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FROM THE STATE COMMISSIONER

2nd June: The final business meeting of the Women's Committee for the Appeal, which anticipated a busy month with several major events before it officially ceased to function. How very generous these friends of Guiding have been in maintaining their efforts on our behalf for so long in spite of their many other commitments! — and how thrilling that the target of £10,000 that they had set themselves was in sight even before the June functions! Our congratulations and our very sincere thanks.

3rd: The "Hostess with the Mostest" Party Drive was finalised at a delightful luncheon party at the home of Sir Edgar and Lady Coles. It appropriately summed up the happiness of the many parties given in this connection and was a fitting celebration for the wonderful final total.

8th: Meeting with Region Commissioners at Headquarters, at which it was encouraging to hear among the other normal Guide matters reported, how generally enthusiastic and energetic are your efforts for the Building Appeal, too. The country "Regions" arrived laden with fowls (dead) and biscuits—their contribution to the catering for the Business Men's Luncheon.

In the evening Mrs. Farrow and her International Committee gave a most delightful farewell party for Janet Cole, Trudy Monk and Robyn Riddett. This gave us all the opportunity to anticipate their trip programmes and hear of their intensive preparation as well as to give them our best wishes.

9th: A domestic day for Region Commissioners who had undertaken another Business Men's Luncheon for Appeal funds. If the "customers" enjoyed it as much as the "staff" — and they appeared to do so — then a good time was had by all.

Appropriately, this was followed by a meeting of the Special Sub-Committee to consider plans for our Headquarters' Building.

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SERVING AT THE BUSINESS MEN'S LUNCHEON.

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H.R.H. THE PRINCESS MARGARET, President, Girl Guides Associations, **British Commonwealth**

Members of the various Guide Associations throughout the British Commonwealth were delighted to hear the announcement that Princess Margaret has consented to accept the appointment of President, succeeding her aunt, the late Princess Royal, who had introduced her to the Movement.

When, at the age of six, Her Royal Highness the Princess Margaret was enrolled by her aunt she began a long and close association with the Girl Guide Movement throughout the British Commonwealth.

In her early Brownie days the Princess, with a small companion, was "attached" to the 1st Buckingham Palace Guide Company, but later a Brownie Pack was formed, made up of young friends and children of the Palace staff. For four years the Princess and her young companions enjoyed all the magic of Brownie Land.

In 1942 Princess Margaret became a Guide. Most of her Guiding years were spent with her sister at Windsor Castle, where the ranks of the depleted Buckingham Palace Company were swollen with evacuees from a Hammersmith School and the Royal School in the Home Park. In spite of the war the children enjoyed a full Guide programme, including hiking and camping. Princess Margaret earned All Round Cords. one of the highest awards a Guide at that time could earn.

At the age of 18 the Princess became a Sea Ranger and joined the Sea Ranger ship. the "Duke of York", where, with girls from many different walks of life, she took part in the adventurous and stimulating Sea Ranger programme.

In 1949, Her Royal Highness the Princess Margaret became Commodore of the Sea

Rangers and, in 1953, graciously accepted the appointment of Chief Ranger of the British Commonwealth.

MISS MABEL COOPER

We know to how many members of the Movement in Victoria the news of the resignation of Miss Mabel Cooper as Deputy Chairman of the Finance Sub-Committee will be received with sadness and a great sense of loss.

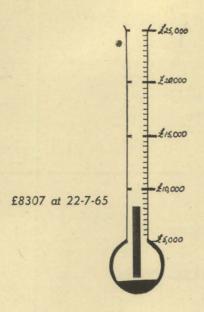
Over 25 years ago, when Lady Chauvel was State Commissioner and Mr. R. R. Treloar our Honorary Treasurer, Miss Cooper became interested in the finances of the Girl Guides Association in Victoria. In co-operation with Mr. Treloar she undertook the detailed supervision of our finances, attended meetings of the Finance Sub-Committee and the Executive Committee and visited Headquarters regularly. In those days our finances were small, the Shop turnover being less than £5000 per year. Today, it is more than £70,000 annually. This, and the soundness of our financial position, is in no small measure due to the care and breadth of vision of Miss Cooper.

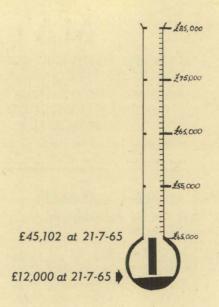
In 1950 she was elected a member of the State Council and, in 1953, at Mrs. Curtis-Otter's invitation, she became one of her Assistant State Commissioners. This position enabled her to express her deep interest in the Guide Movement in every aspect and to influence Guiding throughout the State.

On Mr. Treloar's retirement it was Miss Cooper who suggested that Mr. Gregory be asked to succeed him as Hon. Treasurer, at which time she was appointed Deputy Chairman of the Finance Sub-Committee.

In 1958, having completed her term as Assistant State Commissioner, Miss Cooper became Headquarters Commissioner, in

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SUPERCALAFRAGILISTICEXPIALADOSHUS!!

ask? The Gala Premiere of "Mary Poppins" on 10th June for the War Memorial Extension Appeal. Take a Vice-Regal occasion, with a smartly-turned-out guard of honour, mix with it marching girls, people in fancy costumes (appropriate to "M.P.", of course), toss in a band AND a one-man band, line it with red carpet, and you have "just a spoonful of Premiere helps the Appeal go UP!"

Now, you will have gathered, the Gala Premiere was a great success, socially and most certainly financially. Mrs. Molyneux, who was responsible for the organisation, was very thrilled with the result, and is most grateful to members of the Movement for their support.

Another pleasant occasion, which gave the appeal a further financial boost, was the Luncheon and Exhibition of Ceramics held at the Southern Cross Hotel on 22nd June.

Four hundred attended this function and everyone was fascinated by the exhibition.

Well, the Newborough Guides and Brownies were the first to send in a chart to be endorsed by the State Commissioner. By the time you read this maybe your walls will be papered with them. We hope so.

Are you having difficulty in explaining the need for expansion at H.Q.? If so, here is a story which might help you. Recently several Brownies came in early one Saturday morning to make a purchase at the Guide Shop. There were eight of them and there were also several other folk in the shop at the same time. It was VERY crowded. As they came out of the shop one Brownie looked back at the building and remarked feelingly, "Well, if this is what they need the money for, they certainly need it!" Feel like bringing the Brownies and Guides into town? Seeing is believing - so for that extra effort, this might be the way to get it!

Women's Appeal Committee

Now that the Women's Committee of the Girl Guide Building Appeal has passed the target it set itself, I thought you would like to hear a few details of how we achieved the wonderful, and still growing, total of over £12,000.

Only about 12 of the 100 members of the Committee were Guide folk; the rest were mostly very busy women who gave most generously of their time and talents.

With their help we organised the Hostess with the Mostest Party Drive, which made the splendid amount of £4200, and we do want to thank all those L.A. members and others who joined in and gave parties for us.

The Mary Poppins Gala Premiere, which so many of you enjoyed, netted a wonderful £920. Then there was the Fine Foods Fair and the Royal Siamese Cat Show — innumerable bridge parties, coffee parties, dinners and lunches, parades, and one antique show.

We started planning in October last, and from February to June the functions followed one after the other in rapid succession, stretching out staying power and our figures!

As you will see from the barometer this money raised by the Women's Committee, and the donations sent in response to Mrs. Bolte's Appeal letter, have more than met the purchase price of the new building.

How tremendously fortunate we are in being given so much by the generous citizens of Victoria!

> —BEVERLEY E. ORR, Chairman, Women's Committee.



SOUTHERN CROSS LUNCHEON

The luncheon and exhibition organised by the State Council was not only a financial success (£297), but a social one as well. By the chatter and chatter, we would say a big success!

It is a tribute to the high esteem in which Guiding is held that the three artists who were exhibiting did so with enthusiasm and without considering the extra work to themselves.

Mr. Jeffrey Wilkinson, teacher in Pottery and Sculpture at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, who exhibits each year with the Victorian Sculpture Society and has pieces of his work in the Ballarat and Geelong Galleries.

Mr. Anthony Harrison, who has several very successful exhibits of pottery to his credit. He studied in London for 18 months, majoring in Sculpture.

Mr. Andor Meszaros, well-known international sculptor, with his wonderful religious medallions. Mr. Meszaros is also noted as the artist responsible for the designs of the 1956 Olympic medallions.

Because of illness we did not have anyone to open our luncheon, and there we were ten minutes beforehand. It is a laugh now, but on the day—oh dear! Well, by now you know who did open it — our own State Commissioner, Mrs. J. Price, who captured the admiration and respect of all.

And was it YOU I saw eating two pieces of iced, creamed sponge cake? Tut, tut!

-E.R.



CONGRATULATIONS

CONGRATULATIONS to: Margaret Smith, of S.R.S. "Anzac", and Wendy Smibert, of 6th Vic. Lone Rangers on completion of the full Ranger Service Star.

—A. F. RYLAH, Senior Branch Adviser.

PRESENTATION TO DAME LESLIE WHATELEY,

Director of the World Bureau, 1951-1964

Dear Mrs. Buntine,

I know how much you would all have wished to be present at the party on 12th May, when Dame Leslie received the gift from her friends around the world. Unfortunately for very many of you this was not possible, but I know how glad you will be to receive the following letter from her.

The note-case, which was part of the gift, is made of blue leather with the World Badge and her initials in gold.

With all good wishes.

Yours very sincerely,

—(Signed) EILEEN O. BEATTY,
Chairman of the Committee.

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Flat 3.

11 Heathview Gardens, London, S.W.15.

Dear Friends.

Yesterday evening I attended a wonderful party, as I am sure you already know. There the Chief Guide presented me with the most beautiful note-case containing a cheque, which I can only describe as having given me the biggest "heart-moving" shock in my life!

I am still suffering from further delayed shock, which explains why this letter falls short in expressing my appreciation and gratitude to you.

With my note-case and cheque was the following message: "With our love and admiration from your friends around the world". In so sincerely reciprocating those words, may I point out that it was entirely due to the confidence and faith you showed in me that I was able to carry out the so responsible, enriching and rewarding task of Director of the World Bureau to which God led me. Thus I hope you will understand why I received such a shock at this staggering financial appreciation, when I felt I had already had more than I merited by way of "goodwill appreciation" during my years in office for a work I loved doing.

May God's blessings go to you with my love and gratitude.

(Signed) LESLIE E. WHATELEY.

MESSAGE OF LOYALTY

We, the Queen's Guides of Victoria, on this memorable occasion, pledge our love, loyalty and obedience to Your Majesty.

We are conscious of the great honour and tradition of being Queen's Guides. Through Guiding, and with the help of our Guide Promise, we hope to equip ourselves to face successfully the challenge of the future.

We pray for God's blessing upon you, our Gracious Queen, and all the people of your realm.

1st May, 1965.

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The Governor's Office,
Spring Street,
Melbourne, C.1.
17th June, 1965.

Dear Madam,

With reference to my letter of the 11th May, 1965, I now have pleasure in enclosing a letter which His Excellency the Governor has received from the Private Secretary to the Queen in response to the Message of Loyalty from the Queen's Guides of Victoria.

Yours faithfully,

J. COLQUHOUN, Official Secretary.

Mrs. J. R. Price, Girl Guides Association, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne, C.1.

> Buckingham Palace, 8th June, 1965.

Dear Mrs. Price,

I am commanded by the Queen to ask you to convey to the Queen's Guides of Victoria Her Majesty's sincere thanks for their kind message of loyalty and devotion which, as Patron of the Association, the Queen deeply values.

Yours sincerely,
MARTIN CHARTERIS.

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



-Photo by Mr. F. Bates, Wesburn.

NO MAN IS AN ISLAND

In June this year of '65 Sherbrooke Forest came alive: The Commissioners had come again To greet each other and to train.

And how! They came pouring in from all over Victoria to once more enjoy their annual three-day get-together.

Our State President, Lady Delacombe, graciously performed the opening of the Conference on Friday afternoon and charmed everyone with her friendliness and informality. This was an excellent start.

The Mary Brookeston Show And each Patrol skit, Showed there was present Plenty of wit!

This was evident by the humorous performance by the Committee and by the ingenious way in which each Patrol introduced itself. However, we managed to jam some quite serious training and discussion in between our lighter moments. Special speakers were John P. Young and Mrs. Rylah, while Miss Bunning and Miss Sims gave interesting talks on the Guide and Brownie Branches.

Campfires were from 8 to 9,
And "reflections of our theme" was fine.
As usual, the campfires conducted by Miss
Peg Barr were greatly enjoyed, as were her
"Reflections" — memorable moments which
we hope others will have the opportunity
of sharing.

The trip to Guide House
Was ever such fun,
And Guides' Own in the Chapel
Inspired each one.

Four busloads of us! Many had their first glimpse of Guide House and how perfect a setting for our Guides' Own in that beautiful bushland Chapel. We were grateful to the Guides staying in the house for providing us with morning tea.

We returned to Marybrooke, and after a panel discussion in the afternoon we regretfully said "au revoir" to our many friends, old and new.

Now we've gone our various ways
Let's not forget those happy days—
Be ready with a helping hand,
For "No man is an island".

-J.Q./J.R.

THE STILL, SMALL VOICE

Many centuries ago a storyteller set down chronicles of the Kings of Israel and the events of their reigns. One story he told was of that occasion when Elijah brought the fire of God down from the heavens — and how he afterwards sought the Lord among the mountains, in the great gales, in the earthquake and the mighty fire — but it was not until he heard the still, small voice that Elijah found the Lord.

Just recently, in a magazine which advertises that it is published that "he who runs might read", a storyteller of this generation said, "What the world needs is an amplifier for the still, small voice." It is strange that in this day and age we have lost the art of using our own spirit — we snatch at knowledge as we hurry on, but we have no time to stay still.

Even if we do, do we HEAR, or even listen for, the still, small voice, or do we look for guidance to the spectacular effects of life? Do we help build the cairn of small

rocks of kindly deeds, or do we struggle to move one great boulder which will let the world know what we are doing, IF it falls?

Few of us take time out to enjoy life — we've heard of people who are afraid to die, but what of those who are afraid to live? The people who go through life just making motions, and conventional motions at that. Have you ever thought what a small voice Christ had in the eyes of the world? Born in an obscure village, Son of a poor woman. He never travelled far from His birthplace and was but an itinerant Preacher, and that for only three years. Yet today He is the centrepiece of a magnificent Faith.

From His tiny island of influence flowed a power that has been felt by all men over many centuries.

Like Him and all great leaders, we, too, are inevitably involved in mankind — the knowledge we grasp at reveals the facts of the physical universe and makes our communication in the world neighbourhood possible. But the understanding of mankind is a spiritual quality — it generates the attiudes and spirit by which men make world order and peace possible.

It is this understanding — of ourselves, our neighbours, of mankind — and what we are striving for that decides once and for all whether we stay on our island beach doing nothing but looking across to the mainland of Imagination and Understanding, or whether we move out into life, returning to our "island" occasionally to replenish our mental and physical reservoirs of strength by communication with and listening to that still, small voice.

In his story, "The Seller of Dreams", William May tells of the man who snatched the dream from the pedlar's tray. "All my life I have longed for this — if only for a year, or even a day, I will have my dream. I cannot live without it." As he hurried away he did not hear the pedlars' whisper, "Can you live WITH it?"

Let us not be looking for our wants — our dreams — to the exclusion of all else. During her address at the opening of this Chapel, our State Commissioner said, "If people would only listen with the same intensity as they ask" — how often do we miss the guiding words because we are too busy putting our case — asking of life that we might have what WE want, or that somebody else might not have something

they want, because we think we want it more.

In the quiet of this Chapel, where, if we listen, we may hear the still, small voice in the whisper of a breeze, the murmur of the trees, the fall of the raindrop, and in the echoes of the hills around us, let us seek the understanding and strength necessary for each one of us to live at peace with our neighbours and at peace with ourselves.

In the words of Thomas Curtis Clark:
"Brush from our lives the dust of petty striving;

Make us forget the foolishness of care; Let Thy fresh winds blow over us, reviving

Our better thoughts. Within our hearts prepare

Enduring paths of silence."

—Talk given at the 1965 Commissioners' Conference, Guides' Own, in the outdoor Chapel at Guide House.

FOR ALL MEMBERS OF TREFOIL GUILDS

For all members of the Trefoil Guilds and a thought you might like to pass on to those you know who are no longer active in Guiding:—

A Guide is in training to be a citizen, and she, too, must respect the Queen and work towards this ideal. She must be law-abiding; i.e., if she rides at night she has the correct lights, she keep the traffic rules. If she walks, it is on the correct side of the road. She does not pick wildflowers that are protected and she protects the countryside from vandalism, etc. If the Guide is to earn her living as an adult she cannot neglect her schooling now. If she is to be healthy as an adult she must make the best use of her body now, and if she is to be of use to the community she must train herself in such things as First Aid, Life-saving, Child-care. A good housewife must know how to bring up a healthy family, and so, again, the Guide is encouraged to train herself in the skills covered by the Homecraft Badges.

A good citizen must be able to vote intelligently and to help in community activities. So the Guide receives an introduction to community service and the ability to formulate her ideas and express them through the Patrol system.

NAMBA WAN LONG OL GEL GAED LONG AUSTRALIA

Australian Gel Gaed Namba wan Komisina, Misis M. A. Buntine, M.B.E., kamap pinis long Pot Mosbi baimbai lukluk raun long Teritori inap long 17 de.

Misis Buntine baimbai kamap long kibung bilong Teritori Gel Gaed Asosiesin kaunsil kibung em i-save kamap long wanpela taim long olgera yia kamap long Pot Mosbi long las wik Fonde.

Em bai mekim toktok long dispela taim long ol kaunsil bilong Gel Gaed em istap long dispela taim long kibung.

Long Fraide long las wik em i-bin kirap long Pot Mosbi i-go lukluk long wok bilong Gel Gaed istap long Rabaul, Goroka, Hagen, Wewak, Madang na Lae.

Komisina bilong Teritori, Misis Mary Lalor baimbai wokabaut wantaim Misis Buntine long ol dispela ples.

Long Jun namba 15 de, taim em i-kamap bek long Pot Mosbi baimbai toktok wantaim ol komiti bilong Teritori Gel Gaed.

Em baimbai lusim Teritori long Jun 19 i-go bek long Australia.

Misis Buntine i-bin kisim dispela nem M.B.E. long 1961 long mekim servis long yangpela pipal.

Em i-bin kamap olsem komiti istap long Australia gaed long tupela stet — Westen Australia na Victoria long 1933 i-kam inap nau.

Misis Buntine kisim ples bilong Australia kamap long Trenin Kibung bilong Nesinol Lida long hap bilong Asian, em i-bin kamap long Malaya long 1962, na kamap tu long namba 18 Wold Kibung i-bin kamap long Denmark long 1963.

—From 'Nu Gini Toktok', Trinde, Jun 9, by courtesy of the "Herald".

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE JOTTINGS, JUNE, 1965

Great discussion regarding the Russell Street Headquarters buildings — for tenders are in and prices must be discussed and evaluated.

It is always of interest to have names of members of the Movement coming forward for recognition — the Awards Sub Committee must have great difficulty making their final recommendations to the Executive.

The same must apply to the Property Sub-Committee, for more and more leases, documents, reports are needing attention as more Districts work for their own halls and campsites.

Public Relations Sub-Committee has already submitted suggestions for speakers for the Association's 1965 Annual Meeting, whilst the 1966 Willing Shilling (or Dollar Bill?) planning has also commenced. Christmas cards, too, are under discussion.

The Training Committee told us of arrangements to help Guiders doing their Training Diplomas and also of the very successful Brownie Guider Conference recently held in Adelaide.

Everyone was interested to hear of plans for the Roundup team, who are now in the U.S.A., and of the visit to Australia of Mrs. D. L. Gopala Ratnam, former State Commissioner of Guides for Madras, India.

There were thoughts, too, on the delegation and possible subjects for the agenda of the next World Conference to be held in Japan in 1966. The agenda for the Australian Executive, too, was discussed.

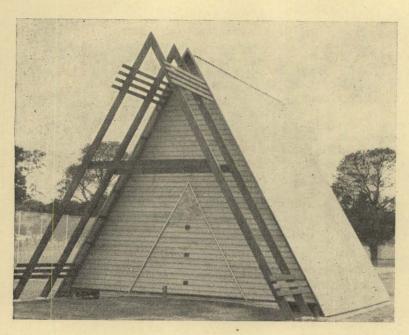
Matters relating to Trefoil Guild and a possible Ranger Service Project — both of which would affect members of the Movement all over Australia — were brought before the Executive.

A SPECIAL INVESTITURE

At a recent Sea Ranger Crew Investiture in Queensland three Guiders from the one Crew were invested.

Skipper was taken up by her Land Ranger daughter, First Mate by her Sea Ranger daughter, and Second Mate, a Lone Ranger, by her Captain.

—From "Coo-ee".



HALL AT Templestowe

The major step towards our Guide Hall was the granting by the Shire of Doncaster and Templestowe of a lease of land at the Templestowe Reserve. Here the Council has set aside acres of land as a Youth Centre. Ovals, basketball and tennis courts, Guide and Scout Halls are all served by the one central toilet and amenities block.

Owing to lack of finance our first thought was to build an equipment shed, as the storage of camping gear was becoming a problem. We sought the advice of a Brownie parent, architect Geoff. Trewenack, who felt this to be a negative approach, and furnished us with a design of an "A" frame hall, to be built in two stages. We were delighted with this plan, as the "A" frame ("tent-shaped") seemed symbolic of Guiding.

We have now completed the first stage, at a cost of approximately £1800, and this will later on become entrance hall, offices and kitchen, but now provides 20ft. x 30ft. floor space with a mezzanine floor for storage.

The hall was Brownbuilt steel deck roofing and the two end walls are in Celcurised

Baltic pine. Celcure is impregnated into timber under pressure and protects it against rot, decay and termites. After treatment the timber becomes a beautiful soft green with knots and grain still visible. It requires no upkeep and retains its original colour indefinitely. The two "A" frame oregon beams forming the entrance and the flagpole are stained with Cabots redwood stain, as, too, are the internal beams and woodwork. The floor is sealed with plastic. By employing these various timber treatments we have cut maintenance to the minimum.

Above the front door is a mosaic made from local terra cotta clay, and being partially responsible for this mosaic has been one of the most exciting adventures of my life.

It all began when Mrs. Eleanor Dailey (who works one day a week with me in my pottery studio) and I were discussing the new hall. At this point she did not know of my secret desire to make some type of badge or adornment for it. Within moments of my suggestion she was calling for paper and pencils and, as Eleanor had

had no previous experience with Guiding, we spent an hilarious afternoon — with me leaping about doing very matronly Brownie Grand Salutes, modelling Guide berets, and rummaging about for all the Guiding information I could find.



Both our architect and our builder, Mr. Murray Crow, were most enthusiastic and gave us the encouragement and help we needed. They suggested that the mosaic be placed immediately above the front door, so forming a triangle within a triangle. We decided to keep the main figures in natural terra cotta, but, as both the building and the mosaic were triangular, the background needed to be broken into round shapes, and so began the enormous task of rolling hundreds of cherry-sized balls of clay. These were flattened, then glazed in varying shades of brown, green and gold. We decided, by mutual agreement that, in order to achieve an all-over uniformity, I would prepare the clay and fashion the figures roughly and keep Eleanor supplied with these at a leather-hard stage. From these clumsy shapes she soon had a fascinating Guide or Brownie, each with her own charming personality. I never failed to be thrilled by her skill and patience. When all the pieces were completed we set them in cement on a slab of 11/2 in. reinforced concrete which was formed to fit exactly in the space above the door.

So many people have contributed to the building of our hall. Many of the firms supplying building materials were most generous with their discounts. Our architect and builder both donated their personal services, and our gallant band of hardworking L.A. members have for six years organised a house-to-house collection of used clothing and household goods which were taken to one central depot for sorting, cleaning and mending. From the sale of these articles we have realised over £1000, and this has been our only source of income. Indeed, one may say that this was truly a community effort.

—M. Beecham, President, Templestowe L.A.

TRANSLATION

See page 41.

The Chief Commissioner for Guiding in Australia arrived in Port Moresby last week and is now on a 17-day tour of the territory.

Last Thursday she attended the Annual Meeting of the Territory Girl Guides Association Council, at which she addressed delegates from all Girl Guide Associations in Papua and New Guinea.

On Friday last she began her tour on which she plans to inspect Guiding work at Rabaul, Goroka, Mt. Hagen, Wewak, Madang and Lae.

The Chief Commissioner for Guiding in the Territory, Mrs. A. Lalor, is accompanying Mrs. Buntine.

On 15th June Mrs. Buntine will return to Port Moresby, where she will hold discussions with the Territory Girl Guide Executive Committee.

She will leave the Territory on 19th June and return to Australia.

Mrs. Buntine was awarded the M.B.E. in 1961 for her youth work.

She has been on the Committees of two States — Western Australia and Victoria — since 1933.

Mrs. Buntine represented Australia at a meeting of Guide chiefs from all Asian countries which discussed training methods.

The meeting was held in Malaya in 1962.

She also attended the 18th meeting of Guide leaders throughout the world in Denmark in 1963.

Seventeen hours after waving goodbye to Australia we landed at Los Angeles International Airport and were greeted by our Roundup Patrol, shrieking with excitement. Mrs. Western, Co-ordinator for the Greater Long Beach Girl Scout Council, drove us to our hostesses' homes.

I am staying at the Stanford home in Long Beach. They are a very warm and friendly people and a lot of fun. I have been made feel most welcome and am having a wonderful time.

Trudy and I visited the Long Beach Girl Scout H.Q., a very modern building with excellent facilities. We were guests of honour at a tea given by the Senior Scouts of Long Beach and chatted informally with the girls. We answered a variety of questions from "What are all these badges?" to "Do kangaroos really fight with people?"

We also visited two day camps — one with Seniors on the waterfront, where there was boating, and the other with Brownies, where we taught them some songs and showed our stuffed animals, boomerangs, etc.

I have already been to seven baseball matches, as both Jim and Jerry, the Stanford boys, are keen players. At first I had only a vague idea of the game, but now, on occasions, I even disagree with the umpire!

School has broken up for the summer, but I visited the Lakewood Senior High on the last day. There are about 3500 students in the equivalent of Forms 4, 5 and 6, and consequently it is a tremendous size. Marvellous facilities — two pools, two gymnasiums, a large football and athletics field, cafeteria and large library, as well as a tremendous auditorium with fantastic backstage set up. The same evening I went to their graduation, which was rather like our University ceremony. It was most impressive, as the 1300 graduates each went up to the platform to receive their diplomas.

One evening the Stanfords took me to Ports-o-Call in San Pedro. This is a quaint little collection of shops right on a water-front jetty. One can purchase goods from the Orient, original designs in clothes, original paintings, etc. We ate in an Italian restaurant, and the Stradbroke Cadets will be pleased to know that I ordered ravioli—as usual. On the way home we went up to the top of Signal Hill and saw all the lights of Long Beach, San Pedro and Los Angeles. Signal Hill is a sight in itself. It is literally covered with oil wells, all pumping nonstop and drawing on one of the earth's greatest treasures.

The Spanish Missions up the coast are all reminders of Californian early history. The Mission at San Juan Capistrano is one of the oldest and most fascinating — it was partially destroyed, but is now being constantly restored. The Chapel houses a magnificent golden altar and priceless paintings, all brought from Spain. Today the Mission is an active parish, but is most famous for its swallows, which return to Capistrano every year on St. Joseph's Day to take up residence for the nesting season. . . .

We sat round the pool and sang songs, then had tea — hamburgers, beans and cake. After this the swimming — the pool was heated and, although it was a little cold out, the water was lovely. The pool was in a Hawaiian setting — a little grass hut and wooden carvings like tikis. There were also a variety of wind chimes that tinkled when the wind blew through them. The whole atmosphere was exotic and luxurious. Later the Roundup Co-ordinator showed some slides of previous Roundups and Roundup training.

Saturday my "mum" and I went shopping. Most of the shopping centres here seem to be like Chadstone, in that there is a group of shops together with a large parking area around them. I was particularly interested in the clothes — lots of shifts and bermudas; also over here parkas are it. Just everyone has one and you can get them everywhere and in all colours. Another thing that is popular is the "sweatshirt", exactly the same as our windcheaters.

Would you let everyone know we are having a marvellous time and thinking of you all.

—From Trudy Monk and Robyn Riddett in U.S.A. for the Roundup.

TRAINING PAGES

THE BROWNIE GUIDERS' WARRANT

In the past in some areas there has been the mistaken idea that, as soon as a Guider has completed her training - either practical training, by correspondence or by regular visits to a Pack under a very experienced Guider - she is ready for her Warrant. This cannot be the case, as the training a Guider receives is merely to fit her to run her Pack in a satisfactory way. She generally requires some time after her training to put the new ideas gained into practice. It is not a case of "taking out" a Warrant to enable a Guider to open a Pack. The Commissioner visits the Pack meeting for the purpose of testing for the Warrant when she considers the Guider is ready.

The Warrant is an outward sign that a Guider has proved that she is qualified in all the sections mentioned in Policy, Organisation and Rules. These requirements are to be found in P.O.&R. near the beginning of the section marked "Brownie Branch".

Do read these sections very carefully; for instance, Are you bringing in the International side of your meetings? Are you really telling a story in preparation for the day your Commissioner visits to test? Your Programme Book will reveal all this, and therefore it is no good deciding to do it all two weeks before the Commissioner is due! She will also want to see your Pack Register and Account Book.

For the actual test your Commissioner will arrange to visit a Pack meeting, so do have a well-balanced "natural" programme. If possible, some kind of "welcome" ceremony (made up by the Brownies at Powwow the week before), games to suit the day. Be sure to teach some test work, tell a story and, above all, do not put on a show programme just for the occasion.

During this proving time you are also required to visit three Company meetings.

Discuss these proposed visits at your District meeting with your Commissioner and the Guide Captain, so that you will receive the maximum benefit and feel the time well spent. It is most important that the Powwow (the very beginning of the Patrol System in the Guide Movement) is really working.

Your Commissioner will look for such things as FUN in the Pack — is each child enjoying the meeting?

DISCIPLINE: Is the fun controlled? Is there a special Pack sign for silence or attention, and is it obeyed instantly?

TEST WORK: Is each child learning in a practical way? Is it interesting and of real use?

EQUIPMENT: Is this of a high standard and suitable?

GAMES: Are these suitable for the 7½ to 11 age group, or are the games too young or games "stolen" from the Guide Company and therefore too advanced for the younger members of the Pack?

INSPECTIONS: Are these imaginative and happy?

VARIETY: Do programmes always follow the same pattern; i.e., beginning and ending with the same activities, or are they varied and sometimes unusual? Do the Guiders co-operate over the planning of the programmes?

OUT OF DOORS: Is use made of the patch of lawn in the grounds, or the vacant section opposite the hall, or does the Pack just stay inside?

Above all, is each shild leaving the meeting each week having learnt something new?

The Guider herself: Is the Promise and Law the basis of her Guiding and is she trying to live it as a person?

Relationship with others in her District or Division: Is she endeavouring to keep the rules, wear correct uniform and attend trainings wherever possible? (The training of a Guider is a continuous process and is by no means finished when she receives her Warrant.)

Finally, her balance as a person: Is she really a trusted leader and friend?

A Tawny Owl's Warrant is tested in exactly the same way as a Brown Owl's. Tawny Owl will need to produce the Pack Programme Book, showing that she is taking a fair share in the actual running of the

Pack. The planning in this book should be the effort of the Guiders.

As with Brown Owl, Tawny Owl may use Brown Owl as much as she wishes on the day of her test, provided she tells the story and is responsible for the teaching of some test work. A Tawny Owl's Warrant does not allow her to test and enrol. After Tawny has been Warranted, Brown Owl may, if she wishes, give Tawny Owl permission to test certain sections of the Golden Bar Test.

Those of us who have held a Warrant for some time: It is good that we should sometimes read over the requirements in the section of Policy, Organisation and Rules already mentioned, and check to make sure we are really keeping up to the standard required of the new Brownie Guider — our Warrant is a sign that we have been trusted to do this.

-Greta M. Roach.

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APPROACHING FIRST AID - 1

In teaching First Aid to Guides there are three principles involved—

- 1. Teach in order of priorities.
- Teach within the understanding of the Guide, giving simple explanations of why certain things are done.
- 3. Use examples of situations that the Guide is MOST LIKELY to encounter.

It is within the range of the Guide to be aware of how accidents occur and to take steps to prevent their occurrence. When teaching a group of Guides on this subject it is interesting to ask them for examples of how certain accidents, e.g., burns, occur, and most will give examples that they have experienced or observed in their own homes. This can be helpful to the Guides who are listening and could contribute to preventing a similar accident occurring. For example. one Guide stated that she was scalded from water splashing from the steam iron the first time she used it, the reason being that she had put too much water in it, and it was obvious that those present had become aware of how to prevent a burn in this situation. The inclusion of a preventive section when testing Guides is also helpful, as it produces original thinking and free expression of ideas rather than the usual stereotyped answers. Often the example that the Guide gives can then be used to get her to state how she would deal with that particular situation.

One of the first priorities is sending for help. In the case of a serious injury it is preferable to have the patient transported to a doctor or hospital immediately rather than to "send for the doctor'.' One reason for this is because most doctors are so busy that it may be hours before one could get around to where you are situated. The other reason is because doctors prefer to treat and apply dressings in the aseptic conditions of their surgeries, where they have all sterilised equipment on hand. If the injuries are such that moving the patient could be dangerous, an ambulance can be summoned because the ambulance officer is trained in the safest method of moving injured people. As far as the Guide is concerned it is her responsibility to get help from an adult who would make the decision in each case, but she is capable of understanding the procedure to take in obtaining medical aid and could pass on what she has been taught if this was neces-

The majority of accidents that the Guide is most likely to encounter are minor ones that occur from day to day and are coped with by simple First Aid treatment. The first priority here is to place the patient in a position of rest in which she will be most comfortable, not necessarily lying down, which could be very uncomfortable on a hard floor or the ground, but at least sitting down on a seat if possible. It has been observed that most Guides tend to treat these injuries with their patients standing up, and often appearing pale, even though the injury may have been so slight as to only require a band-aid.

There are various methods of practising First Aid within the Company. Some Companies stage a major accident, making it look very near the real thing. It was observed during one of these that some Guides treated it as a joke, others seemed to have difficulty in deciding where they would start and what to do first, and once they got started they tended to "overtreat" the patient, whilst other appeared genuinely distressed and even shocked. It is possible that such a practice in First Aid was turned on before the Guides were ready

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CORRECT HAIRSTYLING (Part 2)

Last month we discussed some of the problems associated with the shampooing and conditioning of your hair and suggested simple solutions to them; this month we will talk about the next two important steps to good hairstyling:

Professionally trimmed hair designed to suit the shape of your face;

Care in brushing out your hair after a setting.

The basis of all good styling lies in the trim, so it is essential that you have your hair cut regularly by a professional hairdresser; "having a go" yourself with a couple of mirrors and a pair of scissors will serve to keep your hair off your shoulders if that is all you want, but no amount of careful setting afterwards will achieve a well-groomed look, while the hairdresser's bane is the young lady who snips a piece off here and there whenever it won't lie just the way she wants it to! The average head of hair grows from 1/2 in. to 3/4 in. a month, so it should be trimmed every six to eight weeks if it is to keep its shape and style.

Now, before you have a trim you should choose the style you want to "wear", and before you decide on the style, please ask the advice of your hairdresser; all too often girls tend to choose a hairstyle that is the height of fashion and looks lovely on the model, but is completely unsuitable for their particular shape of face and type of hair. But because the "hair-do" on the model does not suit you, it doesn't follow that you need look dowdy or old-fashioned - most modern styles can be easily adapted to suit any type of face and kind of hair.

Once you and your hairdresser have decided on your style, she will cut your hair into the correct shape for it and show you how and where the rollers should be placed when you set it; after each shampoo, always comb your hair through in the direction of the style you have adopted, and when setting it remember to take only small sections of hair at a time, and when starting to roll make sure the ends are wound smoothly round the roller.

When the setting is completed and your hair is completely dry, brush thoroughly (in the same direction as the rollers were placed) before the final combing. When a little more height is required a small amount of teasing can be used by back-brushing the hair very gently at the roots and then smoothing over, but remember that too much teasing splits and breaks the hair.

This month our Sea Ranger model Marian is shown as she first appeared to us, with her hair worn long in a most untidy and unattractive style, quite unsuitable for uniform. After trimming we see her fixing the last roller in position and then putting the finishing touches to an unusual style with an interesting "upswirl" at the back; see her now wearing her Sea Ranger cap or - without the cap — how she could wear it for a more formal evening date with dressier clothes and different make-up.

We hope we have shown you in these two articles that it is not difficult to have wellgroomed hair and to look after it at home if you remember a few basic rules:

Frequent shampooing and brushing; Regular trimming by a professional hairdresser;

Forethought and time-planning; you can't set your hair, dry it and comb it up in the last five minutes before you go out. And one last thought about that question

of time. Many girls take a lot of time and trouble over their hair for "special" occa-



sions and the rest of the time go around looking like the business end of a dish mop. People see you and remember you ALL the time. Do you want to be known as that untidy, rather slovenly-looking girl who can occasionally look quite stunning? Wouldn't it be nice if, when your name was mentioned, someone said: "Marian? Oh yes — I know her, the girl with the pretty hair!"

—P. Calder.



THAT UNFORGETTABLE MOMENT

Have you ever felt that all your life you have been waiting for a certain, wonderful moment, when, suddenly, unexpectedly, it is revealed to you?

This happened to me, as it must have to many others, in the Guide House Chapel during "Guides' Own" at the Commissioners' Conference.

What a perfect setting! The beautiful bushland — the tranquility and the crisp morning air. How uplifted we all felt as we sang "The Lord Is My Shepherd", and then Miss Margaret Shaw's excellent address on the still, small Voice. How absolutely perfect was that moment when we were asked to close our eyes and listen for that still, small Voice and a little bird trilled in the distance. How peaceful the whole world seemed at that instant and how far removed we were from trouble and strife. I am sure each one present was filled with fresh hope and inspiration.

That beautiful service will live long in our memories.—J.Q.

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for it, and is one reason why it is advisable to give practice in the minor situations that they are most likely to encounter, so that in learning to make decisions and act in priorities in minor situations they are being prepared to rise to the occasion should a major situation occur.

A game that can be used is First Aid Noughts and Crosses. A blackboard is used and marked off into nine squares as for Noughts and Crosses, and a number is placed in each square. The Guider has prepared nine questions. Sometimes these give a set of circumstances, and the Guides are asked to treat a member of their Patrol who is involved and sometimes they are asked to list their priorities on a piece of paper and bring to the Guider. The game is played in Patrols and can be run as a relay, the winning team choosing the number, but all Patrols are given the question and first finished correctly captures the square. The number of the square is rubbed out and the name of the Patrol written in its place. As in Noughts and Crosses the Patrols aim at capturing three squares vertically or diagonally. -E. M. Hansen.



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GUIDE HOUSE

Over 100 Commissioners attending the Commissioners' Conference at Sherbrooke travelled in buses to Guide House on Sunday, 27th June, to attend a Guides' Own Service in the Tartandi Chapel. The weather was cold but fine and very still, and the service most moving. Many of the Commissioners had never seen Guide House before, and there was the time after the service for them to wander round and inspect part of the property. 1st Solway Company were in residence at the House, and their Guider (Miss Ogden) was most cooperative. She and her Q.M. made tea for the Commissioners, and this was served by the Guides. This gesture was very much appreciated by the visiting Commissioners.

Saturday, 3rd July, was "Arbor Day". The weather was perfect - bright sunshine and for mid-winter, quite warm. Our friend (Mr. May, the Chief Forester) had the trees there ready for us, also several buckets of blood and bone. About 60 people — Brownies, Guides, Guiders and parents came to plant trees, and Mr. May demonstrated beforehand the best way to do this. "The Twigs", who were in residence in the House for the weekend, kept up a constant supply of hot water and tea which was very much appreciated by all the workers (that ground is very, very hard to dig!). Over 250 trees were planted and the rest will be planted over the next few weeks. We were thrilled to receive some money for the Guide House maintenance from the Guides of

Nauru, and at our Arbor Day a flowering gum and a wattle tree were planted for the Nauruan Guides by a Guide and a Brownie from the Hallam District. We hope that before long the Nauruan Guides will be able to see their trees.

A strenuous but very enjoyable working bee was held at Guide House in June by some of the ladies from Brighton L.A. They said they would like to come again and we would certainly like to have them. In July, Laburnum L.A. is going up to do a day's work there. We hope more L.As. will visit the property soon. The work they are doing for us is a tremendous help, both from a practical point of view and as a moralebooster for the Committee. The Twigs while up there also sorted out the blankets at Guide House and six dozen have been brought down to be laundered. When these are returned the blankets at Brownie Cottage will be done.

At last! At last! The fence is finished, plus the five gates and two cattle pits — and very nice they look. No worry now about cows eating our little trees.

If the Senior Branch Adviser would give her blessing, would any Senior Branch Unit be prepared to arrange a Service Weekend at Guide House in November to clean out the swimming pool? In past years this has been done by Rangers and this work has been a wonderful help to us. We hope very much that some Rangers or Cadets will be able to do it this year.

The Committee would like to thank the following for maintaining Guide House during the month of June.

1st—Merri Division Guides. 2nd—Lakes Entrance L.A. 3rd—1st Mentone Coy. 4th—1st Morwell Coy.

5th—West Heidelberg L.A.

6th-2nd East Malvern Coy.

7th—1st Numurkah Coy.

9th—Yallourn District.

11th-2nd East Malvern Coy.

17th—Donald District.

18th-Wendouree District.

19th-North Kew L.A.

20th-Wendouree District.

24th—Yinnar L.A.

25th-12th Ballarat Pack.

26th—1964 Commissioners' Conference.

28th-McLeod and Rosanna L.A.

29th-1st Mitcham Pack.

30th-3rd Sandringham Coy.

STAMPS

The 5d. Sir John Monash commemorative stamp was issued by Australia on 23rd June last. On 7th July, Papua and New Guinea issued 6d. and 1/- value stamps to mark the sixth South Pacific Conference held at Lae.

A pink Queen Elizabeth stamp has replaced the 5d. green one.

New Hebrides stamps for issue this year are: On 16th August, four new stamps featuring cocoa, fishing, a butterfly fish and a local bird; on 15th September, four Sir Winston Churchill stamps; on 24th October (United Nations Day), an issue of stamps to commemorate International Co-operation Year. In addition, two stamps were issued in May, 1965, for the centenary of the International Communications Union.



SIXTH SOUTH PACIFIC CONFERENCE LAE 1965



PAPUA & NEW GUINEA

-Blocks by courtesy of the "Herald".

Will all Brownies, Guides, Guiders and others please see that stamps sent for sale are properly soaked off paper (all gum removed), not torn in any way, not too heavily postmarked, securely packed before posting, and a name and address included for identification. A VERY POOR lot of stamps have come in lately, and I do not have time to re-do each parcel. Address parcels to 12 Cowderoy Street, St. Kilda, S.2.

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

PRESENTATION AT MAFFRA

Thursday night was a very important night for Maffra Guides.

The District Commissioner presented the Captains of 2nd and 1st Maffra Companies with their Warrants. Then there was an Enrolment Ceremony for five Guides.

A very exciting presentation followed. This was a Letter of Commendation from Victoria's State Commissioner, and was presented to 13-year-old P.L. Sue Porter.

She put her Guide training into action when the dressing-gown on her small stepsister Robyn, sitting by the fire, caught alight. Sue rolled Robyn on the floor and kept her calm until the doctor arrived, and saved her from very severe burns.

Maffra District are proud of Sue, and her Company acknowledged this by presenting her with a pen and pencil set,

FROM THE STATE COMMISSIONER

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10th: A night to remember - the Gala Premiere of "Mary Poppins" — so perfectly organised under the leadership of Mrs. G. Molyneaux, of the Women's Committee. It added to the special nature of the evening that H.E. the Governor, Sir Rohan Delacombe, and Lady Delacombe, our State President, and the Lord and Lady Mayoress honoured us by their attendance. Patrons, introduced to a Guide atmosphere in the theatre by a smart guard of honour of Guides and by Senior Branch programme sellers, will surely retain a memory of the happy association of a delightful film with our Building Appeal. It gave our fund an equally wonderful lift, too.

11th: It was a privilege and pleasure to represent you at the Reception at Government House given by H.E. the Governor in honour of the birthday of H.M. the Queen.

And it was most exciting to read in the Birthday Honours next morning of the award of the O.B.E. to our Mrs. R. Graeme Orr for her services to the Guide Movement in Victoria. Heartiest congratulations, Beverley!

17th: Mrs. C. Ress kindly gave a most glamorous Afternoon Tea Party at the Ress-Oriental to help our appeal, after which I had to come down to earth and chair an exacting and important Executive meeting. Your Executive Committee really does work very hard.

22nd: A Luncheon Party for 400 in the Banquet Hall of the Southern Cross Hotel, combined with an exhibition of ceramics, was another most pleasant and remunerative adjunct to our appeal, splendidly organised by Mrs. R. Townsend, Mrs. W. Horsfall and Mrs. E. Richards of our State Council.

23rd: The Finance Sub-Committee Meeting prevented me from attending another interesting appeal function donated through Mrs. Bolte by Mrs. Richard Frank of the Lillian and Antonio Salon.

24th: Our Appeal President gave a Morning Coffee Party at Parliament House to thank the Chairman, other Office-Bearers and members of the Women's Committee for their magnificent contribution to our appeal funds. Honoured guests were Lady Delacombe, our State President, and Lady Curtis, one of the Patrons of the appeal. It was a privilege to add the gratitude of

the Association to that expressed by Mrs. Bolte for the appeal organisation.

Among all these glamorous functions the normal but never mundane weekly and monthly meetings found their places: Miss Macartney and I even went to work on the Annual Report.

25th to 27th: It was then with a sense of pleasureable relaxation that I "retreated" o "Marybrooke" to join fellow-Commissioners for the Annual Conference Weekend — this, too, a very special occasion, in that our State President had graciously consented to open the Conference. Congratulations to the Organising Committee on a very happy, helpful and satisfying weekend for all present, new and old. —JOYCE E. PRICE.

MISS MABEL COOPER

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which position she supervised staffing and general organisation.

She was especially active in the Willing Shilling Drive and the Building Pool Fund, both of which schemes she instigated. Any alterations to Headquarters building were always her special care, and indeed, during our first Memorial Appeal, Miss Cooper and Mr. Treloar were continuously available to help in every way.

Miss Cooper was awarded a well-earned Beaver in 1961 for her innumerable and invaluable services to Guiding in Victoria.

In the Australian sphere she was Honorary Treasurer in the years of great expansion of activity during and after the war. She has since attended meetings of the Australian Council when finances were prominent, and her services in this regard are recognised throughout Australia. Miss Cooper expanded for the benefit of all States the Superannuation Scheme (earlier introduced by her for Victorian Headquarters), of which she is currently Chairman of Trustees. She was also a prime mover in the Insurance Scheme for Guide personnel, and is at present a Trustee of the Irene Fairbairn Award Fund.

Beyond all these specialised services of inestimable value, Miss Cooper's interest and influence in every aspect of Guiding have been felt throughout our Movement in Victoria.

To her we say the very warmest "THANK YOU" and look forward to her continued interest in the years ahead.

AN APPRECIATION

Two years ago residents of Irrewarra (about five miles from Colac with approximately 200 residents) received notice of a meeting to discuss establishing a Guide Company.

Mrs. M. Taylor, of Swan Marsh, 16 miles away, Divisional Commissioner, would not take "No" for an answer, though she will claim her perseverance as being in the course of duty. How many miles Mrs. Taylor covered to interview prospective Guiders we will never know. For weeks, indeed months, Mrs. Taylor travelled, until the first important step was taken — a Local Association was formed, consisting of President, Secretary, Treasurer and four Guiders who have since retired from the Local Association.

From this small beginning we now have in our District 14 Guides, 11 Brownies, 14 enrolled Local Association members, four Guiders and our own District Commissioner, due entirely to the untiring efforts of Mrs. Taylor.

On her resignation we can but offer our thanks for her work to introduce Guiding to be enjoyed by each and every one of us, like a never-ending book, with always something new over the page.

She leaves behind a shining example of the Fourth Law, and Irrewarra will always have a special place in its heart for her.

ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY, VICTORIA

Camellia and Daffodil Show

Thursday, 19th August Friday, 20th August

MALVERN TOWN HALL Afternoon and Evening

Mrs. C. O. Fairbairn hopes to show her daffodils

LILYDALE DIVISIONAL FIELD DAY

Our Field Day dawned clear and sunny. It was held on the property of our Divisional Commissioner, Mrs. Gardner, at Lilydale.

Over 80 Guides, plus Guiders, arrived, and each Patrol found a home in which to settle for the day. There were five sections to be tackled. A pilot to be rescued — this included some compass work, First Aid, and the making of a stretcher. A commando course suited the more energetic — a swinging log, a bridge, a scramble net, a rope ladder and a boat across the dam. This latter, if not done as directed, had some unusual results!

The message-carrying section showed some varied methods of sending messages, including making a telephone with tins and decoding a message. Great skill was displayed in the international sections — each Patrol had to fill eight bottles with water at varying levels and play Taps on them; also to make a 3in. x 6in. flag of another country and a flagpole upon which to hoist it.

Ingenuity was shown at lunch time, when each Patrol was inspected. They had been given a list of ingredients to be used and served for lunch to the best of their ability and imagination. There were some really luscious lunches.

The day concluded with everyone around the flags in a Horseshoe. Each Patrol which had participated in the day was presented with a pennant, upon which was an Aboriginal symbol of four eyes (looking in all directions) and the word "Werrai", meaning "Be Prepared". Taps was played on the bottles, accompanied by one singer, after which everyone sang Taps.



When opportunity knocks at the door some people are out in the yard looking for four-leaf clovers.

Why doesn't opportunity kick down the door instead of just knocking? Temptation does!

& A DAY OUT &

Each year "Heredits' Club" holds an afternoon at a property belonging to one of the members. There they provide horses from friends and pony clubs, and give a group of spastic children plenty of rides — on the horses, in pony carts, hay cart, tractors, etc. It takes plenty of manpower to be with the children and hold them steady if needed. They like other children helping them, and that is where the Guides fit in.

Afternoon teas are served and we help there, too—in fact, anywhere help is needed.

1st Lilydale Guides have the job and are glad to do it.

The picture shows one of the guests on the horse, with the owner leading and a Guide holding the girl to steady her. Someone always holds and goes beside the rider.

In the District Guide news column we inserted the following:—

"Blisters developed — on our heels, of course — when horses took the spastic kiddies for rides at Brampton Park. We helped by holding and leading our charges, and the way those kiddies wanted more rides maybe they'd have blisters elsewhere."

-E. Willis.



-Block by courtesy of "Lilydale Express".

CONSERVATION CAMP, VENTNOR RESERVE

Some 80 Senior Branch Guides from many parts of Victoria met at Ventnor Reserve, Phillip Island, for overnight camp.

Our purpose — to learn how we can conserve the nature of our country.

Miss Mellor and a Scouter, Mr. Wilkie, arranged very attractive activities for us, and these were fitted into a tight schedule.

Miss I. Watson, from the Fisheries and Wildlife Department, told us about koalas, and we saw several around the Reserve. She showed us a three-months-old unborn koala bottled in spirits. Everyone planted a tree in a specially prepared area, and then we went by bus to see the "Penguin Parade". Later, slides (belonging to Mr. Wilkie) of earlier planting days were shown and others of native birds and animals, taken and shown by Miss Watson, were incredibly good.

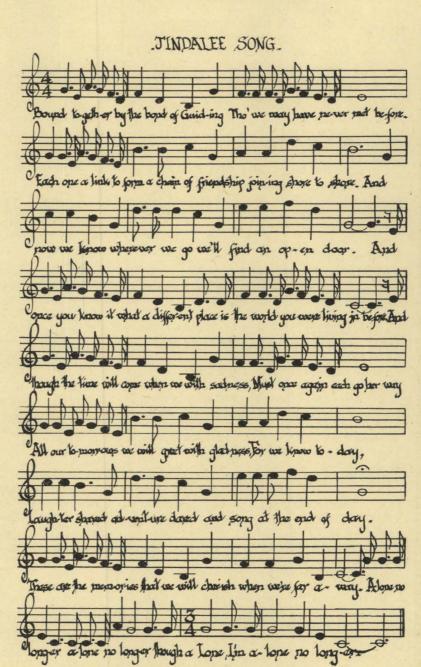
The next morning, after a Seniors' Own Service, we all set to pruning trees, the main reason for the camp. We went to the Nobbies, and after a hike around Woolamai Beach, Mr. Pickersgil told us something of the history of Phillip Island.

On behalf of all who attended, I would like to thank Miss Mellor, Mrs. Rylah, Miss Watson, Mr. Wilkie and Mr. Pickersgil; also thanks to John, the bus driver from Grendas.

-Sandra Newton, Moorabbin Rangers.



CAMPFIRE SONGS



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NOTICES

CAMPING DEPARTMENT Q.M. COURSE

A Q.M. Course has been arranged and will consist of three nights at Headquarters, followed by one overnight camp at Donvale. Dates are: Thursday, 16th, 23rd, 30th September. Weekend at Donvale: 8th to 9th October. The course will be limited to 30. Guider-in-Charge: Miss H. Carnegie.

Applications to the Camping Secretary, Mrs. B. D. McNally, Girl Guides Association, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne, C.1, as soon as possible.

CAMPING DEPARTMENT CAMP FIRST AID

A course for Camp First Aid has been arranged and will consist of four nights at Headquarters. Dates are: Tuesday, 14th, 21st, 28th September, and 5th October. Fee 5/-.

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

THIS IS MOST IMPORTANT

Please paste it in your copy of P.O.&R. for reference:—

Do you realise that for ALL INTER-NATIONAL MATTERS YOUR CONTACT IS YOUR STATE INTERNATIONAL REPRE-SENTATIVE?

Please DO NOT WRITE to the Guide Headquarters of other member countries of the World Association when you and your Guides wish to know about Guiding in other lands.

This overtaxes the staff of Headquarters in these countries, especially countries with small H.Q. staffs and growing Guide populations.

Also please DO NOT contact another country's representative in Australia — such as their AMBASSADOR, CONSUL, TRADE COMMISSIONER, etc. — for information about Guiding in his country. I am sure he will be pleased to help you learn more about his country in general, but he will not have on hand the details you will require about Guiding.

REMEMBER—YOUR CONTACT IS YOUR STATE INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE — and your co-operation would be appreciated.

-Shirley Farrow,

State International Representative.

"MATILDA" CONTRIBUTIONS

The Editor of "Matilda" is delighted to receive stories, reports, articles about interesting activities, games, happenings, etc., which have happened in YOUR area. Don't wait for someone else to write in about them.

If you are sending these articles in, would you remember —

- 1. It helps us if they are typed or written (carefully) on a separate sheet of paper from any letter enclosed.
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GUIDER, with driving licence preferred, wanted for NEW ZEALAND holiday, four weeks, January, 1966. Contact Miss M. J. Tharle, 73 Robinson Street, Dandenong.

SENIOR BRANCH DISASTER SQUAD WEEKEND

We spent much of Saturday following a map to "Tapestry", where our weekend was held. Sunday, after Colours, we were told details of our training programme and warned that a disaster might occur in the area that weekend.

The day was spent in studying such things as camperaft, shelter and stretcher construction, first aid, mapping and direction-finding by sun and stars. In the evening we came to our Seniors' Own, which had a theme of Service, leading to its central point, the parable, "Message to Garcia". As we went to bed we talked of Rowan, the man who, when asked to take a message into dangerous country, went without asking "How?" and "Why?", usually so common when such a request is made. How appropriate this message became for us!

At 12.2 a.m., as we slept peacefully, a bell, urgently clanging, disturbed our rest.

Operation Disaster! Fifteen minutes to get dressed and take the things we thought most useful in facing a disaster. 12.17: we formed up for Roll Call in three groups. The disaster: a plane crash to the east of the property. Group 1 was to find the patients, treat them and bring them to the First Aid Shelter Post, which Group 2 was to provide. Group 3 was to make soup and toast for the exhausted workers. Each group chose a leader to organise it.

The First Aid people soon set out in the direction of the crash, laden with rugs, First Aid kits, hatchets, ropes and torches. Across a field, through a fence, patches of light from the blazing wreckage could be seen further up the hill.

The first patient found was Mrs. Walker, lying face-down beside some burning wreckage. Becoming conscious, she groaned in pain — diagnosis was multiple fractures and internal injuries. Next found was Chris. Canavan, with a badly-lacerated thigh. Mrs. Preece-Brown, the faithful pilot (who had baled out of the plane and landed in a tree), posed a problem, but was skilfully disentangled. Rosemary Hauser had serious burns to her hands. Mrs. Rylah, who had wandered dazed from the wreckage, was nearly mislaid, but after a while she was

found suffering from a broken right arm and with a nasty scratch on her face.

Soon the patients were being cared for, and the training of the previous day was gratefully remembered, as limbs were bandaged and stretchers assembled. The patients, in their shocked state, were kept warm and needed constant attention and comfort.

We were ready to start back for the shelter and some workers stayed to put out the fires. Mrs. Walker and Chris. were carefully put on stretchers, a "seat" was made for Mrs. Preece-Brown, and Rosemary and Mrs. Rylah were helped to walk back. Without a light to guide us it was a little difficult finding our way and several parties started down the wrong track. The journey was, however, going smoothly, when, coming round a bend, Mrs. Rylah, leaning heavily on her rescuer's arm, asked in a feeble voice for her handbag. In a moment, broken arm dived out of sling, pulled out camera, and took a flash photo of Mrs. Walker lying on her stretcher! However, the arm soon became limp again and the party moved toward the welcoming shelter.

There was much soup and toast for the tired workers. Patients were given more thorough care (and made remarkable recoveries.). By two o'clock the disaster had been dealt with, no lives lost and all were able to go back to bed.

The exercise was too interesting — and really challenging — for anyone to mind leaving a warm sleeping bag, and we felt fortunate to be given this practice. For we all realised the value of this experience and from it learnt several things — that we have enough training and common-sense knowledge to try to help when there is an opportunity; but also the need to practise the things, such as First Aid, which are so soon forgotten so that hesitation will not delay our action. From the exercise we gained confidence and saw the need for exacting organisation to produce highest possible efficiency.

And, finally, we would like to thank those responsible for the weekend — for the training given, but mainly for the challenge offered.

—Jill Douglas, Margaret Charles, 3rd East Malvern Rangers.

PARLIAMENT IS 700 YEARS OLD

Men have invented many kinds of assemblies and parliaments in search of the ideal of self-government.

The year 1965 marks the seven hundredth anniversary of the English Parliament, exactly 50 years after the signing of the Magna Charter.

Government originated in the family life of ancient times. Wherever human beings live together there needs be one leader.

The power behind the government aims at legislation — the power to make laws; execution — the power to enforce laws; judicature — the power to judge those accused of breaking these laws. These powers direct towards man's enjoyment of a secure, free life.

As Churchill once said, "Thus we had arrived at these broad, happy uplands where everything is settled for the greatest good for the greatest number by the common sense of most after the consultation of all."

Democratic liberty means to us a form of government for free and upright people governing themselves.

The young people who today think poorly of democracy may, under altered circumstances, grow up to be fighters for freedom with a cry of "Give me liberty or give me death."

The signing of the Magna Charter, half a century before the first parliament, whose advent 700 years ago is celebrated in 1965, marks the transition from the age of traditional rights to the age of written legislation, of parliaments and statutes.

The word "parliament" derives from the 13th century, meaning, firstly, a debate, and then, a formal conference. Simon de Montfort called together a body of ambassadors whose primary motives were the interests of the whole nation, thus setting a precedence of representation.

In our parliamentary system the legislative power is controlled by parliament composed of the Senate and the House of Commons; the executive power by the Cabinet and the judicial power by the court.

The Queen has the right to be informed of the Cabinet's actions and information (secret or otherwise), and holds the right to advise, although such advice need not be accepted. Political parties should keep in mind the issues at stake rather than the personalities of their members, and keep policies and actions up to date. They must keep the spirit of parliament alive and inspire interest and participation by the public and so perserve democratic leadership in a democratic world.

—From the monthly letter of the Royal Bank of Canada.



DANISH YOUNGSTERS BUILD AND OPERATE TOWN

A city to be built and run by citizens between the ages of 14 and 17 is going up in Rodovre, a suburb of Copenhagen, as part of an experiment to adapt secondary school programmes to conditions which will confront young people when they leave school and start work.

At present aspiring architects, contractors, masons and carpenters are getting on-thejob experience constructing the town which will cover about eight acres. When completed other youngsters from senior secondary schools will take over the operation of the town hall, bank, post office, cinema, theatre, etc.

The project to establish Rodovre as an experimental centre was authorised last year by the Danish Parliament. The centre is being built under Ministry of Education auspices, with the co-operation of employers' organisations and trade unions.

The school in Rodovre will offer 10-month courses based on experimental programmes, prepared by educators in collaboration with representatives of government, trade and industry, that give emphasis to economic and social problems.

Plans for the town also include a church, three workshops for spare-time activities, a tunnel for industrial display, a viaduct, a traffic control tower, and accommodation for about 240 children from other parts of the country.

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