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Debutantes at the 1965 Senior Branch Ball

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## PRESIDENT, GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION, AUSTRALIA

Her Excellency Lady Casey, wife of the Governor-General, has honoured the Girl Guides Association of Australia by consenting to become Australian President.

Her Excellency was for many years a member of the State Council of the Girl Guides Association of Victoria.

The office of Australian President has been held since 1926 (when an Australian co-ordinating body was formed) by the wife of each succeeding Governor-General; the only exception was the Hon. Catherine Sidney, daughter of His Excellency the Viscount d'Lisle, who accepted the office after the death of her mother.

Her Excellency Lady Casey will wear the gold President's Badge, which will be presented to her shortly.

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### A PRAYER

Give me a good digestion, Lord,  
And also something to digest,  
But when or how that something comes  
I leave to Thee, who knowest best.

Give me a healthy body, Lord,  
Give me the sense to keep it so;  
Also a heart that is not bored  
Whatever work I have to do.

Give me a healthy mind, good Lord,  
That finds the good that dodges sight  
And, seeing sin, is not appalled  
But seeks a way to put it right.

Give me a point of view, good Lord,  
Let me know what it is and why;  
Don't let me worry overmuch  
About the thing that's known as I.

Give me a sense of humour, Lord,  
Give me the power to see a joke,  
To get some happiness from life  
And pass it on to other folk.

—T.H.B.W.

(Verses found in Chester Cathedral).

## FROM THE STATE COMMISSIONER

Spring ushered in a month of solid routine work, with special meetings of the Finance and Executive Committees and other preparations for the Annual Meeting of the State Council and our Annual General Meeting, in addition to the normal weekly and monthly meetings. The Advisers and Region Commissioners met with us, too, bringing the State-wide picture of Guiding into action. The Regions continued the good tidings of the recognition of the need of the Headquarter's Building Appeal as the major objective of extra activities.

Within this framework were a number of "high days", and **1st September** brought our opportunity to entertain Mrs. Ratnam, of Madras. Members of the Executive Committee and Region Commissioners were included in the Morning Coffee Party expertly arranged by the International Committee in our Executive Room at Headquarters. We found all too short the time available to chat with Mrs. Ratnam about her many interests, and in particular to hear of the now joint organisation of the Bharat Scouts and Guides. Along with messages of friendship and goodwill, Mrs. Ratnam brought our Victorian Association several fascinating gifts which will be held against the time when we have space to display such treasures in our expanded Headquarters Building.

**4th Sept.:** To Spencer Street Station to wave off the 7.30 a.m. train to Warrnambool, thus keeping my promise to meet the Preston Guides with their country "links". This linking of city and country as a way of celebrating our Jubilee has certainly become a living part of our Movement in Victoria. Every new instance of the strengthening of understanding, of friendships formed or renewed, of happiness and experiences shared must give a tremendous glow of satisfaction to those who instigated this idea, particularly Miss Bunning, our present Guide Adviser.

**10th Sept.:** I was privileged to attend the Annual Meeting of the Boy Scouts Association of Victoria, at which His Excellency the Governor, Sir Rohan Delacombe, the Chief Scout, was guest speaker, his subject

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## WHO ARE THESE?



### STATE COUNCIL

When you read the list headed STATE COUNCIL in the Annual Report or Personnel Register, have you ever asked yourself, "What do these people do?" and "How are they appointed?"

The State Council is the governing body of the Girl Guides Association of Victoria. It directs the general policy and management of the Association's affairs and works through an Executive Committee, elected by members of the Council.

The membership of the Council is made up as follows:—

#### Ex officio members:

- The State President
- The State Commissioner
- The Assistant State Commissioners
- The State Commissioner designate (when elected)
- The Honorary Treasurer
- The Adviser or person responsible for each Department, Branch and Section
- The State International Representative
- The State Trefoil Guild Recorder
- The Editor of "Matilda"

Members — members of the Movement or those interested in its work — who are proposed and seconded by Council members.

Members who represent various Societies, interested in social welfare, etc., which have been invited by the Girl Guides Association to appoint representatives to the Council.

Members (six) elected by each of the following Conferences — Commissioners, Guiders and Local Association.

Members (three) elected by Trefoil Guilds.

The maximum membership of the Council, excluding ex officio members and members elected by the various Conferences, cannot exceed 150 as laid down in the Victorian Constitution — our present membership is 145.

Nine members of the Council retire each year, but are eligible to stand for re-election. At the recent Annual Meeting of the Council the following people were elected:—

\*Miss A. McArthur Campbell

Mrs. E. G. Cameron

Mrs. M. Davidson

Mrs. S. G. Dewar

Mrs. J. R. Leggo

\*Mrs. J. S. Needham

\*Mrs. J. R. Price

\*Mrs. T. Ramsay

\*Mrs. D. J. Riddle

\*Mrs. C. S. Staff

\*Mrs. Frank Woods

\*Re-elected.

The Council meet four times a year. At these meetings members are kept in touch with current affairs in the active side of the Movement, they discuss matters of general interest to the Movement and are responsible for many important decisions on policy.

The details of administration in Victoria are delegated by the Council to—

### THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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The membership of the Executive is—  
Ex officio members:

The State President

The State Commissioner

The Assistant State Commissioners

The State Commissioner designate (when elected)



The Honorary Treasurer  
 The Advisers responsible for Training,  
 Camping, Brownies, Guides and Seniors  
 (Rangers and Cadets)  
 The State International Representative  
 The Public Relations Adviser  
 The Convener of the Property Sub-Committee.

Members (twelve) elected by the Council from its own members at its Annual Meeting.

A third of the elected members retire annually, but are eligible for re-election until such time as they have served (as an elected member of the Executive Committee) continuously for a period of nine years. Members serving this maximum period are not eligible for re-election until the Annual Meeting occurring in the third year after their retirement.

In addition to the normal retirements from the Executive Committee this year there were vacancies brought about by resignations of members for extraordinary reasons and, at the election by ballot at the recent Annual Meeting of the Council, the following members were elected:—

Mrs. E. Barwick.  
 \*Miss C. Broadhurst.  
 \*Mrs. C. Catomore.  
 Mrs. I. Fairbairn.  
 Miss V. Fowler.  
 \*Mrs. R. G. Orr.  
 \*Mrs. C. Osbourne Shave.  
 \*Re-elected.

The Executive Committee meets each month and deals with the wide variety of matters relating to policy and the general affairs of the Movement in Victoria, as well as giving Victoria's opinion on those affecting all the States of Australia. It is helped, of course, by the skilled advice and knowledge of the various Committees, under the leadership of Advisers and Chairmen. These submit recommendations and opinions, together with a report relating to the activities and plans of their own section of the Movement — Brownie, Guide, Senior Branch, Camping, Training, International, Finance, Public Relations, Property, New Commissioners and Boundaries, Britannia Park (Guide House).

The views of the Movement reach the Executive Committee through the State Com-

missioner, who is in close touch with Guiding as a whole through regular meetings with and reports from Region and Division Commissioners. In this way, and through the Advisers and Committees, opinions on matters which affect Victorian Guiding and reports on the various activities throughout the State are received.

Everyone — no matter in what way they serve the Movement — helps to mould the policy of Guiding in Victoria.

Watch for further articles on HOW YOUR MOVEMENT WORKS.

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### EXECUTIVE JOTTINGS — September

It always seems impossible that EVERY month's agenda of the Executive Committee can run to about five pages — but as each month's papers come they seem to grow rather than decrease!

Matters dealt with at the September meeting included—

- Matters from the recent Australian Executive Meeting — at which the State Commissioners met with the Australian office-bearers to discuss those matters which affect all Australia.
- Arrangements for the Association to be represented at the Youth Work Conference being arranged in Warrnambool by the Youth Council of Victoria.
- Details of our representation at the 1966 World Conference.
- Reports and suggestions from:  
 Publications Committee; Property Sub-Committee; New Commissioners and Boundaries Sub-Committee; "Matilda"; Public Relations Adviser; Camping; Trefoil Guild; Training Committee and detail relating to the Australian Training Conference to be held in January, 1966; the Annual Meeting; the Building Appeal, etc.
- In addition we discussed various complicated matters of finance; our association with other organisations and our responsibilities regarding their activities; the State Council Annual Meeting arrangements; the possibility of an All-Australia Guide Camp in 1967; a report from the State International Representative and Australia's contributions to the "Council Fire".





## ALL STATES, 1965

I wonder if you've ever made pink lemonade from wild berries? Or eaten for a week with a cup and a spoon as your **ONLY** utensils? Or skinned a rattlesnake? Or walked into a hornet's nest?

Well, we did at the All-States' Encampment held in August in the Nantahala National Forest, North Carolina.

For me the highlight of our camp was the second week which we spent in Patrols of eight girls out "on the trail". The first week of the camp was taken up with re-learning all the skills we would need to help us survive for a week in the mountains alone!

Winding through the mountains were 31 miles of trail. We set out to conquer 21 of them. (Twenty-one miles in a week is pretty easy going, you say? That's what I thought before I started!)

Radio sets were dotted here and there in case of emergencies. Since the idea was to keep equipment to a minimum, our only shelter was a large sheet of plastic which we strung up between the trees. It might interest you to note that this particular area has the second highest rainfall in the U.S.A. By the time we eight scruffy individuals arrived back in base camp we were grubby, weary, with not a dry stitch of clothing to our names! If only you could have seen the socks (once white) which we tied to the backs of our packs in an effort to dry them!

I think this week was the happiest I have ever spent. We laughed so much; we did fascinating things like digging a bee-ootiful stone-lined bath in a mountain stream, and, what's more, using it! Brrrr! One day we even came upon a place which we christened our "Garden of Eden". It was a long, wide, grassy avenue lined with gaunt apple-laden trees and carpeted with strawberries, blueberries and blackberries. We had blackberry pie that night and apple pie the next!

We learned much in those seven days; how to get along with each other; how to "make the most of wot yer got"; the importance of each individual member of the Patrol; the need for singing and laughter when spirits got low — in fact, we learned to carry responsibility AND a 30 lb. pack!

—Janet Cole.



## BRIEF HIGHLIGHTS

Now that I am home, to try to condense a trip such as the one I have just been lucky enough to have down to highlights would be almost impossible. No one thing stands out in my memory. I think of it as a complete whole.

During my stay in the United States I did two things. Firstly, I spent four weeks with a Girl Scout family in Long Beach, and, secondly, I attended the 1965 Senior Girl Scout Round-up. Both of these activities were wonderful, but completely different.

While staying in Long Beach with "my family" I was taken to a number of tourist attractions like Hollywood Bowl, Olvera Street (an old Spanish section of Los Angeles), Angel's Flight railway (the shortest railway in the world), Griffith Park Observatory, the Mission of San Luis Rey, San Diego Zoo, Knotts Berry Farm (a replica of an old frontier town), and Disneyland. Although these places were extremely interesting, and I enjoyed seeing them very much,



they were the least important part of my stay in Long Beach, because the thing I enjoyed most was staying with a Girl Scout's family. In this way I learned about the people of the United States and not geographical features. I became very attached to this family and it was not long before I regarded them as "my family".

Round-up was completely different. It must be treated as a whole, because without any of its activities it would be lacking something. I enjoyed everything about Round-up — everything from its cold showers and thistles to the people I met and the spectacular arena events. The Round-up's theme, "On the Trail to Tomorrow", was very appropriate because every day brought new adventures and experiences. Round-up was, for me: the new friends I made, the things I learned, the activities I took part in, complete happiness, and the assurance that our Movement is world wide.

Then it was on to Jamaica, and here again the project was divided into two parts. Firstly, staying with a family, and, secondly, attending the International Camp to celebrate Jamaica's Golden Jubilee of Guiding. While staying with my hostess family in Kingston, I was taken to see various places of interest around the island. I saw a number of the finest tourist beaches as well as Kingston itself and historic Port Royal. I was also introduced to Jamaican food and found that after a while I could really enjoy it.

The highlights of the International Camp were many. There was meeting other Guides from all over the West Indies as well as from other countries. Then there were the attempts I made at learning how to cook Jamaican food. Also there were the trips which were taken from camp. The first of these was to Clydesdale, where 40 of us stayed in a 200-year-old coffee mill. It was a marvellous weekend, where we swam in an icy-cold mountain pool and had a wonderful campfire at night; not to mention the ghosts. On the other trip we went to Dunns River. Here we enjoyed swimming in the sea, climbing the waterfall and lazing in the glorious sun.

The last stage of the trip was Mexico, and the stay here was very brief. However, we managed to go to Cuenavaca and see Our

Cabana, which is just magnificent. I have always dreamed of going to one of our Guide Homes, and visiting Our Cabana was the fulfilment of my dream.

Altogether, the trip was a wonderful experience. I saw girls from different countries, of different religions and colours, work and play together in the true Guiding spirit. It gave me a marvellous feeling to know that our Movement is a world-wide, unified one and that everyone wears the same World Badge. And now that I am back I have been thrilled by the interest everyone has shown in my trip, and I hope I can share my experience with you all!

—Trudi Monk.



## A COMING OF AGE

1st Dandenong Brownie Pack celebrated its coming of age recently with a party at the Guide Hall. Brown Owl welcomed our Division Commissioner and District Commissioner and two of the early Brown Owls of the Pack — Mrs. B. Luxford, now Division Commissioner for Springvale, and Mrs. Seebeck, of Rowville. Brown Owl also welcomed the many parents and friends, including members of the Local Association, who were present.

It was a Fancy Dress Night, with the Brownies dressed in costumes depicting a nursery rhyme or fairy tale, and there were many colourful figures in the Grand Parade.

After several amusing games had been played by the Brownies and their parents and friends supper was served. Mrs. Seebeck was given the honour of cutting the birthday cake, beautifully decorated with Brownie motifs.

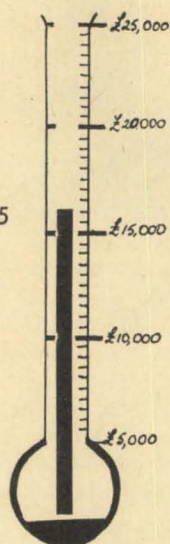
District Commissioner presented the Pack with a book for their library, and the President of the Local Association presented a Toadstool and wished the Pack many more happy years.

A most enjoyable evening came to a close with the singing of Happy Birthday.

—D.K.

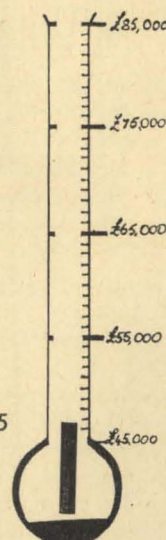


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## GETTING TO KNOW YOU ...

Have you used our Movement Building Appeal to make new friends, to discover unknown depths in old ones? Have you had fun with your Guides or Brownies or Rangers? At a special campfire with the pies heating tantalisingly nearby, or did you almost lose a tooth at the Toffee Night?

Were you slobbered over by endless pets who were most like their owners, had the waggiest tails, or were just "well bred"?

If you haven't some tale you can "mull" over with a friend or chuckle about when the appeal is finally closed, you've missed out somewhere. Or do you sincerely feel it isn't the real job of Guiding anyway and just a chore? You're wrong, you know, if you can separate Guiding from anything. It's a way of life for 24 hours a day, to influence all our thinking, all our actions.

But there is still time to take another look — another effort for our Building Appeal. Please help us to help ourselves.

Your own special effort may be that little bit necessary to wind it up. Let's make the Movement Building Appeal work for all of us. Let's have fun doing it.

Remember it is for your Headquarters and mine. Will you try just a little bit longer? Will you help me, please, to finish the appeal so I, too, can devote more time to the usual game of Guiding?

And, above all, a big "thank you" for the wonderful effort you are making.

—EILEEN BARWICK,  
Chairman, Movement Building Appeal.



### CONGRATULATIONS

**Congratulations to the following:—**

Judith Harris, of 1st Melbourne Extension Rangers, on completion of the full Ranger Service Star.



## WHO ARE THESE?

At the end of the afternoon we wondered if they were hockey players coming off the field, or if we had perchance stumbled on a group from a new planet — for the mud from the wet and heavy ground combined with the fantastic (!) hockey (?) outfits.

Did the State Commissioner really have to let her (?) tunic out on either side, or was that white stripe part of the original pattern? Did you know that "Matilda" played? Some old copies acted as shinguards for that very efficient Commissioner . . . and provided, I'm sure, some reading material when the game was a little slow in that particular area of the field. Three goalies the State Commissioner's team had on hand, and not one of them was really needed, for the Senior Branch didn't score ONE goal! The Brownies, who came for an afternoon outing — and why? Their Commissioner was playing, and didn't they give her moral AND vocal support? The artistic efforts of the Senior Branch as displayed in their signs and notices — much more effective than their hockey! The Commissioners who had never played hockey before — including one who grasped her stick in approved cave-man fashion. . . . The deep ruts in the field — several times our Organising Secretary almost disappeared into their muddy depths — and perhaps wished she had when she had to use cold water and sheets (!) to remove the mud after the game.



What a pity we didn't have the Senior Branch's response to the State Commissioner's challenge to play hockey on display during the afternoon — a wonderfully and appropriately illustrated sheet of Strine. . . .



But how nice to see Robyn Riddett and Trudi Monk, just returned from the U.S.A. Round-up and Jamaica, at the most welcome afternoon tea turned on by the Sea Ranger Crew, who use the well-equipped hall next to the hockey field (and there is a whisper that the funds for the "Restoration and Rehabilitation of Commissioners" are really going to the H.Q. Building Appeal). . . .

The spectators enjoyed themselves supporting their favourite team — and taking photographs — and keeping the dogs off the hockey field — and taking photographs — and even organising a piece of orange for themselves at half-time — and taking more photographs . . .

And the score? The State Commissioner's team won three goals to none — there seemed some doubt about the scorer's accuracy — but the Senior Branch provided the umpire!

But a very enjoyable afternoon — another one I'm sure will be planned soon — and why only hockey?





## SAINT GEORGE — THE STANDARD OF THE GIRL GUIDES OF ENGLAND

Between the two wars the Guides in England, with tremendous enterprise, county by county, planned and made fine Standards showing their country and other badges. Often these were embroidered by their own members.

The endeavour was to make these flags beautiful symbols round which the County Commissioner gathered all her family together, and the Standard went with her to County and Company events.

The first Standard made was for our President, H.R.H. The Princess Mary, later Princess Royal. It was a wedding gift and was embroidered throughout by County Commissioners. Whilst it was being put together H.M. Queen Mary came several times to see the work progressing. Then she expressed a wish that it should be in the Abbey for the Princess's wedding.

Queen Mary also had the Standard illuminated above the Princess's arms in the exquisite prayer book of the marriage service that she gave to her daughter.

Many of the same workers then made a Standard, now much travelled, for the Chief Guide, Olave, Lady Baden-Powell.

During the late 1930's it was decided that the Chief Commissioner for England — at that time Mrs. Percy Birley — should have a Standard for England. As herald for the Guides of the Commonwealth, I was to plan and supervise the making, as I had done the others. St. George was to be the central emblem.

Interesting decisions had to be made — in all our Standards the Guide trefoil, a "world badge", is placed in the place of honour — nearest the hoist. In the old days it was customary for the National emblem to be placed there. So, this being a Standard for England, it was agreed to place these two emblems "quarterly", the Cross "gules" (red) of St. George on an "argent" (silver) field, and the Guides trefoil "or" (gold) on its "azure" (blue) ground.

Because the Guides are very much an open air Movement, the rest of the Standard was divided longitudinally: sapphire blue above for the sky, and a glorious vivid green below for the grass of "England's green and pleasant land". The group of St. George

on horseback slaying the dragon could well be placed there.

There is an heraldic rule that all creatures face the hoist, but to group St. George, steed and dragon all facing one way was not satisfactory. In working the Standards the old embroideresses' rule of "light from the left hand side" is amended because the two sides have to be identical. Every part worked in duplicate is reversed, and therefore the rule is "light comes from the hoist". Obviously, St. George would come from the light when slaying the powers of evil and the light would blind the dragon and help to overcome him. So this design was planned.

Beyond this group came the motto bands of gold, one inscribed with our motto, "Be Prepared", the other with Mrs. Birley's favourite, "Persevere". In the fly came the Baden-Powell lion crests to commemorate that Lady Baden-Powell had been the first Chief Commissioner before she became Chief Guide.

The splendid gold and silver brocades and the jewel coloured satins were purchased, and prepared, the designs drawn out, and work started. But it was 1939 and the second war broke out. Of course, all such work ceased with the pressure of war duties.

At long last the struggle came to an end with victory and the team resumed work. After all the "shortages" what a joy it was to handle the lovely materials.

I myself undertook the working of the two St. George groups partly as an offering to the Movement before I retired (I had been County Commissioner for N.E. Lancashire for 34 years) and especially as a tribute to St. George and all our men who had fought for us in the Great Wars — fighting for a future of kindness, peace and freedom for the children and the families they had to leave in England.

St. George's tiny face inside the raised vizor is about the size of my thumbnail. It had to be worked in the finest silk threads of several tints which give the transparency of skin. Short lengths are essential to prevent fraying and minute stitches. Each face took 11 hours to work.

The dragon I made as wicked-looking as I could — he is all glittering gold and green, with a flashing emerald eye.

At last, after some 6000 hours of work, the embroideries were finished and the work



assembled. In many places Guides and Guiders had added a few stitches to the work being done by their most skilled embroideresses, so that it was indeed a co-operative gift from the whole Movement to Mrs. Birley in recognition of her fine leadership.

The dedication was arranged by special permission, in St. George's Chapel, Windsor. The Princess Royal and her Standard and Lady Baden-Powell with hers were seated on either side near the altar. This was furnished with the splendid blue frontal of the Knights of the Garter whose banners floated above in the vaulting. Six hundred Guides

were present and they were encircled by all the County Standards.

Those who were present will not forget the wonderful address the Dean of Windsor (Bishop Hamilton) gave us. He wanted us all to train, with our Guides, to go out like St. George and slay all the horrible dragons of evil still lurking and tempting everywhere.

It was indeed inspiring and, as we look at the Standard, let us indeed "Be Prepared" and "Persevere" till we in our turn have won victories over evil and helped those in trouble. —By Rachel Kay Shuttleworth, from the "Guide".

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## ADVENTURE AT SUNRISE

Seventeen members of the 1st Wodonga Company "turned to" before dawn during the September school holidays for a hike with a difference.

They had successfully persuaded their Guider to take them on a ramble to the eastern slopes of Huon's Hill, a 1376ft. feature, about three miles from Wodonga, to watch the sunrise.

Most of the Guides have never witnessed this daily natural phenomenon.

The group set out from their central meeting point at 5 a.m. with some doubts, as over an inch of rain had fallen on the previous day.

However, their good fairy was watching over them as usual, and rain held off for a further 24 hours.

With torches flashing they passed out of the town and up the slopes to a rocky outcrop overlooking the Murray River with only the wet grass swishing round their ankles to remind them how kind the weather had been to them for this hike.

At the outcrop they sat and waited for the sun to rise over the distant hills; a glorious spectacle as it slowly appeared, climbed rapidly over the swirling river mists, then into a clear sky above.

The Guides then scampered around, collected wood to light a fire and cooked breakfast — "The best we've ever had!"

After playing a few games among the rocks they doused their fire and wended their way home, tired but happy, having enjoyed their first experience of this glory of nature.

—V.B.

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## BLACKSMITHS OF GUIDING

We are the blacksmiths of Guiding,  
We're forging new links for the chain.  
The chain of joy that's encircling  
This world of sorrow and pain.

Chorus:

We hammer the nails and we forge the links,  
But we can do nothing at all  
If there's not the spirit of Guiding  
Around and within us all.

We also have much need of learning,  
We need guidance as much as they;  
But let's hope that when we have learnt it  
We'll not let it slip useless away.

When we're off for a week of training  
We're rather too apt to think  
That we've only ourselves to consider  
That we haven't to forge the link.

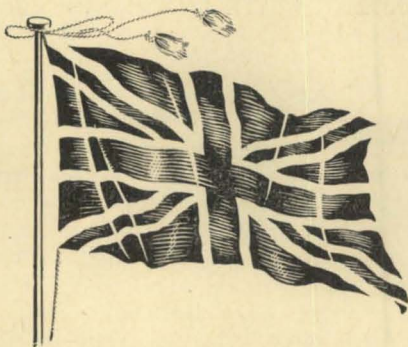
If we look to the links that we have in our  
care,  
And strengthen where we may,  
We can say with the best of the forgers of  
chains,  
Our work is not of a day.

The 'smith finds it harder to labour  
With steel that ne'er gives to his touch;  
You'll find it the same in Guiding,  
But you never can give too much.

For whatever you give to Guiding  
You will find it worth your while;  
For energy, brains and keenness,  
Guiding gladly repays—with a smile.

—From "Matilda", June, 1924.





You will recall the story in a recent "Matilda" regarding the adoption of the new National Flag of Canada.

For your interest we now publish the ceremonies recently published in the "Canadian Guider" to enable the Union Jack to be retired by Companies.

### RETIREMENT OF UNION JACK

**When the National Flag of Canada is not being dedicated.**

#### In a Church:

Colour party of three bearing the Union Jack moves forward, halting before the officiating Minister, probably during the singing of a hymn.

(N.B.: The flag should be made easily removable from the pole before ceremony.)

Proclamation of retirement.

God Save the Queen.

Prayer.

The Union Jack is removed from the pole and placed in container for burning and handed to colour-bearer. Pole is handed to left escort and colour party retires to place where burning is to take place. Ashes are buried.

The same ceremony should be done at a Company meeting in Horseshoe formation with the Captain officiating.

**When dedication of National Flag follows retirement of Union Jack.**

Two colour parties of three move forward to officiating clergyman, the first carrying the Union Jack as explained above, the second marching behind carrying the National Flag of Canada cased. The second

colour party halts about eight feet behind the first.

Proclamation.

God Save the Queen.

Prayer.

Prepare for burning as above.

Union Jack colour party about turn. Move off down aisle as colour party with Flag of Canada moves forward.

Uncase Flag of Canada, dedicate in usual ceremony.

### Alternate suggestions for retiring the Union Jack.

In some instances it is suggested that, with the permission of the clergy, the colour could be deposited in the sanctuary.

"Reverend Sir, this flag of the . . . Girl Guide Company was dedicated as an emblem of our loyalty to our God, our country and the Girl Guides of Canada. In order to preserve it for the future as a symbol of this loyalty, we ask permission to deposit it in . . . Church."

Minister:

"As Rector (Minister) of this Parish (Church), I receive this flag and request that it be placed in its appointed place in the Church."

Minister leads the way, accepts colour and deposits it in the wall bracket.

If the new flag is to be dedicated, another colour party marches in with the new colour, and ceremony of dedication continues in usual form.

**A Company may wish to retain the Union Jack** to be used as a symbol of our Commonwealth connection. They might use the flag in teaching or as a basis for badge knowledge. As long as the flag is NOT CARRIED in procession either at a meeting or in parade, the Company may use it as is fitting.

—From the "Canadian Guider".





## STAMPS



The stamp, illustrated above, was issued in October for use on 1965 Christmas mail.

—Block by courtesy of the "Herald"

There will be 11 newly designed stamps issued on the same day as decimal currency commences, also 11 other stamps almost identical to stamps now in use.

New designs are: One, two, three and four cent stamps will bear the Queen's head. The design is now being prepared. The six cent (blue-faced honey-eater), seven cent (humbug fish), eight cent (coral crab), nine cent (hermit crab), 10 cent (anemone fish), 13 cent (avocet), 24 cent (kingfisher).

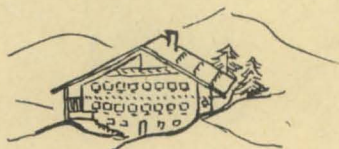
Designs retained are: five cent (yellow-tailed thornbill), 15 cent (galah), 20 cent (golden whistler), 25 cent (scarlet robin), 30 cent (straw-necked ibis), 40 cent (Abel Tasman), 50 cent (William Dampier), 75 cent (James Cook), \$1 (Matthew Flinders), \$2 (George Bass), \$4 (Phillip Parker King).

Collect all you can of the present stamps, as the higher values could be valuable when they are no longer available.

See previous issues of "Matilda" for help in the stamp appeal.

Watch December "Matilda" for illustrations of some of the new decimal currency stamps.

—LORNA E. CUZENS.



## FROM THE STATE COMMISSIONER

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being his recent visit to Antarctica. For another reason, too, this night will hold a special place among the meetings that one remembers with interest and pleasure and among the numerous occasions when our Brother Movement extends every courtesy and assistance to us. The surprise item of "other Business" was the presentation by the Chief Commissioner, Mr. R. W. McKellar, from the Boy Scouts in Victoria to me, representing you, of a cheque for £1904/4/9 for our Building Appeal. And they are in the process of expanding their own Headquarters premises, too!

**16th Sept.:** The opening of the Royal Show — and the setting up of the Guide stand — gave Miss Sophie Wirth and her helpers an all too splendid opportunity of demonstrating the 8th Guide Law. Owing to theft on the site, as well as smiling and singing, they had to re-make almost entirely the model display camp that they had previously perfected with many hours of meticulous work. However, nobody would have known, and those who took a turn of duty on our stand could vouch for the interest created by it. "Being prepared" with decimal currency booklet helped the Building Appeal, too.

**20th Sept.:** A beautiful day for Mrs. Farrow and me to travel to Maryborough to attend the Ballarat Region L.A. Conference; and the arrangements and the satisfaction resulting from them were as perfect as the weather.

**25th Sept.:** Another "Operation Koala". Congratulations on a record attendance, an exemplary co-operation from all concerned and a special "pat on the back" to the organiser, Mrs. Turnbull, our Camping Adviser.

**28th Sept.:** To close the month on an international note as it began, we had another delightful and welcome visitor to Headquarters — our Australian International Adviser, Mrs. Steche.

*Joyce E. Price*



# TRAINING PAGES

## ST. GEORGE FOR MERRIE ENGLAND

By Mary Edge

Many stories have been associated with St. George, and it is difficult to distinguish between fact and legend. It seems certain that he was born at Lydda, of Greek parents, in the early part of the first century A.D. He was brought up as a Christian, and when old enough became a Roman soldier and was very soon made an officer.

While George was serving with his soldiers in foreign parts, possibly in Britain, news came to him that the Emperor Diocletian was persecuting the Christians more than ever before. This meant that as a Roman soldier George would be expected to put to death all those confessing themselves to be Christians. Should he obey the Emperor's commands and remain a loyal soldier, or should he uphold his Christian faith and accept the consequences? After much serious thought he made some excuse that enabled him to journey back to his home at Lydda and see what was really happening there.

When passing through Nicodemia he read the decree against the Christians which the Emperor had ordered to be put on the city wall. He tore it down at once and destroyed it. As a result of this action he was arrested and taken before Diocletian. George tried to explain that the Christians did not wish to harm anyone, but only wanted to be left alone to worship their God, whom they firmly believed to be the only true God. He refused to give up his faith, and so was cast into prison, and was finally put to death, probably on 23rd April, 303.

According to ancient legend, when he had reached his home at Lydda, George ceased to be a soldier, and set off alone to help his fellow-Christians as far as he was able. During his wanderings through Libya he came to Silene, where he found a Princess standing outside the gates and looking very frightened. She explained that there was a dragon living close by who threatened the

city. At first he had been kept away by a daily offering of two sheep, but now there were none left, so the young women of the city had to be sacrificed one by one, the victim being chosen by drawing lots. Today, she, the Princess, was to be the dragon's victim. George was horrified when he heard her story and set off at once to slay the dragon. He soon came upon the dragon, and, protected by the Sign of the Cross, was able to force his spear down the dragon's throat. He then took out his sword and cut off the beast's head, so that he could take it back to the city and prove to the people there that the dragon really was dead. The Princess wanted George to marry her, but he explained that he was a Christian and it was his duty to fight against evil just as he had fought against the dragon.

When the Knights of King Arthur rode out to battle in the name of Christ, they remembered George, who had been made a Saint by then, and made him their Guardian in battle. It was the custom in those days for the knights to carry some sign, or device, as it was called, upon their shields and surcoats as a distinguishing mark. These knights chose a red cross to represent St. George, as a symbol of the blood he had shed for Christ. Later he became known as the Red Cross Knight.

St. George's real popularity seems to have arisen from the time of the Crusades. We are told that when things were going hard against the Crusaders, a knight clad in shining armour and carrying a white banner with a red cross upon it appeared before them and led them to victory before disappearing. He was thought to be St. George, and so in battle the cry went up, "St. George for England". Edward III declared him to be the Patron Saint of England, though as early as 1222 the Council of Oxford had declared that his feast day, 23rd April, should be kept as a National Festival.

In the year 1344 Edward III founded the Order of the Garter with St. George on its badge. The present chapel at Windsor was built by Henry IV and later what was supposed to be the Saint's heart was deposited there as a precious relic.

It is interesting to note that St. George is also the Patron Saint of both Portugal and Aragon.

—From the "Guide".



## ONCE UPON A TIME . . .

It would be difficult for you to imagine what it was like being a girl in the year 1909. There was no cinema, radio or television; nevertheless we enjoyed making our own amusements.

I was a member of a Girls' Guild connected with the Sunday School, where we gave concerts. A newly formed Troop of Boy Scouts also held their meetings there, and the Scoutmaster, Mr. Drew, gave us instruction in Swedish Drill. The boys joined us and gave displays of signalling, first aid, etc. On Saturdays they would go into the country with camping kit, and one day my friend asked if we could join them. It would seem strange today to see two girls marching along with the Boy Scouts, wouldn't it?

My mother came on the next trip and cooked a large pot of stew and a delicious roly-poly currant duff. We drank smoky tea, but it was great fun. We continued all through the holidays, and one evening when we were walking home I asked my mother if she would form a Company of Girl Scouts. Next morning I bought a Boy Scout hat, haversack, and tie. A brown blouse, navy skirt, and broomstick completed my "uniform", and with a copy of "Scouting for Boys" under my arm I started a recruiting campaign and soon had a Company of 70 girls. Many people became interested, and soon Patrols were formed. Mine was the Forget-me-not; our Company were called The Owls; and our motto, "Always Alert".

We received instruction in first aid, nursing, etc., and started working for our badges. For the Needlewoman Test we made a small Union Jack, and I still remember the cutting out, the tacking, the tiny stitches, the final pressing, and eventually receiving my badge.

The final exciting experience was taking the Fire-Fighter Test at the Fire Station. First we jumped from a window into a canvas sheet held by the girls. Then we were lowered from the window in a fireman's chair made of two loops of rope. Then we unrolled the hose and turned the water on and all got soaked — but we all passed!

Sir Robert Baden-Powell paid us many visits, the most memorable being at a Field

Day in which Boy Scouts as well as girls took part, and there were about 3000 spectators. We gave various displays, including a first aid demonstration. The girl who was being treated for fainting acted her part so well that Sir Robert said he thought she really had fainted until he saw her quickly open one eye to see if her skirt was covering her knees!

That afternoon he gave my mother her Captain's Warrant and presented our First Aid Badges.

He was a splendid man whom we all loved and admired, and I am proud to have known him.

—By Doris A. Jourd,  
from the "Guide"

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## SEMAPHORE GAMES

### The Lazy Giant

Tell the story of a giant who lives some distance away from his weaver. He loves colourful new clothes, but is too lazy to walk to the mill when he wants some more material made of another colour; instead he signals to the weaver the letter of the colour he wants.

Cards of different colours are scattered on the floor in front of all the Brownies. When Brown Owl signals the letter from the other end of the room, all the Brownies choose a piece of cardboard the correct colour and run up with it to Pack Leader or Tawny, who gives a reward to the first three bringing the correct colour.

### Rescue the Princess

Tell the Brownies a story about a princess who is kept a prisoner in a tower. Word has reached her that an army is coming to rescue her. When the army approaches, the princess stands on her balcony and signals directions to it so that they can pass safely through the guards who surround the tower. ("R" for run, "B" for back, "W" for walk, "J" for jump, and "C" for crawl.) These letters can be changed for others for another game.

If any of the army do not obey orders quickly they are sent back to base by Tawny or Pack Leader and start again.

—From "The Guide".





## ABOUT THAT EXPEDITION!

"BE PREPARED". How particularly vital our motto seems when we first begin practising for Parts 1 and 2 of the Ranger Service Star, though, for some of us perhaps, it should rather read, "To travel hopefully is better than to arrive"!

We set out in the fond hope that it will not rain (or at any rate not **much**), that it won't be too windy, that our map is accurate — or at least the right one — that the bus time-table we consulted is still current, that if it is and we are a bit late the bus will wait for us, and, above all, that there will be a convenient shop open en route where we can purchase those last essentials we either forgot to pack or didn't have time to buy.

In reality we must be prepared for rain, hail, snow, fog, gales — or even sunshine! We must be prepared in case our time-table is inaccurate, our map out of date (or our map reading unduly optimistic) and assume a complete dearth of shops along the way.

So, **before** we set out must prepare. We must be fully equipped with knowledge of how to cope as well as with the kit to deal with any eventuality so that we remain well fed, protected from weather, reasonably well groomed, and never pushed to the point of exhaustion. We should choose our companions carefully and not find ourselves landed — as I once did — with the sort of person who takes as her motto, "We might just need it." (We set off — fortunately by car on this occasion — with toaster, jug, iron, table and even something suspiciously like the kitchen sink; actually we never once opened the boot of the car, which was overflowing with things "we just might need").

By adapting, practising and learning from each other we can travel perfectly well equipped, but with the lightest possible load for the circumstances. We begin by deciding what **are** necessities, and though different people have their own private lists of what they consider personal necessities (marmalade

at breakfast for one, bed socks or even a hottie for another, hand lotion or even hair spray for another) there are genuine necessities that must appear on all lists.

Our first need will be shelter. This may be a barn or a tent or a groundsheet, or an experienced hiker who has chosen her site with care may make do satisfactorily with trees and undergrowth, which, of course, helps to reduce the equipment carried.

We must label ourselves inexperienced if we get ourselves or our kit wet, so we think next of a groundsheet, coat (or parka and trousers), strong boots or shoes, and waterproof bags or all gear. Everything we take we carry, and everything we carry goes in our rucksack, so the choice of a suitable one calls for infinite care — never make the mistake of buying one because someone else found it ideal for her; there are many kinds to choose from, and the wise hiker tries out as many as possible before she finally decides on the one that suits both her build and her pocket. Much the same applies to the choice of a sleeping bag; we want the lightest and warmest possible, but cost and personal preference — with or without a hood, nylon or down? — come into it, too.

Clothes must be chosen with thought for the weather likely to be encountered, and also for the type of expedition planned, whether walking along pleasant side roads or "bush bashing" in wild country. I remember one new chum who set off on a crisp, frosty morning attired — as we all were — in a thick polo-necked sweater; as the morning wore on the sun came through, and soon we had all peeled down to a thin shirt and were still sweating and mopping our brows. All? Not our unfortunate recruit. She had decided to save weight by not bringing a shirt or blouse at all, and as no one had brought a spare, and we were still on relatively populated roads she had to swelter.

Sleeping gear; first aid, repair and cleaning kits; toilet paper and trowel or shoe horn; map and compass; torch; whistle; matches; toilet kit; cutlery, dishes and washing-up gear — all these will be adjusted to the type of expedition planned, but in all cases experience and ingenuity will help to keep the weight and bulk down. Be careful,



however, that when choosing an article **because** it is small or light that you don't find it's virtually useless as well.

Food? It is important to choose food for its value as well as its weight if you plan to hike far, and don't forget to eat the heavier and more perishable foods first.

The exciting adventures to which all this training leads are, of course, an end in themselves, but when our Seniors leave the Branch, do we show them how to join Bush Walking Clubs, Youth Hostel Associations and similar organisations that can encourage them to continue such activities?

And what of the girl who feels that once separated from the stimulus of Senior Branch companionship she will never be likely to go hiking or camping again? Even for her this training need not cease to be of practical use because if ever she should travel (particularly by air where weight is of paramount importance) she will find, as I have done, that to be able to assemble a really lightweight kit of "necessities", and to know how to assess in advance what will be useful and what will not, will make her bless her days in Ranging. It brings back every expedition you ever undertook when a fellow-traveller in Hong Kong or Karachi or New York says, "But I've really only got much the same things as you have, but you **never** pay excess luggage fees and you fit it all into that one suitcase — and you always seem to be able to **find** things when you want them! How on earth do you **do** it?"

Then you will realise that you have not only travelled hopefully (and happily) along one particular path in Ranging, but you have arrived exactly where — in a way — it was leading you.



## DWARFS IN THE MOUNTAIN AND THE GIANT

Tell a story of treasure-seeking dwarfs who went mining for precious stones in the mountain, and the wicked giant who stole their treasure. The treasure — empty fruit tins (one for each dwarf family and a couple extra, and with neatly cut-off tops for safety) — is kept by the giant in his castle (a chalk ring in the centre of your ground). Each family of dwarfs have their own mountain home in chalk circles at equal distances from the giant's castle.

While the giant is away one day the dwarfs try to get back their treasure. But they aren't very nice dwarfs, because, when they have got back their own treasure and there is none left in the giant's castle, they rush to each other's homes and steal each other's treasure!

One dwarf stays in each home to guard the treasure and the others rush off to collect the treasure from the giant's castle or the other homes. (The dwarf guarding each home may not hold or sit on the tins. He may only push off the raiding dwarfs.)

Then they hear the giant walking home (heavy footsteps made by banging heel of shoe on a board), and, without picking up any more, the dwarfs run home with the tins they have got.

Count up the number of tins in each dwarf home, and the winning home gets a shell.

—E.F.



At last Sweden has decided to give in, to abandon driving on the left and go over to the right!

Enormous preparations are taking place to make the change as smooth and little dangerous as possible.

3rd September, 1967, has been chosen as the most suitable day — it is a Sunday. School has just started, and everyone is refreshed after the summer holiday.

Guides and Scouts have been recruited to help and, especially, Ranger and Rover teams are studying traffic problems thoroughly in order to well prepared to take responsibility in helping people to overcome the expected difficulties.

—From "The Council Fire".





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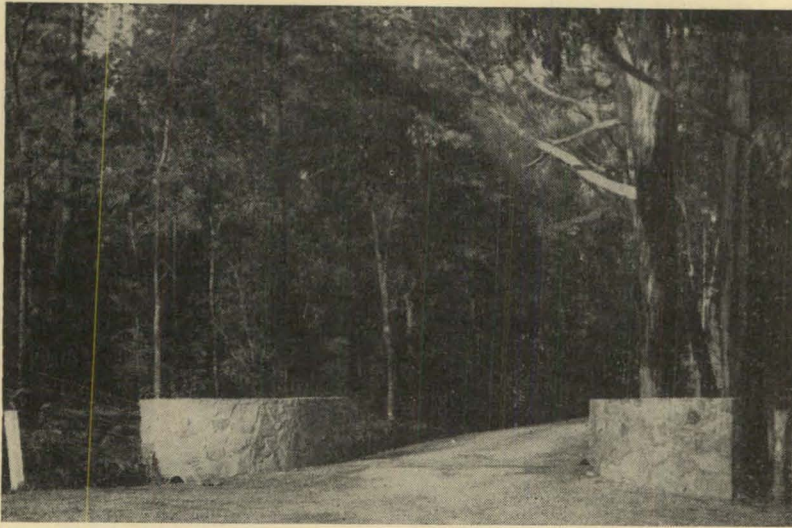
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## BRITANNIA PARK

The many friends our caretaker, Mr. Wilson, and his wife, have made during their five years at Britannia Park will be sorry to learn that they are leaving us. Mr. Wilson has had to resign as from 4th December owing to the ill-health of their son Mark, who suffered an injury to his lung a few years ago and who has never quite recovered. On their doctor's advice the Wilsons are moving to Queensland, where it is hoped the hot, dry climate will help Mark's full recovery. I am sure we all wish them well and commend them for doing everything they can to help their child regain his health.

At the same time we will have to try to replace Mr. Wilson. December is the beginning of the real camping season, and we will urgently need a caretaker on the property.

Work is proceeding with the lining of the B.P. Hut. We hope to have it completed by the beginning of November. We will then need a lot of help with the painting, so please volunteer to come and do some.

Very few people came to the "Wooding Bee", but those who did worked like beavers, and we are tremendously grateful to them. Mrs. Prewett, Captain, 2nd Ivanhoe Coy., brought several helpers and also her chain saw. Mrs. Marshall, D.C., Neerim, came with her husband AND a chain saw, and Miss Jermy also brought HER chain saw. Guider, Guides and Brownies from Lakeside and Mt. Waverley Districts, who were visiting for the

day, gave a lot of help, as did the Guides of 1st North Balwyn Coy., resident in the cottage. We do thank them all most sincerely. The Wooding Bee continued on the Sunday, when the Camberwell Apex Club came bringing three saws with them. WHAT a weekend (?), but most gratifying, many tons of firewood cut up and stacked ready for the camps, and four very weary members of the Committee who worked so hard BOTH days.

The Committee is delighted that so many Brownies and Guides are being taken up to see their property, but we do ask that Guiders or Commissioners contemplating such an outing DO contact Mrs. McNally at H.Q. before making arrangements with buses, etc. We would like to get a better balance of day visitors. Some days there are several groups and other days none. Also, when you arrive, will you arrange with the G.I.C. House and Cottage for a time that will suit HER for the children to see over the place.

At the end of September I visited "Selkirk Park" at Whittlesea, the lovely property of Miss Florence Mitchell, a member of our State Council, who, a few years ago, was Assistant State Commissioner during Mrs. Orr's term as State Commissioner. The occasion was a Field Day and Campfire for Guides of Preston and Mitchell Division. It was a most memorable day and evening for the Guides and for me, too, for apart from the lovely property and the superb campfire, every Guide brought sixpence for the Main-



tenance Fund. Isn't it a marvellous idea? We are so thrilled. We hope so much that good ideas are infectious.

When you see the Annual Report you will see that our Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Gregory, has put a footnote to the Britannia Park balance sheet, explaining why we appeared to have so much money. Please don't think that we have got a lot of money — it was just that, at the end of the financial year, so many jobs which should have been completed before were still unfinished. They HAVE been finished now and our finances are down to rock bottom again, so we still do need your help very much. The property is gradually beginning to look as we



want it to, but we still have a long way to go and a lot of work to do.

We would like to thank the following for supporting the Maintenance Fund during the month of September:—

- 1st—Mrs. L. Chenhall.
- 2nd—4th East Malvern Pack.
- 3rd—2nd Numurkah Coy.
- 4th-10th—Dandenong L.A.
- 11th—1st Canterbury Pack.
- 13th—Miss Sue Richardson.
- 16th—Vermont District.
- 18th—Keilor District.
- 22nd—Koo-wee-rup L.A.
- 25th—Miss B. M. Macartney.
- 26th—Surrey L.A.
- 28th—Camberwell-Hartwell L.A.
- 30th—Strathmore L.A.

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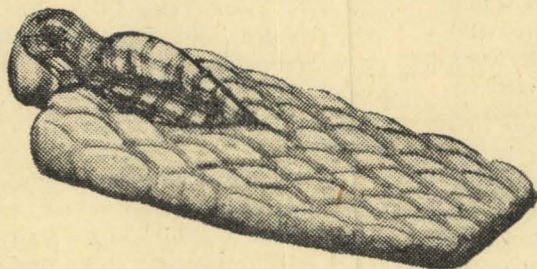
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## "SERVICE . . . "

The approach of every summer always brings a special kind of joy to every Girl Scout, for it invariably carries with it the promise of another new experience in camp, another thrilling, fun-filled adventure that is somehow different from the one that had gone before.

In previous years, for instance, there had been a "Singing Camp" where we had the rare and wonderful opportunity of learning from experts the artistic way of playing simple instruments and of singing and playing together to make a chorus or an orchestra. In another year, it was a "Badge Camp" and this time we had a wider field to explore and also had to put our best in order to be awarded our badges on such fascinating subjects as dramatics, folk dancing and photography. Still there were other different camps — "Good Turn Camps", "Sewing Camps" and even "Gypsy Camps" in the Regions!

This year's encampment proved to be another unique episode in our Scouting life, a truly enriching experience which we shall remember for a long, long time. It featured a SERVICE CAMP — first of its kind to be held in the Philippines and one which afforded us a chance to leave the confines of our campsite and be able to mingle, work, laugh and play with the amiable village people whom we visited every day and tried to "happify" — as the founder put it — in our own small, helpful ways.

The setting for our unique encampment was the historical and romantic city of the south — Cebu City. The day we arrived there by boat was made truly memorable by our sister Scouts of the hostess city, who made the occasion very gay with firework at the pier, and welcome music played by a band. There were about 400 of us Senior Scout delegates and leaders.

First, I must tell you about the campsite, for it was the most beautiful campsite one could ever see! It was located atop picturesque Capitol Hills, where at one vantage point we could see the scattered villages and at a distance — the sea. At another point could be seen more hills and mountains that looked like crouched, sleeping giants. It was a pleasure to watch this

breath-taking view in the early evenings as the breezes played into our lawanit tents, and after a little while when the "lullaby for Girl Scouts" was played over Station DYHP.

Every morning we were fetched by big army trucks that ferried us to and from the 16 outlying barrios and villages where we rendered our services. Each of us belonged to a different group, and hence — a different story to tell. . . .

Those who belonged to the RECREATION group had easily the noisiest and most fun-filled time. Each day they gathered the children of the neighbourhoods, taught them songs and games, put up puppet shows, teaching simple handicrafts and keeping them out of mischief. They also conducted personal cleanliness inspections, which worked miracles, for, after the first day, the children became more conscious of their nails, their slippers and their clothes and teeth. Their mothers, too, had undeniably enjoyed the visit of the recreation group, having been freed somehow, though temporarily, of their children's rowdiness.

To the BABY CARE group, their line of service was the most enjoyable one of all, for what pleasure there was in cuddling those lovely and delightful babies!

The barrio people were also much appreciative of the HEALTH AND SANITATION group. Supervised by the camp nurse and their leaders, the girls gaily made friends with the village folk as they taught them how to improve their system of garbage disposal and drainage, how to wash their dishes the sanitary way and how to keep mosquitoes away. Said one of the barrio captains in a "thank you" speech, "I sincerely hope that the valuable lessons that our dear Girl Scouts have imparted to us will remain in our daily habits not only today, but forever and ever." That, of course, was in Cebuano translated by one of the leaders.

The HANDICRAFT group gathered under shades of trees, or in school yards. Each morning one would pass by a group of them each busily transforming simple, common-looking materials into useful articles, such as those for the home: artificial flowers, pot holders, plate racks and also personal articles to make the ladies prettier — beads, pendants, earrings, headbands. The process



of learning was two-day at times for the village girls and ladies, too, had something novel to share with the Girl Scouts.

### **Too soon the camp had to send.**

For the girls it was painful to leave those gay little children and lovely babies whom they had become very fond of and those friends they had in the villages. But each of them agreed that the experience had taught them many things — such as about gratefulness and love which the thankful villagers had given them. They have left Banilad, Cebu, feeling not quite the same persons as when they arrived.

—From the "The Girl Scout", the Philippines.

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### **THE ART OF GETTING ALONG**

Sooner or later a woman, if she is wise, discovers that life is a mixture of good days and bad, victory and defeat, give and take.

She learns that it doesn't pay to be a sensitive soul — that she should let some things go over her head.

She learns that she who loses her temper usually loses.

She learns that all women burn the toast for breakfast now and then, and that she shouldn't take the other's grouch too seriously.

She learns that carrying a chip on her shoulder is the easiest way to get into a quarrel

She learns that the quickest way to become unpopular is to carry tales and gossip about others.

She learns that most people are human and that it doesn't do any harm to smile and say "god morning" even if it is raining.

She comes to realise that things could run along perfectly without her.

She learns to sympathise with the others coming into the Movement, because she remembers how bewildered she was when she first started out.

She learns that no one made it alone, and that it is only through co-operative effort that we move on to better things.

She learns that people are not harder to get along with in one place than another, and that "getting along" depends about 98% on herself.

—B. Collins, Glen Waverley.



### **WAMINDA TREFOIL GUILD**

In May, 1964, a meeting of ex-Guides was arranged by our Assistant District Commissioner and State Recorder of Trefoil Guilds, Mrs. Cameron, with the intention of forming a third Trefoil Guild in Ballarat.

Nine intending members were present and apologies were received from 10 others.

We decided to hold meetings on the fourth Monday of each month in the homes of various member, and so the third Trefoil Guild of Ballarat was registered.

A suggestion was put forward that we should choose a name for our Guild, and, with the permission of Mrs. Ince, we adopted her camp name of "Waminda" — meaning friend — which had been given to her many years ago by the Ballarat Rangers.

With service to Guiding in mind, we have, in this our first year, managed to help out in a small way.

Our first effort was to make souvenir key rings for the Extension Guides to take to New Zealand.

Testing aids on fashion and interior decorating were compiled for the Senior Branch in Ballarat.

Twenty Brownie Pow-Wow mats were made and gaily embroidered to send to New Guinea. Along with these went wool and needles for the Brownies to finish the edges for their tests. Plaiting rings were also included in the parcel.

Assistance was given to the "Sangam" Appeal, and proceeds from market tables, conducted at our meetings, and the sale of coat hangers, will be sent to the State Headquarters' Building Appeal.

Some of our members attended the Annual Meeting of Trefoil Guilds, held in Geelong in October, and, in March, as guests of the Barwon Trefoil Guild, we held a delightful family picnic at Eastern Beach.

Special thanks to the Rangers for providing baby sitters throughout the year, to members for opening their homes for meetings, and to the Ballarat "Courier" for very fine publicity.

—M. J. Cooper.





# CAMPFIRE SONGS

## GYPSY SONG

English version by V.M.S.

German - Swiss.

1. A gyp- sy's life is free and gay, o  
 No tax- es need a gyp- sy pay, o  
 far- i- a. What care we for wind or damp  
 far- i- a.  
 Deep in woods where we make our camp. Far- i- a, far- i- a,  
 far- i- a, far- i- a, far- i- a, far- i- a.

2. And should hunger us assail, 4. Feather beds we do not sleep on,  
 Quickly then we're on the trail. But a hole we dig and deepen,  
 "Little deer, look out, look out, Moss and twigs we then pile in,  
 When the gypsy's gun speaks out." What better bed can a man sleep in?

3. Thirst it is a cruel thing, 5. When the sun has sunk down low  
 But we know a clear, cool spring, In a circle camp fires glow,  
 Where the water tastes like wine, Nut-brown maiden, dance therein,  
 Bubbling out like champagne fine. While I scrape on the old violin.

Far-ia - pronounced fair-ee-a.

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## MELBOURNE PORT'S EMERGENCY SERVICE

The Harbour Trust's new £120,000 Port Emergency Service Station, which will provide modern accommodation for the Service's personnel and the increasing variety of equipment, was officially opened recently. The Minister of Public Works, Mr. Porter, who unveiled a small commemorative plaque to mark the occasion, said that the fact that the Port Authority had a highly trained specialist force to cope with all and any type of emergency within the 10½ square miles of port territory, was a valuable adjunct to the security and safety forces of the city as a whole. The Chairman of the Melbourne Harbour Trust Commissioners, Mr. W. G. Swanson, gave a brief outline of the history of the Service and its functions, which, according to information available, he described as unique among world ports. The guests included senior executives of various fire-fighting services and auxiliaries, including the Melbourne and Metropolitan Fire Brigade and representatives of organisations connected with the supply of fire-fighting and emergency equipment. Guests were conducted on a tour of inspection of the station, which consists of a two-storey front section containing the appliance room with individual bays and quick-opening doors for six emergency tenders such as fire-fighting units, trailer pumps, salvage apparatus, foam equipment and mobile first aid dressing stations. Adjoining the appliance room is the watchroom, nerve centre of the entire Service, with direct telephone links with the city's police, fire brigade and ambulance services and direct radio communication with all shipping entering or leaving the port, and with lighthouse stations at the entrance to Port Phillip, 30 miles to the south.

Other facilities in the new station include general offices, a lecture room, mess rooms and kitchen, and various storage and serving rooms for salvage gear, safety lamps, breathing apparatus, and other emergency equipment. The First Aid Section contains a waiting room, dressing room, doctor's examination surgery, sterilising room, and offices for personnel.

The Port Emergency Service was introduced during World War II as a security measure for the port and as a part of national defence, because the city's safety

services were subject to manpower problems. The Service was established in its present form in 1949, when the present Chief Officer, Mr. J. B. Lawson, was brought to Australia. The Chairman emphasised that the entire purpose of the small highly-trained force was to cope with emergencies as they arose, and as far as possible to prevent the outbreak of fires, accidents and other emergencies. The Service was trained in fire-fighting, salvage, underwater work on ships, port structures, and in port waters generally pumping operations ashore and afloat; rendering first aid to all within the port area; policing port safety regulations and coping with pollution, hazardous cargo and with air contamination and radiation.

The annual statistics of the Service, released earlier this year, showed that the Service answered 204 fire calls, with the majority of the outbreaks involving port structures, while other outbreaks involved ships, cargo in transit sheds, and miscellaneous premises within the port area.

The cause of more than half the outbreaks is believed to have been from lighted matches or cigarettes. In addition, the Service carried out 301 special functions, such as removal of spilt hazardous cargo, clearing ships' propellers, underwater repair to ships, rescue of people fallen in the water, pumping services ashore and afloat, and removal of injured persons from ships' holds. The Service also answered 11,454 calls for first aid following accidents or injuries to people within the port area. The majority of calls involved waterside workers, but other people treated included employees of shipping and stevedoring companies, Harbour Trust personnel, contractors and carriers, as well as visitors to the port.

—(From "Port Gazette").





# NOTICES

## AUSTRALIAN EXTENSION TRAINING CONFERENCE

An Australian Extension Training Conference will be held in Queensland from 29th April to 8th May, 1966. Trainer-in-Charge, Miss Mary Lambe (Australian Adviser for the Extension Section), and programme will include practical sessions, discussions in both branch and disability groups, and guest speakers.

Any Guider who has a handicapped girl in her unit, or handicapped Guiders working with active units and would be interested, are invited to attend the Conference.

Fee will be £10/10/-, plus fares.

Contact Miss Doris Kane, 41 Amsterdam Street, Richmond, E.1, by 1st December, 1965.



## CALLING THE SENIOR BRANCH!

### SEA SCOUT REGATTA

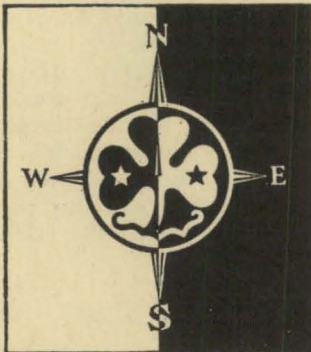
See you at the Sea Scout Regatta in Port Fairy on 1st and 2nd January, 1966.

Accommodation for up to 30 Seniors in the Glaxo Hall. Seniors wishing to stay in Port Fairy after the regatta may do so.

The Glaxo Hall will be available and there will be qualified staff present up to 8th January. More information will be sent direct to units.

## UNIFORM FOR SALE

Skirt, 26in. waist; Jacket, 36in. bust; 2 Ties; 2 Berets; Jumper; Gabardine Overcoat; S.S. Blouse—in good condition. Enquiries to Mrs. E. Ames. 54 Bayview Road, Frankston.



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Several Guiders have asked that the Lord's Prayer, as taken from the Edric Connor Collection of West Indian Spirituals and Folk Tunes, be published in "Matilda".

We made enquires from the publishers, and have been advised that under the terms of assignment of copyright from the composer, arranger, etc., it is not possible to grant permission for this reprinting.

## IN THE MORNING

O God, our Father, grant unto us all through this day patience with things and patience with people.

If any task will be difficult, grant us the perseverance which will not admit defeat.

If any problem will be hard to solve, help us not to abandon it until we have found the solution.

If things will not come right the first time, help us to try and to try again until failure becomes success.

Help us all through today never to lose our temper with people, however unfair, unjust, annoying and unpleasant they may be.

Help us have time to listen to anyone who wants to talk to us about a worry, a problem or a need.

Help us to be patient with those who are slow to learn and slow to understand.

This we ask for Thy love's sake. Amen.

—From "The Plain Man's Book of Prayers" by Wm. Barclay, by permission William Collins, Sons & Co. Ltd.—Fontana.



## S.A.G.A. CAMP, 1965

S.A.G.A. (Scout and Guide Activities Camp) for Ringwood District Senior Scouts and Mullum Mullum Division Guides began when all taking part met at 4th Ringwood (East) Scout Hall. Here three Patrols of eight — four Guides and four Scouts — were formed and elected their first Leaders; these Leaders changed during the camp, alternating Guide or Scout according to the first choice.

Then the Patrols set off on a Treasure Hunt, the treasure being a compass. After finding their treasure, the Patrol was given further instructions; these took them all off in different directions. By compass bearings they had each to find a certain house; here they were given sealed instructions in code. They proceeded and were given further instructions, directing them to another house, where they collected very real treasure — a large box of "junk". With this they had directions that brought them and their treasure to the 1st Ringwood Scout Hall. (In case any Patrol got lost, they had been given a sealed envelope with emergency instructions.)

After tea each Patrol gathered in the hall and proceeded to make a nature emblem from their "treasure". This was to be transported in the bus the following Friday and was to be used during the camp.

A talk was then given by Scouter Rix McGinley, a member of the last S.A.G.A., and the objects and purpose of the camp were explained to the group. A short lecture and demonstration was then given on Search and Rescue.

One week later we arrived at the camp-site, approximately four miles from Launching Place on the Don Road. The bus was unloaded at the top of the track, the only light being pressure lamps and torches. Everybody, armed with packs, trestle legs, etc., made their way down the steep, unknown bush path, guided by a Scouter with a lantern.

Two Scouters had been on the site and put up the Guides' and Scouts' sleeping tents. By all reports, everybody had a very reasonable first night.

The gong went at 7 a.m., and I am sure this could be heard for miles. It was the signal for all to assemble for P.T.

The site is situated on the side of a hill with beautiful tall wattle and gum trees and high bracken fern, tree ferns and many other trees.

Each Patrol was to cook and eat at their own shelter — one Guider and one Scouter to eat with each Patrol, changing partners and Patrols each time. By the end of each day each Guider had had a meal with each Scouter and each Patrol.

Each Patrol was on Colours duty for a day — first day, two Guides and one Scout, and so on. A wide game was played followed by a session on mapping. After tea a discussion group was held, each group having a "talking stick" — this meant that, unless you were held the "stick", you were not allowed to speak. If a Guider or Scouter felt that one person had been talking long enough, and nobody had taken the "stick" from him or her, the Leader would pass it on to somebody else, who could either continue the subject or introduce a new subject. This was voted a success.

An early morning Search and Rescue had been arranged unbeknown to the camp. At approximately 10.30 p.m. two Scouters went off in different directions into the bush, where they had earlier erected hike tents. They were to be rescued! At 4.30 a.m., Kim proceeded to waken the camp, telling them to get up and get warmly dressed, and to proceed to the hut for fuller instructions. They were then told that, while planning Sunday's activities, two Scouters had been lost in the bush. The camp was divided into two groups, and each group was sent out with a map of the area where the Scouters were. In case they had been injured, the Search and Rescue Squads had to take ropes, poles and an axe. The first group found their Scouter quickly and returned him on a stretcher to camp, putting him on his Lilo, but, as it got caught on a snag, it arrived without any air. The next party also arrived with their Scouter on a stretcher, both stretchers being made with the poles and ropes taken with them.

After Guide and Scouts' Own, a Commando Course was held, with a cargo net to be climbed over, a rope bridge over the bridge to be crossed, and then a rope to be climbed to board the Flying Fox to come back over the creek. Except for the net it was neces-



sary to fight your way through the bush and blackberries to get to the creek.

Later, many interested visitors were entertained by the Patrols. One group demonstrated the art of rope-making; group two, tent-pitching blindfolded — only the Leader could see and give directions; group three had sketch books and did art drawings using natural paint, grass, mud, etc., though pencils were permitted.

Our evening session was a demonstration of hike foods and a short discussion on Scout and Guide uniforms.

After the camp, gear was cleaned and put away into the Patrol boxes, an extra long Flying Fox was erected over the gully, and the camp, including SOME of the staff, had rides across. For the last lunch the whole camp ate together for the last time, and, after final Colours and prayers, S.A.G.A. 1965 officially closed.

—R. P. OKE, G.I.C.



## IT MAKES YOU THINK? !

### Reproduction of Flies

1st generation .....	200
(eggs that hatch from first female)	
	(100 females)
2nd generation .....	20,000
(100 females x 200 eggs each)	
	(10,000 females)
3rd generation	
(10,000 x 200) .....	2,000,000
4th generation .....	200,000,000
5th generation .....	20,000,000,000
6th generation .....	2,000,000,000,000
In 12 weeks .....	2,020,202,020,200

Quoted in "Modern Biology by Moon Otto and Towle.

—From "Fur, Feathers and Fins"  
Magazine of Fisheries and Wildlife  
Department, Victoria.



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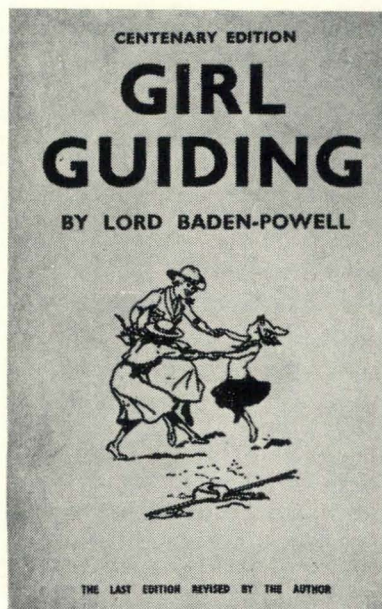
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