

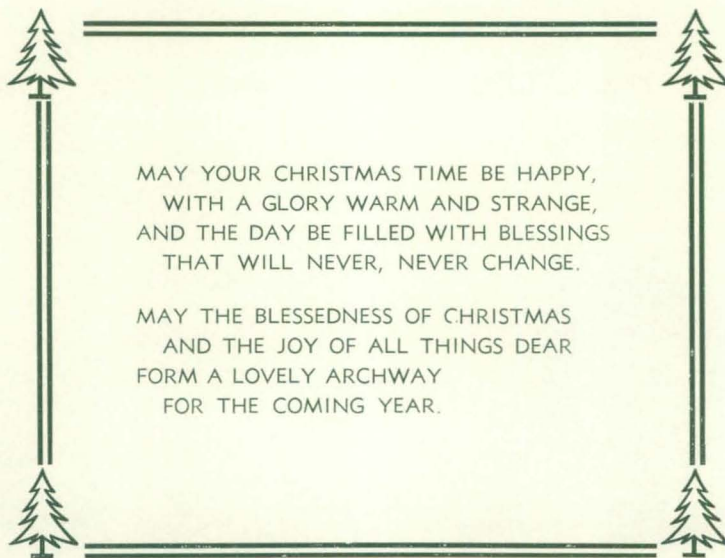
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## FROM THE STATE COMMISSIONER

**2nd October:** The opening of the beautiful new Guide Hall at West Reservoir, placed on an ideal site provided by the City Council, was an auspicious beginning to an eventful month.

**5th:** Miss Macartney and I represented our Association at the Annual Meeting of the Y.W.C.A., Victoria — as usual a most interesting meeting and one at which we feel particularly at home, as we find so many members who share their time and interest between the Y. and Guiding.

**6th:** The combined meeting of Division and Region Commissioners at H.Q., which I'm sure everyone would have regarded as a justification of last year's decision to make this an annual event.

**8th:** It was a pleasant privilege to represent you at the State Government reception to Mrs. Macapagal, wife of the President of the Philippines.

**9th:** A lovely sunny day for the second Queen's Guide and Scout Presentation Ceremony at Government House — an occasion made happy as well as most significant for the recipients by H.E. the Governor and Lady Delacombe, our State President. Miss Bunning must have felt proud indeed of a splendid squad of Queen's Guides.

Mrs. Gray and I then attended the Trefoil Guild Annual Meeting, the first since Mrs. May assumed office as Recorder. I appreciated being granted the privilege of announcing the award of the Oakleaf to Mrs. E. G. Cameron, recently retired from that position.

A fittingly exotic ending to a special day was the opening of a lovely Orchid Show

at Mornington, granted to our Peninsula Region to benefit the Building Appeal by the Peninsula Orchid Society. The Society was so impressed with the co-operation from our people that it has expressed the wish to repeat the gesture, so it was a splendid public relations venture as well as a boost for the appeal and a delightful weekend attraction. And, without prejudice, the guard of honour of fresh, smiling Brownies and smart Guides and Seniors vied in attraction with the display of beautiful blooms.

**11th:** Mr. R. D. McKellar, Chief Commissioner of Boy Scouts, Victoria, came to H.Q. to tape our introductory remarks to the Jamboree of the Air. The invitation from the Scouts to participate in this annual event (established at their Jubilee gathering in England as a practical means of following through and expanding the international contacts made there) is one that we accepted gladly, and welcome as another means of demonstrating that we are complementary parts of one Movement and we enjoy doing things together.

Mr. McKellar then escorted Miss Macartney and me to the late afternoon party arranged by the Victorian Associated Youth Clubs' Organisation to celebrate its Silver Jubilee.

**12th:** A day with an international flavour — firstly, I received a call at H.Q. from Miss Mudie, a Commissioner from Scotland, and then attended a luncheon given by the N.Y.C.A. in honour of Japanese visitors.

**13th:** Then a whole lovely day in our Otway Region with Commissioners, Guiders and L.A. members gathering in the splendid Guide Hall in Warrnambool — a well-organised and mutually useful and happy Conference.



**14th:** I was delighted to be included in the Senior Branch "Welcome Home" to Janet Cole, Trudi Monk and Robyn Riddett, and thoroughly enjoyed hearing and seeing something of their experiences in the U.S.A. and Jamaica.

**16th:** After lunching at Mrs. Farrow's home with the delightful bevy of girls selected by the Regions to stand for Victorian selection as a preliminary to Australian selection for the trip to Honolulu, I dashed out to Essendon to meet our Chief Commissioner. We were grateful to the Australian Boy Scouts' Association for providing a reason for Mrs. Buntine's visiting Melbourne, as well as most appreciative of their invitations to us both to attend their Annual Meeting and the dinner preceding it. We very much enjoyed meeting the Scout representatives from all States and their Federal office-bearers, as well, naturally, as the V.I.P. attention given us, the interesting after-dinner speeches and the meeting itself.

**18th:** Melbourne turned on yet another of its habitual perfect spring days to welcome, on their official visit to Victoria, our new Governor-General, Lord Casey, and Lady Casey. Guides and Scouts were especially happy with the privilege of lining the drive at Government House for their arrival in that they could also welcome them as Chief Scout and Australian President of our Association. Lady Casey expressed warm appreciation to the 500 Guides, Brownies and Seniors from North Metropolitan Region, who represented us all on this occasion.

The State Council Annual Meeting, with Janet, Robyn and Trudi as guest speakers. We were again thankful to the Scouts that, through them, we had the pleasure of our Chief Commissioner attending this meeting.

**20th:** Mrs. Gray and I were touched to receive a special welcome for the Association at the reception given by the charming new Mayoress of Box Hill, Mrs. S. G. Dewar, recently retired Commissioner of Whitehorse Division.

**22nd:** The Australian-Asian Association kindly included me in their party for the wives of members of the Economic Mission from Thailand.

**23rd:** The Guiders' Conference — an important annual event of great benefit to the whole State. Congratulations and thanks to the Conference Committee for superb organisation, obviously resulting from long and careful planning.

**24th:** A pleasant, relaxed afternoon in the lovely garden of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Alston at "Oaklands" Junction—hospitality handled by 1st Bulla Guide Company and parents for the benefit of the Building Appeal.

**25th:** Another major yearly event — our Annual General Meeting. Thank you again to our State Secretary, Miss Macartney, and the many people who undertook the details of the arrangements for another smooth-running, happy gathering.

**29th:** The opening of the Annual Conference of the Good Neighbour Council, and in the evening the service in the Temple Beth Israel, arranged by Mrs. M. Kirsner, our Liaison Commissioner for Jewish Guides.

**31st:** A significant ending to a momentous month at a Guides' Own Service with 25 new Commissioners training under Mrs. Osbourn Shave.

*Joyce S. Price*

## CHRISTMAS TREE

A friend brought me a piece of Western Australian Christmas tree (*Nuytsia Floribunda*). It is quite a large tree, growing in the sand plains of the south-west and has masses of striking orange blossom. The individual flower is like a grevillea blossom, being mainly composed of large orange stamens. Victoria, New South Wales and Tasmania each have their own Christmas bush.







### 19th WORLD CONFERENCE, JAPAN 27th September to 10th October, 1966

In the September issue of "Matilda" you would have read that Mrs. J. R. Price has been selected as a delegate to the above Conference. The exciting news has now been received that, by an All-States vote, she has been elected the Leader of the Australian delegation, with Mrs. D. Curtis-Otter as second delegate.

Australia is entitled to send three visitors (observers) to the World Conference, and the further exciting news has been announced that Miss M. Shaw (a member of our Executive Committee and Editor of "Matilda") has been approved as an observer, the other two observers being Mrs. C. A. Burcher and Mrs. H. R. Hancock, both of Queensland.

Warmest congratulations to all members of the Australian delegation.



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

1st November, 1965.

Dear Mrs. Price,

I am commanded by The Queen to ask you to convey to all the Queen's Guides of Victoria, recently assembled for the Queen's Scouts and Guides Presentation Ceremony at Government House, Melbourne, an expression of Her Majesty's warm thanks for their kind and loyal message, which she deeply appreciates.

Yours sincerely,

EDWARD FORD.

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

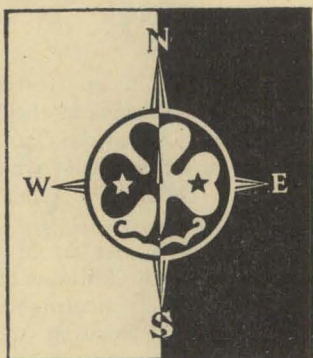
### EXECUTIVE JOTTINGS, OCTOBER

I thought you might be interested to know just how many actual decisions the Executive Committee had to make at the October meeting — and the varied subjects which led to these decisions — so here is a list for your interest and information:—

- 1, 2, and 3 covered the usual decisions necessary to pass the Minutes of the September Executive meeting and the Special Executive meeting which was called to discuss the end of the year figures; as well as the Minutes of the Finance Sub-Committee;
4. was made to finalise the suggestions from Victoria for the Terms of Reference for the Australian Public Relations Adviser;
5. to decide on the channelling of all possible funds through the Irene Fairbairn Fund, and to stimulate interest in this fund, used for travel of Guides and Guiders within and beyond Australia;
6. on a suggestion regarding the possibility of establishing some time in the future a Guide magazine for Australia;
7. to decide on the inclusion of certain Badges in the Australian edition of P.O.&R.;
- 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 on that ever-occurring question of uniform (!) both for members of the Movement in Australia and also for those representing our country overseas;
13. regarding the Terms of Reference for the Australian Extension Adviser;
14. on the planning of and fees for Australian Guide gatherings;
15. on the sealing of documents relating to some of the Movement's investments;
16. on some ways in which we might streamline the conduct of the Executive meetings;
17. to confirm outline of duties of the State International Representative;
- 18 and 19 confirmed the report and recommendations from the Property Sub-Committee and the nominations received for Observers for the 1966 World Conference;
20. was one of the decisions involved in the matters of the H.Q. Building Appeal;
- 21 and 22 accepted recommendations from the Public Relations Sub-Committee and

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### PHILIPPINES CAMP, 1966

You will all be interested to know that Heather Bowe, a Lone Sea Ranger, has been accepted to attend the International Camp in the Philippines in January, 1966.

Heather will be representing Australia, along with three Sea Rangers and a Guider from N.S.W.

—Shirley Farrow,  
State International Representative.

### OVERSEAS INVITATION, 1966

Norges K.F.U.K.-Speiders are planning a big National Camp in 1966, with more than 3000 Guides and Guiders, and are inviting a party of up to ten from Australia.

The date is 5th to 12th July, 1966, at Tromsø, Arendal, Norway (nearest port, Kristiansand S.). Minimum age, 15; and cost, Norwegian Kroner 90, plus travelling expenses. Hospitality for one week before camp, and English will be one of the official languages of the camp.

Campers are asked to bring their own tents, sleeping bags, groundsheet and personal equipment. Cooking equipment will be provided. The visitors are asked to take a flag of their country and a few things for an international exhibition to be held in the camp; as well as being prepared to take part in camp entertainment with national songs, dances, etc.

IF ANYONE WILL BE OVERSEAS NEXT YEAR and would be interested in attending this camp, would you please contact me no later than 31st January, 1966.

—Mrs. S. Farrow,  
State International Representative,  
3 Merrion Street, Kew.



—Block by courtesy of the "Herald"

### FOUNDER'S GRANDSON ENGAGED

The engagement has been announced of Miss Joan Berryman, of Camberwell, to the Hon. Michael Baden-Powell, who migrated to Melbourne last April.

Miss Berryman, who is a Lady Cubmaster with a Camberwell Pack, is wearing an engagement ring with a square cut sapphire and three diamonds on either side.

Her fiance is the younger son of Carine, Lady Baden-Powell, and the late Lord Baden-Powell.

"Matilda" and her readers send all good wishes and greetings to Miss Berryman and Mr. Baden-Powell.



### "InCENTive Week"?

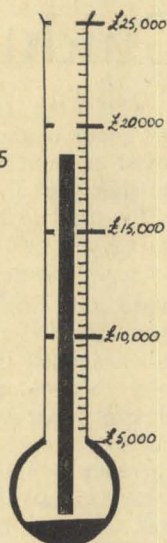
Members of the Public Relations Sub-Committee were pleased to receive and consider the names submitted by seven Units as alternate titles for "Willing Shilling".

The potential impact of the title on the general public was the main consideration, and with this in mind "InCENTive Week" was chosen — the idea coming from Whitburn District. Congratulations and thank you, Whitburn.

Victoria will submit this title to Australian Headquarters for consideration in the final selection for an appropriate Australia-wide name.

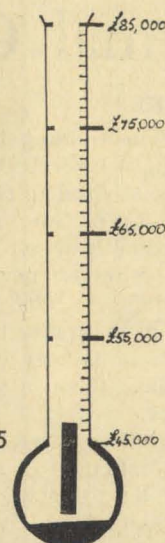


£18,450 at 25-11-65



**Movement Appeal.**

£46,147 at 25-11-65



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

## OPERATION UNITED

Christmas and New Year will be right upon you when you read this; the Movement Building Appeal Committee hopes that you all have a very happy time and that the New Year will bring all you wish for. We would like to say "thank you sincerely" for the extra effort you so cheerfully gave to help the appeal in 1965. The countless times you responded to our calls for help. You will see by the Barometer how we stand at present and how little more effort is needed to finalise the appeal.

Special thanks to the Units who have already sent in their "little bits of Guide blue" — those £5 notes we multiply by 1587 Units to make £7,935.

—Eileen Barwick.



Forbid that I should walk through Thy beautiful world with unseeing eyes:

Forbid that the lure of the market place should ever entirely steal my heart away from the love of the open acres and the green trees:

Forbid that under the low roof of workshop or office or study I should ever forget Thy great over arching sky:

Forbid that when all Thy creatures are greeting the morning with songs and shouts of joy

I alone should wear a dull and sullen face.

Let the energy and vigour which in Thy wisdom Thou hast infused into every living thing stir today within my being that I may not be among Thy creatures a slug-gard and a drone;

And, above all, give me grace to use these beauties of earth and this eager stirring of life within me as means whereby my soul may rise from creature to Creator and from nature to nature's God.

—John Baillie, as displayed in the Glen-falloch Gardens, Dunedin, New Zealand.



# Decimal Currency in Guiding

## CASH BOOKS

Even if your Guiding business in 1966 is due to begin before C. Day, 14th February, 1966, you are advised to close off your books at the cessation of Guiding business in 1965.

It will probably assist you in the future if you then purchase new cash books with decimal ruling. In 1966 do not commence any entries in your new books in £ s. d. If you need to make any entries before 14th February, make them in the equivalent decimal currency.

In closing off your books and transferring to your decimal currency cash books you can do either of the following (see examples):—

- (a) Transfer Totals of Receipts and Expenditure, or
- (b) Transfer Balance on Hand (both bank and cash in hand).

Whichever way you decide to do it **the figure you transfer must be converted to decimal currency.**

Remember to keep both books together for auditing purposes.

## GUIDE SHOP

The Guide Shop at Headquarters will continue to operate in £ s. d. until such time as the cash register is converted to dollar/cents under the Government's machine conversion programme, but, of course, the shop will accept notes and coins of both currencies from C. Day onwards.

If you are purchasing goods in the shop and have only decimal currency, remember if you tender the nearest 5 cents or 10 cents higher than the £ s. d. price the problem of pence and cents will not arise.

## GEELONG AND BALLARAT EQUIPMENT DEPOTS

These depots, which are for cash sales only, will operate in dollar/cents from C. Day, 14th February, 1966, but will accept notes and coins of both currencies.

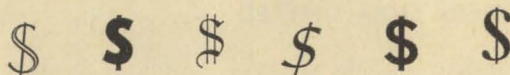
## MAIL ORDERS AND APPROVED ACCOUNTS

As all cheques from C. Day onwards must be made out in dollar/cents, invoices and statements for **mail orders** will be made out in decimal currency from 14th February, 1966.

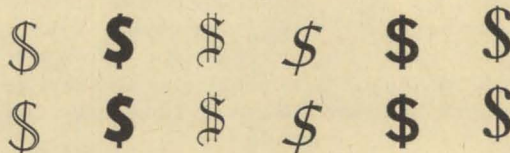
However, while the Guide Shop is an "£ s. d. shop" **goods in the shop and charged to an approved account** will be invoiced in £ s. d. in the shop, but the Accounts Section will convert the total to the equivalent decimal amount and will also show total in decimal currency on the statement.

When you are collecting payment for goods purchased you are advised to collect in the currency shown against the individual items on the invoice to avoid any small gains or losses which can occur in the total amount due to conversion of cost of individual items from one currency to the other, e.g.:

- (a) If an item on an invoice is shown as 22c and, say, a parent has only £ s. d. currency, you should accept 2/6 (25c) and give 3 cents change.
- (b) If an item on an invoice is shown as 6/4, and the person paying has only decimal currency, you should accept 65 cents (6/6) and give 2d. change.



(Full notes on decimal currency are available on request — stamped, addressed envelope, please — to Miss D. Carter, Guide H.Q., 20 Russell Street, Melbourne.)



## DOLLAR REVELS

Brownies from the Mitta Division and visitors from Bright and Myrtleford joined together in Brownie Revels recently.

The theme of the Revels was "Decimal Coinage", and the Brownies learnt about the new coins and their emblems.

Many novel designs were made in stone, grass, bark, etc. One I particularly liked was a lyre bird, with erect tail of fern fronds and a stone body.

Afternoon tea was served, for which we were all most grateful.

—Wilma Davies.



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## CASH BOOK

## RECEIPTS

1965		
November—		
Brought forward .....	£40	4 6
Subscriptions .....	5	0 0
Willing Shilling .....	7	14 6
December—		
Subscriptions .....	2	0 0
Patrol Effort, Building Appeal ...	2	0 0
	£56	19 0

Decimal Equivalent ..... \$113.90

## EXPENDITURE

1965		
November—		
Brought forward .....	£10	18 9
Donation to Electric Light .....	1	0 0
Purchases, H.Q. ....	3	16 9
Hire of Monty .....		5 0
P.L. Conference Fee .....		12 6
Donation, Camp Thaba .....	5	0 0
District Funds .....	2	0 0
December—		
Donation to Building Appeal .....	2	0 0
District Funds .....		10 0
	£26	3 0

Decimal Equivalent ..... \$52.30

## CASH BOOK

## RECEIPTS

1966		
Carried forward .....	\$113.90	
February—		
Subscriptions .....	7.20	
Four Name Tapes .....	0.10	
Four World Badges .....	0.90	
Thinking Day .....	2.42	

## EXPENDITURE

1966		
Carried forward .....	\$52.30	
February—		
Insurance .....	1.00	
Name Tapes .....	1.35	
Purchases, H.Q. ....	1.90	

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## CASH BOOK

## RECEIPTS

1965		
November—		
Brought forward .....	£40	4 6
Subscriptions .....	5	0 0
Willing Shilling .....	7	14 6
December—		
Subscriptions .....	2	0 0
Patrol Effort, Building Appeal ...	2	0 0
	£56	19 0
Balance carried forward		
Decimal Equivalent		
Bank Balance .....	\$48.55	
Cash in Hand .....	13.05	
	\$61.60	

## EXPENDITURE

1965		
November—		
Brought forward .....	£10	18 9
Donation to Electric Light .....	1	0 0
Purchases, H.Q. ....	3	16 9
Hire of Monty .....		5 0
P.L. Conference Fee .....		12 6
Donation, Camp Thaba .....	5	0 0
District Funds .....	2	0 0
December—		
Donation to Building Appeal .....	2	0 0
District Funds .....		10 0
Balance Bank .....	24	5 6
Cash in Hand .....	6	10 6
	£56	19 0

## CASH BOOK

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Bank Balance .....	\$48.55	
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Four Name Tapes .....	0.10	
Four World Badges .....	0.90	
Thinking Day .....	2.42	

## EXPENDITURE

1966		
February—		
Insurance .....	\$1.00	
Name Tapes .....	1.35	
Purchases, H.Q. ....	1.90	

—D.C.



# GUIDERS' CONFERENCE, 1965

## Highlights of the Conference

- The artistic signs for Discussion Groups, etc. — done by a member of the Conference Committee.
- The "creche" conducted in the Arts Building and the very efficient baby-sitter.
- The atmosphere of the campfire — so ably conducted by Peg Barr.
- The natural manner of our All-States' Camp representative, Janet Cole, in her talk of her experiences.
- The problems of converting Guide and Brownie cash books to decimal currency, so clearly presented by Miss Carter.
- The fun we had with the tea and coffee machines — and the mixtures we drank.
- The help we got, as usual, from Mr. Clark, caretaker, in the Arts Building.



Mrs. Price, State Commissioner, opened the Conference, addressing us as Guiders ALL. Mrs. Price pointed out that whilst Guiders properly include Commissioners, Advisers and all adult uniformed members of the Movement, we did usually perhaps reserve the term for leaders of Packs and Companies to single them out as the most important adult section. There is not a Commissioner or Adviser who does not recognise that, whatever our place for the time being in the Patrol system, our job is to help you do yours. YOU are the direct, personal link with every girl who belongs to our Movement.

Two years ago we chose as our theme — The Promise as the pivot of the Guide way of life. Last year we discussed the aims and methods with the idea of finding the best way of interpreting our fundamental principles. This year we are going to examine our own qualities of leadership. Your job in Guiding as a leader is to help every individual in your Unit to her very best accomplishment in every aspect of the Guide way of life.

Whatever the reason the Brownie/Guide Senior join, it is in your hands to see that she has an adequate understanding of the

Promise she makes when she enters; that the Promise remains a living thing to her; and that she grows in understanding and application of it because she wants to. It is through your help that she finds fun, interest and happiness in service. We are all jointly responsible for the whole person — and may I include the Commissioner here, for it is the District Court of Honour which gives the best opportunity for watching the continuity of the development of each girl whom we are privileged to bring within the Movement.

## Discussion Groups at the Guiders' Conference

### 1. Are you still with B-P?

What do we mean by B-P? Surely the principles of Guiding — the Promise and Law; Woodcraft; Patrol System; Badge and Test Work; International. The understanding of these principles gives us the understanding of what B-P. was hoping to achieve.

The Promise and Law covers everything else. Do you demand the very best the child can give? Do you really trust her, even to the extent of knowing you might be let down? Are you prepared to go on giving the trust knowing that this way honour will grow? Remember she is expecting something from you, too.

Is the child aware of "something" in the atmosphere of the Company/Pack which gives her something she must "rise to"?

B-P. created the Guide Laws with the idea of helping us all to have a greater awareness of God. Is your Company/Pack REALLY a friend to all? Do they care sufficiently for their country to keep it beautiful and make it more so?

"I don't want to teach you to KNOW but to INTERPRET. Wisdom comes when you begin to interpret. Your brain shouldn't be a cold storage chamber but a power house."

### 2. Are you a camper? If not, why not?

Do we tell Guiders that there is less work involved in camping than there really is? Do new Guiders go unprepared for "primitive" lats, Q.Ming, etc. So much relies on weather — is indoor camping as rewarding?

Could District Guiders form a camp team and take District rather than individual



Companies camping? Transport would be cheaper. Many Guiders would prefer more privacy and never feel quite clean in camp.

It was thought that perhaps much depends on Guider's own approach to and outlook on camping. Guiders should make it a rule not to give their annual leave to Guiding — weekend camps can be just as much fun. If Guiders do not wish to feel ignorant at their first camp they should plan to do campcraft training beforehand. Original Guides met outside for the most part — meetings only for planning their wider activities. Is camping, etc., tending to become an "optional extra" in our programmes? We get to know each other — Guiders and Guides — better when living together in camp. One week of camp equals two years of meetings. District camp idea could spread the work load if camping is too strenuous for the old Guider. Problem of time for camping — could the L.A. be approached re child minding? Guider may take children to camp provided the camp does not revolve round the children.

### 3. How wide is YOUR world of Guiding?

Discussion opened with a quote from B.P.: "Look wide, and when you have looked wide, look wider still." The idea of looking wide continues to grow as the girl goes on through the Movement — the Brownie, involved with things at home; the Guide, involved with home and school and limited outside activities; the Ranger and Cadet taking their Promise into a wider world.

How do we bring this idea home to them? Guiders had had success with special ceremonies on Thinking Day, United Nations Day, etc., but would like help with finding out information about the newly emerging countries. The idea behind the Post Box was explained, as it was found that several Guiders present had not known of this.

The Guiders suggested a "newsletter" setting out how much would be required for, e.g., a Guide/Brownie uniform; badges; tents and camping equipment, etc., in an overseas country needing help, that Guides might make contributions according to their funds. Suggested Companies might prefer a more direct contact. Stressed that Guides/Brownies would prefer something they can DO rather than just giving of money. Reference was made to the Guide Friendship Fund operating in Great Britain.

The assimilation of migrant children was discussed. Guiders felt that once the children joined the various Companies/Packs there was no difficulty.

It was felt to be important that overseas visitors should continue to come to Australia as often as possible AND that Australian Guides should go overseas to attend international gatherings. A suggestion put forward by a Melbourne Company of the possibility of an "exchange" Guide/Guider coming to live with, and share the activities of, the Company was mentioned — the Guiders felt such invitations should be extended as often as possible — often such "smaller" activities would let the Guides and their visitors get to know each other better than at a larger, perhaps more impersonal camp.

### 4. Is the spiritual aspect of Guiding strong enough in YOUR Unit?

We felt we should know something of each denomination represented in our Company/Pack.

- S. Service, singing, social, sharing, Scouts.
- P. Prayer, Promise, playing, personality, parents, Patrols.
- I. International, inspiration, inspection.
- R. Responsibility, reading, roll call.
- I. "I" — the example, "I" set; children sense if we are insincere.
- T. Teams, test work, teaching, thinking.
- U. Uniform, understanding, unity, units.
- A. Adventure, Australia, achievement, acting.
- L. Laws, loyalty.

Can we "put" the spiritual aspect of these?

### 5-6. How dramatic do you get? Guide— Brownie:

Incentive — Player and Entertainer Badges.  
Groups given something to prepare:

1. Mime — What am I carrying?
2. Mime — What am I chasing?
3. Mime — What am I buying?
4. Mime — Housework. What am I doing?
5. Play — Choose one of a group of pictures and make up an act around it.
6. Pass an imaginary box down the line and each person to take something out of it.

### 7. Do we make too many allowances for teenagers?

When late — out of uniform — untidy — making excuses — do we find out reasons? Do we demand apologies?



We must make some allowances — understand the girl's character to assess the motives behind the actions. Understand the stresses under which they work and act. General public today is hostile to teenagers in general — can we combat this? What is the cause of discourtesy — perhaps partly due to affluence of society?

Can't generalise as to whether we do make too many allowances — we must treat each girl as an individual.

#### 8. Do we reach the Twilight Zone?

Obviously we don't, or our Senior Units would be overflowing. Is it hard for the 14½-year-old to mix readily with the 18-19-year-old? Guide Guiders do not know enough of Ranger activities. SHOW Guiders and L.A. Rangers what Rangers DO. Arrange an interesting, well-advertised activity to attract the twilight girls. Can help with the friendship of their own age group. More publicity between Rangers, Guiders, L.A., etc. Can we concentrate on attracting girls who have not been Guides by having more — or different — publicity?

#### 9. How many one-night-a-week members have YOU?

In the Senior Branch particularly experienced girls lead others — ENTHUSIASM important. Do we ask enough of the girls? Can give a bond between members of the Unit in and out of Ranger activities.

How far does the Promise carry into everyday life? Depends on the family, background, etc. Girl interprets Promise through influence and example of the Guider. They need personal contact with the Guider.

If the choice for Guides is exciting and interesting the fellowship-bond-interest will carry on.



#### BROWNIE BRANCH TIME

Roll call showed that the Regions were well represented. Guiders from Ballarat, Barwon, Baw Baw, Bendigo, Gippsland, Woorayl, Sunraysia, Western District, Western Plains, Wimmera, Goulburn Valley and Metropolitan were present.

Miss Sims introduced the members of the Brownie Branch Committee present and went on to explain about the Regional members. We were pleased to meet some of these people present at the Conference.

An appeal was made to Guiders for help and suggestions for articles to appear in "Matilda". A questionnaire was distributed and it is hoped that this will bring forth some ideas, and, who knows, reveal some hidden talent! If you were unable to fill in your questionnaire at the Conference, could you please complete and return it to Headquarters?

It was reported that the recommendation from the previous Brownie Branch Conference regarding an alternative to knitting for Golden Hand went to the All-Australia Brownie Guiders' Conference in South Australia, and was thoroughly discussed and has now gone to all States — the outcome will be incorporated in the new P.O.&R.

The question was raised regarding a Brownie Guiders' Conference for 1966 and was enthusiastically received. The Brownie Adviser apologised that no Conference had been held during 1965. Would you assist to convene a Conference and help to make this possible in 1966?

The result of a letter to Brownies asking, "Would you like to wear a different style Brownie hat?" was given, and the majority wish to retain their gold hats for a variety of very good reasons: 450 out of 801 Packs replied. It was thrilling to note that most answers came from the Brownies themselves. This decision was readily agreed with by the Guiders present.

Not so good was the response to a request in July "Matilda" for suggestions for an Australia-wide good turn — only four replies. These are the suggestions so far: Each District or Division to adopt an Indian village to help in some material way; scrapbooks for children in other countries; flowers to elderly folk; buy sampans for China. Does your Pack have any further suggestions?

Much interest was shown in the subject of introducing Lord Baden-Powell into the Pack life. After an introduction by Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Stringer and Mrs. Mee on B-P. in the Brownie Pack, Guiders were invited to discuss this question. Most groups agreed that this subject should be included in Pack meetings through games, miming, pictures, comic strips, plays and stories. A recommendation was put forward to go from the Conference.

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## ALL-AUSTRALIA PATROL LEADERS' TRAINING/CONFERENCE CAMP AND GUIDERS' FRIENDSHIP CAMP

This exciting activity was led by Miss Margaret Watson, of Victoria, and the Guides made and climbed scramble nets, rope bridges, etc. To complete this "Commando

—Lesley Scott.



## CAMP KINDAMINDI

We were both very thrilled to have been chosen to attend the interstate camp for P.L.s. and Guiders at St. Ives Showgrounds, N.S.W. The Showgrounds are situated on the fringe of the "Village" of St. Ives, 15 miles north of the City of Sydney, in a beautiful bushland setting. The Aboriginal word, "Kindamindi", means "to laugh", and we happily lived up to the spirit and the name of the camp.

There was a total of 718 Guides and Guiders in the camp from all over Australia, and Victoria had the largest contingent of 232 Guides and Guiders.

We had the added thrill of having an extra, unscheduled day in camp. This was due to a strike by N.S.W. Government transport workers on our planned day of arrival. So it meant changed plans, changed transport arrangements, hasty circulars — all this with only 10 days' notice. Imagine the chaos!

By 5 p.m. on the day we left, Spencer Street Station was packed with excited Guides and their families. Very quickly we had our names marked off and our tickets in our hands, and, as we had not met any of our travelling companions, it was an opportunity to make our first Kindamindi friendships. For many of us it was our first long train journey, and the novelty and excitement helped to overcome any minor discomforts, but as we stood on Central Station in Sydney at 7.45 a.m. we did think longingly of our soft beds at home. From here we had another bumpy ride in funny trailer buses to the campsite.

The camp was divided into five sub-camps called after the stars of the Southern Cross; Southern Cross itself was central administration, Guiders and Ranger orderlies. Alpha was the Guiders' friendship camp; Beta, Gamma and Delta were the P.L.s. camps; and Epsilon was the service area, consisting of the banks, canteen and Guide shop. Each sub-camp was divided into five group camps — there were 33 P.L.s. in our group camp with four Guiders as staff. Each of the five Patrols in a group camp consisted of Guides from at least five States, some from towns, some from the country; this gave us all opportunity to meet a cross-section of our Australian Guiding world with unlimited chances to discuss and exchange ideas.

Camp days started with "Reveille" at 6 a.m., and we cooked our breakfasts and prepared cut lunches for the extremely busy days ahead. It was really quite a scramble getting everything in apple-pie order for sub-camp Colours at 9.15 a.m. We are sure that every Guide attending will long remember the impressive ceremonies which marked the beginning of official activities for the day. After Colours, special, well-organised training, or conferences, or tours filled our day.

We were very impressed by the careful thought and planning that went into all the activities. Training was interesting and beneficial in every way, and we know many Companies and Patrols will reap the benefit of the wonderful ideas given to us. The training programme covered three days, when we were able to participate in one section from each of the three groups, headed "Creative", "Cultural", and "Pioneering". These covered such items as pottery, music, drama, fun with rope, hiking, making the most of yourself.



One day was set aside for tours, and over 600 campers left the Showgrounds to visit the Taronga Park Zoo, tour the northern beaches, or to board a ferry for a cruise on the harbour. Whilst the "tourists" were away, the weather changed and the wind and rain gave those left in camp a bustling and worrying couple of hours.

We conferred on three questions — the need or otherwise for a section between Guides and Senior Branch, whether or not present tests and badges are sufficiently challenging, and what we really expect of our Guiders. These were first discussed in Patrols and then findings listed for our group camp; after this representatives of the five group camps met and summarised our findings. These were delivered to the whole

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## AN ANNUAL MEETING

What does anyone attending an Annual Meeting do? Well, if it's the Guide Association's Annual Meeting I can tell you some of the things you would have done on 25th October:

Talked to all the old friends you saw as you entered the hall; admired the flowers so beautifully arranged by those members of the State Council who had been "madly" sorting books for the Book Fair until almost the very moment before the meeting; listened to an admirable exposition of our 39th Annual Report from our State Commissioner; and enjoyed having with us on the platform our Honorary Treasurer, Mr. R. E. Gregory, Mrs. H. Fader, an active member of the State Council, and Mr. R. McKellar, State Commissioner for the Boy Scouts Association; listened to a magnificent talk by Rabbi Dr. Sanger (and watch for it in full in a later edition of "Matilda" — for Dr. Sanger has kindly offered to dictate it that we might all have the pleasure of reading it); talked to everyone you saw as you moved on to have a cup of tea; and then — well, my mind wouldn't record anything more over the constant chatter!

And did I mention the Guide Choir — with their joyous contribution at the beginning of the meeting; and did I mention the humour running through the thanks offered to our speakers by our Assistant State Commissioner; and did I mention all those friends you hadn't seen for years; and did I ...?

But why not COME next year and see for yourself?



## SENIOR BRANCH COLOUR AND CHARM WEEKEND

"Colour and charm was the name,  
To be young ladies was our aim".

Hot soup and a warm welcome, but cold, wet weather greeted the Senior Branch as we arrived at Belgrave Heights on Friday night to begin what proved to be a W.W.A.D. (weekend with a difference!).

By Saturday morning there were over a hundred of us to listen to a fascinating talk on "Colour in the Home" by Mr. Pascoe and Miss Beech from British Paints Pty. Ltd., when we learned how to develop a pleasant atmosphere for each room by careful selection of colour and furnishings. Then we were shown some ideas for room decor until "Now we can colour our rooms without troubles

And make ourselves lampshades out of rice bubbles".

Fortified with a solid meal we assembled in the afternoon for one of the highlights of the weekend, when Miss Hinkle, Fashion Co-ordinator from Myers, with the help of "Sandra" and "Lesley" — two models she brought with her — showed us some of the lovely clothes from next season's lines and gave us a wealth of practical information about current fashion. Our many questions on dress sense and deportment were answered helpfully and often amusingly (funny how everyone sat up straighter whenever posture was mentioned!). We tried out some exercises, were stood up and sat down (gracefully we hoped), and learned how to walk down stairs — one never hurries at the expense of dignity, by the way; better to be late than flat on your face. The questions and answers covered a multitude of intriguing problems, ranging through the difficulties of dripping umbrellas, tight skirts, and getting in and out of sports cars!

Saturday night (ouch!) — just how did we get involved in all these exercises? (but it was fun!). Then campfire — somehow it would not be a Ranger weekend without one.

Sunday morning after Rangers' Own we saw a demonstration in make-up by an Avon cosmetic representative and SOME lucky girls went home looking very attractive: then we had a good browse around all those fascinating bottles and jars of cosmetics, and



once more our questions were most helpfully answered.

It was good to see so many girls from some of our more distant Units; and our innermost thanks to our Q.M. and the Commissioners and Guiders of Ringwood and Heathmont who worked in the kitchen for us so we could have as much time as possible to learn the art of gracious living!

Hope to see you at the next Senior Branch function, where you are sure to find faces you thought you knew at the Colour and Charm Weekend.

—From a few old regulars who, in the words of the motto for the weekend,  
“Did the best they could,  
With what they’d got”.

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### “CALLING CQ, CQ, CQ JAMBOREE”

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Two Yarraville District Rangers and the Brown Owl of 1st Kingsville Pack took part in the Jamboree of the Air on the Sunday. It was a most enjoyable evening, and our thanks go to Mr. Johnstone, of Maidstone.

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Five Guides with Captain and Lieutenant were invited by 5th Chelsea Scout Group to take part in the Scout Jamboree of the Air, and were very thrilled to take part in such an exciting project. Along with groups of Scouts we arrived at the home of the radio operator in shifts so that we would not cause congestion in the small space of the radio shack.

Some of us spoke to Darwin and then others to Brisbane, and then to Labrador, Queensland. Later contacts were Sandgate, Queensland, and Rabaul, New Guinea. This group included a Scout, Piang, from Manus Island. Later we spoke to Macquarie Island, Antarctica.

You can see what a wonderful experience we had — and we did admire “our” radio operator, Mr. A. Smith, of Edithvale, and the operators he contacted for the way they worked. This is indeed a very exciting hobby.

What a wonderful thing it would be if we could “open up our world of Guiding internationally with a Guide Jamboree of the Air”!

—G. Andrew,  
Captain, 2nd Edithvale Coy.

## AT CHRISTMAS —

### Sweden

If you lived in Sweden you would start your celebrations much sooner. On 13th December, the shortest day in the year, a girl representing St. Lucia, in white with a red sash and a crown of pine and seven candles, wakes the household before it is light with a tray of coffee and cakes. Their celebrations go on till Christmas Eve.

### Norway—Denmark

In many countries the animals and birds are specially remembered. In Norway a sheaf of wheat is put out for the birds. In Denmark, as a remembrance of the birds, every gateway, arch and door is decorated with a bundle of grain and the small children leave a bowl of porridge for the Jul-Niesse. Jul is their name for Christmas and Niesse might be a Brownie, so the porridge is for the Christmas Brownie.

### Holland

Christmas is the time of secrets — the gifts for family and friends made in secret, wrapped in secret, the tree decorated in secret, the mysterious secret bringers of gifts. In Holland, St. Nicholas will bring gifts on 6th December, and the children will put out their clogs filled with hay and carrots for St. Nick’s white horse. In the morning, of course, the carrots have gone and there is a present in the shoe.

### Belgium

In Belgium oats and titbits are put out for Santa Claus’ reindeer.

### Italy

In Italy it is an old woman called Befana who visits the houses and leaves presents for the children. The story goes that the Wise Men in their wanderings to find Bethlehem called at her house for lodging, but she shut the door in their faces, and so, to make amends for the wrong she did, she had this Christmas task.

Our Christmas tree was first a German custom. Apples have been strung and hung on the ends of the branches, sweeties of all shapes and colours, candles and tinsel, and silver streamers called angels’ hair.

—From the “Waratah”.



# TRAINING PAGES

## "KNOW THE RULES OF HEALTH"

"La salute e la prima ricchezza," says an old Italian proverb which, translated literally, becomes "health is the first richness".

On being tested for her Warrant a Guider will probably say that Guiding aims to provide a place for each Guide in a Movement founded on the Law and the Promise, which believes in the Patrol system, has graded testwork and is essentially **an outdoor Movement**. If we are an outdoor Movement, then we must see that our Guides are prepared for it, first and foremost by being healthy.

There is our "first richness" on which we can base the rest of our training. A First Class Guide needs to be first class physically before she can attempt many of the other parts of the First Class Test, although, of course, we all know handicapped Guides who overcome their handicaps and become first class in the greatest sense of the expression.

The dictionary defines health as "soundness of mind and body" and the other half of our "first richness" lies in the training which we give to develop alert, sound and healthy minds. Guide methods of training in initiative and resourcefulness, in independent choice and creative imagination give plenty of scope for this; the practice of the Promise and Law through tests and other activities tones up the mental and spiritual muscles.

When "Scouting for Boys" was first published the Founder gave a considerable amount of space to stressing health training. Pages were devoted to exercises. When Guiding first began it was natural that the Guide Movement should also stress this aspect of character training. Today, with the National Health Service and the Welfare State, we may think that Guides have little need of health training. Yet we have only to look at health statistics or, nearer at hand, remember our Guides' bitten nails, bunions on young women's feet and the

number of Guides in camp who jump into bed in vests and pants to know that these health clauses are still very important.

When a Guide looks at the different clauses of First Class she sees clause 9 and tends to think, "Well, that isn't bad, I can do that". She can, but it is up to us as Guiders to see that she does realise the full implications of the clause. Following on from Second Class she may or may not know and remember all the Health Rules; she will if she is taking a badge demanding their knowledge, e.g., Child Nurse, Cook, and this will help with First Class. Conversely, by interesting her in this clause, we may lead her to want to take the Health Badge. A Guide taking this Badge has a chance to show her ingenuity in the way she teaches and to use her initiative — both important First Class qualities.

It is in the training of these qualities that our approach to the health clause of the First Class will differ from our approach to the Second Class Test. In the First Class Test the Guide has to show how she keeps the Health Rules herself and be able to tell the Patrol how its members can learn to keep them, too.

Understanding the rules is a necessary preliminary to keeping them. The Captain and the Guide will obviously talk about ways and means of doing this, and here it is essential for the Guider to know the home background and the Guide's particular needs. The Guide may choose to keep a health record card or she may want to take a more adventurous way. This is her part, and Captain will advise and lead only. Let us try in our training to stimulate thought and action, and offer the Guides a challenge. Are they first class physically, or, if that is not possible, can they improve in health so as to be able to use their fitness both in their Guide activities and in everyday life?

### Activities to Stimulate Thought and Action

1. Health Rules, as kept in camp, can be acted in Patrols. The other Patrols comment as to whether the rules are being kept or broken. A prospective First Class Guide might organise and think out the scene.

2. Guides cut out pictures from magazines and newspapers to illustrate the rules. A poster of one might be made every week. The Guides, of course, find the pictures themselves.



3. Challenges of all kinds can be made to fit the requirements of the test, Patrols challenging each other: "Can you do so-and-so without showing signs of stress afterwards?"

4. Preparation for an adventurous outdoor activity could be preceded by a weekly challenge such as considering how shoes and feet could be improved before going for a midnight hike or even for a long walk.

"Getting into training" still has its appeal as an incentive to action.

—By Lois Benyon, from the "Guider".



## TEST WORK

**Introduction** to any part of the work work should be done in a way to create interest and fill the Brownie with the desire to do it for herself.

**Various methods and games** should be used to keep this desire alive and challenge the child to do her best.

**The understanding and the keeping of the Promise** should benefit from the test work.

**The child should work at her own speed.** The first thing to develop is **accuracy**, and this can only be done slowly, as it is not a natural characteristic.

For the **Enrolment** and **Golden Bar Test** we must judge her on the effort she has put into her work.

If this giving of her best effort is sustained she will reach the standard of the **Golden Hand Test**. (This means that she is doing her best to keep her Promise.)

The **Golden Ladder** is a good stepping stone for the Golden Hand, and for getting a little more effort from the child with some character weakness.

To help develop a **sense of judgment** we leave it to the Brownie to decide when she is ready to do the various parts of the Golden Bar Ladder Test.

The **sense of achievement** gained in passing the tests will give her confidence and a greater use of responsibility.

—N.S.



## TALKING?

How often do we hear in our Senior Branch — from girls and Guiders alike — the comments, "How I wish I could stand up in front of people like she does", or "I hope I'm not asked to move the vote of thanks; I wouldn't know what to say"?

If we are to be worthwhile citizens in our 20th century society it is obligatory for us to have opinions of our own, to be well informed on many subjects, and to be able to speak fluently both in private conversation in small groups and also publicly.

How can we help develop these abilities through our Senior Branch Units?

Group discussions and debates are a wonderful way of giving people an opportunity to exchange ideas, to broaden their outlook on controversial subjects, and to speak up for their own convictions.

Once the ice is broken in a small, friendly group it is an easy step to the whole unit, and later to a larger gathering, and, before we know it, we are fluent speakers, the envy of those who are less confident.

Group discussions give each girl an opportunity to voice her own opinions. With only three or four people listening no one is afraid to say what she thinks, and at the same time she hears someone else, just as sincerely, suggesting something completely different, and thus she is able to hear and digest another person's ideas and consolidate her own thinking.

We may even find that, following on from these discussions, groups may wish to probe more deeply into some subject which particularly interests them, and in this way, like the pebble thrown into the pool, we find our thoughts and ideas developing in ever-widening and more thought-provoking circles.

How are we going to start? Firstly, we need a topic — something which interests everyone. It may be a nation-wide or world-wide controversy or perhaps something to which they either think they know the



answer or about which they have dogmatic ideas that need a little broadening.

Whatever it is, everyone should set about collecting all possible relevant information on the subject. Newspapers, magazines, paperbacks, advertisements, even comics, photograph albums or travel brochures — there is no end to the places where one may find information on a given topic.

These are all brought to the unit meeting so that anything at all concerning the subject on hand will be available for reference. The larger and more varied the selection of literature the better, as all will need to use it as a source of information.

Next we divide into groups of four to six girls; small groups ensure that each girl needs to take part right from the beginning.

Now each group is given a slip of paper containing a question, and this is where the organiser — whether Guider, Ranger or Cadet — needs to think very carefully. Do the questions cover the subject adequately? Are they interesting? Do they give the girls something to get their teeth into? Are they thought-provoking so that those taking part are set on a path they hadn't quite thought of before? Will they be clearly understood?

Each group uses the material to select pictures, articles, cuttings, etc., relevant to their question. These may even be cut out to be put later into a folder or scrap book for future reference.

The ideas from each group are brought together, and general discussion takes place on the important main points which each group has arrived at.

Each girl will feel she has taken a worthwhile part, each will have said **something**, will have been listened to and in her turn listened to someone else. Each will have formulated ideas, either consolidating what she already believed in or setting her **thinking** along new lines. Later she will find that when someone outside mentions the subject she has a worthwhile background of knowledge and is not afraid to voice her opinion.

All of this helps the development of maturity, poise and personality. These valuable acquisitions which we all desire are not as hard to achieve in our units as we may think, even if, at present, we are all still timid and shy. Here is a challenge to us all which our Companies, Crews and Flights are perfectly geared to meet.

—J.M.P.

## CAMP KINDAMINDI

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camp — P.L.s., Guiders and Staff. The last question brought laughs, blushes and sighs from the Guiders present.

Kindamindi had its own newspaper — the "Kackle" — which recorded the funniest and most interesting events of each day. In the first "Kackle" the Editor told of Mrs. De Marchi (Leader of the Victorian contingent), who stated that on the train on the way to camp she discovered there were eight "diddle-dees" before every chunk, signifying a join in the rails. This rhythmic beat had eventually put her to sleep. One day one group of Guides had tomatoes cooked in soft soap — their theme song, "I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles"! Blanc mange was listed on the menu, but one camp had flavoured milk — Q.M. forgot to add the cornflour!

Evening gave time for the rightful closing to a camp day — campfire — in groups, sub-camps or central. Central campfires were one of the most enjoyable and memorable of our camp experiences—Miss McNeill and her "shipwreck"; the drama group from training miming poems; and the Kindamindi song which will always remain in our hearts as we think of hundreds of Guides and Guiders singing it in the glow of the campfire.

Sydney turned on perfect weather for the first few days, but the final day proved something of a "crisis" when torrential rain completely washed out the remainder of the camp and the closing ceremony, and sent us off to shelter at the Y.W.C.A. about two hours early to await our pre-planned dinner there.

The carriages on the train home took on the air of a drying factory, as skirts and shirts were hung up to be encouraged to dry, but this did enable us to arrive at Spencer Street Station in uniforms which befitted the Victorian contingent.

We hope that this story tells of the fun, fellowship and training we received, and we would like to thank most sincerely all concerned with the planning, preparation and organisation for giving us and so many other Patrol Leaders the opportunity to attend such a wonderful and memorable camp.

—Katherine Paterson and Jill Simmons,  
P.L.s., 2nd Balwyn Guide Coy.



## THE GUIDERS' CONFERENCE

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During question time the following questions were put to the Guiders for comment:

Would it not be better to substitute a knowledge of Esperanto for Semaphore?

**Answer:** Definitely not.

Would it not be profitable for Guide Guiders to have to attend a Brownie meeting being warranted?

**Answer:** It was felt that this was a good idea. A suggestion was made that Packs extend invitations to new Guide Guiders.

Is it necessary to use the phonetic names for the alphabet when teaching Semaphore?

**Answer:** The majority felt that it is an asset to know how to use a phonetic alphabet. One expert was quoted as saying that it is a necessary part of Semaphore. General feeling was that if presented through games it is not difficult for the children to learn.

What work responsibilities can be given to an assertive Brownie who is not really ready or suitable for a Sixer?

**Answer:** The general feeling was that various jobs could be found.

Could a child's name be transferred from one waiting list to another when she moves from the District so that allowance can be made for the length of time she has already waited?

**Answer:** General feeling was that this was a good idea, and a form was suggested. The possibility of such a form will be looked into.

The Brownie Adviser requested that Guiders please make sure that Golden Hand cards are properly dated and signed before being sent to Headquarters — otherwise Wings cannot be obtained, only Golden Hand.

—Gwen Best, Meriel Hunt.

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### GUIDE BRANCH TIME

**A Guide is a Friend . . .**

During Branch time at the recent Guiders' Conference, I asked for information about Company "good turns" and service projects, both to New Australians and Aborigines here and to needy people abroad. I was left with

an interesting list, which I am pleased to quote in the hope that some Companies which would like to do these things, but do not quite know where to start, will get some ideas. "Matilda" will be glad to print further reports of such activities if you send them in to her.

In several cases Guides have worked in with other authorities, as in Good Neighbour Council activities and in naturalisation ceremonies. (I hope they followed this up by inviting children of the new "citizens" to visit them at home or at Company meeting.) Guides in one country town worked with the local branch of Community Aid Abroad to provide a silo for a village in India; another District reports that they have "adopted" a six-year-old Korean child, and send money regularly for her care; while from another, food and clothing parcels are sent regularly to a needy German family. And so the list goes on . . . "interest in a Guide Company in a leper colony off Hong Kong" . . . "wool rug for Korea" . . . "singlets for Korea" . . . "toilet bags with requisites for Aboriginal children" . . . "each Patrol to invite a girl from another country to the Company meeting".

Some Companies have the benefit of direct contact with a missionary or a Guider who has travelled has "linked them up" with a Company overseas, so becoming internationally-minded has been easy for them. Several Guiders at the Conference said they thought to start by corresponding with a Guide Company (as distinct from individual pen friends through the Post Box) would be a very good thing, and I agree. I am writing straight away to various Trainers I met at the Pacific Trainers' Gathering last January, and early in the New Year I hope to have names and addresses of island Guides in various parts of the Pacific. If you are interested, watch for a further notice in these columns. I know some Companies still help Guides in the New Hebrides following Miss Long's visit there some years ago.

I thank those who gave me the material for this article. Maybe it is the greater satisfaction to "do good by stealth", but there are very many needy people in the world, and many, many Guides in Companies of Victoria who have not, up till now, thought of good turns of this type.

—E. BUNNING.



## COMMISSIONERS' BRANCH TIME

"Use the L.A. or you'll lose the L.A." is considered sound advice for all Commissioners. Do we use our Local Associations as fully as we might? Are there avenues of our work in which we might enlist their help more frequently than we do?

What steps can we take to ensure that the Local Association is a wide and representative group of local people and not just a Mothers' Committee? How can Commissioners, Guiders and Local Association members stimulate and maintain the interest of parents so that they will "pull their weight" with the District's Guiding activities?

Following discussion groups on these questions the following points were brought out:—

1. The L.A. is open to friends as well as parents, to men as well as women. Therefore encourage them.
2. L.A. members can be used for testers.
3. They can assist at Company meetings if Guider is unable to attend.
4. They can be helpful as contacts in finding new Guiders.
5. Acquaint the L.A. with the activities of the ENTIRE Movement.
6. Ask the L.A. to assist at Brownie Revels and Rallies with afternoon tea, etc.
7. They can help with lunch on Training days.
8. They might organise a special function during the month as well as their usual meeting.
9. "Family nights" — with parents attending a regular Company meeting.
10. Members can help with publicity from the L.A. Expansion viewpoint.
11. The L.A. might combine service to other organisations with their L.A. work.
12. Encourage L.A. members to think of being enrolled.
13. Have you thought of forming a Trefoil Guild?

## THE COMMISSIONER AT CHRISTMAS

Christmas for the Commissioner is not just an endless series of Company and Pack parties, even though you may be tempted to contradict me. Have you ever thought of suggesting to your Guiders that there ARE other ways than the inevitable party of celebrating Christmas?

I firmly believe that one of the most important functions of a Commissioner is to provide inspiration and original ideas for her Guiders. If YOU were a Captain of a Company, striving every week to give your Guides the complex programme of training that is laid down for them, in the short space of two hours, you might have very little energy left over with which to think up "exciting and original things to do". So do help your Guiders by suggesting some special enterprises for the Brownies, Guides and Senior Branch members in your District this Christmas.

What about carol singing in Patrols?

Could the Brownies mime a Nativity Play and sing some carols for their parents? Could you lend them your old blue cloak for the Virgin Mary, and your husband's cast-off silk dressing-gown for one of the Kings? Perhaps you might even have time to make the Angels some haloes out of wire and gold ribbon?

### Visiting Hospitals

Could you find out from your local hospital if they would allow you to bring some Guides and Brownies to visit the Children's Ward just before Christmas? It's worth trying. Perhaps you could all go armed with those plain Christmas cards to colour, and some crayons, so that the small patients could make their own cards, helped by the Guides and Brownies. Do make quite sure first that none of your visiting party have colds or are in quarantine for anything! If the hospital authorities stand firm about not allowing children as visitors, then perhaps your Senior Branch members would go instead?

Perhaps the Guides and Senior Branch could visit some of the old people in your neighbourhood to find out if they would like any help with their Christmas presents — buying them, wrapping them up, posting them? No elderly person likes to be solely at the "receiving end", and many of them would like to send inexpensive little presents



and cards to their younger friends and relations, only they cannot face the crowds in the shops.

### **Decorating Churches and Chapels**

Could the Guides and Brownies offer their services, under supervision, to decorate the Church or Chapel for Christmas Day. Or perhaps you could have your County, Division or District Church Service at Christmas-time this year, and make it into a Carol Service for a change?

The Colour Ceremony in Church will provide the necessary "pomp and circumstance", and this must, of course, be carefully rehearsed. Careful rehearsing will be needed, too, for those who are to read the Lessons. Two words should be tattooed on their minds: the words **clearly** and **slowly**.

### **Special Guests at Parties**

Back to the Christmas Party again. My attack in the first paragraph was merely to "frighten" you into doing something else for a change. I must now hastily add that there is nothing **wrong** in having a party — as there is, equally, nothing **wrong** in taking a Pack to the pantomime when they have suddenly been given an anonymous donation of £10.

But don't do it every year. If your Guiders have already got their parties arranged for this Christmas, perhaps you could suggest to them that they might invite some rather special guests? Guides and Brownies who are handicapped love being "asked to things", so do Lones. There may be a school for deaf or blind children in your area, or a Children's Home. Perhaps there are some overseas visitors in your District who would be delighted to receive an invitation at a time when they may be missing their homes badly.

One final point about parties: do make sure that the organisers, whether it be the Patrol Leaders, the candidates for the Hostess Badge, or Brown Owl, Tawny Owl and the Pack Leaders, have drawn up a really comprehensive programme for the party. It is never too soon to learn that a well-organised party is a successful party — and that most of the organisation will have to be done before the party ever begins. If this is done, then the hostesses will enjoy it as much as their guests. Of course, one of the guests will be YOU. Do go, if you possibly

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## **CHRISTMAS IDEAS**

Christmas is more fun than any other day of the year, and preparing for it is half the fun. A Girl Scout is always prepared and not caught by last-minute rushings for things to do, especially if it is for such a joyous, much-looked-forward-to event as Christmas. So, as it's sooner than you think till Christmas, here are some projects that you can start thinking about and working on for your Troop meetings.

Give your Christmas a truly personal touch of your creativity and originality by making your own Christmas cards and decors as suggested here to stimulate your imagination. You will find making your own Christmas items fun, challenging, rewarding, not to say, money-saving. A Girl Scout is resourceful, so why not try these Christmas ideas projects?

**Make a tree and decorate it** project is easy and simple to make. Tree to be trimmed is cut from a large box carton. Fold paper lengthwise, matching edges, then fold lengthwise again. Cut through fold across width.

Stop when  $\frac{3}{4}$ in. from the edge; turn and cut back about 1in. from other cut. Continue up length of paper. Unfold and open carefully, stretching paper to full length. Pin on bulletin board. Snip outside edges from top down, tapering to form tree.

Trims are fashioned from a stiff dough, using equal parts of flour and salt in water. Place dough on any smooth surface or bread board and roll out with floured rolling pin. Cut dough with various Christmas cookie cutters. Embed a paper clip into the back of each ornament to serve as hook for hanging. After drying overnight, paint or paste coloured designs on with an almost dry brush. Leave small areas unpainted and spread with glue. Before dry, sprinkle with coloured sequins. Pin ornaments in openings of tree.

### **Holiday Shadow Boxes**

Suspended in windows, from ceiling fixtures, against walls, or placed on tables, are framed hints of the season. Initial investment involved is nominal in that most of the materials are already on hand. Try using boxes as mobiles complemented by

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## TWO GUIDERS AND THEIR FIJI TRIP

On Monday, 20th September, two very lucky, excited Guiders set off from Stawell on their wonderful trip to Fiji. After attending to all last-minute details, and paying a very brief visit to Headquarters, we were ready for the first stage of our journey. Mrs. Barwick and Miss Jones kindly came to see us safely aboard the "Southern Aurora". Arriving at Sydney at 9 a.m. we were met by Miss Perry from Guide H.Q. Staff and taken to morning tea. A quick look at the Guide Shop and we were on our way to meet Mrs. Steche, International Commissioner for Australia. Mrs. Steche took us by car to see Glengarry Training Centre. Our hostess then took us to her home for lunch. At 5.30 p.m. Qantas drove us to the airport, and to our delight Miss Gubbins was there to check our tickets, luggage, etc., and to see us safely on our flight.

I shall never forget the wonderful sight of Sydney by night from the air. An hour after take-off we were served a delightful dinner, and exactly three hours 45 minutes after take-off we landed at Nandi International Airport—a distance of 1916 miles. It wasn't until a tall, bare-footed Fijian stepped into the plane we realised it wasn't just a dream, but a reality. The trip from Nandi to Suva by plane was interesting despite patches of fog and rain; one could really see the geography of this lovely island, Viti Levu. Mountains, rivers and very rich flats and a glorious coast line. From the airport to Suva the scenery was superb.

We were fascinated by all the children along the road — they were all going to school. We were puzzled why they were going to school so early, only to be told they have so many children it is necessary to have two sessions daily. Parents have to pay to send their children to Primary School. We were given a warm welcome when we arrived at the Grand Pacific Hotel by the Commissioner — a fine, tall Fijian wearing a grey sulu, red shirt and black belt and an infectious smile. Immaculate waiters, dressed in white sulus, white shirts and bare feet were all anxious to make you welcome. Nearly all Fijians speak English, so language was no difficulty. Suva is a beautiful city; lovely trees and gardens.

Mrs. Barnes, Commissioner for Fiji, met us and told us of Guiding in Fiji, finance being

the main problem. They have 6000 Guides, Rangers and Brownies in Fiji; in Suva alone they have 40 Guide Companies — most of them are attached to schools. Emily, a very gentle, lovable Fijian Guide Trainer, took us to a Guide meeting in one of the poorer villages. They sang beautifully and with such harmony. We presented Australian and Victorian Friendship Badges to the Patrol Leaders, and they said, "Vinaka vinaka" (thank you, thank you). The Stawell Guides had given us a souvenir to be presented to a Guide Company in Fiji, and we felt this Company was a very deserving one.

Mrs. Barnes took us to a Guide Rally at Ba, a distance of 150 miles from Suva. We left Suva at 4.30 a.m. in pouring rain and arrived at Ba six hours later. We travelled through many native villages, sugar cane areas and the gold-mining town of Tavau. It was a wonderful experience to see 370 Guides and Rangers marching to the park to receive the Salute from Mrs. Barnes. An interesting programme had been arranged — message relay, erecting a flagpole, fire-lighting and tea-making, Kim's Game and a quiz for the Rangers. After the Guides had made their tea they cooked pancakes on the top of a tin and made banana jam to go on the pancakes. Mrs. Martin and I were asked to judge the tea-trays and sample the pancakes and jam; they were delicious. The day concluded with campfire. The Fijian Guides put on a special dance — they wore grass skirts they had made out of banana leaves and reeds, round the waists they had frangipanis. They wore tops made out of tarpa, and round their wrists and ankles they had leaves. The Indian Guides put on their dance and were dressed in beautiful, colourful saris. They are so graceful and dainty.

Mrs. Barnes had a very pleasing duty to perform. An Indian Guider received the Gilt Cross for bravery. She went to the assistance of a child who had fallen down a well. After presenting trophies, Taps brought a very exciting and enjoyable day to a close. We arrived back in Suva at 11 p.m. very tired, but happy to have had the opportunity of seeing Guiding in Fiji and feeling so proud to be part of the great Sisterhood of Guides.

The next part of our holiday was to the glorious beach resort of Korolevu. The scenery between Suva and Korolevu is fantastic. Our taxi driver took us into a bure in the village of Voli Voli. This village had



won the tourist award of £200 for the best-kept village. The bures look just like lovely haystacks. We spent several days just relaxing on the beach, admiring the dark blue waters of the Pacific, watching Fijians spear-fishing and trying to learn a few Fijian words from the children on the beach.

The main industries of Fiji are: (1) Sugar cane, (2) copra, (3) tourism, (4) gold mining and (5) bananas, but the country has a number of lesser industries. From the land comes such crops as dalo, water melons, ginger, tobacco and other fruit and vegetables. Steady progress is being made in expanding the output of rice, cocoa and coffee. From the forests come a variety of timber, including raintree, sometimes called monkey pod, from which is manufactured a variety of highly prized decorative articles. But it is sugar which is the backbone of Fiji's economy.

While at Korolevu there was a feast night. The beating of the Lali calls the guests to dinner. It is also a personal call to you to come and stay and enjoy life. Ceremonial presentations of Yagona (Kava) have deep significance for the Fijian people. Its performance is rooted deep in their history, their customs and their traditions. Yagona is made from the roots of a scrub which is a member of the pepper family. It is powdered and mixed with water. Unique dishes were served such as dalo or taro, which were cooked in a special lovo (earth oven), prawns cooked in coconut milk, fish baked in an oven, beef wrapped in banana leaves and cooked in a lovo. Savouries and salads of every kind, and lovely tropical fruits to finish with.

The last stage of our journey took us to Lautoka, the second largest town on the island. We were there for the Sugar Festival, and enjoyed the procession of floats.

From Suva we went cruising on the quiet waters within the shelter of the reef; the boats have glass panels, so that passengers may watch the fascinating undersea life which is so abundant. Lovely patterns in the reef, crystal-clear water — tiny fish of incredible shapes and colours, and beautiful coral formations. The land, the rivers and the sea are wonderfully blessed by nature — all providing for the traveller an insight into some of the many delights of fascinating Fiji.

Fiji provides surely the only free train ride in the world — the little sugar train

runs from Lautoka to Ba every day, but twice a week they take passengers as well as sugar cane.

We returned to Nandi, spent a few hours at the Mocambo Hotel, and at 4.30 a.m. we said "Samworthy" (goodbye) to Fiji, hoping some day to be able to return.

Thank you, Qantas, for the fantastic prize, and to everyone who helped make this holiday possible a big "thank you" from two very happy Guiders. Our best wishes to the Building Appeal and may that £25,000 target be over-subscribed by Christmas.

—Heather Duxson.

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## COMMISSIONER AT CHRISTMAS

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can. You will find a tremendous spirit of bonhomie at the party, and you will therefore get to know your Guides and Brownies as you never can when they are standing stiffly to attention waiting to be inspected, or grouped round the Fairy Ring holding their breath before they burst into song.

There is one group of people who could be invited to the party whom I have purposely left till the end because they are so important. The Commissioner is going to come in contact with them more and more, and although their joint activities are by no means restricted to Christmastide, they could come into some part of our Christmas celebrations. Why not invite the Scouts?

—By Jean Jauncey,  
from the "Guider".

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## EXECUTIVE JOTTINGS

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- the New Commissioners and Boundaries Sub-Committees;
- 23 and 24 concerned the appointments and duties of Australian office-bearers;
- 25, 26 and 27 concerned matters brought forward by the Camping Department;
- 28 and 29 related to reports from the State International Representative and the Britannia Park Committee, while
30. related to the Senior Branch's activities.
- AND I might have missed one or two along the way!

But doesn't it show how varied the activities of our Movement are and how important it is that we keep everybody, who needs to know, well informed on what we are doing and planning?





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## BRITANNIA PARK

Many things were done at Britannia Park during October — the builder has made good progress with the lining of the B.P. Hut. We think it will be a great improvement, and we hope that many more campers will be able to use the hut, especially during wet weather. In January, when the Australian Diploma'd Guiders' Conference is held at Britannia Park, the B.P. Hut will be their Conference Room.

The site of the old Chapel has been levelled, and Miss Broadhurst has planted several young trees there. She hopes that in a few years' time, when the trees grow, this will become known as "The Quiet Place". Grass has been planted there, and it should become a very beautiful little place.

A silver serviette ring has been found at Guide House. Would the owner please ring Mrs. Gray (83 9207) and it will be returned.

The Committee would like to have the name of the kind person who left some cartons of china and glassware at H.Q. on Thursday, 28th October. These articles are now in use, and we would like to personally thank the donor.

Two L.As. — Nunawading and Yarraville — held their October meeting at Britannia Park and, as well, spent a few hours of the day doing some jobs around the place. The result is . . . clean, shining windows in both houses and some painting and some sewing done. Well done, L.As. We are all very grateful.

A very good turn was done for us by 1st Ivanhoe Sea Scouts, at the suggestion of

Mrs. Prewett, Captain, 2nd Ivanhoe Guide Coy. The Scouts, who went up to Britannia Park one weekend and spent the whole of one day, starting at 6 a.m., clearing scrub and undergrowth and burning it; also carting firewood and stacking it. How about that? Wasn't it wonderful?

I wonder would some of our own people, camping up there, be prepared to spend one or two hours of their weekend clearing up some of the undergrowth on THEIR very own property! How about it, C.As.? Would any C.A. camping on the property be prepared to supervise it? As things are now, the undergrowth, almost all round the property, is a tremendous fire risk. Of course we cannot burn now, but if it were all stacked in an open place it would at least minimise the risk. If any camper feels she could help in this way we would all be most grateful.

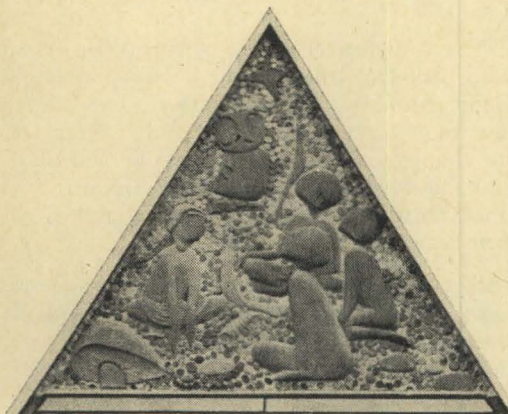
The Britannia Park Committee would like to wish all members of the Movement a very Happy Christmas, especially those who have helped us so much during 1965. They hope that all those using the property during the school holidays will find fun and friendship there, and that 1966 will bring more and more members of our Movement to stay there.

They wish to thank the following for their generous support of the Maintenance Fund during the month of October:—

- 2nd—1st Dandenong North Coy.
- 3rd—Box Hill District.
- 4th—Bairnsdale L.A.



5th—Noble Park L.A.  
 6th—Mount Waverley L.A.  
 7th—Brighton Brownies.  
 8th—1st Brighton Coy.  
 9th—Dandenong L.A.  
 10th—Dandenong L.A.  
 11th—Dandenong L.A.  
 12th—1st Doncaster Coy.  
 15th—Aberfeldie L.A.  
 16th—Miss E. M. McArthur.  
 18th—Pascoe Vale South L.A.  
 20th—1st Pinewood Pack.  
 22nd—Mrs. C. Osbourn Shave.  
 23rd—1964 Guiders' Conference.  
 25th—Mount Waverley Coys. and Packs.  
 26th—2nd Sale Guides.  
 27th—Inner Southern Suburbs.  
 28th—Newport L.A.  
 28th—L.V.B. and J.W.B.—In Memory.  
 29th—Forest Hill District.  
 31st—Mrs. G. Kirk.

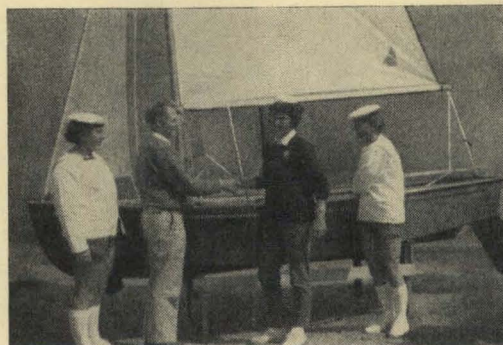


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Downstairs, a new ship's bell, ship's crests, rows of life jackets, outboard motors, Anzac's and Invincible's boats, a kayak; THE Heron, with sails drying, oars cached, ropes coiled . . . and even a changing room with mirror, basin and shower!

After the ceremonies, afternoon tea, and then all boats to the water — with sail or a row for as many as possible for as long as possible.

And then, as the "Annrylah" was hosed down and stowed away, we all echoed the words of her launching, "May God bless her, and all who sail in her!"



## SENIOR BRANCH SAILING SCHOOL OPENED!

6th November, 1965, Sandringham

The Senior Branch Sailing School was officially opened by Lady Coles, wife of Sir Edgar Coles.

The afternoon commenced with divisions — the Guide Flag was raised to the accompaniment of the World Song. This school will help to bind all members of the Senior Branch, for the Sailing School is to be used by all Units — Airls, Cadets, Lands and Seas.

After the official party had inspected the Club House, Mrs. Price, our State Commissioner, christened the first boat of our fleet, a Heron. Everything went according to plan — the champagne (true!) bottle broke at the first hit and there she was — "Annrylah".

It was a perfect sailing day, with just the right breeze, a sparkle on the water and a real kiss in the sun. The school was "dressed overall" with bunting, the World Badge, and "Senior Branch Sailing School" on a long board, visible from afar. The World Flag was flying, and the whole building shone in a new coat of blue paint, with gay curtains upstairs at the club room windows.

And that club room! The modern kitchen-bar which would have graced a fine hotel — made from aged cupboards, fablon, cockle shells and inspiration; the lovely stainless steel sink that someone found for £4; the big photos of Seas at work with their boats; the lampshade with seahorses and capstans; the "house-warming" gifts of an electric jug, barometer, binoculars; even the kettle holder in blue with a gold trefoil!

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## TREFOIL GUILD OF VICTORIA, ANNUAL MEETING

On Saturday, 9th October, 1965, the Trefoil Guild of Victoria held its 12th Annual Meeting. Over 80 members were present, representing most of the 21 Guilds now established throughout Victoria. The new State Recorder, Mrs. J. H. May, presided, and we were pleased to welcome Mrs. J. R. Price, State Commissioner, and Mrs. R. E. Gray, Assistant State Commissioner, as well as Miss E. Purnell, Australian Recorder, and our guest speaker from the Department of Social Welfare, Miss J. Aitcheson.

Bringing us up to date on the International Guiding scene, Miss Purnell reported that used Australian postage stamps are in short supply in the International Stamp Bank, and we have resolved to remedy this sad situation.

Publicity — or lack of it — was discussed when it was reported that many Guiders and Commissioners are not even aware of Trefoil Guild's existence. Although no longer uniformed members of the Guide Movement, we do take a very keen interest in its activities, and feel we have a lot to offer in the form of practical help, fund-raising, and general support when needed. One fund we are all working for now is the Headquarters Building Appeal, and to help our contribution to this we are each donating one penny for every year connected with the Girl Guides Association. Some of our members were enrolled over 40 years, so even a penny a year will grow into pounds.

Miss H. Driver was elected as our new representative on the State Council. As the number of Guild members has increased greatly in recent years, a Committee was inaugurated, consisting of eight members from various branches.

This Annual Meeting also serves as a social gathering, with members coming from all over Victoria; the most distant branch represented was Mildura.

At the conclusion of the business meeting about 30 members stayed on for a basket

tea. Following this, Miss E. M. Hansen, Captain of the "Yooralla" Extension Guide Company, entertained us with slides of the trip taken by the Extension Branch to New Zealand, and also slides of 2nd North Balwyn and "Yooralla" Guide Companies.

Our meeting finished at about 9 p.m. with the singing of "Taps".



## A LETTER TO "MATILDA"

Dear "Matilda",—At the Guiders' Conference I attended the Discussion Group, "How Wide Is Your World of Guiding?" At this I learnt that Australia is hoping to be hostess to an International Camp in 1970. Some countries cannot afford to send even one representative to these camps, which I feel is a great pity.

If Divisions saved 1 cent per head per week from 1966-1969 they could each sponsor a Guide from a different country. Just think how many more countries could attend if this happened. These Guides would take back first-hand knowledge of Guiding in other lands and a closer understanding of their sisters, which we all desire.

Maybe Mrs. Farrow could tell us how many countries could not afford to send a representative to the last International Camp held here, and how many are expected to refuse the invitation this time through lack of funds?

—J.B.

(Editor's Note: This letter came from a Guide Captain who is evidently looking wide. Any comments on the suggestion would be welcomed by "Matilda".)





## "CALLING CQ, CQ, CQ JAMBOREE"

Did you participate in the 8th Jamboree on the Air? Our Company did. Everyone voted it a huge success and one of the best ways of taking an interest in the international side of Guiding.

Along with other Guide Companies we were put in touch with our local Scout Liaison Officer, who was to link us with a Scout Group nearby who were participating. Unfortunately, there were no local Troops participating, but as 33 Guides and Guiders from the Company wanted to "listen-in" it was just as well. We were put in touch with our local "ham", Mr. Reed of VK 3AHR, and he proved most helpful and co-operative.

The Wednesday week before "J" weekend we borrowed a tape recorder and practised speaking over a microphone, and really deciding what we wanted to say about ourselves, our Company, our schools, etc. On this night, Mr. Reed came for a short while so we could meet him, and he told us a little of how things would work. He most generously offered four hours on both Saturday and Sunday afternoons, and the Company was duly rostered for two-hour shifts. The first shift on Saturday arrived at Mr. Reed's "shack" (this is what they call their room, even though it may be a comfortable and attractive place) dead on time. Mr. Reed's first call of "QC Jamboree" (meaning we want to talk to anyone on the Jamboree) was replied to by someone in New Caledonia. This caused great excitement! It was Pierre (all hams use only Christian names) operating from a portable station in a car 10 miles north of Noumea. He had been a Scout himself and was interested in all we had to say.

Next was a Cub Pack in Townsville, with Akela giving whispered prompts from the background.

Then followed Rockhampton Senior Scouts, 2nd Malvern Scouts and 1st Northbridge Girl Guides (Sydney). The last was particularly thrilling when we discovered one Guide had been in the same camp as our Captain at the recent All-Australian P.L.'s. camp in Sydney. Following this up we arranged to meet the Company when they pass through Melbourne next January on their way to Tasmania.

Then New Zealand, but this reception was poor; likewise a Scout Troop in Adelaide.

At this stage we all partook of date damper and billy tea which had been cooked in Mr. Reed's bushland setting backyard. He was so impressed that the chief cook had to give details of the making of the damper to the Townsville ham and the Guides with him! Things began to quieten down, as it was getting near five o'clock, so we closed down for Saturday.

Sunday contacts were in Queensland, Sydney, Box Hill, Malvern, Darwin, St. Albans and Rabaul — the latter had no Scouts with him, but was very interested in the Jamboree. Our last contacts were the thrill of the weekend. We picked up a ham in Colorado, U.S.A., who subsequently brought in two other Colorado hams, so it was a four-cornered hook up. The remark of Jim's, "It's 1 a.m. here; we've got all night to talk and listen — so over to you," showed their interest and keenness to participate in our Jamboree. These three hams told us of their families, hobbies and schools, and about their State. We planned four pen friend links with daughters of these men and four of our Guides. Mr. Reed has promised a "sched." between these pen friend links, i.e., to plan a time for both to be available and make a link on the radio, and so talk instead of writing — quite a thrill!

As well as the 20 contacts we spoke to we listened into many other Jamboree links, one being with Japan.

And so our thrilling weekend came to a close. Our sincere thanks to Mr. Reed for giving so generously of his time and efforts, and to his wife for allowing us to inundate her home for the days.

We will definitely take up Mr. Reed's invitation to "come again next year". Perhaps we may speak to YOU!

—2nd Balwyn Girl Guide Coy.

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Other reports of participation in Jamboree of the Air were received from:

1st Pascoe Vale South Company, where five Guides attended at the home of Mr. A. M. Crewther. It was an evening with a difference for the girls, as well as helping to build their confidence and widening their conversation. The Jamboree of the Air also increased their interest in the Radio Announcer Badge.

—Charinga (Lyn Fauvel).

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# CAMPFIRE SONGS

## ~ MY FATHERS HOUSE ~

come and go with me ~ ~ ~ ~ to my Fa-ther's

house to my Fa-ther's house ~ ~ ~ to my Fa-ther's

house. O come and go with me ~ ~ ~ to my Fa-ther's

house, Where there's peace, ~ peace, ~ peace.

At-le-hu-jah

At-le-hu-jah

At-le-hu-jah

2. There's sweet Communion there's. There'll be no parting there,  
 In my Father's house. In my Father's house.  
 Where there's peace, peace, peace. Where there's peace, peace, peace.

Despite our efforts, it has not been possible to locate copyright for this song. Any information available to any reader regarding composer, etc., would be appreciated.





## QUEEN'S GUIDE PRESENTATIONS

Held in November, 1965, the Queen's Guide presentations were made to 53 Guides by Sir Rohan Delacombe. Twenty-seven Guides came from the country and 26 from the metropolitan area.

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## BADGE OF FORTITUDE

Marion Cavill, of 2nd Chadstone Company, has shown exceptional fortitude and courage in her 15 years, during which she has spent long periods in hospital.

Despite her disability and frequent hospitalisation, Marion has taken part in the normal Guide programme and has gained her Second Class, Proficiency Badges, and has accepted the responsibilities of a Patrol Leader and Pack Leader.

She has borne everything with cheerfulness and without complaint, and her courage, cheerfulness and fortitude have at all times been commented on by those with whom she has come in contact.



## WHITEHORSE DIVISION

On a pleasant spring afternoon the Whitehorse Division Guides held their Annual Guides' Own Service at St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church, Surrey Hills. The service was attended by the Mayor and Mayoress of Box Hill, Cr. S. Dewar and Mrs. Dewar, formerly Commissioner of Whitehorse Division. Also present were Cr. Yule and Miss Yule, Cr. Gleghorn, District Commissioners, L.A. members, parents and friends.

Mrs. Horsfall, Regional Commissioner, opened the service with The Call to Worship. A colourful procession of Guide flags, carried by Guides from all Companies in the Division, entered the Church during the singing of The Guide Processional Hymn.

After the flags were placed in position the Rev. W. B. Howden asked us to remember that these are no common flags. Each is an ensign to be looked up to, venerated and passed down untarnished to succeeding generations. Each is an emblem of Duty, the outward sign of our allegiance to God, our Sovereign and our Country.

The Lessons were read by Guides of Kerri-muir and Surrey Districts; the Guide Litany was spoken and the Guide Prayer read by Guides of Box Hill District; and the Brownie and Guide Promises were led by a Brownie and Guide from Bennettswood and Wattle Park Districts.

An excellent address, given by Miss M. Shaw, held special interest for every Brownie and Guide, and for all present. Miss Shaw's subject was "Map Reading". We all have to learn to read the signs on our map of life, and the Guide and Brownie Promises and Laws, if followed, were signs which could lead us, with the help of God, along the right path through life.

From the collection, taken up by Surrey Hills Brownies, an amount of £18 has been donated to the "Save the Children Fund".

—Amy M. Jamieson,  
Surrey District, Publicity Secretary.





# NOTICES

## AUSTRALIAN FELLOWSHIP OF FORMER SCOUTS AND GUIDES

The 1966 Combined Annual Victorian Gathering of the Baden-Powell Scout Guild and the Trefoil Guild will be held on Saturday, 19th February, 1966, at Lingbogel, North Creswick (Ballarat Division, Girl Guide Campsite)—

Saturday:

Afternoon—Thinking Day celebrations.

Evening—Campfire.

Sunday:

Morning—Guides' Own Service.

Afternoon—Tour of Ballarat.

All members are welcome. Make it a family day.

Enquiries to: Convener, Mrs. E. G. Cameron, 100 Humfray Street North, Ballarat.

## EX-SENIOR BRANCH REUNION, THINKING DAY, 1966

All ex-Senior Branch members are invited to attend our Senior Branch Thinking Day Ceremony on Tuesday, 22nd February, 1966, at 8 p.m. This will take place in the Girls Friendly Society Hall at the corner of Spring Street and Flinders Lane. (Enter from Flinders Lane.) If you know of any other ex-Ranger or Cadet or Senior Branch Guide will you please pass this message on, as we would like to see as many at our reunion as possible.

Convener: Mrs. A. K. Nicholls, 16 Victoria Street, Doncaster; 848 1830.



THINKING DAY MASS for all Catholic Guiders, Guides and Brownies — Sunday, 20th February, 1966, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, 11 a.m. Form up in Lansdown Street. Bring a picnic lunch and have it in the gardens.

## TRAINING DEPARTMENT

### Summer Training Week

A Training Week will be held at Guide House for Brownie Guiders and Guide Guiders from 27th December, 1965, to 4th January, 1966. Applications to attend should be made on the blue nomination forms and should reach Headquarters by 30th November.

Fee: £8. Deposit: £2.

### Training Plans for 1966

#### First Series

Commencing first week in March—

Brownie Pre-Warrant Courses — morning and evening.

Brownie Warranted Guiders' Courses — afternoon and evening.

Guide Pre-Warrant Courses — morning and evening.

Guide Warranted Guiders' Courses — afternoon and evening.

**Easter Training Week** will be for Pre-Warrant and Warranted Guiders (Brownie/Guide) at Guide House, 8th to 12th April, 1966.

**Senior Branch:** It is possible that a Senior Branch Conference Training will be held on Australia Day weekend. Further details will be published in "Matilda".

**Note:** It has been found necessary to close applications 10 days before a course commences.

Applications should be made on the blue nomination forms. Guiders should be at least 17, enrolled and have attended at least three or four Unit meetings before attending a Training Course.

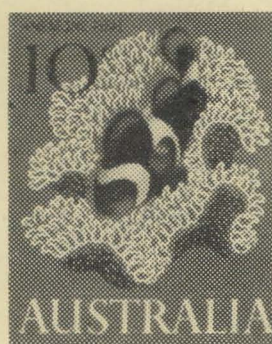
Uniform is usually worn at training sessions.

Commissioners may apply to attend Training Courses as observers, but Guiders will, of course, receive preference should the limiting number of applications be reached.



## STAMPS

Stamps received recently have often been of a poor standard and are unsaleable. Some parcels have been returned to the senders with a note of explanation. This means extra postage costs, and very few stamps can be sold. It would be a pity, but if poor quality stamps continue to arrive, they may be destroyed. Only stamps ready for a quick sale can be accepted, as I do not have either time or space to handle or store others. Donors — do not count stamps; see that ALL GUM is removed (soak stamps in small lots in clean water); sort and pack stamps flat into window-faced or other OLD envelopes; do not seal up. Properly soaked off, and carefully packed, stamps will not curl.



—Block by courtesy of the "Herald"

Illustrated are some of the new decimal currency stamps, which will be issued on 14th February, 1966. A red 4c stamp will be the letter rate. Post parcels to 12 Cowderoy Street, St. Kilda, S.2.

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

## JAPANESE YOUTH GOODWILL MISSION, 1965

Melbourne has just been visited by 11 young men and women of the fifth Japanese Youth Goodwill Mission (Oceanic Team). The first Goodwill Mission Teams were sent from Japan in 1959 to commemorate the marriage of the Crown Prince. The scheme was so popular and successful that Youth Teams are now sent to various parts of the world annually.

Although only three of the members were Girl Scout Leaders, the whole team asked if they, too, could visit Britannia Park and see Guide House.

First stop en route was Belgrave, at Bill Onus' Aboriginal souvenir shop. Pastor Doug. Nicholls taught the art of throwing the boomerang and spear and, as well, the men became quite proficient with the didgeridoo.

Guide House was a delightful setting for lunch and of great interest to the Girl Scouters; then to Healesville Sanctuary, which rounded off the tour of Australiana. Interest was keen — mainly in koalas and kangaroos, though some of the Japanese girls were a little timid close to the kangaroos. Although our guests kept singing "Kookaburra Sits in the Old Gum Tree" (both in English and Japanese) he disappointingly did not respond with laughter!

As the team, dressed in their grey uniforms, left Melbourne for New Zealand tears were in their eyes. They said goodbye and tried to find sufficient words to express the feeling they held for Melbourne and the many people and associations who had taken an interest in them during their nine-day visit.

—M.G.

## Information of Japanese Youth Goodwill Mission

The Japanese Government has been annually carrying out its Japanese Youth Goodwill Mission programme since 1959 as one of the measures designed to give bright hope and ideals to the new generation in commemoration of the wedding of T.I.H. Crown Prince Akihito and Crown Princess Michiko in 1958.

In view of the fruitful results during the last six years, in 1965 the Government is

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clever lighting techniques. With equal viewing from front or back they can be as enjoyable spinning in a corner as hanging stationary in a window. Cut the bottom or top out of a cardboard box and use the sides as the frame for these shadow boxes. Reinforce corners with masking tapes (or ordinary adhesive tapes) and decorate with hanging Christmas decorations, tinsel, etc., taped in to swing — use your imagination for designs.

### Balls in Gold Wire

Cover all sides and edges of box with blue foil (or coloured paper) and glue in place. Cut piece of chicken wire to fit within inside area, leaving two slightly longer prongs of wire extended at top and bottom that can be imbedded in box to secure wire in place. Spray wire with gold paint. Insert and secure chicken wire in place; tie small green and gold balls of varying sizes in interesting patterns in openings of wire. Attach length of gold ribbon at centre top for hanging.

—From the "Girl Scout" of the Philippines.



## AN ACTIVITY FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS PARTY

Write out several Christmas carols (sufficient for all Patrols) and cut them across the page line by line. Jumble the slips and scatter them all round the room, but giving one key from each of the carols to the Leader of each Patrol. Have a competition to see which Patrol can find all the lines of their particular carol and arrange them in the correct order. Having arranged the carol, ask them to practise it and sing it as a choir. Points can be awarded to the Patrols for finishing the assembling of the carol and for producing it. This is an excellent method of "mixing" your guests and "breaking the ice".

—From the "Waratah".



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sending a 111 young men and women (including 17 leaders) to Oceania, Europe, Middle-East, North and South Americas, Africa and Asia.

These persons represented every prefecture in Japan and were of the following qualifications: engaged in an occupation, participating in some group activities and having a hopeful prospect for future leadership in their communities.

These young people were divided into 10 groups and are visiting about 40 countries, observing various aspects of their culture, industry, economy and politics, and exchanging views and experiences with people of those countries as well as promoting friendship among them.



## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the recipients of the following Awards:—

### Thanks Badge:

Camberwell Apex Club.  
Mr. J. Clark, Preston.

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Mrs. E. G. Cameron, Ballarat.  
Mrs. W. Robson, Stawell.

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Thinking Day Card (folding) .....	9d.



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Wednesday: 1 to 5 p.m.

Thursday: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday: 9.30 to 11 a.m.

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