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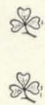


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*Monday, 25th October, 1965*

A VERY SPECIAL DATE FOR MEMBERS TO KEEP FREE



## YOUR ANNUAL MEETING

ST. KILDA TOWN HALL, 8 p.m.



**Mrs. J. R. Price, State Commissioner, will present the report.**



**Rabbi H. M. SANGER, O.B.E., Ph.D., D.D., Chief Minister, Temple Beth Israel, will be Guest Speaker.**



**Our Guide Choir, under the leadership of Mrs. J. W. Clarke, will open the Meeting with a group of songs.**

REMEMBER — THIS IS YOUR ANNUAL MEETING . . . A VERY HAPPY  
OCCASION WHEN YOU MEET OLD AND NEW FRIENDS

COME AND HEAR INTERESTING SPEAKERS AND THE GUIDE CHOIR





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## FROM THE STATE COMMISSIONER

I have returned home just in time to tell you how little of this month I have spent in Victoria.

But, before leaving for Sydney for the Australian Executive Meeting, I had two very special "dates":

**3rd August:** The luncheon party at Headquarters arranged by the Public Relations Sub-Committee in conjunction with the Movement Appeal Committee, at which was announced the District which, by its effort for the Building Appeal, had won the air passages to Fiji generously arranged for us by Qantas. Congratulations, Marnoo — and congratulations to all the other Districts represented and to the organisers of this function for making it such a happy occasion as well as an encouragement for the necessary continuation of the appeal. I know we're all watching, and working, for a steady rise of that barometer.

**4th August:** Meeting of Division Commissioners at Headquarters. In addition to the usual interest of discussion on current affairs we were prepared by Miss Doris Carter for the changeover to decimal currency.

The Australian Executive Meeting could not be regarded as "a regular holiday", in that three days of concentration were all too short for the agenda, much less the personal contacts and informal discussions which combine to make this such a valuable occasion. But the stimulus of all the States coming together with the Chief Commissioner and her Australian staff and office-bearers, the sharing of the sense of national unity in our Guide family, the willingness, indeed keenness, to understand varying points of view arising of necessity from the great variation of conditions in this large continent — all these things made it better than any ordinary holiday. The Chief Commissioner, too, gave us the opportunity to

meet at dinner a number of people who serve Australian Guiding in specialised capacities, also Miss Eleanor Manning, recently returned from World Committee activities, and Miss Margaret Coleman, just home from the Idaho Round-up.

You will be pleased to know that my preparation for this important meeting was supplemented by an invaluable gift from my invaluable Assistant, Mrs. Gray — a well-starched cuff off which to talk. And, of course, she added the conduct and attendance of my meetings during my absence to her already heavy programme of duties.

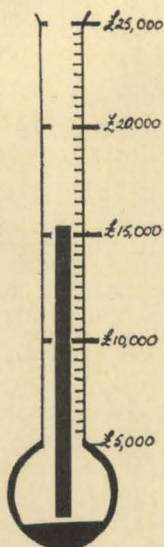
Almost guiltily, I then really relaxed as a mere observer at the International Federation of University Women Conference in nice warm Brisbane, and at the social functions and sightseeing tours connected therewith. But one of the joys of Guiding is that it infiltrates most international connections, and I was delighted with the number of greetings that resulted from my wearing the World Badge. In particular I was able to meet Mrs. Ratnam, ex-State Commissioner of Madras, and assure her of the welcome waiting for her in Victoria. I was privileged, too, to visit Kindilan, the Queensland Training Centre, with Mrs. Burcher, State Commissioner, Queensland, and meet many Guiding colleagues gathered together in Mrs. Ratnam's honour.

And guess who I met on the landing stage at Gladstone en route for Heron Island and a well-deserved escape from State affairs?— Our Premier, the Hon. H. E. and Mrs. Bolte. We really tried not to talk Building Appeal under the circumstances, but only with moderate success.

Well, it's lovely to be home again! With all the work that one knows will be waiting, there's also the happiness of "belonging" and the pleasure of being able to bring back further experience in the breadth and strength of national and international Guiding.

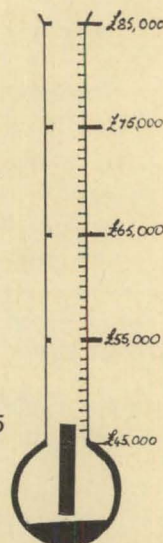


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**Movement Appeal.**

£45,728 at 24-9-65



**Donations and Women's Committee Efforts.**

## HEY, THERE!

Remember the glorious camp you had at Guide House; the Pack holiday at Brownie Cottage; the batch of papers you had to COPE WITH to get there?

But, unbelievably, when you did arrive, the milk had been delivered, the equipment was there, the lats dug.

Remember the training you did to become of the CHOSEN PEOPLE — a Guider? You went to Guide Headquarters and, amazingly, so did all the others in your session, and a Trainer appeared as if by magic.

Then you had to have a uniform, badges, and your Company, Pack and Crew needed uniforms and badges, too, and books and equipment.

You found a Commissioner had been appointed for you to turn to; or perhaps you are a Commissioner and you receive a monthly newsletter to keep you on the ball. Remember the questions you asked, the answers and the help?

And this first-rate little magazine — our own "Matilda" — how do you get it each month so nicely wrapped?

In ONE answer — GUIDE HEADQUARTERS.

All these things originate at 20 Russell Street. Can you ever imagine the chaos if

it wasn't there? But it is, and we are growing, and growing, and we must expand to cope.

We have been able to get a fine building right next door. We just need YOUR help with the "Building Appeal within the Movement" to finance the extension plans.

So it gets back to YOU and ME now. Will you please go pick up your phone and get together a few of your pals for a morning coffee natter? NOW! Please, NOW!

Or a Pie Night for your Guides — or a Toffee Night — anything! Just an itsy-bitsy little effort. It may only raise a small sum, but altogether it will be worth while.

Help us to finish the appeal by Christmas. Ready? Set? GO! GO! GO!

—EILEEN BARWICK, Chairman,  
Building Appeal within the  
Movement.



## HOCKEY MATCH

**State Commissioner & Co. v.  
Senior Branch**

This match resulted in a "win" for the State Commissioners' team, 3-0!

Watch for full report, with pictures, in the next issue of "Matilda".



## MEMBERSHIP FIGURES AS AT 30th JUNE, 1965

Membership Figures as at 30th June, 1965

### Summary:

Victoria—		
State .....	42,472	
Nauru .....	103	
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New South Wales—		
State .....	30,969	
A.C.T. ....	1,346	
	<hr/>	32,315
Queensland .....		12,420
South Australia—		
State .....	10,636	
Northern Territory .....	556	
	<hr/>	11,192
Western Australia—		
State .....	8,196	
Christmas Island .....	88	
	<hr/>	8,284
Tasmania .....		4,814
Papua-New Guinea .....		3,760
	<hr/>	115,360



### Enrolled Members:

States—		
Victoria .....	32,708	
New South Wales .....	23,167	
Queensland .....	10,447	
South Australia .....	8,305	
Western Australia .....	6,611	
Tasmania .....	3,729	
	<hr/>	84,967
Territories—		
Papua-New Guinea .....	1,830	
Australian Capital .....	912	
Northern Territory .....	416	
Nauru .....	85	
Christmas Island .....	66	
	<hr/>	3,309
	<hr/>	88,276

### Not Enrolled Members:

States—		
Victoria .....	9,764	
New South Wales .....	7,802	
Queensland .....	1,973	
South Australia .....	2,331	
Western Australia .....	1,585	
Tasmania .....	1,085	
	<hr/>	24,540
Territories—		
Papua-New Guinea .....	1,930	
Australian Capital .....	434	
Northern Territory .....	140	
Nauru .....	18	
Christmas Island .....	22	
	<hr/>	2,544
	<hr/>	27,084

GRAND TOTAL FOR AUSTRALIA 115,360

### A comparison in figures since 1958 for the Uniformed Members of the Association

	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965
Guiders .....	4,562	4,948	5,374	5,820	6,400	6,819	7,368	7,803
Commissioners .....	785	870	878	983	1,079	1,136	1,184	1,230
Guides .....	29,529	31,590	32,364	33,048	34,779	35,885	36,630	38,398
Brownies .....	23,242	26,363	29,069	31,559	34,477	36,113	39,108	41,140
Senior Branch .....	1,290	1,243	1,553	1,460	1,535	1,842	2,058	2,054

## S.O.S. FROM PAPUA-NEW GUINEA

### Trainer Required

To work in Papua-New Guinea, stationed in Rabaul. Suggested term: two years, with possibility of extension. A knowledge of all branches of Guiding needed, with emphasis on Brownie work.

Accommodation: self-contained flat provided rent free.

Salary and further particulars on application Australian Training Adviser, Miss C. Broadhurst, 457 St. Kilda Road Melbourne, Victoria.

1st Brighton Beach Brownie Pack recently celebrated their ninth birthday. The week before Brown Owl had suggested wearing fancy dress, and all the Brownies agreed.

Our Packies judged the parade — gypsies, dancers, guards, skeletons, a Thai dancer, witches, a cat, an artist and many others — but couldn't pick out who was best, so gave each Brownie a prize.

Brown Owl and Tawny Owl had brought a cake with candles, and after the Parade each Brownie had a slice.

We had our photo taken, too, by Tawny's husband — altogether, we Brownies had a wonderful time.

—Denise Roche.



## PIDGIN

You will remember the article recently reprinted in "Matilda" from the "Nu Gini Toktok", a newspaper printed entirely in Pidgin English.

For your information and background we now publish the article, "Pidgin — the Language that Can Do", and we would acknowledge the courtesy and help given to us in this matter by the Editorial Department Staff of the "Reader's Digest", Melbourne.



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### PIDGIN . . . THE LANGUAGE THAT "CAN DO"

Some years ago, when I was a soldier in Korea, a young lady of Taegu had occasion to ask me, "Hey, you canteen go more s'kosh', catch me Grennecks?"

"Grennecks?" I said, puzzled. I had understood most of her request, but I'd never heard of that last. "What means Grennecks?"

"Grennecks!" she repeated, exasperated at my thickness. Finally she had to go next door and borrow a box of it to enlighten me. It was Kleenex.

This incident illustrates several features of pidgin, one of the world's most useful and most universal languages. The Korean girl's request translates literally as, "Hey, if you're going to the canteen anytime soon, how about bringing me a box of Kleenex?" (Notice how many words it takes me to ask it.) Her phrasing demonstrates how pidgin adopts only the most basic verbs (go), and utilises only one tense (the present); how one verb (catch) can serve for infinite meanings — get, fetch, buy, bring, etc. S'kosh' is an elision of the Japanese sukoshi, meaning little, and is used here to mean a little while, or soon. (The addition of the English comparatives — more s'kosh', most s'kosh' — make "sooner" and "soonest," etc.) Kleenex is mispronounced because of

the Oriental inability to enunciate the l sound.

The "Encyclopaedia Britannica" dismisses pidgin as a "jargon filled with nursery imbecilities, vulgarisms and corruptions," but has to concede that "it is above all utilitarian," achieves "the lowest common denominator of understanding" by virtue of its extreme simplicity. Some scornfully call it Beachcomber's English, or shorthand language. About all that most people know of it is the Chinese laundryman's traditional "no tickee, no shirtee."

To be sure, its limited vocabulary can engender some laughable quotations, such as the Pidgin English description of a piano by a New Guinea native: "Em i bikpela boxis vu paitim i singaut" (literally "Him he big fellow box you fight him he sing out.")

But pidgin's seemingly imprecise vocabulary can be almost poetic at times. There could hardly be, in any language, a friendlier definition of a friend than the Australian Aborigine's "him brother belong me". Or consider his description of the sun: "lamp belong Jesus". Pidgin can be forthright, too. An Aussie policeman is "gubmint catchum-fella". An elbow is "screw belong arm". Whiskers are "grass belong face". When a man is thirsty, "him belly allatime burn".

The English pidgin we know today was born on the China coast 300 years ago when the Western nations first began to trade there. The crewmen of merchant vessels were disinclined to learn Chinese, and the Chinese saw little sense in the involved grammatical locutions of the traders' languages. They compromised by adapting the Westerners' words to Chinese syntax. The resultant goulash became known as "business" language, or — because the closest a Chinese could come to pronouncing business was "bishin" or "bijin" — eventually pidgin. (It has nothing to do with a pigeon, though it's sometimes spelt that way.)

The vocabulary of the coast-trade pidgin was mostly English with a sprinkling of Portuguese (the English and Portuguese being the earliest traders), and some Chinese. Thus the word "cumshaw" — ubiquitous in the Orient, meaning gratuity,



bribe or rake-off — was originally “come ashore money”, a sailor’s tip to the launch boatman. “Savvy”, meaning to comprehend, is a corruption of the Portuguese *sabe*. “Chow” comes from the Chinese *tsau*, or wine. “Pickanniny” was the Portuguese *pequenino*, meaning small.

Another form of pidgin developed in Australia, between British settlers and the Aborigines. Still another variety was spread among the island chains of Polynesia and Melanesia by sealing and whaling fleets and slave hunters. French colonials in Africa developed an African pidgin and disseminated it — again via the slave trade — to the West Indies and Louisiana, where a trace still survives as “Creole”

Might pidgin some day become the one international ‘earth language’? Prof. William F. Marquardt of New York University’s linguistics department disabused me of that rosy notion. “Although all the varieties of pidgin are alike in that they lack case, gender, tense and number,” he said, “each form of pidgin must rely on the structural patterns of the native language to make sense.”

Nevertheless, pidgin has often proved its basic intercultural value.

Pidgin, though sometimes ignored and derided as “baby talk”, is a legitimate, useful language that continues to gather converts. It is still the lingua franca of a goodly portion of the Pacific lands, and an estimated 30 to 50 million people speak some form of it, either solely or as an adjunct to their native tongues. Recently, one variety of pidgin has achieved national status. What is now called “Indonesian” is actually a combination of the Malay language of Eastern Sumatra and a pidgin developed by the former Dutch governors and the native Indonesians, who are now proud of their adopted language.

The natives of the Papua-New Guinea area alone speak more than 500 separate tongues, but are enabled to converse and trade by means of a distinctive form of pidgin known in the Territory as Pidgin English. Since 1935 the Roman Catholic Mission in New Guinea has been publishing the monthly magazine, “Frend Belong Me” (“My Friend”), written entirely in Pidgin. It contains religious articles, jokes, fairy tales, even crossword puzzles. The Mission also publishes Pidgin Bibles, songbooks, prayer books, etc.

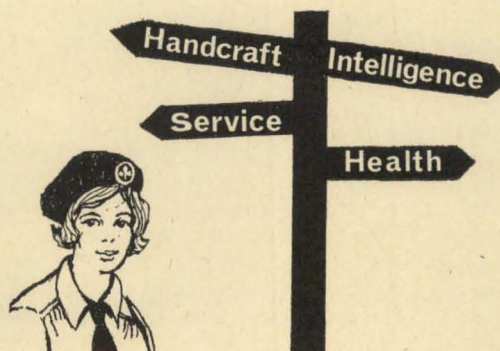
Far from losing any beauty or sanctity in translation, these Gospel tracts often display a childlike purity and refreshing insight. For example, the book of Biblical stories, “Jesus Is Our Leader”, is titled in Pidgin, “Yesus em i forman belong yumi”.

In the latter-day compulsion to “civilise” every “backward” nation in sight, pidgin is invariably considered by Western-world policy-makers one of the first backwardnesses to be jettisoned. This could prove to be a mistake. Robert A. Hall, Jr., Professor of Linguistics at Cornell University, points out in his book, “Hands Off Pidgin English!”, that the New Guinea native can learn Melanesian Pidgin well enough in six months to begin instruction as a medical assistant. To achieve a command of English sufficient to undertake the same instruction would require five or six years. Professor Hall believes that this hortatory use of pidgin could be a factor in the cold-war struggle in the Far East, since pidgin is as fluent a language for preaching doctrine as it is for preaching religion or hygiene.

In 1953, a U.N. Trusteeship Council recommended — among other “improvements” — that pidgin used in New Guinea’s trust territory be abolished and gradually replaced by English. But the language appears to be here to stay, beyond the powers of prohibition. In July, 1962, when the U.N. invited one of the native members of its Trusteeship Council — a prosperous copra planter named Somu Sigob — to address a meeting at the New York headquarters, he nonplussed the delegates by addressing them in Pidgin English.

The good things, the simple and useful things like pidgin, die hard.

—By Gary Jennings.





## HOSTESS WITH THE MOSTEST!

Oh, to be a Hostess with the Mostest winner at least once a year! My husband and I are two people who will not quickly forget the year Headquarters had their Building Appeal, and our grateful thanks are extended to the wonderful Committee who organised this competition, to the ladies who attended our luncheon, and, of course, to that marvellous person who drew No. 39 out of the hat!

I could really rave on right through "Matilda" telling everyone just how wonderful it was holidaying at Lennons on the Gold Coast. It is the ideal place for a happy, relaxed holiday, with first-class accommodation and meals, and, of course, all this is coupled with glorious sunshine, beaches and mountain scenery.



We paid a visit to Brisbane during the Royal Show Week (or Exhibition, as it is known up there). Do you recall how difficult it was to sell attractive packets of biscuits on our Guide Stand at the Royal Show? My heart really went out to the Brisbane Guides, who were trying to sell hot dogs from their stand on a hot, sultry afternoon.

I think the most fascinating place we visited was the bird sanctuary at Currumbin, where thousands of wild, vividly coloured lorikeets come down out of the mountains to be fed twice each day. Visitors flock there in hundreds, and at feeding time attendants hand out plates on to which they pour a mixture of bread, water and honey. It is nothing to be holding the plate with perhaps nine or 10 birds perched around the edge, eating, and maybe a few more perched on your head and shoulders. The wonderful thing about this sanctuary is that it is so natural, and the birds are free to come and go as they please.

There are endless places to visit, trips to do, cruises to enjoy, beaches to sunbake on, wonderful food to eat. Life up there revolves around the tourist, and nothing is spared to help you enjoy yourself. We tried everything, but, of course, time ran out, and now it is one of those wonderful memories you keep forever.

—B.L.S.

## HISTORY AND US

It will be of interest to readers of "Matilda" to hear that during the past year an Historical Sub-Committee was formed.

This Committee has been meeting at regular intervals to examine and tabulate records of the Victorian Girl Guides Association from its early beginnings.

This has proved most interesting, and, to help us in our future work, we were wondering if any of our "old" or present Guide friends have in their possession any early information which they might be willing to forward to us when an Archives' Room has been allotted for our records at Guide Headquarters.

We have already received some very kind promises of early Guide publications when room for them is available; and this is a plea to others who may possess equally interesting records or photographs not to dispose of them until the Historical Sub-Committee has had an opportunity to see them.

—N. HALL, Convener,  
Historical Sub-Committee.

## NEPEAN DIVISION

Our Division held a special Welcome Day for our new Division Commissioner.

Brownie Packs and Guide Companies from Dromana, Mornington, Rosebud and Rye met at the Rosebud Guide Hall, and Commissioners, Guiders, Guides and Brownies formed a guard of honour for our visitors.



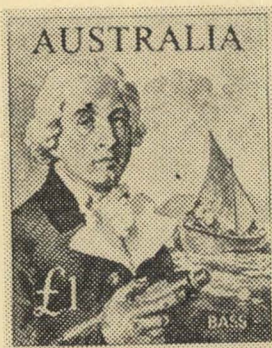
Our retiring Commissioner introduced Mrs. Burchett to us all, and each Pack and Company gave an item as a welcome — among them were welcome songs, action songs, camp scenes, a Pack song and "Welcome" signalled in semaphore.

Afternoon tea was served, and Mrs. Burchett told the Brownies a story — which we all enjoyed.

A grand salute was given to the Commissioners by the Brownies and all took part in Brownie Ring. A most enjoyable afternoon concluded with Taps and Brownie Bells

—D.T.





—Block by courtesy of the "Herald".

## STAMPS

The stamp shown above is the purple £1 showing George Bass with the whale boat in which he entered Bass Strait. The same design will be used for the new \$2 stamp next year.

Will collectors of used stamps please see that they are properly soaked off (no gum left on), and discard all torn, bent or otherwise damaged ones. Sort stamps and pack flat into used envelopes; counting is unnecessary. Even one stamp noticed as unclean in a batch can slow up their sale until someone can re-do the stamps. Your co-operation means a quicker turnover.

Stamps have been received from the following, without an address for reply:—1st Bayswater Coy., 2nd and 3rd Box Hill Packs, 1st Carnegie Coy., 2nd Caulfield Coy., 1st Glen Iris Coy., 1st Nowa Nowa Pack and Coy., 2nd Red Cliffs Coy., 1st Sunbury Coy., 1st Emu Brownies, Trawalla, Wonthaggi L.A., A. Cockerill, M. Morrison, Wycheproof.

Post parcels of used stamps to me at 12 Cowderoy Street, St. Kilda, S.2.

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



## BROWNIES "TOURED WORLD"

Brownie Revels were held in lovely autumn sunshine at the Carisbrook Racecourse. Two hundred Brownies attended from Avoca, Bealiba, Clunes, Daylesford, Dunolly, Maryborough and Carisbrook, and there was a good attendance of parents.

The Revels took the form of "a round-the-world trip by jet". At the "airport", beautifully decorated by Tawny Owl and the Local Association President with gum branches, charts of native flowers, animals, flags, balloons and streamers, the Brownies collected their tickets — at the cost of a Brownie smile and sixpence.

Guiders were dressed in various national costumes — Japan, Holland, Mexico, Spain, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Switzerland and Canada — whilst others, in goggles and helmets, acted as hostesses and wore sprigs of wattle to represent Australia.

Those in national costume waited at their respective "homes" indicated by national emblems, and games were played. Finally, the Brownies returned to their own Brown Owls (keeping the nations together), and each group sang a song of the country they represented.

The Division Commissioner thanked the Carisbrook Local Association for the afternoon tea arrangements, the Scoutmaster and the Scouts and Guides for valuable help during the day.

During the afternoon a scrapbook, depicting native flowers and animal life of the countries represented at the Revels, was signed by the Commissioners and Guiders as a souvenir of the day.

—From "Maryborough Advertiser".



## EXECUTIVE JOTTINGS — AUGUST

### Finance . . . Annual Meetings . . . Executive Meetings

All these came in for much discussion and debate. There are always better ways of organising meetings, newer ways of presenting financial figures, even more interesting ways of arranging Annual Meetings — all these things are taken into consideration by the Executive.

Association with other organisations working towards the same end as the Guide Movement is always of value, and new representatives have been arranged for the Youth Council of Victoria and the Scout and Guide Diocesan Advisory Council that we might participate as much as possible in their work.

Future plans for camping and campsites, for Guide House, for Training and Trainers — all these show the development of the Movement; whilst the Public Relations Subcommittee tells us of activities showing the face of the Movement to the general public.

Constitutions! Properties and leases! Investments and Building Appeal! All these things are discussed by the Executive — but we learn, too, of plans for the Lady Delacombe Golf Cup Day for 1966; arrangements for the Australian participation in the 1966 World Conference (of which you will have read in the September "Matilda"); projects of development and planning in Papua-New Guinea; how the Australian Chief Commissioner covered so much of Papua-New Guinea in a three weeks' visit, and attended meetings at just about every city on the way back to Sydney — a busy life, but showing how widespread and active Guiding is in this day and age.

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### WHEN GUIDES AND TRAVELLING ABROAD

—Continued from next column.

Guides in the countries they visit when travelling abroad. Surely there could be no better way of creating friendship and understanding not only of a country, but of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, than by attending a Company meeting or a campfire in another land.

### WHEN GUIDES ARE TRAVELLING ABROAD . . .

Many Australians are planning trips abroad. These trips are wonderful opportunities for members of the Guide Movement to meet Guides of other countries, and could do much to promote friendship and understanding.

When you have made your plans, let your District Commissioner know. She will send Headquarters your name and obtain for you a travelling form, on which you are asked to give a brief outline of your trip and your address abroad. You will then be issued with a letter of introduction.

This is a formal, printed card obtained by member countries from the World Bureau. It identifies you as a member of the Guide Movement, and should be presented (or posted) to the National Headquarters of any country visited.

The letter does not, however, entitle a member to expect free hospitality, transport, hostel accommodation or any other facilities. Many Guide Associations have small Headquarters staff, and cannot possibly be expected to act as travel agents, find accommodation or take groups or individuals sightseeing, etc. These Headquarters are extremely pleased to welcome visitors to their country, and are naturally diffident to refuse any help asked of them by a visiting Guide. However, it is often impossible for small Associations and their already busy Leaders to meet requests for assistance by unofficial visitors. It is important to note that if any expense is incurred by a country on behalf of a visitor the money must be reimbursed at the very first opportunity.

**These principles apply also to interstate visits, for which you apply through your Commissioner to Headquarters for an official Australian letter of introduction.**

National Headquarters will give permission to wear uniform while overseas, and Australia flashes may be worn on the uniform.

These are obtainable from Headquarters; price, 2/- per pair. They must be removed, however, on returning home.

We hope that Australian Guides will, through their introduction cards, meet

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## HOSPITALITY APPRECIATED BY SCOUTS

Letter to the Editor of "Satura",  
Scotch College

Dear Sirs,

When the Seniors went to the Grampians the group that went by train had to spend the afternoon in Stawell while waiting for Mr. Achurch, who drove us to Hall's Gap. An afternoon was again spent there on the way home. On both occasions, Mrs. Wilson, the local Ranger Leader, offered us gracious hospitality at her home, and for this we are very grateful.

—"Chocolate Cake".

### Seniors Scale Grampians

The Senior Scouts held a camp at Lake Wartook in the Grampians.

Some of these Scouts went to Stawell, 20 miles north-east of the Grampians, by train and were entertained by the local Ranger Captain, Mrs. Wilson, who was "bribed" into making a cake for one enterprising P.L.

All groups climbed Mt. Rosca, Mt. Victory, Reid's Lookout, and at least one other peak, as well as visiting McKenzie Falls, Broken Falls and Drummer Falls. Although the weather was wet and misty, all hikes were well worth while and greatly enjoyed. The views were superb when not concealed by cloud.

On the last day a campfire was held at Ararat. Those who attended had a novel experience, for their car broke down, and the Ararat police very kindly took them the rest of the way. They arrived with the siren sounding and the roof light flashing, causing a minor sensation. The campfire was held with the local Rangers, and was a great success.

There was a great number who helped in no small way for the success. We would especially like to thank the two Ranger Captains — Mrs. Latta and Mrs. Wilson — who made the final campfire such a success. Especially to Mrs. Wilson, who gave us such hospitality.

—From "Satura", fortnightly paper of  
Scotch College, Melbourne.



### HOPETOUN BOOK

Just over two years ago Hopetoun's District Commissioner was leaving for a trip overseas. The Hopetoun Brownies compiled a book showing something of the history of the town, photos of their Brownie meetings and activities, and general information about their area of the country.

Later the Commissioner was able to add to this book several descriptive pamphlets of the various States of Australia. Ultimately the book was given to a Brownie Pack in Surrey, England.

Now, so much later, a further letter has been received from that Pack — the address is fascinating in itself — West Acre, Woodland Way, Kingswood.

"It is a long time since we wrote, but we have not forgotten you or the lovely book you made us. On Thinking Day this year we had one of our 'extra special' looks at it and thought of you in Australia. . . . We have a new Proficiency Badge called 'World Brownies', and your book is such a help on these occasions when our Brownies want to know more about those in other countries.

"At the moment the wood behind our hut where we play games in the summer is full of bluebells, and looks lovely. We collect flowers, leaves and watch for birds for our nature tests.

"Last week many of us went to watch the Guides, who were having a competition to win a cup. They had to put up all kinds of tents and cook a meal. It was great fun watching them, and all Brownies are longing to be able to go to camp and do everything they saw."

—(From a personal letter to Hopetoun Brownies and Mrs. H. Gould.)



## WITCHES' BREW?

Beauty is no guarantee of virtue. And in country lanes, by wayside and woodland, in field edges where wild weeds grow tall, some dangers lurk for the unwary.

Macbeth's three witches made full use of poisonous plants in making "a charm of powerful trouble". Among ingredients chosen for their magic qualities were "a root of hemlock digg'd i' the dark" and "slips of yew". And Socrates was condemned to death by drinking hemlock juice. Yet hemlock is a native Ulster plant flowering freely in fields and hedges throughout the summer. How many know of its poisonous qualities?

It is customary not to put cattle into a field where there are yew trees because of their poisonous nature.

Fool's parsley and fennel are two other members of the same family which contain poison. Fennel is somewhat local in Ulster (where it is considered to be an escape from gardens) and has a sickly smell reminiscent of liquorice.

### Plant of the Devil

Deadly nightshade or "belladonna" is the favourite plant of the devil, who is reputed to spend all his free time lending it. The name "belladonna" comes from an old superstition that at certain times the plant takes on the form of an enchantress of such exceeding beauty that it is dangerous to look upon her face.

Deadly nightshade seems to grow wild in some of our Ulster estates and its active poisonous principle is atropine. Its black berries are of attractive appearance. Sometimes people have become ill merely by touching the plant, especially if the eyes have been rubbed.

Bittersweet or woody nightshade can be dangerous if one is tempted to taste the orange-red berries. The fruits have narcotic properties.

In Ulster there are two other plants known as "nightshade". The black "nightshade" is a close relative of bittersweet. The other is enchanters' nightshade, which has such a fascinating name yet is nothing more than a miserable garden weed.

It must be surprising to many people to know that the foxglove, one of the most

popular of early summer flowers, has a poisonous side to its nature, and all members of the buttercup family, with the exception of water crowfoot, contain a poisonous acrid narcotic.

The lovely Christmas Rose is poisonous, too, and so is the cuckoo pint, known to children as Lords and Ladies. It is especially dangerous in the autumn when its cluster of red berries shines out of the darkness under a bush. Someone may be tempted to taste them, but eating them is likely to cause severe cramps, convulsions, and sometimes death.

—By C. Douglas Deane, from "Ulster Commentary", published by the Government of Northern Ireland.



## FANCY DRESS

To raise funds for the Headquarter's Building Appeal our Company held a Fancy Dress Night, which was a success both socially and financially.

About 180 people attended, giving us door takings of £16/10/- (adults 2/6, children 1/6), and from this £4 was used for prizes and supper.

The Mayor and Mayoress of Springvale were present to help with the judging, and sections judged were: Best costume, best pair, most humorous, most original, best dressed adults, and the best costume costing under 5/-.

Costumes ranged from cavemen to witches, from a tube of toothpaste to "everything but the kitchen sink".

The programme consisted of the parade, games and, of course, supper.

—Lieut., 1st Springvale South Coy.



# TRAINING PAGES

## SUGGESTIONS FOR THE PREPARATION OF A GUIDES' OWN

There are occasions when you may be asked to arrange a devotional period. These notes are just to suggest some ways that may help you.

Naturally, you will have in mind:

1. The time you have,
2. The age group you will be speaking to,
3. The special things that are happening in your group, in the community or in the world.

An essential in a good devotional is that you are absolutely sincere and try to express your own thoughts. If you do this your talk will be effective and find a place in the minds of those who listen to you.

Here are some types of devotionals:

1. The type that comes from pure inspiration and that needs no explanation or elaboration.
2. Using a hymn, reading and prayer. In this, others may help you, and your prayer may be "silent" prayer with the Leader mentioning special things for which to pray. It can be prayer with responses from all. These prayers can be followed with the Lord's Prayer or the Benediction.
3. Using excerpts from other people's words, centred around some main idea. For this you need to have access to books. Suggestions for some are given.
4. There is the more ambitious and more personal devotional which can be used with a hymn or special reading, or just given as your own thoughts on something you have read, or heard, or discussed with a friend.  
To do this you need to
  - (i) Let the idea simmer,
  - (ii) Write down your thoughts, however confused,
  - (iii) Look up Biblical references,

- (iv) Begin with what you have been thinking,
- (v) What the Bible had to say about it,
- (vi) How it is applicable to circumstances in the world and our personal lives today,
- (vii) Close with a short prayer, or silent prayer, followed by the Lord's Prayer or Benediction.

All this is not really difficult if

1. You, yourself, have the feeling of worship and devotion,
2. You are sincere,
3. You prepare by thinking, reading and jotting down your thoughts,
4. You keep it simple,
5. You pray that God will guide you, and use you, to be effective.

As in all things, practice will make you more experienced, and you will think out methods of approach for yourself.

—Anne F. New.

## Suggested for Reading

"Beyond Ourselves", by Catherine Marshall.

"The Plain Man's Book of Prayers", by Barclay.

"Prayers" prepared for the Y.W.C.A.

"A Minute of Prayer"—Prayers for all faiths, edited by Christopher Cross.

Meditations by Daya Arul Nithi—Australian Christian Youth Council.

"Student Prayer"—S.C.M. Press.

"Prayers for Plain People" and "More Prayers for Plain People", by William Barclay.

These books can be obtained from Keswick, Methodist, Anglican and Presbyterian Book Shops, etc.

—From "The Australian Y.W.C.A."





## BROWNIE AGE CHARACTERISTICS

Characteristics	How they can be used
Individuality	<p>Consideration and attention for each child in a <b>small</b> Pack.</p> <p>For the recruit — help in understanding the Promise and Law as it applies to her. Making her enrolment a personal one.</p> <p>Allowing the child to work at her own speed.</p> <p>Allowing her to do things and speak for herself.</p> <p>Encouraging her to give of her best for her own sake.</p> <p>Allowing some freedom during meetings so that she does not feel she is under constant adult supervision.</p> <p>Because, one day, she will be part of a team, we prepare her through games that call for co-operation with partners and working as a member of her Six.</p>
Constructiveness	<p>Handcrafts, Test Work, Acting and Miming, Dressing-up, Planning Pack Activities, Creating Ceremonies, Helping to Build a Good Pack Spirit.</p>
Inquisitiveness	<p>Activities and opportunities for the Brownie to search and seek, freedom and encouragement to ask why and how. The Guider's awareness that when questions are not asked, perhaps because of shyness, they still need answering.</p> <p>The Brownies can build such a store of experience from this characteristic — we should make full use of it.</p>
Absorption in games and activities, etc.	<p>Allow time for the child to get satisfaction from what she is doing.</p> <p>Prepare her for the finish of an activity.</p> <p>By not distracting her.</p>
Collecting	<p>Making collections of nature objects, pictures for charts, etc.</p> <p>This helps the child to make decisions and develop judgment.</p>
Restlessness— Mentally and physically	<p>Have variety in programmes.</p> <p>Finish things before interest is lost.</p> <p>See that things are within the scope of the age group and can be finished willingly.</p> <p>Keep the approach to test-work varied and interesting.</p>
Like to learn by "doing"	<p>Use of games and puzzles rather than talks and demonstration.</p> <p>A Guider never doing what a child is capable of doing.</p> <p>Learning from other's experience is all right, but the child must build up her own store of experience.</p>
Love of adventure	<p>Variety in programmes — Making work into fun . . . Make-believe . . . Stories . . . Using the real adventure when we meet it in the Pack life. Pack holidays. This keeps the children alert and ready for action.</p>
Eagerness	<p><b>Now</b> is so much more fun than "later". It helps to make adventure!</p>
Thoughtlessness	<p>She learns to share equipment and work because it means more fun for the other Brownies.</p> <p>Understanding of others and their feelings come through Pow-Wow, Ceremonial, Stories, First Aid and other parts of Test work.</p> <p>We cannot force thoughtfulness — it is for us, the Guiders, to guide the Brownies towards it.</p> <p>—N.S.</p>





## TO RENDER SERVICE

When someone happens to mention that word "politics", how many of us are inclined to take the easy way out by answering, "Seniors should not get involved with politics", or "Ours is a strictly non-political Movement"?

Are we not forgetting the wider world and rendering our Seniors a disservice if we endeavour to avoid this most important aspect of our lives?

True, the Girl Guide Association does not take SIDES in political arguments. But is it not also true that each individual member of our Association, as a citizen of a country whose government is based on the party system, must study political arguments in order to exercise her right as a free-thinking individual and private citizen?

Are we therefore avoiding our responsibilities if we rule out the subject for discussion?

Do not some of the basic aims of our Movement demand that a Guider in the Senior Branch sees to it that her Unit faces up to the subject of political issues?

We claim that our Movement trains for citizenship. In the form of democracy under which we live universal suffrage is a prized possession, and we believe that it is the duty of every adult citizen to exercise the right to vote. If we merely propound the theory to the Senior Branch and leave it at that, we do far less than we do about First Aid or Cooking. Do not our Rangers and Cadets need to have their interests aroused in the issues at stake, to learn to discriminate between fact and opinions, to look for arguments for and against each issue, and so form their own opinions on the things they will be called on to vote about later — or even whilst still a member of the Units?

While we are training for leadership and responsibility we can make a great contribution to the future of our country if our Seniors grow up to exercise their influence in the working of our democracy, basing their judgments on informed thinking and not being swayed by selfish motives, specious arguments, catchy phrases or slavish

following of the ideas of others. How often do we hear wives say, "Oh, Bill tells me how to vote. I'd never dream of voting any other way." Is this making an intelligent use of the rights given us when we turn 21? In no sphere of public service are integrity, tolerance, well-based — and therefore informed — convictions and responsible leadership more needed than in politics. And how true is the old adage that a people get the government they deserve? Let us show our Seniors that it is their responsibility as adults to use their right to vote in a thoughtful way and not just toss it aside as another boring chore.

If our Seniors are to be many-sided, well-balanced people, the whole field of activity connected with politics cannot be ignored. Especially at election time, party politics are part of our national life and something in which many young people become intensely involved.

Surely some of our members should, at the appropriate age, be leaders of their generation in this form of public service?

Many of the issues on which political parties differ are not matters of high policy on which only experts can have a view, although we must admit that in the complication of modern life there is much which seems beyond the average citizen's comprehension!

Many issues involve moral judgments, and our Seniors need help to realise the conflicts that exist and learn to form their own opinions about them. Should we, for instance, as a State or Commonwealth, ban the H-bomb? approve capital punishment? ban racial discrimination by law? or bring in troops to break a strike that has serious effects on the community? These are only a few of the problems that face the nation, and ultimately the individuals who make up the nation must face them, too, by electing their representatives to the State House of Assembly or Legislative Council or to the Commonwealth House of Representatives or Senate.

The fact that a subject is tricky to handle, that views may be controversial, that, as Guiders, we feel ill-informed or inadequate (or else strongly partisan) are not valid reasons for avoiding the issue or dismissing it with a few general platitudes. Let us explore it with the girls. There are, after



all, many subjects in our programmes about which we do not know all the answers or where we do not expect all our tastes, wishes, methods or decisions to agree.

"Unity in diversity" is a typically British concept.

What methods can we use to deal with this subject? Have we studied the way news is dealt with in our different newspapers? If a Unit is reasonably perceptive it can collect a variety of thoughts and ideas on a subject which could lead to a knowledge of varying political attitudes from which discussion can start.

If some Seniors hold very strong views they can be challenged to give, say, three good reasons for their opinions — each condensed into one short sentence. They will need time, and perhaps paper and pencil, to achieve this. If all members agree on some issue get them to produce some arguments on the other side. This will teach them that there are few questions to which there are not two sides, and that it is only fair to seek out and investigate both before forming an opinion.

Above all, we must make it clear to our Seniors that there is no "Guide view" on matters of party politics any more than there is on denominational religion, and ardent supporters of many different parties are rightly found in our ranks. On the other hand, it must be made clear that there are certain principles, acceptance of which is explicitly demanded of anyone joining the Movement — the first two being a belief in God and support for the system of government of our country.

We do not want our members to withdraw from the rough and tumble of the life of our nation. The suggested discussion does not call for us, as Guiders, to study a new subject. These matters concern us anyway, and we just need perhaps to read our papers more fully and to think a little more clearly and widely. Above all, we can make it our particular contribution to see that facts are distinguished from opinion.

In this way we will be rendering a valuable service to ourselves, our Seniors and also to our State, Nation and Commonwealth.

—Adapted from "Politics and the Press" by Mary White (from "The Guider").



H.R.H. Princess Margaret,  
President, Girl Guides Association.

## ROUND THE CAMPFIRE

There is something about light that inspires imagination and the desire to express one's deepest thoughts. Candlelight, the blaze of high-built campfires, or the breathtaking wonder of distant stars all move the mind and spirit to great, slow, eternal truth. Often it is while watching the changing colours and shapes of fire, the shadows and the darkness cast by the flames, that the heart understands the true meaning of beauty.

There is, too, lively activity in fire — the sputtering and cheerful hum of burning wood, the sudden explosion of sparks, the whimsy of wind that swings the smoke now here, now there, and never where expected. These are all causes for the fun and high good humour, as well as quiet, to be found around a campfire.

In Girl Scouting a girl's happiest memories are often associated with campfires. It is worthwhile, then, to put an effort into making these occasions significant, vital and memorable. It is here that Girl Scout activities may be interpreted through song and story, in dance and drama. Campfires afford an invaluable opportunity to set the tone of the camp, and give it the distinction peculiar to the Girl Scout organisation.

—From "The Girl Scout" of the Girl Scouts of the Philippines.





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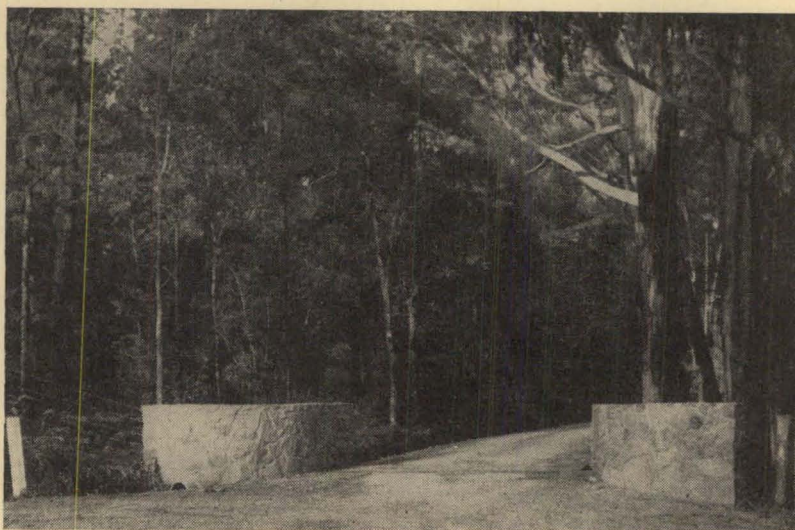
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## BRITANNIA PARK

(GUIDE HOUSE)

### BRITANNIA PARK

Britannia Park! How does that name appeal to you? The Guide House Committee has felt at some time that it was most confusing, particularly for people new to the Movement, to have both the house **and** the property named "Guide House". So, after much consideration, they recommended to the Executive Committee that the whole property should be called "Britannia Park" and that the house and the cottage should continue to be called "Guide House" and "Brownie Cottage". The Executive Committee, at its last meeting, unanimously agreed with this recommendation. We hope very much that the Movement as a whole will be in favour of it. It will take a bit of getting used to. It may interest those who do not already know to hear that when the house was first built, about 70 years ago, it was called "Britannia Lodge". We did even consider using that name again, but felt that "Lodge" applies more to a house, and "Park" certainly describes our lovely grounds. If you look on the side door of the garage you will find the original nameplate.

Preston District had a link-up during the September holidays with Brownies and Guides from Warrnambool, and one day they took their visitors to Britannia Park to see the waterfall and to plant some trees. So now more country children have an interest in our new little trees. Brighton also had a link-up recently with Polworth Division, and they, too, took their visitors to Britannia

Park. How lovely that all those children who live so far away should have the opportunity to see their very own property.

We are thrilled to be able to tell you that the floor of the Camberwell Room has been sanded and has had three coats of plastic put on it. It looks wonderful, but you can imagine how ghastly it makes the other floors look. We hope very much that the Maintenance Fund will allow us to have the rest of the floors done before very long.

I do most sincerely urge Guiders to ask children who visit this property to care for it, to try to leave it just a little better than they found it. I have been rather disheartened to see the damage which has been done recently to the furniture, both in the house and cottage, and which, with one exception, has not been reported. Please, Guiders, try to make the children understand that it belongs not only to them, but to all other Guides and Brownies.

We have acquired a fairy godfather in Mr. Clark, husband of a Brown Owl at Preston. Mr. Clark is making many trips up to Britannia Park to do all sorts of jobs for us, including, with the help of his wife and daughters, painting the outside of the ablution block at Brownie Cottage. We are **most** grateful to him.

The Britannia Park Committee wish to thank the following for their contribution to the Maintenance Fund. We do realise that, when you are all working so hard for the



H.Q.'s Appeal, it is hard to contribute to this, too. Therefore we are doubly grateful.

- 1st to 5th—Dandenong L.A.
- 4th—Mrs. R. Noble.
- 6th—Miss N. Young.
- 8th—1st Bonbeach Pack (for Mrs. J. R. Price).
- 13th—Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Crouch.
- 14th—Miss M. J. Tharle.
- 15th—1st Burwood Coy.
- 16th—Bright L.A.
- 17th—Melton Guiders and Brownies.
- 18th—4th Brighton Pack.
- 20th—Deer Park L.A.
- 21st—Mrs. M. Ebeling.
- 22nd—2nd East Brighton Coy.
- 27th—4th Balwyn Coy.



### A QUEEN'S GUIDE PARTY

At the open end of the Horseshoe stood a "Campcraft Ladder", with five golden Trefails one above the other and each with a white candle mounted in front.

Here were Captain, Lieutenant and Louise Selover, the new Queen's Guide, with the Company and guests forming the Horseshoe.

The story of her happy passage through Guiding to Queen's Guide was told by Louise and her friends in Guiding, both young and old. At each step of the story one of the Guides lit a candle until the topmost one was lit by Louise herself.

Then the Badge was presented by the Commissioner, who spoke of the effort made by Louise and the whole Company to help in winning this first Queen's Guide Badge in 1st Brighton Company for 15 years.

The highlight of supper was a cake with an iced replica of a Queen's Guide Badge on top. It was a proud night for Louise, her parents (Mrs. Selover is the Guide Captain), her grandparents and friends, and for the Company.

—N.B.K.

### TWO WEAVERS

As at their work two weavers sat,  
Beguiling time with a friendly chat;  
They touched upon the price of meat,  
So high a weaver scarce could eat.

"What with my babes and sickly wife,"  
Said Dick, "I'm almost tired of life;  
So hard to work, so poor we fare,  
'Tis more than mortal man can bear.

How glorious is the rich man's state,  
His house so fine, his wealth so great;  
Heaven is unjust, you must agree,  
Why all to him, and none to me?

In spite of what the scripture teaches,  
In spite of what the pulpit preaches,  
This world indeed, I've thought so long,  
Is ruled, methinks, extremely wrong.

Where'er I look, how'er I range,  
'Tis all confused and hard and strange,  
The good are troubled and oppressed,  
And all the wicked are the blessed."

Said John, "Our ignorance is the cause,  
Why thus we blame our Maker's Laws,  
Parts of His ways alone we know,  
'Tis all that man can see below.

See'st thou that carpet not half down,  
Which thou, friend Dick, has well begun,  
Behold the wild confusion there,  
So wide a maze it make's one stare,  
A stranger, ignorant of the trade,  
Would say, no meaning's there conveyed.

For where's the middle, where's the border,  
The carpet now is all disorder".  
Said Dick, "My work is yet in bits  
But still in every part it fits.

Beside, you reason like a lout,  
Why, Man, that carpet's inside out!"  
Said John, "Thou sayest the very thing I  
mean,  
And now I hope to cure thy spleen.  
This world, which clouds thy soul with  
doubt,  
Is but a carpet, inside out."

—Author unknown.



## RANGERS ATTEND AIR RESCUE DEMONSTRATION

Representatives of metropolitan Air Ranger Flights recently attended a demonstration at Coldstream of the work of the Voluntary Air Rescue Service, in company with observers from many other organisations such as the Red Cross, Civil Aviation, Civil Defence, St. John Ambulance and Police.

Of course the highlight of the whole Sunday came when every Air Ranger was taken for a long flight in the little Auster — incidentally, the Auster had just been used for parachute drops, and the pilot called to the Adviser, "Doors, on or off?" The Adviser is believed to have replied firmly that she would prefer the doors replaced before the Rangers took off!

A prototype of a new Pilatus Porter plane on a demonstration flight from Switzerland was on display, and showed amazing manoeuvrability and an almost unbelievably rapid "take-off" — one minute it was starting its run and the next it was soaring almost vertically upwards. This short take-off and steep climb has apparently proved very useful when working among the mountains and glaciers of the Swiss Alps. The Rangers were shown how adaptable and versatile the Pilatus can be and saw the first parachute jumps from this type of aircraft in Australia.

Members of the Air Rescue Service then staged an imaginary emergency, when, following a bushfire, a farmer driving a casualty to safety for treatment was himself injured when his car broke down. The accident was "spotted" by the Auster, two men with First Aid equipment were dropped by parachute, and subsequently the Auster itself landed nearby, and the two patients (and the parachutists) were flown off to safety.

Members of the Air Rescue Service showed — and lectured on the use of — the First Aid kits and "survival gear" carried by a parachutist who could be dropped to the rescue of a casualty who might not be reached by land for several days. Everyone present was fed with meat pies dropped from a plane at 600ft. **without the use of parachutes** — and not one pie was broken. (If you want to know how that was achieved you'll have to ask an Air Ranger!)

Actually, transport on the ground (which was very wet and muddy) was almost as much fun as what was going on in the air, as the Rangers were carted wildly about in little four-wheel-drive vehicles (I think they were called "Haflingers") that appeared to be a sort of baby grandson of a jeep. Altogether it was a most enjoyable and interesting day (the Rangers were even shown how to fold a parachute, among other things), and we are very grateful to those who made it possible.

—From the notes of Bronwyn Wilson,  
A.R.F. "Skylark".



Members of A.R.F. "Bungana" (Shepparton) spent a most enjoyable weekend at Benalla with members of the Gliding Club of Victoria. The Ranger Captain and the girls were able to use all the club amenities.

After our arrival on Saturday we made a quick change into slacks and proceeded to the air field. Introductions were made and arrangements completed for flights for the day. There were only two gliders operating, but the five girls all had a flight, either in the Auster or in the tow. Mrs. Phillips (Captain) was the first of us to have a flight in a glider taken up by the winch.

A winch is operated by two men — one to take the cables back to the gliders by tractor about a mile away. The other man operates the cables by foot pedals. He is sent word by telephone to tell him when the cable is attached to the glider. A "pie cart" is situated near the gliders and from this they telephone down to the winch. The "pie cart" is also equipped with facilities for a quick snack.

On Sunday morning we started about nine o'clock. The members were then using



only the winch, but about 11 o'clock, after various changes of position to make the most of the wind, the Auster was brought in. Once again we were all lucky enough to have a flight either in the Auster or by the winch. You gain a height of approximately 1500 feet behind the tow plane, whereas by the winch you only reach a height of about eight or nine hundred feet; by the winch you go practically straight up, while it is a much more gradual rise with the tow.

After a very enjoyable day time eventually caught up with us. The weekend was over all too quickly.

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## FOR COMMISSIONERS

If you can keep your head when all about you

Bring thorny problems for your daily thought.

If you can trust yourself, though Scouters doubt you,

Or rate your wisdom higher than they ought—

If you can play and not be tired by playing,  
And crawl through bracken on your hands and knees,

And love to camp, although your hair is greying,

And watch the woodsmoke curling  
through the trees—

If you can spin a yarn and not be boring,  
Or make a speech and keep it to the point,

If you can keep yourself from once deploring

That Scouting nowadays seems out of joint—

If you can stop the "Good Old Days" projecting

Their rosy glow athwart the present scene,

And build as best you can, while recollecting  
To boyhood's eyes the game is new and green—

If you can guide with tact and understanding

Far better men than you can hope to be,

If you can gain your end without demanding,

And suffer fools with cheerful courtesy—

If you can stand and make a firm decision  
With quiet insistence till your point is won—

You may, with patience, leisure, time and vision,

Make quite a good Commissioner, my son!

—H.B.

—From "Bharat Scouts and Guides Bulletin", Madras State, India, and "The Platypus")





## CAMPFIRE SONGS

### FOR ALL THE SUNSHINE

*A grace from Fiji.*

For all the sun-shine for nour-ish-ing rain, Dear  
 Lord for Thy good-ness we thank Thee; For food and Thy care, rich  
 bless-ings we share, The proof of Thy love and we thank Thee, We  
 thank Thee O Lord.

#### "FOR ALL THE SUNSHINE"

—A Grace from Fiji

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#### "THIS IS MY COUNTRY"

A Song from Kwato, Papua

This song was published in the June, 1965, issue of "Matilda", and it is regretted that there are two errors in the music.

It is now reprinted that you may have the correct music for this song which is so often sung at our campfires.

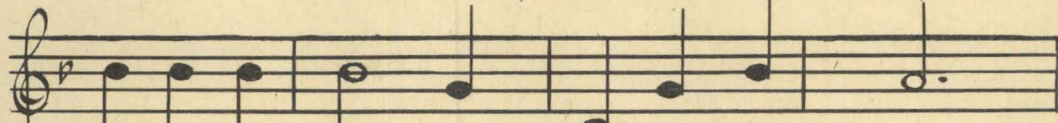
Note that the FIRST BAR has been corrected — and the TWELFTH BAR. Our apologies! (Refer page 111.)



# THIS IS MY COUNTRY from KWATO-PAPUA



Is-lands and moun-tains, sun-shine and breeze;



Flow-ers and moon-light, sury-ing palm trees;



Jungle and ri-vers, white co-ral sand;



This is my coun-try, This is my land.

2. Dark were the days when men lived in fear,  
Fear of the arrow, stone, club and spear;  
Fighting and hatred filled every hand,  
That was my country, That was my land.

3. What of the future? Soon we shall be  
Teachers and leaders of our country.  
We shall build Papua as God has 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,  
Will unite Papua, with other lands.



# NOTICES

## TRAINING DEPARTMENT

### Headquarters BUSHCRAFT:

A Bushcraft Course of four sessions is to be held commencing 3rd November, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. G.I.C., Miss M. Watson. Location: Studley Park (near the boatsheds).

Nominations close 27th October. Numbers will be limited. (3rd and 17th November and 1st and 8th December.)

### GOLDEN HAND:

A Golden Hand training, consisting of four sessions, will be held at Headquarters, commencing 3rd November. G.I.C., Miss N. Sims. There will be afternoon (1 to 3 p.m.) and evening 7.30 to 9.30 p.m.) sessions. The evening course will be a repeat of the afternoon.

Nominations close 27th October. Numbers will be limited. (3rd and 17th November and 1st and 8th December.)

### Country

#### ST. ARNAUD:

A BROWNIE Training has been arranged for the weekend of 9th/10th October.

#### BENALLA:

A Brownie/Guide Training has been arranged for the 1st/2nd and 30/31st October.

Applications to attend these trainings should be made on the Blue Nomination Forms one week before training commences.

### Summer Training Week

This will be held at Guide House, Yarra Junction, from 27th December to 4th January, for Brownie, Guide and Senior Branch Guiders. G.I.C., Miss M. Lambe. Fee: £7. Deposit: £2.

Applications, together with a deposit, should reach the Training Department by 30th November if possible.

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## SENIOR BRANCH TRAINING CERTIFICATE

Congratulations to Mrs. L. Sharp on gaining her Senior Branch Training Certificate. Mrs. Sharp also holds an Australian Brownie Training Diploma.

## SLIDES AND TAPES

Slides on Bandaging and Snake Bite; Colour Ceremonial and tapes on Mapping are available upon written request from the Training Department.

It has been decided that a fee of 5/- per FORTNIGHT, plus postage, with a further 2/6 for any additional weeks, will be made. This should defray the cost of any replacements that may be necessary and help towards providing other slides and tapes for the future.

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## BROWNIE BRANCH

In a previous issue of "Matilda" there was a paragraph that caused some concern and many questions.

Please note: In Victoria ANY Brownie Guider may test her Brownies for Golden Badge, Golden Bar and Golden Ladder, but Brown Owl must take the responsibility for the standard of testing and the organising.

There does need to be good co-operation between Guiders — Brownies would be confused if standards were not consistent. Tawny is expected to attend trainings and keep up to date with her work; she also needs to know and understand the Brownies as much as Brown Owl does, and be able to test them on their individual efforts.

When a Brownie asks a Guider if she can try for a test it is a wise move if Guiders make it a rule to report this quietly to each other before going ahead with the test. One main reason is that there should be progressive improvement, e.g., the Golden Ladder skipping should be an improvement on the Golden Bar effort, and whoever tested this section in the Bar will recall any weakness that needs to be watched and inform the Guider testing for Golden Ladder. The Guider testing should report back to the other Guiders. In this way every Leader in the Pack is kept up to date with each child's progress.

—NORMA SIMS, Brownie Adviser.



## NOTICES



Fine ceremonial drills carried out with precision by members of the 1st Bendigo Sea Ranger Crew in an atmosphere of simple sincerity combined to create an evening of memorable significance at Cooina, Bendigo Guide Hall.

The occasion — the Sea Ranger Company had invited parents and friends to share in the dedication of the Ship's Ensign and her christening and launching.

The colour, a White Ensign, presented to the Company by its Skipper, was dedicated to the service of God, Queen and Country by the Division Commissioner before being hoisted to the spotlighted mast. The District Commissioner was given the honour of designating the Crew with its accredited name, "S.R.S. Curlew", following receipt of permission from the recently commissioned Naval frigate, "H.M.A.S. Curlew", and a gaily beribboned bottle of champagne, broken on the anchor, duly launched "S.R.S. Curlew" on the Guiding sea.

Those privileged to be present for the ceremony foresee happy sailing ahead for the enthusiastic 1st Bendigo Sea Ranger Company. Campfire singing and supper concluded the evening, when the best traditions of the Navy and the Guide Movement were clearly and movingly upheld.

—From the story in the "Bendigo Advertiser".

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## COMING OF AGE

Twenty-one years ago, Mrs. Atkin, then Margaret Buckland, re-formed the 7th Balarat Brownie Pack, which had been in recess for 14 years. Now her sister, Gwen Buckland, is the Brown Owl.

We decided to hold a party and invite former Brownies and Guiders. Most of the records were complete, so we were able to contact a large number of our ex-members.

Mrs. Netherway, Tawny Owl, made a cake, the Brownies having brought along some of the ingredients beforehand. The Sixers helped decorate it by modelling, from icing sugar, tiny toadstools to go round the edge of the cake, and flowers for the 21 candles to sit in.



Mrs. Atkin travelled from Melbourne with her daughter, Susan, now a Brownie at Clayton, for the party.

We asked those coming to bring along early photos, and during the evening there was much laughter coming from one corner of the hall. If you want to keep a crowd quiet for a time, get them to make and decorate aprons out of paper. It was an outstanding success. During the evening we played games, too, and showed slides taken some years ago.

During supper Mrs. Ince, Assistant Division Commissioner, handed over a large key to be autographed by all present. When Mrs. Atkin cut the cake she mentioned that both she and her sister had been Guides in Mrs. Ince's Company, and therefore they had been given a wonderful start in Guiding.

—G. Buckland.



## YOUTH WITH A PURPOSE

There are more than a thousand million young people in the world facing the problems of youth, and a great many of them are looking for new solutions. This was brought out in the July-August issue of the "Unesco Courier", with 70 pages of articles and pictures on the theme of "Youth With a Purpose".

More than half the world population is under 25 years of age. In the developing countries, where the proportion of young people is the highest, the 5 to 24 age group totals 900 millions.

In some countries youth faces special problems raised by the lack of opportunity for vocational training and intellectual development. The result is frustration and, to overcome it, "society will have to learn to adapt itself to youth".

The Courier's youth edition is a sequel to a meeting of the International Committee on Youth, which placed a priority on youth in Unesco programming, and the edition carries a two-page sampling of Unesco's work in this field.

The magazine shows that, despite needs and difficulties, youth is very active today. An article by Pierre Francois, "An Explosion of Vitality", records the growth of group activities in many countries. Photos taken in Europe, Africa, the Americas and Australia illustrate not only this relaxation, but also educational study and experiments and hard work voluntarily undertaken through organised movements, some of the international.

In an article on "20,000 Volunteers", Arthur Gillette surveys the growth of voluntary service, in which some 250 organisations are active, and Unesco aids in co-ordination. This takes in all types of work, from teaching in Liberia to roadbuilding in Yugoslavia.

Youth's exuberant energies and impatience encounter resistance, but must be understood, and generally accepted, as inevitable and useful. Mr. Francois counsels in his article, "The most hallowed tenets of philosophy, politics, ideology and religion are being stormed by the rising generations . . . young people are determined to free themselves, both in body and spirit, from the rigidities and strictures imposed by modern as well as traditional societies."

—Unesco Newsletter.



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