her gift — the generous contribution of the Australian Girl Guides by sacrifice of Ice Creams — and therefore I am very happy to send you this photo showing our training centre, "Jagergaarden', and the new flagstaff erected by means of the gift.

May I ask you to give our warmest thanks to your Guides and to tell them that many thought will fly from Denmark to far-away Australia when Guides and Guiders assemble around the flagstaff hoisting the World Flag.

With the kindest regards.

Yours sincerely, (Signed) ELLEN ARKIL.

'SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE"

The Spirit of Adventure was the theme for the day when Maidstone District Guide Companies held their Field Day at the You-Yangs. 1st, 2nd and 3rd Companies were represented by a total of 50 members -Guiders, Rangers and Guides. The bulky equipment went off by car, while we soon filled up the bus. On arrival we were divided into Patrols - Hikers, Surveyors, Alpinists, Foresters, Pioneers and Explorers. Then we made a Horseshoe and the Rangers hoisted Colours. The Patrols explored the area looking for suitable materials with which to construct a hut. After several attempts we Pioneers made a fine hut, in which we sat down to enjoy our lunch. Later we commenced "mountain" climbing, using ropes, and on reaching the turntable of Flinders Peak we drew maps of the area. Descending, our activities included scrambling over commando nets and using flying foxes — a fabulous and thrilling experience.

We were given 10 minutes to tidy up before inspection. Hikers gained the first prize and Pioneers came second. I would like to express my appreciation to Captain for organising the day and to all the Guiders for making it such an interesting and exciting one.

—Karen F. Barnett, Wattle Patrol, 2nd Maidstone Coy.



"BROWNIE DAY"

On Saturday in Cramer Street 4th Preston Brownies meet In a hall of blue, with a garden, too, And an iron gate that we walk through.

There we have Fairy Ring, Where all the Sixes like to sing, Fairies, Pixies, Imps and Elves, One and all enjoy themselves.

When the Brownies' day is done It's not the finish of the fun. It starts all over. Next week, too— With things we will be taught to do.

> —Janet Macaulay, 4th Preston Pack.

GUIDES AND THE BUSHFIRES

Much wonderful work was done by everyone who fought the recent bushfires, and many individual and group efforts will never be recorded.

These stories have come into Headquarters, and are printed in "Matilda" as indicative of the work done everywhere by so many.

Toolern-Rockbank area: Brownies and Guides in the area helped individually wherever help was needed; Guiders and L.A. members lost much in the way of farm machinery, sheds, etc., and they, together with others in the area, were most grateful to the 3rd Surrey Hills Brownies and Guides, who helped with wonderful parcels of clothing, linen and other items. A Brownie of a family which lost everything has now been completely re-fitted with uniform by the 1st Melton Pack.

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Paynesville: Although the fires did not finally reach this area the Guiders of the district gave service by preparing and serving meals for hundreds of firefighters at special posts as close as possible to the fires. They were called at any time of the day or night as required.

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Bairnsdale: Many of the Guiders gave individual service wherever it was needed—food preparation and serving of meals, etc., and also in serving on the switchboard of the Emergency H.Q.



Thou who hast made Thy dwelling fair With flowers beneath, above the starry lights, And set Thine altars everywhere on mountain heights,

And on the curving capes of every stream, Thou hast taken to Thyself
The wings of morning to abide
Upon the secret places of the sea.
And on far islands, where the tide
Visits the beauty of untrodden shores,
Waiting for worshippers to come to Thee
In Thy great out of doors.
To Thee we turn, to Thee we make our
prayer,

God of the Open Air.

PHILLIP ISLAND CAMP

On our first night in camp near Ventnor we were kept awake for some time by the cries of the mutton birds, who were disturbed at our pitching of tents near their nesting ground. Mutton birds are large brown seabirds with hooked beaks and webbed feet. They come to Phillip Island in November, which is their breeding season. There in the soft, sandy soil they dig burrows and lay one or two white eggs. When the young birds hatch out of the eggs they are fed by the parents until about April, when they are left to fend for themselves.

At the back of the campsite was a small swamp, in which many birds lived. There were cormorants, white-faced herons, and white ibis. The herons sometimes glided over the camp at night, showing only their wings, pale and ghostly.

In the scrub-lived other varieties of birds, including the goldfinch and greenfinch, but we never got close enough to see them properly.

—Alex. Craig, 1st Deepdene Coy.

THE VETERAN

When I was young, and bold and strong, Oh, right was right, and wrong was wrong! My plume on high, my flag unfurled, I rode away to right the world! "Come out, you dogs, and fight!" said I, And wept there was but once to die.

But I am old; and good and bad Are woven in a crazy plaid. I sit and say, "The world is so; And he is wise who lets it go. A battle lost, a battle won— The difference is small, my son!"

Inertia rides and riddles me—
The which is called—PHILOSOPHY!

-Dorothy Parker.

TRAINING PAGES •

BROWNIE ENROLMENT TEST THE MOTTO — LAH

Once again let me reiterate what has been stated in preceding articles on the Brownie Enrolment Test. The new Tweenie or Recruit is asked not only to learn but to understand the motto.

Considering the contents of the Brownie Promise and Law, it might appear that the motto is just another thing, not altogether necessary. One might even wonder why it is included, for, in effect, it is only giving the same ideas as the Promise and Law.

Firstly, let us know the real meaning of the word "motto": a short pithy sentence or phrase expressing a sentiment or maxim; a principle or maxim adopted as a rule of conduct.

Another word closely linked with motto is that of slogan. This word is defined as: "catchword", "motto".

For a little let your mind wander on to the advertisement one reads daily or hears and sees over the radio or TV. Slogans and catchy phrases and tunes are part and parcel of the modern way of life, for where a few well-chosen words will sometimes strike home a truth, often the longer explanation would fail to do any good.

I have used the word slogan in conjunction with motto, for they fit very well together. One is to catch the attention and the other has a far deeper meaning binding the catching truth to fit into a way of conduct. Slogan is a more modern word whereas motto can sometimes be classed as something of days a little remote.

When the Brownie programme was planned, the need for this short, concise approach was apparent to Lord Baden-Powell. With the tempo of living quickening, the need for this same approach is even more necessary today. He chose a sentence, clear in its meaning and easy to understand. To give it greater appeal to the age group it was for he made it into a secret language, for what child does not love a secret?

The motto is something the new Tweenie can readily grasp as a concrete part of being

a Brownie. She may not do more than be beginning to understand her Promise and Law, but she can understand and immediately put into effect the idea of lending a hand and helping others. In so doing she is opening the way to a fuller comprehension and understanding of her Promise and Law.

Talk to your Tweenies on how they can help. Explain that everyone in a home must do a certain amount of their usual work and that is not what is termed doing a good turn, to just do the things that are expected of us. Brownies are small people finding extra things to do, and doing them quietly and well because they want to, expecting no reward in return. Let them contribute their own ideas on the good turns and ways of lending a hand that they can think of.

Acting games where the whole Pack take part help to revise the idea to the established Brownie and open the way to fresh thoughts for the new ones. These can be for the whole Six to act as a group or individual efforts. For the others to watch and guess the good turn being acted is fun.

Are your Brownies quite clear as to the meaning of the three LAHs they shriek at the end of their Brownie Ring?

Let the Tweenies build their motto. Cut nine pieces of cardboard of uniform size and on each print a letter of their motto. In arranging the letters in their correct order they are making their secret word come to life. The letters are arranged as below.

L A H E A N N D D

The day your Tweenie is enrolled into the Pack as a real Brownie, if mother can say that there has been a wonderful improvement in her daughter since she commenced coming to Brownies, the Brownie Guider may feel that if the meaning of the motto, that short, concise slogan with the rule of conduct may be having some effect on the child, and there is some chance that the understanding of the Promise and Law will gradually grow and make some lasting effect for good.

Give the Brownie Motto, "Lend a hand", full importance in the Enrolment Test of the new Brownie.

-From "Girl Guide Courier"

• LET'S GO OUT!

We need an adequate hall to run a Company properly; but, with a good hall, it is all too tempting to arrange meeting after meeting indoors as if the Founder's insistence that Scouting and Guiding are a game for the out of doors had failed to make an impression on us!

There is hardly any part of test work that cannot — with a little ingenuity — be adapted for outdoors. Some clauses, however, can only be properly done outside; for the present these alone will be considered, and chiefly from the viewpoint of town Companies since their difficulties are greater

The tests which **must** send us outdoors are: tracking (Tenderfoot); nature, stalking, fire, Scout's pace (Second Class); expedition, life-line, knowledge of neighbourhood, compass, mapping, half-day hike (First Class). Preliminary training can often be done indoors, but unless this is followed up with outdoor practices the whole point of these activities is lost.

TRACKING:

I stick firmly to the self-made rule that no recruit passes "tracking" until she has done it outdoors, no matter how well she appears to know the signs. At times, admittedly, the test has had to be done in my own yard. It is easier to test two recruits (or two pairs) than a single Guide, since each can set a rail which the other later follows.

Although the woodcraft signs must be known, tracking games need not be confined to these. For example, there is the well-known "nose trail" of a cut onion rubbed on fence posts; and why shouldn't Captain or Lefty, abducted by the "Martians", be tracked down and ultimately rescued by means of the shreds of coloured wool from the scarf she was wearing, which she had the presence of mind to poke into crevices or hang on available projections as she was hustled along?

NATURE:

A Guide belt, or two linked together, can be placed on the ground to encircle a patch of grass. How much is there to be seen in this area — the grass itself, perhaps with seed-heads or fascinating miniature flowers;

other plants, such as clover or chickweed, with its tiny-petalled coral flowers; scurrying ants; little flying insects that flit up; even a bee perhaps, or an earthworm; a fragment of dead leaf — what nearby shrub or tree did it fall from?

If there really is an area so built up that grassy patches are unobtainable, there is always the sky! The moon and its phases — the constellations of stars (see the "Southern Sky" chart in the excellent "Reader's Digest" Atlas, which at least one of the Guides is likely to own: or an inexpensive star-recognition booklet from Headquarters — cloud formations — weather-lore. Guides could make observations towards drawing up their own weather charts, individually or in Patrols.

STALKING:

This can be done almost as readily in the streets as in the bush, using the cover provided by telegraph poles, parked cars, etc., or moving "anonymously" among other pedestrians. The person stalked may be unaware of it ("follow the first woman who alights from the bus at such-and-such a stop: without letting her know you are watching, bring back a complete description of her and of all she does for the next 10 minutes"); or can be "in the know". For example, an old coat and hat can quickly transform Captain or Lefty into an "escaped lunatic: follow her so that you can guide the hospital staff when they arrive to take her back — but do not let yourselves be



seen, as this may make her become violent!" This characterisation allows for any bizarre actions the Guider feels like performing (and which will be noted and later reported by the stalking Guides): also for frequent

about-turns to check on the use that is being made of cover. As I have found, a necessary part of the Guider's equipment is a thickskinned attitude to the stares of bystanders, especially when she is in an area where she is readily recognised!

FIRELIGHTING:

This, I think, is unsuited to the "gimmicky" approach; the cooking which is an essential part of the test is itself fun enough for most Second Class candidates, so there is no substitute for simply getting out somewhere and cooking — one's own yard can again be useful. If this is quite covered by precious lawn, then four bricks supporting a sheet of iron or an old tin tray, and a thick layer of earth or dried mud on which to build the fire, will afford protection.



SCOUT'S PACE:

Even in suburban streets, Guides in small groups, running single file, and mindful of the 5th Law, will cause no disturbance. The route, of known length, is planned in advance by the Guider, and described either verbally (practice towards message-carrying), or in sketch-map form (leading on to First Class map work). The quieter side streets will, of course, be preferred. For proof of distance covered a message to be delivered or a token to be collected from a friend of Guiding living near the point of return, or the description of a shop window here (observation) can be used.

EXPEDITION:

It is, of course, preferable for town Guides to make a special effort to plan an outing to country or seaside for the First Class expedition; but expeditions are nevertheless possible in town. For example, one Guide had a most enjoyable day seeing over Parliament House, the Shrine of Remembrance, etc., and by going from place to place on foot had no difficulty in covering the requisite six miles.

LIFELINE:

It is possible to practise the horizontal throw indoors, but if there is no handy parkland or garden with a suitable tree, what of the vertical throw? How about throwing a rope up to someone "stranded" on the roof of a shed or small house (if the roof construction permits), to haul up a rope ladder for rescue? If there is a sufficiently strong roof structure to which this can be secured the rope ladder can be used in actuality (the highwayman's knot will be helpful). Alternatively, Captain's ingenuity can devise a story to explain why an essential item can only be passed from one Guide to another by being thrown on the end of a lifeline right over the roof ("fierce dogs" chained at either side of the shed or house, for example?).

KNOWLEDGE OF NEIGHBOURHOOD:

Knowledge of Neighbourhood is straightforward enough. A large-scale map might be drawn up and information (pillar boxes, petrol stations, etc.) be marked on it from observations made during Scout's pace or stalking forays, or when travelling to and from school. The activity described in "Matilda" (June, 1962, p. 12) has been carried out in my Company and can be recommended.

COMPASS, MAPPING:

Setting a map outdoors, taking compass bearings of visible landmarks, and identifying or marking them on the map can be done almost anywhere — more readily if elevated ground for a "lookout" is within walking distance. A set route may be followed from a street map, or from a sketch map prepared by other Guides as a mapping exercise (this itself could be prepared out of doors). These can be done as readily by night as by day.

THE HALF-DAY HIKE:

This has to be just what it says — but the use of an empty allotment, or the Guider's over-worked garden! — will give an opportunity to see whether the Guide has reached a satisfactory standard in setting up a hike "kitchen", in cooking, and in organising her two companions. Since the candidate's programme is one of the features particularly considered by the tester,

a Guide can be helped to plan good hikes by participating in Company activities combining several aspects of Guidecraft, especially if these bring in organised Patrol teamwork. Such activities will, at the same time, add interest and variety to meetings for Guides not yet ready for First Class. The possible combinations are limited only by the Guider's ingenuity and time available for preparation. One suggestion of which I have had personal experience is: "Set a trail, with six (or eight or 10) changes of direction. At each point leave a note, with a compass bearing to something of interest. Make a sketch map of your route". If carried out along the streets the tracking signs may have to be unconventional in places. Features "of interest" may be neighbourhood landmarks or nature observations. Members of the Patrol responsible for the map are kept busy counting paces, so that it will be to scale. Captain will make the map-making easier if she supplies graph paper.

As in all other aspects of Guiding we are helped in planning combination activities by dipping again into "Scouting for Boys"—to take a single example, there are the "Scout Games in Town or Country" towards the end of Yarn, No. 4.



One or two of the ideas above may suit your Company as they are — or perhaps they will just set your mind ticking-over to work out something better. In any case, in town or country, let us borrow a slogan and "put the OUT into Scouting" for our girls.

-L.F.

FREEDOM FROM HUNGER — THE ONGOING WORK

As individuals and as a nation we had a job to do in the Freedom from Hunger Campaign — working with one purpose in mind, to defeat hunger and malnutrition.

Partners in this gigantic effort with the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation and the United Nations Children's Fund were, in this country, the Freedom from Hunger Organisation, the Australian Council of Churches and the Catholic Overseas Relief Organisation.

More than £1,400,000 was raised and distributed from Australia — and these are some of the ways in which the money was spent: Korea—Comprehensive Self Help £10,000 Egypt—Agricultural Training Centre 3,000 East Pakistan—Village Rehabilitation 2,500 Uganda—Farm School and Rural

Training Centre	2,000
Burma—Experimental Farm	1794
Algeria—Reafforestation	5600
Jordan—Reafforestation and Develop-	
ment of Water Resources	12,400
Haiti—Rural Rehabilitation	1,000
North Borneo-Agricultural Develop-	
ment	25,421
India—Agricultural Training	12,262
Vietnam—Ocean-going Fishing Craft	12,262
South Pacific-Nutrition Training	
Centre	124,416
Papua—Erection of Bakery	3,350
Australia—Pest Control Courses	22,817
The world total was 600 million	duon

The world total was £99 million — a drop in the ocean when you place it beside the millions of people who still suffer from hunger and starvation.

The National Executive has decided to ask the people of Australia to take part in the ongoing work, at least to the end of what the United Nations has designated as the Decade of Development, 1960-1970.

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A little Brownie announced proudly, "The Girl Guide Movement was founded by later Lord Baden-Powell.".

"By whom?" asked the puzzled Guider.

"Later Lord Baden-Powell, the book said so," replied the Brownie.

And there, sure enough, it was: "The Girl Guide Movement was founded by Robert, later Lord. Baden-Powell."



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GUIDE

The Guide House Committee has arranged to have the Arbor Day at Guide House on Saturday, 3rd July. We hope all those who have contributed towards the purchase of trees will be able to attend in person to plant them. Will you please take this as your invitation to come. It would cost us too much to notify everyone personally. Planting will start at 1.30 — rain, hail, snow or duststorm. If any Packs or Companies would like to come they would be very welcome. The "Twigs" will be residing in



the house that weekend, and will provide hot water for anyone wanting it. In fact, we may even be able to arrange a barbeque for you to cook your chops.

At 2/- a tree we have now collected enough money for 143 trees — you wonderful

people — so that will be a good start. We will need about 400 to cover the area all around the fence line. The 2/- will cover the cost of a small metal tag on which we will ask you to write your name for your tree, and perhaps even for a stake to protect your little tree.

The fence is nearly completed and looks very nice. Already the local cows have found their way blocked, when they went to have their usual chew at the young trees in the big paddock. They take a very dim view of our lovely fence.

The Commissioners at their Annual Conference being held at Sherbrooke on 25th to 27th June will hold their Guides' Own Service in the new Chapel at Guide House. They will travel in buses from Sherbrooke to Brittania Creek. We do hope that it will be fine. Many of the Country Commissioners have never seen their lovely Guide House, so it is important that it should be fine for them.

The Anglican Diocesan Scout and Guide Council are very generously giving the Chapel a silver chalice, paten and creet to be used for Communion service. It is their wish to make the presentation and to hold a Communion Service there on 8th May.

The Committee regrets that notice of this was not in the May "Matilda", but we did not have notice of their intention in time to get it in. News of this wonderful gift was put in the Commissioners' Newsletter ir, the hope that as many as possible would attend.

We would just like to say how grateful we are to all those people who continue to support the Maintenance Fund. We know that when we are all working so hard for the appeal it is hard to cope with anything extra, but it is most heartening to find that some of you are managing to do so.

We wish to thank the following who maintained Guide House during April:—

5th-Burwood L.A.

6th-Mrs. L. G. Weatherly.

9th-Williamstown Guiders.

11th-2nd Ashburton Cov.

12th-Mrs. S. McKay.

15th—Miss A. McArthur Campbell and Diana Mendelson.

17th—Donald District.

19th-Northcote L.A.

20th-1st Victorian Lone Guide Cov.

21st-5th Brighton Coy.

22nd-Mrs. S. W. Noble.

23rd—1st Skipton Cov.

24th-Extensions Section.

25th-7th Malvern Pack.

26th-1st Yarram Pack.

27th-Preston L.A.

28th-Banongil L.A.

29th-1st Rushworth Cov.



FLAME ROBIN

On the Thursday in Easter week I was delighted by the appearance in our Kindergarten playground at Toorak of a lovely Flame Robin.

The white marks on the blackish grey wings, the little white forehead, the breast scarlet from the beak downwards — all were unmistakable signs.

At this season of the year the red robins leave the hills for the open country and suburbia.

—J.H.

BROWNIE REVELS AT BEECHWORTH

Brownies — 250 in all — came from Bright, Myrtleford, Wangaratta, Whorouly, Milawa, Yarrawonga and, of course, Beechworth to take part in the Ovens River Division Brownie Revels.

The Revels took place near to Halloween Day, so a "magic" theme was decided upon. The Brownies were directed by "witch" signs to the new Brownie and Guide Hut. The tree-lined drive to The Rock behind the hut provided an ideal setting for "homes" round the trees.

Brownie Ring opened activities and sixpences were collected for Brownie Cottage. Brown Owl then scattered magic squares of bright coloured paper, the Brownies became Witches and proceeded to their Cat Caves, where they found hats and natural brooms from the bush.

After some games five Guides presented a short but very entertaining play entitled "The Lair of the Witch", written and produced by the Rev. R. E. D. Hull.

Following the play three "real witches" appeared over "The Rock", together with a wizard and wicked black cat. They scattered the mob of Brownie witches, but gathered them together again for the singing of the Witches' Song. This was followed by a procession to partake of witches' brew and magic food in the much more appetising form of a delicious afternoon tea provided by our marvellous L.A.

Our Regional Chairman turned all the witches back to Brownies, and, after Brownie Bells, tired but happy Brownies went on their way home.

-Gwen Pritchard.



OUR OWN PATROL EMBLEMS

Our Company based our Patrol Emblems on Aboriginal drawings, as we found that some of the laws and customs of the tribes were very close to our Guide ideals and, anyway, why not have something really Australian?

We first chose our names. In this we were helped by the Public Library, who provided us with a book of local Aborigine dialects, and we kept to the Victorian tribal dialect.

"Cha Chee" means Sisters of the Sun or the Stars.

"Wee Ark" means Spirit of Woman.

"Qumarra" means the spear thrower or the young boy who goes out with a hunter to learn his trade.

Having decided on our names, we then started working out our symbols.

(1) When placed horizontally, a series of four curved lines represents the track of a woman, but when placed vertically it means her way in a spiritual plane, or seeking of a good life.

(2) A spiral line going in on itself is the meat or food of the tribe, often used for Kangaroos, the best animal they can get

(3) A shelter or resting place with three women sleeping in it is pictured by three curved lines to show they are women (if the lines were straight they would be men). Dots beside each line are their sleeping fires, and so show it is an overnight resting place. The design is completed by an arc across the top.

Put these signs together and you have two of our emblems—

(1) and (2) form "Cha Chee" and (1) and (3) form "Wee Ark."

Our third, "Qumarra", is a bit more involved. Straight lines are men's tracks, and being vertical mean he is seeking spiritual good. Or they can be the sinews of the Kangaroo, without which no tribe could live (they give the thread to sew with, the rope to tie with, the string to bind spear heads with, and are never to be used badly).

Arrows represent Emu tracks—always shown this way, but we couldn't find out why. The Emu was, we found in our own district, considered sacred, and could only be killed by the very old men, if ever.

The other symbol, a straight line and dots, is the track of the Goanna.

"Cha Chee" and "Qumarra" emblems we copied from bark paintings, but "Wee Ark" was put together by the girls using their knowledge of the symbols.

Now, having a name and emblem, next our colours—what else but black and white—black for Aboriginal lore, white for European. We hope that the ability for the two cultures to live and work together in respect will grow.

Then came the need for a legend for each Patrol, to express just what our emblems mean to us, so each Patrol wrote their own. We feel that these legends express our hopes and idealism of life, and although not true stories of people can serve us as an example of a way of life.

-N.J.B.



GUIDES AT COMBINED MASS FOR THINKING DAY

Guiders, Guides and Brownies joined with Catholic Scouts and Cubs in remembering the birthday of their Founder by celebrating High Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne, on 28th February. Also present were Mrs. Gray, Assistant State Commissioner; Miss D. Carter, representing Guide Headquarters; and Mr. John Campbell, Scout Headquarters Commissioner for Cubs.

Led by their Colour Parties some 200 Guides and Guiders and 1500 Cubs and Scouts marched in procession to St. Patrick's Cathedral. Here the salute was taken by Mrs. Gray, representing Mrs. Price, State Commissioner, and Mr. Campbell, representing Scout Headquarters. Guides travelled from Geelong district and other nearby country centres to be present.

At the conclusion of the Mass many Guides had a picnic lunch in the nearby Fitzroy Gardens and took the opportunity of meeting and chatting with their sister Guides.



CLAUSE 8 — RANGER SERVICE STAR

Study design and colour in relation to dress and interior decoration. Make a personal garment, or an article of household furnishing, or decorate a room.

Our approach to this clause can be from two directions. First — thrift — making the best use of what we have as a preparation for efficient service, and second — charm — a quality each person can fashion for herself if she knows how.

Let us show our Senior how to step out of herself, walk away, and look back at herself — preferably through the eyes of a tall handsome stranger — and appraise herself as objectively as possible.

If we as Guiders know what makes each girl tick we can help her to discover herself — her potentialities and how to use them for optimum benefit, so she will have the ability to grow to real maturity.

Each Senior Branch member is an individual waiting to try herself in the society to which she belongs. How can she find herself and develop her own personality?

This clause is a wonderful way, provided the approach is entirely personal and individual with really practical application.

By all means let us show her how to do things, or, better still, let the experts show her, but nothing is gained unless she applies these ideas to herself, sees what suits her or what she can use and is ruthless enough to discard what is pointless or damaging, or does not suit her particular type. Discernment is imperative.

Now, what can we do?

If we start at the top we have, firstly, hairstyles — no outfit is complete unless this is suitable. There are innumerable styles in magazines to choose from. Some suit the sophisticated, some the casual occasion, and some could only be worn to a glittering ball. Hairstyles must be suitable for different occasions as well as for different people. No hairstyle will be perfect unless the hair has been well cared for, so here again there is a line of discussion. Then we must put all these facts as we learn

them into practice by experimentation. Joan would like a new style for summer. What shape is her face? What will be easy to look after, as she swims and surfs so much? What suits her personality? What sort of hair has she?

So many girls have hair dryers these days perhaps we could try the whole process of shampoo, set and comb up at a meeting. This could be great fun. Here's where we use Pat, who is a hairdressing apprentice, or else some hairdresser friends, who may make new recruits when they see the exciting times we have.

Now! How do I look? Does it suit me? Let's all look at each other and be quite frank. If something doesn't suit, then why not?

Next comes make-up, health, proper diet - each one leads to the next, for it is no good painting over an imperfect surface. Once again make-up should suit the particular outing, outfit or time of day. Here the qualified beautician can help, but once again let us experiment with ourselves. Let us put less make-up on the girl who wears too much, and more on the one who uses little. Let's go exotic just for fun! Theatre make-up can be the topic of a wonderful night's programme. (This could lead on to acting character parts, etc.) Care of the skin is vitally important. So, too, is care of the hands and feet. In fact, complete personal hygiene is a must if we are going to develop that charm we are pursuing.

Once we have learnt all these things, then we must have personal application of them and finally appraisal of this success.

Now to dress itself. The history of dress can be a fascinating study. What did grandma wear to play tennis? How have our present fashions evolved? Why do hemlines go up and down so regularly? What is suitable for casual wear, sports, the beach, town work or dressing up?

What kind of person am I? Do I look best in frilly, tailored, sporting or sophisticated clothes? All these questions will be posed by the eager Senior as she realises she is the one who can make or mar the impact she has on other people.

Let us try dressmaking, using a good pattern, or adapting one seen in a magazine. Styles, colours, fabrics — the choice is endless. Accessories are also important. One

good buy instead of many cheap ones pays dividends in the end.

(Once again — it is no good putting the sugar coating on a poor base. Foundation garments are most important.)

Encourage the unit to exchange ideas. Mary says, "I want a dress for a wedding. Do you think this would suit me?" Teach them to aim for "Didn't Mary look lovely last night?" not "Did you see Mary's fabulous frock last night?" Suitability means a perfect unity, where the frock complements the person.

All these things can be used as aids to enhance the body beneath. By thinking about the things which suit her the girl grows in the understanding of her own personality.

Interior decoration can be treated in a like manner; what suits a particular person, or a particular situation is the criterion. There are endless ideas in magazines, colour charts for paints, fabrics for curtains — the topics are unending.

All these lead to the test. To be successful this must indicate whether the girl has made a personal application of what she has learnt. She must show she has adopted the knowledge to herself, not just learnt a series of facts and cliches, which she recites glibly.

For garment interpret outfit, so that the garment is paraded in its correct setting. Likewise an article of furnishing — a bed-spread would mean little unless seen actually on the bed, in the room for which it has been planned.

This practical, personal approach, which encourages the girl to discover herself with the help of the unit, is a simple means of rendering service to each and every Senior, thus making her more capable, in her turn, of rendering service in the wider world.

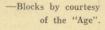
—J.M.P.



My interest is in the future; because I am going to spend the rest of my life there.

—Charles F. Kettering.







STAMPS

A 5d. stamp, to mark the centenary of the International Telecommunications Union, was issued on 10th May. On 24th May the 5d. Churchill commemorative stamp was issued. Both of these stamps are illustrated here.

At a tiny atoll called Manuae, 124 miles north-east of Taratonga, on 30th May there was set up a special post office to issue two new stamps to commemorate the total eclipse of the sun, viewed between 9 and 10 a.m. on that day.

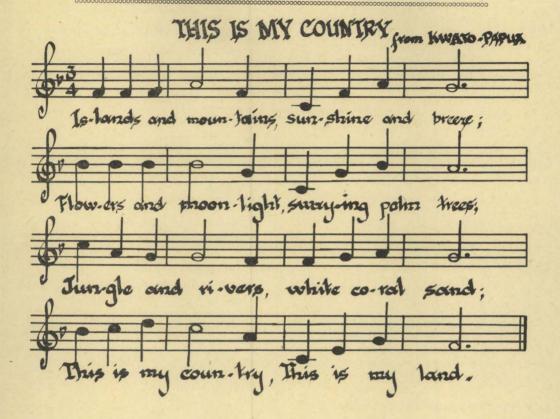
Scientists from Australia, New Zealand, Great Britain, Germany, Japan, Russia, Canada and U.S.A. were gathered on the island to observe this eclipse. The 6d. stamp depicts a green coconut tree in the foreground, the moon passing in front of the sun, a map of the two islands forming the Hervey group, the inscription, "Manuae—1965", and the sky background is blue. The 1/9 stamp is of a similar design.

After reading all this news of recent stamps it is expected that Brownies, Guides and their friends will collect all they can find and send them to me for selling. The funds raised from stamp sales will now be allocated to the Headquarters new building appeal, AND OFFERS OF HELP WILL BE WELCOME.

When sending stamps, will you all please see that they are washed clean of all gum, that they are not damaged or torn, and enclose a name and address in the parcel. Address packets to me at 12 Cowderoy St., St. Kilda, S.2.

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

CAMPFIRE SONGS



- 2. Dark were the days when men lived in fear, tear of the arrow, stone club and spear; Tighting and hatred filled every band, That was my land.
- 3. What of the future? Soon we shall be Teachers and teachers of our country. We shall build Papua as God his planned. Make this His country, Make this His land.
- 4. Then shall our country be free and strong, Homes filled with love bring laughter and song Peace in our hearts, and work for our hands, I will unite Papua, with other lands.

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SENIOR BRANCH DEBUTANTE
BALL

The Senior Branch Debutante Ball will be held at the Palais de Danse, St. Kilda, on Monday, 26th July, from 8.30 p.m. to 1.30 a.m. Table bookings and reservations may now be made by contacting Mrs. B. Parker, Flat. 9, 54 Barkly Street, St. Kild 40, 42804), Prices are: Single El/15/-, Double 33/10/
We do hope that all members of the Movement and their friends, past or present, old or new, will come along.

Senior Branch members wishing to make their debut may contact Mrs. A. Brownell, 37 Range Street, Camberwell.

TRAINING DEPARTMENT

HEADQUARTERS TRAINING COURSES

The following courses have been arranged to take place at Headquarters. Applications should be made on the blue nomination forms, which should reach the Training Department exactly ONE WEEK prior to the beginning of the course.

SEA RANGERS GUIDER TRAINING

Tuesday, 3rd August, for four weeks. 7.45 to 9.45 p.m.

Guider-in-Charge: Miss M. Mellor.

BROWNIE PREWARRANT

Wednesday, 16th June, for eight weeks.

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CAN YOU HELP US?

We need Commissioners and L.A. members or Brownie Guiders to be Q.Ms.. or Assistant Q.Ms. at the October, Easter and Summer Training Weeks at Guide House.

Our present Q.Ms. are mainly camp people and are required for Campcraft Testing.

Previous experience is not necessary, as arrangements will be made to teach you what to do.

MATILDA

OPERATION KOALA — ESSAY COMPETITION

Through the appreciation and generosity of one of the Councillors at Cowes, Phillip Island, there is to be a competition for the best essay on Operation Koala, the Tree



Planting Day held in November each year when Guides and Brownies plant gum trees in the areas set aside as koala reserves. Guiders, if your Guides or Brownies have taken part in this project, will you pass on to them the following information about this competition?

Prizes:

£1/1/- for the best essay written by a Guide.

£1/1/- for the best essay written by a Brownie.

Subject:

The Tree Planting Day at Phillip Island. Closing Date:

1st October, 1965.

Entries are to be sent to the Organising Secretary, Guide Headquarters, Melbourne, accompanied by a stamped and addressed envelope for return after judging.



CAMP IN TALL TREES

A glorious week was enjoyed by Guides from Frankston, Mt. Eliza, Overport, Pearcedale, Langwarrin and Elsternwick recently, amid tall trees and lovely bush scenery on the Guide House property.

Visitors to the camp were delighted with the spacious grounds, good high country and plenty of bush timber. Camps, dotted among the trees, were organised in various Companies by their own Guiders under a central G.I.C.

Called Kiccapoosac the camp was run on an Indian theme, and divided into several Tribes. The programme included various ceremonials, visits, and even a mock battle with impromptu costumes. Campfires, three "initiations" and ceremonies for Guiders to receive camp names — all added to the fun and interest of a wonderful camp.

—Ina Turner, Publicity Secretary, Langwarrin.

OUR BROWNIE BIRTHDAY

On our Brownie birthday we went on an outing to Belgrave to have a ride on "Puffing Billy". It was cold and wet when my friend Janet called for me, but some of our parents provided transport to Belgrave. Brown Owl had told us to bring chops and sausages for lunch, but, because the day was freezing cold and dreadfully wet, we all had to eat in the shelter. There were a lot of Cubs there, too, having a picnic, just like our Brownie Revels. After lunch we drove to the station and boarded the train. Luckily, we had a carriage all to ourselves. We were all very excited when the train began to move. Our ride on "Puffing Billy" took about three-quarters of an hour and we had a lovely day. But we were all looking forward to that nice hot bath back home.

> —Judy Molloy, 2nd North Balwyn Pack.

THE PURPOSE OF EDUCATION

An outstanding fact of these days is the tremendous thirst for knowledge and education. Most countries are finding it difficult to provide schools and universities to cope with the demand.

In part, the demand arises from the need of modern, highly technical industries for scientists, skilled workers, managers and professional men.

But it also has its roots in something deeper — a growing mental aliveness and an increasing awareness of the significance of the things of the mind.

Education has other and more important purposes than fitting one to pursue a career or a profession. It is concerned ultimately to develop in the individual certain traits of character and intellect.

By these traits we can distinguish the truly educated person. He is one who can think clearly and imaginatively, because his mind has been cleared of the jungle of false notions and rigid prejudices; he is one who is tolerant toward ideas that may conflict with his own; who is intelectually humble because he is aware of the tiny extent of his own understanding against the vast sum of the world's experience and knowledge.

Some people who have never attended a university acquire these qualities through experience.

The true purpose of education is not to cram the mind brim-full of facts so much as to mould its shape and inclination. It is to produce an attitude or cast of mind rather than a human storehouse of knowledge, a truly civilised being rather than a human computer.

—From I.P.A. "Facts", published by the Institute of Public Affairs, Melbourne.



FROM THE STATE COMMISSIONER

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are conscious of being counterparts of one Movement.

24th April: Another interesting and successful appeal function, organised by Mrs. Fader, of our State Council and the Women's Appeal Committee, assisted by members of both bodies and of the young and adult uniformed members — the annual Royal Siamese Cat Show allied to an exhibition of Thai art and culture, arranged by the Australia-Thai Association. We were honoured to have the Consul-General for Thailand, Mr. H. I. Fader, open the proceedings.

26th April: Mrs. Louisa Jones kindly opened her lovely home, "Ripponlea", for a card party and luncheon, organised by Mrs. R. Renshaw Jones and Mrs. J. C. Buckland, of our State Council and Women's Appeal Committee. They and their Committee are to be congratulated on the success and happiness of the function. Our Appeal President, Mrs. Bolte, and the Acting Chairman of the Women's Appeal Council and Executive member of our Association, Mrs.

R. Graeme Orr, have actively supported all these functions, for which I would express your and my warm and sincere gratitude. It is thrilling to know that under their wing the public appeal has been responsible for the purchase price of our building extension. This gives us all the encouragement needed to equal this effort for the necessary alterations.

28th April: Appropriately, perhaps, the final meeting for the month was that of the Finance Sub-Committee. It is inevitable that £ s. d. (or should we be already thinking of dollars and cents?) must come into most aspects of the thinking and planning for our Association. The efforts of members in producing so many Willing Shillings to extend Guiding to others is a recognition of this.

Joyce E. Price

Be not simply good; be good for something.—Thoreau, CONGRATULATIONS

CONGRATULATIONS to the recipients of the following Awards:—
LOCAL ASSOCIATION LONG SERVICE AWARD:

Mrs. E. H. Kurrle, Kongwak. Mrs. E. A. Pinkerton, Kongwak. Mrs. R. Pitts, Kongwak.

Mrs. J. H. Axford, Kongwak. Mrs. L. Long, Kongwak. Mrs. Maxwell, Sunshine.

Mrs. S. J. Oakes, Sunshine.

LONG SERVICE AWARD (UNIFORMED MEMBERS):

Gold Knot (35 years)— Miss M. McDonald, Caulfield. Silver Knot (25 years)—

Miss A. Moffatt, Geelong. Miss G. Thurgood, Sandringham.

White Knot (15 years)— Mrs. E. Reveleigh, Dandenong.

APPOINTMENTS

Division Commissioners

Mrs. J. M. Taylor, Mitta Mitta (to take office early 1966); Mrs. W. H. Burchett, Nepean.

District Commissioners

Mrs. J. R. Murphy, Yarroweyah; Mrs. W. Hawley, Fern Tree Gully Lower; Mrs. N. Stewart, Sunshine; Mrs. R. Kerr, St. Albans; Mrs. D. Oates, Suisinie, Mrs. R. Reft, St. Albais, Mrs. D. Oates, Fairfield-Alphington; Mrs. M. Pell, Numurkah; Mrs. I. Bett, Yea; Mrs. D. Morton, Maffra; Mrs. N. Poole, Warragul; Mrs. W. P. Baker, Boort; Mrs. J. Cardie, Rosebud; Mrs. J. Williams, St. Amaud; Mrs. G. Twist, Mount Waverley; Mrs. M. Taylor, Glenroy.

RESIGNATIONS

Division Commissioners

Mrs. R. S. Stuart, Blue Dandenongs; Mrs. C. B. Taylor, Polwarth; Mrs. S. G. Oram, Nepean.

District Commissioners

Mrs. G. Longmuir, Yarroweyah; Mrs. M. Kent, Daylesford; Miss M. Alfred, Fairfield-Alphington; Mrs. K. Shaw, Pascoe Vale; Mrs. J. McDonald, Frankston; Mrs. S. K. Pearce, Tawonga; Mrs. S. Morris, Heathmont; Mrs. M. Willis, East Brunswick; Mrs. R. Robinson, Numurkah; Mrs. G. Ganly, Geelong West; Mrs. A. J. Turpie, Shelford; Mrs. P. Timmins, Rye-Sorrento; Mrs. F. R. Sherwell, Nhill; Miss H. Cawood, Apollo Bay.

WARRANTS

Captains:

Mrs. F. Griffiths, 3rd Hampton; Mrs. M. F. Taylor, 1st Nilma; Mrs. W. Anderson, 1st The Basin; Miss F. M. Turpe, 1st Irymple; Mrs. O. F. Ashley, 2nd Overport; Miss B. A. Lambie, 1st Healesville; Miss M. J. Lawson, 3rd East Brighton; Mrs. H. E. Clarke, 1st Bright; Miss D. M. Chandler, 2nd Merlynston; Mrs. W. H. Wood, S.R.S. Victorious; Mrs. E. J. Beacham, 1st Birchip; Miss B. Willis, 1st Camperdown; Mrs. J. Gildea, 1st Campbell's Creek; Mrs. E. V. Hilliker, 1st West Croydon.

Lieutenants:

Mrs. E. Wood, 2nd Burwood; Mrs. R. E. Bell, 1st Maidstone Ranger Coy.; Mrs. H. A. Wilson,

2nd Apollo Bay; Mrs. J. A. Prior, 1st Springvale; Miss L. Bevan, 3rd Wangaratta; Miss J. F. Macdonald, 1st Carlton; Mrs. K. J. Russell 1st South Croydon; Mrs. G. Richards, 1st Kerang; Miss I. Commerford, 1st Olympic Village; Mrs. W. F. Miller, 1st Bright; Mrs. M. Power, 1st Lockington; Mrs. P. Baxter, 3rd Box Hill; Mrs. S. J. Rendell, 2nd Yallourn; Mrs. C. Morcom, S.R.S. Invincible. Brown Owls:

Miss J. Cuthbert, 1st Orrvale; Mrs. J. D. Biddle, 1st Apollo Bay; Mrs. E. A. Frizelle, 1st Echuca; Miss M. V. Curnow, 3rd Kerang; Mrs. E. P. Collins, 3rd Traralgon; Mrs. L. K. McMillan, 1st Sale; Mrs. B. Phillips, 1st Wentworth; Mrs. H. I. Small, 1st Rainbow; Mrs. R. D. Nicol, 1st Camperdown; Mrs. A. V. Grigg, 5th Moorleigh; Mrs. S. Caldow, 3rd Pascoe Vale; Mrs. J. E. Allan, 2nd Bennettswood.

Tawny Owls:

Mrs. V. Holmes, 1st Woodend; Mrs. L. Marshman, 3rd Warragul; Miss E. M. Prideaux, 1st Northcote; Miss G. Wilson, 1st Daylesford; Mrs. J. Harry, 1st Kerang; Miss P. E. Shay, 1st Dunolly; Miss E. A. Effingham, 2nd Doncaster; Mrs. Burgesss, 2nd East Malvern; Mrs. G. H. Ridsdale, 1st Katunga.

Secretary:

Miss A. Cockerell, District Secretary, Preston.

WARRANTS RETURNED FOR CANCELLATION

Captains:

Miss L. Finlayson, 3rd East Brighton; Miss D. Seary, 3rd Nunawading; Miss L. J. Pye, 1st Allans-Highett; Miss I. C. Morris, 2nd Hamilton; Mrs. B. Cross, 1st Upwey; Mrs. J. Pratt, 2nd Maidstone.

Lieutenants:

Miss S. Hacke, 1st South Croydon; Mrs. J Miss S. Hacke, 1st South Croydon; Mrs. J. Wallace, 1st North Sunshine; Miss P. Clegg, 1st Toora; Mrs. L. McInnes, 1st Corangamite South; Mrs. J. Dean, 1st Rosedale; Mrs. P. Heney, 1st Glen Waverley; Miss M. J. Lawson, 3rd East Brighton; Mrs. H. E. Clarke, 1st Bright; Miss D. M. Chandler, 2nd Merlynston; Mrs. B. J. Booker, 1st Boolarra; Miss J. McDougall, 1st Byaduk; Miss E. R. Beattie, 4th Box Hill; Mrs. F. Sharpe, 3rd Nunawading; Miss M. L. Pertzel, 2nd Maidstone. Maidstone.

Brown Owls:

Mrs. J. Buntine, 1st Campbell's Creek; Mrs. J. E. Capponi, 1st Apollo Bay; Miss E. Maidre, 3rd Fitzroy; Mrs. V. Mounter, 2nd Yallourn; Mrs. C. L. Driscoll, 1st Camperdown; Miss P. A. Trotter, 2nd Timboon; Mrs. K. Williams, 2nd Victorian Post Pack; Mrs. M. George, 3rd Pascoe Vale.

Tawny Owls:

Miss V. J. Cuthbert, 1st Orrvale; Mrs. T. Roos, 2nd Frankston; Mrs. W. Selover, 1st Brighton; Mrs. E. M. Phillips, 1st South Croydon; Miss M. Waltham, 1st Glengarry; Mrs. H. I. Small, 1st Rainbow; Miss R. L. Henning, 1st Byaduk; Mrs. T. Tripp, 1st Traralgon; Miss E. Clarke, 3rd St. Kilda; Mrs. S. Caldow, 3rd Pascoe Vale.

THE GUIDE SHOP



"THE BROWNIES AND THE FAM PIG"

By Freda Collins 11/-

What exactly is a Fam Pig? The story tells how the Pack would fill the pig with money, made by their own efforts, to help the hungry people of the world. Interspersed with the story is a fine collection of things the Brownies can cook, make and do, as well as many articles and short stories.

STOCKTAKING

Please note that the Guide Shop and Depots will be closed for stocktaking—

Headquarters Shop Thursday and Friday, 1st and 2nd July, 1965
Ballarat and Geelong Depots Wednesday, 30th June, 1965

PHOTOGRAPHS WANTED

We are looking for photographs to illustrate the Annual Report, and are particularly interested in receiving any depicting the Building Appeal and general activities.

If you are able to help, will you please post your photographs to Headquarters, making sure that your name and address is attached (don't write on the back of the photograph), and pack your picture between cardboard.

BROWNIE BOOKS WITH STORIES SUITABLE FOR TELLING—

SUITABLE FOR TELLING—	
The Beauty Quest Book for Brownies, by Freda Collins	12/6
"Do My Best" Brownie Book, by Freda Collins	14/6
Golden Ladder Book of Brownie Stories, by Robert Moss	19/6
More Tales for Brownies by Ailsa Brambleby	15/-
More Stories and How to Tell Them, by Elizabeth Clark	13/6
Pow-Wow Stories, by Freda Collins	15/9
Pack Tales, by Freda Collins	14/6
Stories to Tell and How to Tell Them, by Elizabeth Clark	13/6
Ten Tales for Brownies, by Ailsa Brambleby	12/6
Tell Them Again Tales, by Margaret Baker	11/6
Brownie Annual: now reduced to	12/6

FOUND AT RALLY

A child's bag and pullover were found at the Rally in February. Owner contact Mrs. Casserly (phone Frankston 3 5098).

There are those who paint what they see. There are those who think they paint what

they see.

There are those who paint what they think they see.

There are those who think they paint what they think they see.

And there are those who just paint.

Everyone can fit into the picture somewhere.

-Anon.