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FROM THE STATE COMMISSIONER

June has been a particularly busy "working" month, with the compilation of the Annual Report and consideration of the agenda material for the Australian Council Meeting and the World Conference added to normal State activity. But there has been time for a few welcome and enjoyable variations.

4th-5th June: A visit to Kerang for the opening of their splendid Guide Hall. I was able to combine this with a call at Bendigo, staying overnight with Mrs. C. Baker, our Region Commissioner for the area. She took me on to Kerang on Sunday morning in time to join the delightful luncheon party at the home of Mrs. D. Fenton, Division Commissioner. This was a pleasant and valuable opportunity to talk with the Commissioners of the Region and members of Mrs. McLarty's District "team" and to meet their husbands, as well as parliamentary and shire dignitaries. It was also an appropriate prelude to a well-planned opening ceremony, the large attendance at which was evidence of the general community interest as well as Guide thrill in the achievement of their Hall. And it was a particular delight to meet the Brownies, Guides and Rangers in their new home.

8th: On my way to the Division Commissioners' Meeting, I met Miss Joy Williams from Tasmania, one of the additional observers to the World Conference, paying us a call at H.Q. under the wing of our Mrs. Farrow, likewise preparing for this Conference. Her visit to Melbourne was a good opportunity for the three Victorians in the delegation to get together with her, as well as for her to have a shopping spree.

18th: The Chief Commissioner of Boy Scouts, Victoria, and Mrs. McKellar took me to Gilwell, the splendidly set up and very lovey Scout Training Centre. It was my first visit and of intense interest to me, and was also special because of the kind hospitality of my hosts, the Warden and Assistant Warden and his wife, as well as Mr. McKellar.

21st: To Geelong with Miss Broadhurst, the Chairman, and fellow-members of the New Commissioners and Boundaries Subcommittee for first-hand discussion on lines of development of that Region. It was

pleasant meeting with "the girls" in addition to the satisfactory business aspect.

24th-26th: A highlight of the year — the Commissioners' Conference, and I congratulate the Convener, Mrs. J. McMillan, and her Committee on making it such a stimulating weekend for both new and experienced Commissioners. "Matilda" will tell you all — or a good deal — about it.

29th: I was grateful for the privilege of calling on Lady Delacombe to discuss overall plans for the visit of the Chief Guide next year. Our State President's interest in all our affairs, and her generosity in assisting our arrangements, was, as always, very evident.

During this month we have had three of a series of lectures organised by a Committee of State Council members under the leadership of Mrs. N. E. Richards, whose inspiration it was to arrange this event for the Building Appeal. It has proved a most successful venture financially and, additionally, it has brought us co-operation from leaders in the community in a number of spheres, interesting information, stimulation, and the enjoyment of social contact with a broad section of Guide people, their husbands and friends. Thank you, Mrs. Richards, and your Committee for all this.

We expect that shortly the necessary period of careful consideration will result in existing plans for the spending of the moneys that have come from so many sources and efforts.

Joyce E. Price

VISIT OF WORLD CHIEF GUIDE

Lady Baden-Powell will visit Australia in 1967 and will be in Melbourne from 30th April, 1967, to 7th May, 1967.

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"CLIMB EVERY MOUNTAIN"

A Challenging Title in Word and Theme for the Commissioners' Conference, 1966

More than 190 Commissioners of all varieties — State, Assistant State, Region, Division and District — met in June at Marybrooke for their Annual Conference. The Conference theme this year was "Climb Every Mountain", and the 12 Patrols took their names from the 12 highest mountains in the world. However good Commissioners become at overcoming high objects it was fairly obvious that their geography and ability to locate their mountains was not too strong!

The Conference was opened on Friday afternoon by Mrs. J. Price, our State Commissioner, and the guest speaker was Miss D. Willis, of the United Nations Association.

Training, sessions from Branch Advisers, and discussions were all included in the programme. One of the most thought-provoking talks was given by the Diamond Valley Commissioner, who questioned whether Guiding really was the outdoor Movement it was intended to be. She illustrated her argument with figures of the small numbers of bushcraft type badges gained each year in contrast to the many cook, laundress and hostess badges. Although admittedly there are reasons for this trend it was felt it would be interesting to have the opinion of Guiders as to whether we should take steps to change the pattern.

All Commissioners are indebted to the Committee, convened by Mrs. P. McMillan, for the thought and care which went into the instructive and interesting programme.

Now is the time for Commissioners to begin storing up suggestions for next year's Conference to pass on to next year's Conveners, Mrs. G. M. Walker and Mrs. Kirkman.

—H.W.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMISSIONERS . . .

The 12 highest mountains in the world (authority, Whittaker's Almanac) are (not in order of height)—

GODWIN AUSTEN (Himalayas).
EVEREST (Himalayas).
KAMAT (Himalayas).
SAHAMA (Andes).
ILLIMANI (Andes).
McKINLEY (Alaska).
POPACATEPETL (Mexico).
KASBEK (Caucasus).
MONT BLANC (Alps).
ARARAT (Armenia).
CHARLES LOUIS (New Guinea).
MOUNT LOGAN (Rockies).

ARE WE AN OUTDOOR MOVEMENT?

A Talk given at the 1966 Commissioners' Conference (printed by request)

"Scouting is a fine game, if we put our backs into it and tackle it well . . . But remember! It is a game for the open air . . ."

When B-P found himself with girls to cope with, and he discussed his ideas with his mother and his sister, Agnes, they agreed that the girls should consider the homely arts to prepare them to become good wives and mothers, but the emphasis would be on outdoor activities, because it was these that

had attracted the girls to the Scout Movement and consequently to that famous Crystal Palace rally!

How many of you District Commissioners know if all the Units in your District — Brownie, Guide and S.B. — have had some outdoor activity during, say, the past six weeks? Hands up! Have you ever noticed that in the Guide Second Class Test, one-third of the tests are outdoor tests? Would you say your Guiders programmed **one-third** of their programmes for these girls outdoors?

Why is it that we find in Victoria for 1964-65 there were 303 Little House Emblems and 87 Bushcraft Emblems? Why is it that in the same period we have 785 Cook's Badges and 54 Hiker's Badges; Laundress, 571; Needlewoman, 538; Homemaker, 371; Naturalist, 3; Birdwatcher, 3; Star Gazer, 8?

There were 238 First Class Guides that year, which means at least 238 half-day hikes, but only 54 went on to do the Hiker's Badge! It is only fair that I should mention that there were 120 Camper's Badges, BUT there were 785 Hostess!

It is interesting to note there were 544 Swimmer's Badges. Would it be cynical of me to suggest that this is probably because they can do this badge at school, or at least be assisted with it through their schools?

Do the girls do Cook's, Needlewoman, etc., because they are "required" badges for First Class, Little House, etc.? Because they are easier? Because they are taught these things (or assisted with them) at school? Or are the outdoor badges too difficult? Do they require too much effort? Or is it because there is not enough enthusiasm and encouragement from their Guiders for the outdoor activities?

When we ask people what they know of the Guide Movement, they will usually say, "Why, they tie knots and go camping!" But how many of our girls miss out on camping?

If our Guiders can't take their girls camping, why not more Patrol permits? If we deduct Bushcraft Emblems from Queen's Guide Badges for the year in question, we get 27! (There may have been more, but not many, I'd say.) And a Patrol permit usually does not get much use before a girl leaves Guides.

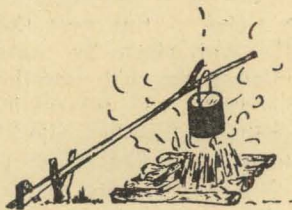
Is it too difficult? Is our camping too organised? Would it matter if they had an unbalanced diet (perhaps out of a packet or tin) for a weekend — if they came back full of enthusiasm and the joy of living outdoors to tell us they had watched a bird build its nest, seen a platypus, or sat by the river and watched the stars come out at night?

"What is this life if full of care

We have no time to stand and stare . . ." Do we encourage them to stand and stare to see — and appreciate — the beauty and wonder of all that is around them? Only **three** Bird Watchers! Only **eight** Stargazers! Or are we not organised enough — to give more girls the opportunity to go camping — to get outdoors?

I have concerned my comments mainly with the Guide Branch, but the same goes to a lesser degree for the Brownie Branch and to a "more so" degree for the S.B. The very names of Land, Sea, Air should mean outdoor activities — a love for which should have developed in the Guide Branch, which, of course, should have started in the Brownie Branch. I saw on a Brown Owl's report recently, "A Nature Ramble". How many of **your** Packs have had a nature ramble?

Now that some thought is being given to changing the wording of some of the laws perhaps we should consider Law, No. 6: "A Guide learns to love the outdoors and protects all living things"! But, then, does it matter? ARE we an outdoor Movement?



It is much better to sleep on what you intend to do than to stay awake over what you have done.

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True?

Conscience is an inner voice that warns us somebody is looking.—H. L. Mencken.

A COMMISSIONER'S FAVOURITE THINGS!?

Luncheons and Pet Shows and Annual Meetings.
Mayoral Receptions and Halls with no heating,
Those awful functions where nobody sings,
These are a few of my favourite things.



Meetings at night in strange, far distant places,
Outings to campsites which clash with the races,
Cake stalls on corners where winter winds sting,
These are a few of my favourite things.



Camp Regulations and Warranting Guiders,
Judgments of Guiding by clueless outsiders,
Flour on my hands when the telephone rings,
These are a few of my favourite things.



When the post comes
And it brings me
Mail I've waited for
I simply remember to ring all the Guiders
I met with the night before.



Wet little bathing suits left in my car,
All those amendments to P.O.&R.,
Stacks of Report Forms that my postman brings,
These are a few of my favourite things.



Meetings and visits that fill all my days,
Mothers and Guiders with quaint little ways,
Pins in my hair when the front doorbell rings,
These are a few of my favourite things.



Speaking in public all red in the face,
Our District's printing press stored at my place,
Limp Marie biscuits and cups of cold tea
These are a real breath of life to me.



When my world's black
Then I think back
My Guiding life review,
I simply remember the fun that it's brought
And know I can start anew.

A VOLUNTARY MOVEMENT?

After severing ourselves from home ties we arrived in various stages of exhaustion, hysteria or dedication, as the case may be, to be welcomed in the foyer of Marybrooke by the soothing strains of the theme tune. The air of peace and tranquillity was short-lived, however. Following a soul-stirring welcome, including salutations from Sir Edmund Hilary, we gathered ourselves in readiness for the assault — Training sessions to the uninitiated!

Patrol introductions were a riot, as always. Surely these would-be mountain climbers were not the same decorous, well-dressed, soignee-uniformed personnel of pre-dinner! One feels that important "titles", such as State Commissioner and Advisers, etc., will never kindle the same feeling of awe in our breasts again — we will need only to visualise said ladies acting out their Patrol mountain!

Campfire sent us on our way to bed feeling relaxed and glad we were part of the team. Some fellow-mountaineers reported hearing echoes from the valley, or was it tapping on the walls for "QUIET"?

Colours and prayers were listed on the programme for 8.15 a.m. No mention that the hardy few would be earlier still to practise that Horseshoe in the freezing mountain mist! Feelings were not improved by the sight of dressing-gowned mountaineers waving encouragement and advice from the cosy comfort of their bedrooms. It was at this point that the first rumblings were heard of that favourite weekend saying, "Guiding is a voluntary Movement"!

"Are we an outdoor Movement?" spurred us all to tackle the lower summit of the Janet Whitlam Campsite. In face of such an address who could remain wrapped in rugs before those glorious log fires and still be able to look our camping Guiders in the face when we returned to our District? So, with our honour at stake, we set off to inspect the model camp arranged for us by Mrs. de Marchi and her girls. Will we ever forget that stacked campfire, which was lit in our honour as we departed! The glow it kindled lit our own campfire that night, and set us in receptive mood for Peg Barr's

inspiring presentation of "In Meditative Mood".

Sunday — Guides' Own — a service of humility and simplicity. A sense of re-dedication summed up in the line of the hymn, "I would be giving and forget the gift".

The benefit of discussion groups and question time afforded us the opportunity to look over our old equipment and take an inventory of new, in readiness for the coming year of climbing those mountains.

The stiffest climb — "How to say those few words" — was an incentive and a spur — a spur to write these few words, yet failing miserably to carry out Peg's suggestion, "Know what to say, how to say it, and when you have said it." —L. McR.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CONFERENCE

The comfort and care arranged for us by the Conference Committee . . .

The message on our pillows which greeted our arrival — and the consequent discovery of the means of warmth and comfort to at least one "Commissioner" . . .

The lace which was visible in Room 61! . . .

Morning tea brought to my door — a special service I'm sure . . .

The effort put by the Guides into the preparation of the model camp at the Janet Whitlam site and their arrangements for us . . .

The horrified looks on some faces when confronted with that roving mike! . . .

The thoughts and effort the State Commissioner had put into her talk for our Guides' Own, which led us all to those wider horizons . . .

And the pictorial wide horizons we had been shown in the magnificent "Reverie" presented in sight and sound by Miss Peg Barr on Saturday night.

DISCUSSION GROUPS

1. Suppose you are trying to persuade someone to join the Movement. You tell her she would make a marvellous Guider or Commissioner, and say how much you, yourself, enjoy being in the Movement.

She replies, "You aren't being very specific. Give me three reasons why you are so keen on the Girl Guides?"

Q.: From an adult point of view, what are the three things you like best about Guiding?

2. (a) Originally Guiding, like Scouting, was learnt by experience. But with today's changed conditions, much of Guiding has to be explained, taught and learnt in theory. Of necessity, Guiding is now so streamlined that the girls absorb it, not necessarily better, but quicker. TRUE OR FALSE?
- (b) What is the minimum time an average teenager needs to be in Guides to absorb its principles and ideals?
- (c) Why does a girl join Brownies, Guides and Rangers. What is she looking for?

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION GROUPS—FINDINGS

The findings of the discussion groups show that the most popular items of the Guiding programme, and those things which attract people to the Movement, seem to be:—

Friendship; fun; character building on the Law and Promise; the wider horizons opened up to Guiders and children, bringing a feeling of world-wide sisterhood; and a fellowship with other races, creeds and colours.

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Most Patrols think Guiding is so streamlined girls are able to absorb it quicker, but some questions are asked as to whether or not this always allows them to absorb the true spirit of Guiding.

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With regard to the question of the time an average teenager needs to absorb the Movement's principles and ideals (a question we asked to clarify all our thoughts on the age group question), the answers ranged from one to three years — though one Patrol mentioned life! — but some stressed that it depended on the individual teenager.

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Suggested reasons as to why girls join the three branches of the Movement are:—

Brownies—Parental influence; uniform; the fact that their friends belong.

Guiders—Companionship; outdoor adventure; and the skills they can learn.

Rangers—Fulfilment of their personal needs; opportunities to meet the challenges of life; adventure.

AREA COUNCIL PINE PIXIES

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10th February, 1961.

Dear Mrs. Jones,—It has come to our attention that, although you have been leading a group of Pine Pixies for six months, you have not taken our training course.

The bulletin which accompanied your application clearly stated that all leaders must complete training within three months of the time they volunteered to take a group of girls.

The next series of classes will be held the second week of March. We will expect to see you in attendance then.

Sincerely,

Annabel Spinster,
Councillor.

Pine Pixies
Area Council.

Dear Madam,—I have already had five years of Cub Scouts, two years of Brownies and one year of 4-H. This adds up to eight years of working with leather, tin, aluminium, brass, copper, kids, cigar boxes, canvas, kids, and cardboard; eight years of bird-houses, ash trays, coat hangers, paper plates, bookmarks and kids.

I have gone on hikes, identified flora and fauna, warned against poison oak and nettles, put ointment on poison oak and nettles, chopped wood, put up tents, built fires in

the rain, cooked hamburger, onions, potatoes, apples and bananas in aluminium foil, made stew in tin cans, baked bread on a stick and with a reflector, put ointment on burns and policed camp-sites.

I have found lost rubbers, shoes, socks, pyjamas, parents, camps, coats, kids and candy bars; re-rolled sleeping bags, wiped runny noses, reassured homesick campers and concerned parents, bandaged skinned knees, stopped fights, worried over kids, egos and sibling rivalry, told stories and sung songs; hauled newspapers, magazines, parents, cookies, candy and kids.

I know why the fireman wears red suspenders, why the chicken crosses the road, that an embarrassed zebra is black and white and red all over; if you want a nickel suck a pickle; want a penny, kiss Jack Benny. I can sing "Long Years Ago There Was A Little Sailboat", "Old MacDonald" — with sound effects — and "Clementine".

Now if you still feel I need the leadership training I will be happy to attend classes any day but Monday (Cub Scouts), Tuesday (4-H), Wednesday (Happy Pixies), Thursday (Bluebird helper), or Friday, when I take a course on "Developing Will-Power", which I should have taken last year instead of "Taking an Active Part in Community Life".

Sincerely,

Mrs. L. C. Jones,
—by Mary O. Harding.

—With thanks, too, to our friends at
the "Canadian Guider"

ESSENDON NEWS

2nd Essendon's Marilyn Schaefer has become the District's first Queen's Guide for five years. At a special evening, Marilyn's parents and friends saw her walk down a candle-lit guard of honour to the Division Commissioner, who congratulated her and pinned the badge on her sleeve.

Also during the evening Glenda Charles was presented with her First Class Badge — only the second Guide in the Company to gain this badge for many years.

We wish Marilyn and Glenda well in all their future plans.

—J. Mills,
Captain, 2nd Essendon Coy.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

10th June, 1966.

Dear Miss Macartney,

I am commanded by the Queen to ask you to convey to the Queen's Guides of Victoria Her Majesty's warm thanks for their kind message of loyal greetings sent on the occasion of a Presentation Ceremony held at Government House on 7th May.

Her Majesty, as Patron of the Association, received this message with great pleasure.

Yours sincerely,
MARTIN CHARTERIS.

Miss B. M. Macartney,
State Secretary,
Girl Guides Association,
Victoria Branch.

SALUTE TO THE G.I.S.

Europe an embattled fortress, held by an implacable enemy. England fighting against almost overwhelming odds — the wail of sirens, the crash of bombs, the smell of fire, the clanging of ambulance bells. In this bitter climate the Guide International Service was born.

We in England knew that the Guides of Europe were starving, orphaned, homeless, being deported for forced labour, dying in concentration camps — and we cared. Our overwhelming concern was voiced by Mrs. Mark Kerr, International Commissioner at Headquarters, when she wrote in "The Guider": "We must look to the future. . . . Whatever happens, Europe will be left weak and exhausted, and will need an army of peace, an army mainly composed of women . . . ready to bind up the wounds and heal the infirmities of those who have suffered. For this destiny no preparation can be too arduous, no training can begin too early."

The flame of this inspiration spread through the length and breadth of the British Commonwealth. The call for volunteers brought an overwhelming response from Guiders, and the Guides themselves rose manfully to the challenge to provide the necessary funds. By August, 1945, the formidable target of \$200,000 had been reached and passed, through the work, ingenuity and self-denial of hundreds of Guides and Brownies throughout the world who used every means — baby-minding, gardening, giving up pocket money, collecting rose-hips, cycling a five-mile paper round before school, digging worms for fishermen — to raise the sum required. This fund enabled the teams to be sent out better equipped and to continue in action much longer than would otherwise have been possible.

Meanwhile, under advice from experienced relief workers, hundreds of Guiders who had volunteered for the "Guide International Service" undertook special training which would fit them "to do the impossible and to be prepared to meet the improbable." Self-training schemes aimed at strengthening self-control and endurance, and any available spare moment was used to gain wider experience of social work, languages, car driving and maintenance. Special emphasis was placed on preparing volunteers to meet

people suffering from all kinds of physical and mental distress, in mental homes, for instance, and in deaf and dumb schools. Trek-cart tests — peculiar to the G.I.S. — were carried out to check volunteers' progress and suitability, particularly as regards adaptability, good humour and physical stamina.

Thus, when the way opened and the call came, the volunteers were prepared and ready to accept all kinds of hardship; to face with steadfast courage all kinds of situations and problems — in fact to "do the impossible." Two hundred and forty-five volunteers from Britain and the Commonwealth went forth into the war-swept world — to Greece, Holland, Germany and Malaya. Among them were doctors, nurses, dieticians, drivers, cooks, child-welfare workers, teachers, and others. Of what they did it is not possible to tell in a short article. They did indeed achieve the impossible because they were prepared.

The G.I.S. team reaching Greece in January, 1945, found that its first job was to look after a thousand women under indescribable conditions — no sanitation or heating, and an urgent need for food and clothing. Within three days the volunteers had somehow provided for the basic necessities of this transit camp. Subsequent jobs included running soup kitchens for starving hundreds, organising milk distribution, establishing clinics, transporting truck loads of food from docks to distributing centres, taking food, clothing and medical supplies by pack-mule over well-nigh impassable tracks to burnt-out mountain villages; and at half an hour's notice arranging accommodation, food, water, fuel and light for a group of 250 soldiers, 36 women and 10 babies.

In North Holland the G.I.S. Mobile Hospital and Laboratory, the Kitchen and Canteen units, followed closely on the Army of Liberation. The G.I.S. were the first women's relief team to reach this stricken area, and their immediate job was making soup for thousands of starving Dutch and displaced persons near Arnhem.

Their next billets were in the former S.S. Officers' H.Q. of a concentration camp, deserted except for the hospital cases left behind. While Germans filed past to lay down their arms, the teams found much to

do here and, later, in Rotterdam, where their distribution of food, clothing and medical supplies helped the Dutch to help themselves. Not far away the Hospital and Laboratory teams, at 48 hours' notice, converted a school into a hospital where for four months they dealt with a typhoid outbreak.

The G.I.S. teams reaching Germany in June, 1945, found conditions chaotic. Now that the war was over, thousands of people from various adjacent countries, brought in as slave workers by the Germans, found themselves jobless and homeless, and relief teams faced unnerving responsibilities in the areas allotted to them. An immediate need was to give the uprooted people something to do in the enforced idleness of assembly centres. The G.I.S. organised workrooms and provided materials for tailoring, cobbling, sewing, kindergartens, playrooms and sports obtained from London with money from the G.I.S. Fund.

From all over the Guide world came hundreds of gift parcels with supplies of food and clothing which rationed Britain could not spare, also sewing and embroidery materials, stationery, crayons, knitting wool and needles (displaced persons had been unravelling flour bags and knitting jumpers on sharpened spokes from bicycle wheels). Food from gift parcels was issued for infants, seriously undernourished children, D.P. patients in tuberculosis hospitals, or for Christmas parties for children and old people. The extra clothing met countless urgent needs, especially for new-born babies and hospital patients.

Preventing an Epidemic in Malaya

A G.I.S. team of four from New Zealand had gone direct to Malaya to distribute urgently needed food and clothing to starving and destitute villagers there. An Australian team of four also went to Malaya, expecting to do similar work. On arrival, they were drafted to a jungle centre where they were involved in vaccinating hundreds of persons a day to prevent a smallpox epidemic from spreading from the border of Siam into Malaya, and treating cases of malaria, cholera, yaws and other tropical infections. Thousands of doses of a special drug sent by air from Australian G.I.S. enabled the team to save thousands of lives, including those of at least 3000 children.

From V.E. Day onwards an increasing number of G.I.S. teams were in Germany dealing with the needs of thousands of displaced persons of many nationalities who almost despaired of any permanent solution to their distress. Emigration schemes absorbed the young and healthy, and the volunteers helped solve the new problems for these and for those left behind.

Helping the Hard Core Cases

In 1950 the displaced persons became the responsibility of the German Federal Government, and the British relief societies withdrew, but 13 G.I.S. workers remained until the end of 1951 to do special welfare work concerning the tail-end of emigration. At this stage the G.I.S. Fund was still able to finance training courses for hard core cases to fit them to earn their own living, and for the seventh year in succession Christmas parties for children and old people of the hard core were made possible through hundreds of Guides sending gift parcels.

Ten of the volunteers left Germany on 31st December, 1951, and when the last three reached London at the end of March, 1952, the Chief Commissioner, Lady Stratheden, wrote:

"Many of us can remember the thrill with which we first read or heard of the proud venture of the Guide International Service. During these 10 years the whole Movement had been behind the G.I.S., and we had gone about our Guiding with even greater gladness and certainty of purpose because of their fine achievement. For it was the Guide training that prepared the G.I.S. volunteers to carry through the work they did, to cope with every situation and to deal with all the jobs that cropped up. Their work is really an expression of the Guide Law and a manifestation of the Guide spirit, and of the G.I.S. we can be, and are, most gloriously proud."

—From the "Courier", W.A.

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"ALL THINGS UNCERTAIN"

For more stories of the G.I.S., see the newly published book — available from the Guide Shop — "All Things Uncertain".

PUBLICATIONS '66

"BADEN-POWELL — TWO LIVES OF A HERO"

By William Hillcourt, with Olave, Lady Baden-Powell (Heinemann, London, 1964).

"Utterly noble and good and dear and wonderful, great and faultless. . . ." So wrote Lady Baden-Powell in her diary on the day of her husband's death, and so ends this biography of Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell, "Baden-Powell—The Two Lives of a Hero."

The book begins with the death of his father when B-P was only three, and ends with his own death in 1941 at the age of 83. As the title might indicate the book is in two sections — "Life Number One: Hero of Mafeking" and "Life Number Two: Chief Scout of the World". The first section includes his school days as well as his outstanding military experiences, and the second deals with all his Scouting experiences and his last years of retirement in Kenya.

It is essentially a biography and cannot be regarded also as a history of the development of Scouting and Guiding. But we can enjoy the personal bits and pieces that we are told about Lord Baden-Powell on occasions that are well-known landmarks in the history of our Movements.

Of its authenticity we can be absolutely certain. William Hillcourt is grateful to Lady Baden-Powell for her enthusiastic help (and is she ever without enthusiasm?) and for allowing him to use B-P's diaries, letters and sketches. Many of these sketches appear throughout the book. There are also 16 pages of photographs.

In a 40-page section at the back entitled "Sources and Notes" is invaluable information, and references are given for the more advanced "student" who would like to delve more deeply still into the life, work and thoughts of this great man.

It is a big book, but it is easy to read, and it has a very clear type face.

It would be thoroughly enjoyed by older Guides, members of the Senior Branch, and, of course, Guiders.

—Jill Suggett.



AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP CONVENTION, CANBERRA

Mrs. Steche, Australian International Commissioner, attended the last Convention as our representative, and I feel sure her report will be of interest to you. Mrs. Steche makes the following comments:—

"This Conference was most interesting and instructive, but my main thought was where our own widely spread organisation could help most effectively.

"The answer seemed to me to be that the greatest need of the migrant lay in the need for a friendly approach from Australians; help in adjusting to our customs and way of life; and, above all, help in learning the language. Just as in different parts of the world the Guides have carried out an 'Each One, Teach One' Campaign against illiteracy, could not every member of the Girl Guides Association, and in particular members of Trefoil Guilds and Local Associations, take for their next year's work an 'Each One, Teach One' Campaign?

"Through your local Good Neighbour Council make it your business to find the names and addresses of all the new migrants, make yourself responsible for one family. Bring them into your Guide activities and your other community activities, and so help them to adjust more quickly — at the same time learning from them of their customs and interests. I would recommend this especially to Local Association and Trefoil Guild members, as the greatest need for help lies in the older age group and especially the mothers of families — the children are quickly interested through their schools; the male members of the family at their work.

"A second point of discussion — the apparent lack of patriotism and show of pride in Australia — seemed to be something which our organisation, whose very roots are set in patriotism, should give some thought to furthering. I would like to have ideas from all over Australia as to whether, and in what way, our organisation (which is unfortunately in recess at the time of Australia Day each year) could urge, take part in, or give a lead to a greater outward show, as well as a more intense awareness of patriotism."



BRITANNIA PARK



Hymns

The Britannia Park Committee would like to thank all those who so kindly sent us their favourite hymn. We have received sufficient to make a nice little hymn book. Of necessity it must be small, as printing costs are so high. Therefore, those who sent in several hymns will understand that we can only print one. Will all donors please accept our thanks. We are most appreciative of their co-operation, but it would be impossible to thank everyone individually.

Our good friends, the Clarks of Preston, have been putting in some good work at Brownie Cottage again. Mr. Clark has painted the inside of the ablution block, and on the door Mrs. Clark has painted a delightful mural of Noah and the Ark and many of the animals going in two by two. It's worth a visit just to see both works of art. But if you do go to see it, please have a look at the waste paper tins in all the rooms. These were painted by the **young** Clarks, Linda and Carol, and I suspect even little Julie did her share.

All the floors in Guide House have now been sanded. I'm sure everyone will agree that the result is amazing. The floors are really quite pretty, and it is a tremendous improvement to the whole house. **Please**, Guiders, if you are resident in the house, and suddenly get a great urge to wash the floors, **don't** use a detergent. The man who sanded them says that a dry mop is all that is needed and a detergent will remove the gloss.

Two deep sinkers have been built below the car park — one for ladies and one for gentlemen. These are for visitors. We hope that day visitors will not now use the Guide House ablution block.

Another improvement is the rock border around the flagpole lawn. This has been done with great effort by one of our Committee members, and we are very proud of the result. We hope now that cars and buses will refrain from driving over the lawn.

So much gardening has been done, too, by others of the Committee. All sorts of lovely plants have been found struggling under a veil of honeysuckle. It's a monumental task to clear the honeysuckle from the herbaceous border, but at least a start has been made.

We never cease to be grateful for the help given through the Maintenance Fund. Almost everything we do, we say, "Well, we couldn't have done that without the Maintenance Fund." So, please keep it coming in. It's **your** property. We would like to thank the following for maintaining Britannia Park during the month of June:—

- 2nd—Lakes Entrance L.A.
- 3rd—Boroondara Division.
- 4th—1st Morwell Coy.
- 7th—1st Numurkah Coy.
- 10th—St. Arnaud Guides and Brownies.
- 11th—2nd Cheltenham Pack.
- 14th—1st Mentone Coy.
- 15th—1st Cheltenham Coy.
- 16th—1st Cheltenham Pack.
- 17th—Donald District.

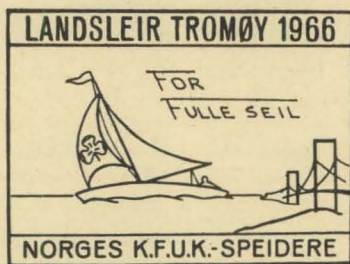
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NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAMP IN NORWAY

From Jocelyn Meade —

"The camp is now getting on its feet. . . . Most of us arrived at Arendal at 11 p.m. on Tuesday night, so Wednesday got off to a poor start! The camp was officially opened on Wednesday afternoon, when the flags of the 16 countries represented were raised. We were all welcomed 'aboard' this camp, which has as its theme, 'Full Sail'. The camp is divided into sub-groups or ships. All we foreigners are in the one ship — the 'Kon Tiki' — together with twice our number of Norwegian Guides.

"Last night we had a combined campfire on the nearby beach. The Norwegians entertained us with songs and items, but unfortunately it was also in Norwegian, which, of course, we did not understand.



"A reporter from the local paper interviewed us, and took our photographs — we feel quite celebrities. Last night our 'Kon Tiki' group had a campfire in English — about Norway, with singing and dancing. It was terrific. Today all the visitors are going on an excursion into Arendal, and tomorrow the entire camp is going on a hike — the whole 3700 of us."

GUIDE STAMPS FROM KOREA

"1966 marks the 20th anniversary year of the Girl Scouts of Korea, and also marks the formulation of plans to build a Girl Scout Centre, a headquarters and training



At the Korean Training.

office building. The building will be a centre for Girl Scouts and adult leaders; a centre for practising international friendship; a training centre for adult leaders; and will have an exhibit hall and auditorium which may be rented to give continuing financial support to cover operational costs of the Girl Scout programme.

"In honour of this 20th anniversary year our Government has kindly issued a Commemorative Stamp on 10th May, 1966, in the value of 7 won. We are hoping that some of our international stamp collectors, Girl Scouts and Guides, and world-wide friends, might like to have one or more of these commemorative stamps. All contributions received will go towards our goal, the Girl Scout Centre.

"The First Day Cover will be sold for \$U.S.1 each or with an order of 10 or more for \$U.S.0.60 each. Stamps will be sold for \$U.S.0.25 each or with an order of 10 or more for \$U.S.0.20 each. Our First Day Cover is limited in number. We may be excused by those who will order after the stock has gone."

So writes Mrs. Oknah Kim Lah, International Commissioner, Girl Scouts of Korea, and those interested in obtaining the covers and stamps should write direct to her — at P.O. Box 277, Kwangwhamoon, Seoul, Korea.

**SONG COMPOSED ON THE SOUTH
AUSTRALIAN SENIOR BRANCH
PROJECT, "BACK OF BEYOND"
(to the tune of "Waltzing Matilda")**

"BACK OF BEYOND"

Seven happy Rangers on the track to
Birdsville,
Many of the stories you will hear them say
Of the gibber, the sandhills, the mulga and
the bore drains

Where they did happily wash the dust away.

Back of Beyond, Back of Beyond,
Riding the track in trusty Yvette,
Seeing brumbies and kangas, emus, steers
and dingoes,
Happily travelling off the beaten track.

Jeff was the driver, thought himself a lucky
man,
Monday to Sunday he fared very well,
While Friday, the hostess made him cups of
coffee

Each time we stopped to rest for a spell,
Back of Beyond, Back of Beyond,
Riding the track in trusty Yvette,
Boiling up the billy, camping in the sandhills,
While happily travelling off the beaten track.

Camping on the stony ground, the sand or in
the river bed,
Sleeping, or snoring, or lying awake all night,
While dingoes prowled around and stars
shone brightly overhead,
Seven sleepy Rangers huddled closely side
by side.

Back of Beyond, Back of Beyond,
Riding the track in trusty Yvette,
Who wants a stretcher, who'll sleep on the
rocky ground?
We're happily travelling off the beaten track.

Birdsville, Innamincka, Cadelga, Gidgealpa,
Moonba, Lake Eyre, Wilpena, Parachilna,
Mulka, Cordillo, Leigh Creek and Maree,
Nappa Merrie, Coongie, and Andrewilla.

Back of Beyond, Back of Beyond,
Riding the track in trusty Yvette,
Strezlecki, Murnpeowi, the Knob and
Mullorina,
Let's go happily travelling off the beaten
track.

When we got to Birdsville, just imagine our
surprise,
The freight plane and the water pipes were
both broken down.

So it was no bread, no butter, not even any
water,
No films or cards, but only screeching cockes
in the town.

Back of Beyond, Back of Beyond,
Riding the track in trusty Yvette,
The men were all out mustering, there wasn't
even any dance,
So we went happily travelling off the beaten
track.

Listening to the stories Jeff told round the
campfire,
Hearing of people and things from our past,
We've all found out so much about Australia
Our memories of this trip we know will
surely last.

Back of Beyond, Back of Beyond,
Riding the track in trusty Yvette,
We came from Tassie, Victoria and S.A.
To go happily travelling off the beaten track.

—Margaret Smith, S.R.S. "Anzac".
June Parrott, S.R.S. Diamantina".

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FLYING UP

Brownies of Yea flew up to Guides re-
cently. Teresa Mahon, of 1st Pack, and
Janine Garlick, of 2nd Pack, had joined with
their Packs to plan and prepare the two
ceremonies.

The first caused much excitement, when
a little black and white pony came through
the door, with Teresa, Brownie wings and all,
on his back. He was very well behaved, and
took his rider round her Brownie friends
before taking her to meet the Guide Leaders.

Janine had to find her way, in the dark-
ened room, through a treasure hunt, the
clues of which were held by the Brownies,
until finally she broke through a barrier of
coloured streamers to find herself out of
Brownie Land and into Guiding.

Altogether it was a delightful evening,
with songs, games and comradeship shared
between Brownies and Guides.—J.P.

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18th—Mrs. T. A. Young.
19th—North Kew L.A.
22nd—3rd Yarraville Pack.
24th }
25th } Commissioners' Conference, 1965
26th }
30th—4th Cheltenham Pack.

THE DALLY

Leave the laundry, defer the dishes; come
Dally with the Div.
Waive the weeding, remand the reading;
come on, girls, let's live.
Every Guider loves to loiter; those in favour
say, "Aye"—
Oh, really, rally to the Dally 'neath a summer
sky.
Tarry on your sit-up-on; or listen while you're
prone,
You'll learn a lot, not care a jot, and you'll
not be alone.
Laugh a little, learn a little. Come on, girls,
have fun!
Come, Dally, Dally at the rally; it's for every-
one.
Relax and snooze or else amuse; come Dally
with the Div.
We're here to please and train in ease; come
on, girls, let's live.
Every Guider loves to loiter; those in favour
say, "Aye".
Oh, rally, rally to the Dally, 'neath a summer
sky.
You'll ne'er forget the friends you've met,
while dallying with the Div.
And you'll recall, the lessons all, and what
good Guiding gives,
Laugh a little, learn a little; come on, girls,
have fun.
Come, Dally, Dally at the rally; it's for every-
one.

To be sung — in key, please — to "Comin'
Thro' the Rye" — were the instructions from

the author, Mrs. Margot Jones, District Commissioner for Eaglehawk, to the Guiders of the Bendigo Division, who met at Rotary Youth Camp, Axedale.

The Chief Dallier — our Div. Commissioner, Mrs. J. R. Haughton — thought Guiders would prefer to dally, rather than rally, and the weekend grew from this. Some attended by the day and some slept (?) on the property overnight and every one of our 11 Districts was represented during the weekend which made the venture a wonderful success.

The Q.Ming. was done by four L.A. members from Eaglehawk, who were agreeably surprised when they found they were not expected to wash up, and the Guiders were agreeably surprised when they found they did not have to do anything towards the meals, which were delicious. So everyone was happy!

The smiling faces, continuous chattering and sounds of friendship and fun proved that the programme of discussion, wide game, hike, question box, campfire and Guiders' Own was just what the Guiders wanted and needed. The fact that this was a dally meant there was no hurry. If a discussion was interesting and unfinished, then it went on and the next item was missed out! The whole programme was subject to alteration, addition, amendment and scrapping!

All returned home refreshed and mentally stimulated, and we hope that next year more of our Guiders will Dally with the Div.

—Norma Young.

RETURN VISIT BY PRESTON

During the May holidays, Preston District Guides returned a visit by the Hawkesdale and Allansford Companies.

We were billeted by the Guides, and most of us were staying on farms out from Warrnambool.

Trips had been arranged for us, and we visited Tower Hill, where we saw the crater; Hall's Bridge; Warrnambool; and Port Fairy.

Everyone did enjoy the trip and their stay, and we would like to thank the Allansford Guides and their families for their kindness.

—Ann Millen, 4th Preston.

SOUTH SEA ISLAND THEME AT BROWNIE REVELS

The theme for this year's Brownie Revels at Numurkah was South Sea Islands, and the Hall was appropriately decorated with palm leaves, fruit, flowers, leis, shells, guitars and a collection loaned by Kelvin Cook.

About 180 attended from the 12 Packs — Waaia, Numurkah, Nathalia, Yarroweyah, Katunga, Katamatite, Strathmerton, Cobram and Katunga South.

The Brownie Ring was an impressive sight. The Toadstool was a harvester umbrella, painted with dots. To the strains of South Sea Island music, the hula-hula, hokey-pokey and daisy chains were executed, and proved very popular.

TRAINING PAGES



WOULD YOU LIKE TO WRITE A LETTER?

Writing letters is a skill; writing courteous letters is a social art worth developing.

Confucius said: "It is good manners which make the excellence of a neighbourhood. No wise man will settle where they are lacking."

One of the dangers in the growth of the democratic spirit is that people come to take bad manners as a demonstration of freedom from the discipline of non-democracy, having not yet learned that the power of the people has its duties as well as its liberties.

How can we define good manners? To be well-mannered is to do the thing you should do although you are not obliged to do it. This means being considerate of others, taking no unfair advantage, avoiding personalities that hurt people, and never being intentionally impolite.

The law touches us only here and there and now and then; manners vex or please us constantly.

Good manners include tact, the art of all arts. Tact means taking pains and some trouble to see that others are not neglected, and doing the kind thing in a pleasant way. Great leaders are tactful in dealing with people, taking many precautions which lesser men neglect.

Have you ever stopped to think how self-revealing your letters are? Socrates said to a young man who was introduced to him to have his capabilities tested: "Talk in order that I may see you." In their letters people reveal and picture themselves in all their individuality. Much of business today is done by correspondence. We may close the biggest deal without meeting the person with whom we transact the business. We must read his letter carefully so as to get his point, and write our own letters carefully so as to convey our meaning.

More than that, we need to write letters of goodwill. It is courteous to make it evident to your correspondent that you are writing him cheerfully and not as a chore.

You belittle your dignity if you allow a discourteous correspondent to set the pattern for your reply.

Nothing is so disarming to an angry opponent as composure.

When a man loses his temper he also loses his sense of dignity, his common sense, and his feeling for justice. It is a good rule, when you are so exasperated that you simply must get something off your chest, to hold over your letter for a second look tomorrow. Courtesy demands that you treat your correspondent's name and position and title with respect. Most people respect their names, and expect you to do so, too.

There is general agreement that if a letter is worth writing it is worth writing well, and no excuse should be allowed to interfere. A firm may spend millions of dollars to advertise its products, only to have some untrained, uninterested or thoughtless clerk spoil the effect by writing an uninspired or shoddy letter.

There is room for honest pride in the successful communication of ideas. To be good communication, your letter ought to benefit the reader; it should be written distinctly and clearly. Your words should be the most expressive that the language affords, provided they are generally understood. But there is more to it than that. Good letters are not merely the written record of information we desire to reach someone else. We are losing their greatest effectiveness unless we use them to influence people.

Good composition changes the writing of letters from a dull grind to an exciting exercise in which your mind gives life to your words. You cannot just pick up an incoming letter and start dictating a reply. Take a look at what you want to express and then think about how to put it down.

This is not a competition in which the winner is the man who writes most poetically, or most grammatically, or most fluently, or most ornately. It is one in which the prize goes to the person who can best guide

and inform and persuade. To give information is one function of a letter. To persuade to some action or belief is another function. To combine these in friendly language requires the greatest skill and a warm heart. All correspondence will adhere to the simple rules of common decency, but you can go further. Let your letters have something in them not common and ordinary. Just as small talk is necessary in social intercourse, so small talk is needed in a letter. It helps to bridge the gap between thought and thought; it brings down the technicalities and abstractions to the human level.

A sense of participation and sharing characterises successful communication, and this is helped when you convey something of your feelings and motives.

The great orator of ancient time, Cicero, left it on record that he always studied his adversary's case with as great, if not with still greater, intensity than his own. Cicero believed that he who knows only his own side of the case knows little.

When a troublesome suggestion has been made, re-state it clearly and simply for two reasons: to make sure that you are both writing about the same thing and to make evident your sympathy and understanding.

If someone has difficulty in taking in what you have written, think first whether what you wrote was as clear as you could have made it. The fault may be in yourself, and to change a fault in oneself is much easier than to change the intellectual capacity of another.

People require different periods for mental digestion, but everyone requires some time to assimilate what he reads. We should allow for this in our correspondence, and by simplicity of explanation make the digestive process easier. It is less difficult to move your correspondent from one point of view to its opposite by short steps than long ones. Show him that you have explored alternatives and have objectively analysed their possibilities and drawbacks.

Far from being evidence of cowardice, intelligent compromise is often the essence of courageous wisdom. When you yield on small points which are of concern to your correspondent he is likely to give in to you on points which are vital to your case.

We can say that the first thing a correspondent looks for in a letter is friendliness. Then he seeks some spark of emotional appeal or response. Next on the list, or perhaps it should be first, your correspondent requires that your reply be PROMPT. People may differ about the form a letter should take, how lengthy it should be, and many other points, but no one can successfully argue against the need for promptness in writing.

Some offices have the rule that all letters must be acknowledged immediately, even though action on them may be delayed. This courteous gesture serves to assure the reader that his letter has been received and will be given full attention.

If, in spite of all your efforts to be moderate and to compromise, you must disagree with your correspondent, do it gently. Above all, if you are in the wrong, admit it quickly and wholeheartedly. Instead of trying out an alibi, come right out and say, "You are entirely correct." One of Confucius' most famous sayings is that "A man who has made a mistake and doesn't correct it is making another mistake."

Courtesy is outgoing, seeking means for expression. The worst sin toward our fellow-creatures, said George Bernard Shaw, is not to hate them, but to be indifferent to them.

To praise good work or action is in some measure to take part in them. Because there are times when it is necessary to deal sternly with people take advantage of every opportunity to recognise and compliment them. When someone writes you a letter of particular charm or ready understanding, do not shy away from writing your appreciation.

In any discussion of letter-writing, someone is sure to bring up the question of the modern way of doing things. If we must choose between discourteous abruptness and the old-fashioned manners of courtesy, human relations will be happier if we lean toward the latter. Many schools have most lamentably neglected to provide pupils with alternative courtesy phrases to use instead of those which are condemned. Charm cannot exist without good manners. This does not mean slavishly following some rules, but using habitually manners polished by the continuous practice of kind impulses.

Courtesy makes you treat every man with such consideration that his memory of you will be pleasant.

Ralph Waldo Emerson expressed a true idea of courtesy in his "Conduct of Life": "Manners are the happy ways of doing things. If they are superficial, so are the dew-drops which give such a depth to the morning meadows."

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

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COMMONWEALTH OF NATIONS NEWS

The new edition of pamphlet No. 21 is now in the Guide Shop. The article on "Commonwealth Knowledge" has been re-written in line with the syllabus published last year, and is very good on the general position.

But wrong dates are given for Independence of Australia, Canada and New Zealand.

A correction slip will be inserted in all copies sold as soon as this can be arranged. It is printed here so that all who already have copies of the new "21" can use it.

Recent changes are also included here — one that occurred only last week (July, 1966).

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One of the most puzzling things in testing this badge is the feeling that a Guide has not the background knowledge to understand the words she is using.

The Commonwealth of Nations is concerned with the way countries are governed. Guides should grasp a simple basic idea of how countries are governed, so that they can use words such as Parliament, Head of State, Sovereign, President, Republic, as if they really know what they mean. This will, I am sure, lift the interest in earning the badge, especially in clause 1, and make it a springboard for going further, rather than something to be learnt by heart and written off.

The British Government Office, 330 Collins Street, is very courteous in giving information, but the supply of pamphlets is short, and they cannot give them to individual Guides. Captains or Commissioners may obtain them as far as they will go.

Whittaker's Almanac, current edition, is most useful for checking facts.

COMMONWEALTH KNOWLEDGE BADGE

Adjustment for Australia, and Recent Developments

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II holds several distinct positions.

For each distinct position a distinct title should be used.

As Queen of Australia, the title of Her Majesty is: Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom, Australia and her other realms and territories Queen. Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith. (In this title the "Commonwealth" means the Commonwealth of Nations.)

When discussing the Commonwealth the words "Head of State" are sometimes used. This means the "Head of a country", a complete, unified country. It is a special point for Australian Guides, because we use the word "State" to mean a unit in a Federation. The general use should be understood.

Recent Changes

Page 6: Last line, for "twenty-one" read "twenty-three".

Page 19: Add—Guyana 1966 Monarchy, Western Samoa Monarchy. Change—Malawi 1964 Monarchy to Malawi 1966 Republic.

Page 20: Omit—British Guiana, colony. The country is now Guyana.

NOTE — Page 19

For Australia, Canada and New Zealand the date of Independence should be 1931.

Full independence came gradually, by several stages. These countries had been self-governing Dominions for long but different periods, and were in all practical ways almost completely independent.

But this complete independence was stated clearly, recognised and approved by a law called the Statute of Westminster. This law was passed by the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and signed by King George V on 12th December, 1931.

Some of the countries did not bring the statute into use until it had been approved by their own Parliaments — Australia 1942, New Zealand 1947 — but the right to give or

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TRAVEL IN SAFETY

3. Overtaking

Road

On a two-way carriageway keep to the left of centre except when overtaking or when travelling in a lane signalled exclusively for the use of vehicle travelling in your direction. (Fig. 1).

On a carriageway with two or more marked lanes for vehicles travelling in the same direction, a vehicle may be overtaken on the left if conditions permit this to be done safely. (Fig. 2).

You may not drive on, over or to the right of double lines consisting of two solid lines. (Fig. 3). You may drive to the right of a double line if it consists of a dotted and solid line and the dotted line is nearer to you. You must not drive on or over or to the right of such a line if the solid line is nearer to you. (Fig. 4).

Do not proceed beyond the rear of a stationary tram unless a policeman or tramwayman directs otherwise or a traffic signal shows green; even then only pass at not more than 5 m.p.h. and when the roadways is clear of pedestrians. (Fig. 5).

Sea

A vessel may overtake another vessel on either side, but she must request permission first, or signify an intention to overtake, particularly in rivers and closed waterways. (Fig. 6).

Air

The pilot of an aircraft overtakes another on the starboard side just as cars do on the road. (Figs. 7 and 8).

—J.M.P.

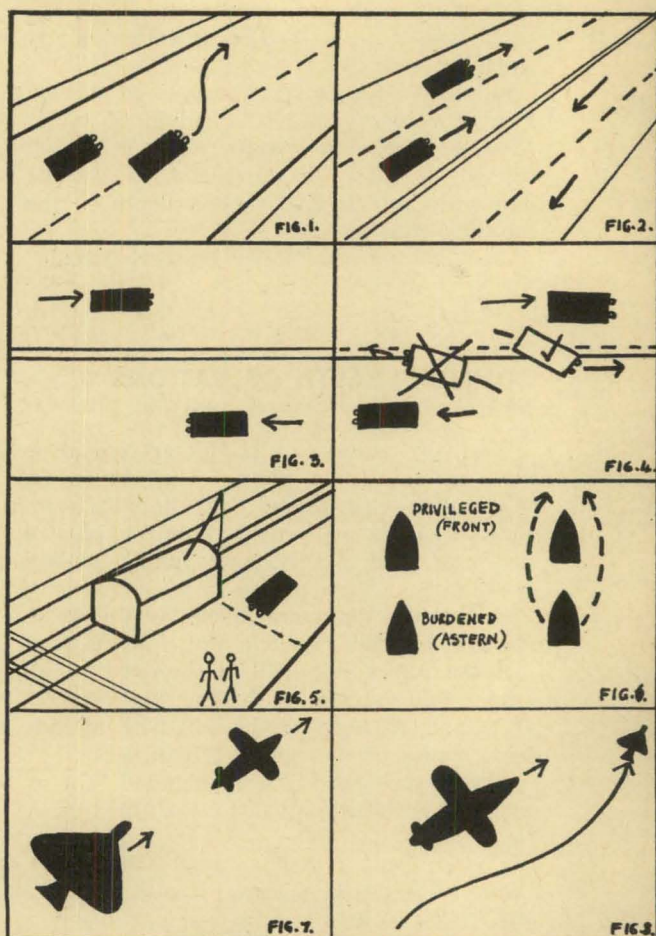
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withhold that approval was given in 1931, so it is simpler to use that date.

The dates given on page 19 are for Australia, Federation; Canada, Federation; New Zealand, responsible Government.

N.B.: This need not be learned by heart, but the rather complicated position should be understood in general, and can be grasped more easily if the details are set out for reference.



NEW BOOK ON BIRDS

"A Handlist of the Birds of Victoria". Victoria has long needed a handlist of the species found within the State.

This want will be remedied by the publication of this book by Mr. W. Roy Wheeler. The Victorian Ornithological Research Group is publishing the handlist. It will consist of 112 pages of a handy pocket size, and besides much information will contain a distribution map of each species. It will be available late in 1966 and will cost \$2, including packaging and posting. Orders may be sent to Mr. S. Cowling, c/o Fisheries and Wildlife Department, Melbourne.

Mr. Roy Wheeler is an authority on birds, particularly their distribution, and has spent many years gathering the information given in this book.

HE MAKES MAPS FOR BLIND SCOUTS

The following notes explain the work of Mr. Jack McLean, who is a voluntary helper at the Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind School, Burwood, Victoria. He is an instructor in the hobby of model trains, and developed the following mapping technique for the blind Scouts of 18th Box Hill Group:

As far as possible, blind Scouts carry out their training in a normal manner. Naturally, the inability to see things or of having seriously restricted vision leads the Scouters to make many improvisations and alterations in the conduct of the Troop. One of these concerns the use of maps for various purposes, such as general knowledge, and also for hiking to the standard of the 1st Class Hike.

The Troop has been fortunate in being in contact with one of the voluntary helpers at the school (and he thinks that he has been fortunate in doing what he believes is a fascinating task).

Over the last three years he has evolved a method of producing maps for blind people, and these enable the blind Scouts to at least know where places are, and on several occasions have enabled them to find their way about.

Our friend lightheartedly terms the process of constructing the maps, Tactile Carto-

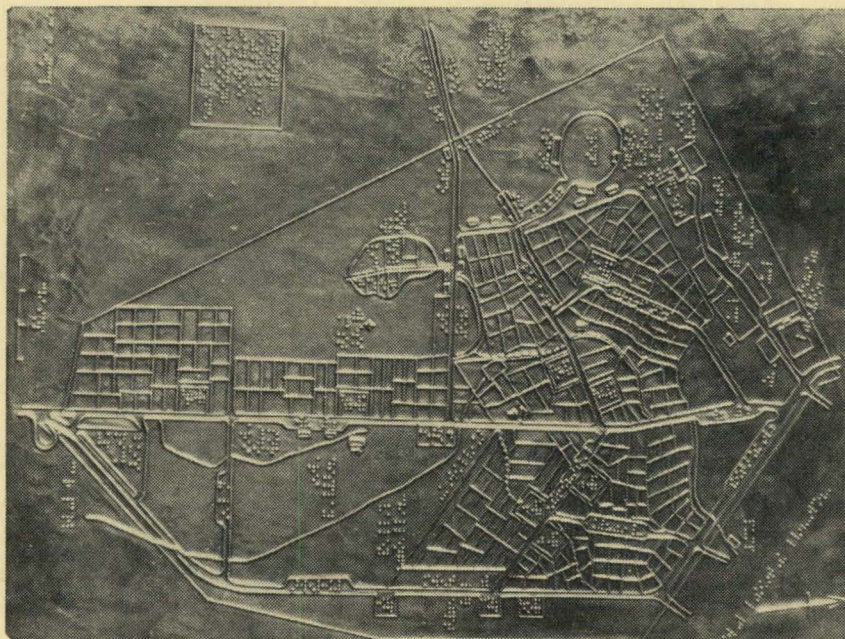
graphy, tactile being an adjective referring to the use of the sense of touch. Recently the preparation of these maps was the subject of an article in the Newsletter of the A. and N.Z. Teachers of the Blind, and extracts from the article may be of interest to Scouters elsewhere whose Troops include the visually handicapped.

The equipment and material used are as follows:—

1. Tracing paper.
2. 0.004 in. aluminium sheeting (85c per lb. equals 18 square feet).
3. Sheet of flat rubber $\frac{1}{8}$ in thick (at least the size of the map). Attached by tacking the edge to a flat board.
4. Ballpoint pen, preferably a dry one.
5. Sheet of Masonite slightly larger than map.
6. Glue such as "Goa 166".
7. Petrol.
8. Brush.

How Maps Are Made

The original map is traced in reverse on the tracing paper, and this is fixed by Scotch tape to the back of the aluminium. The tracing is then lightly drawn on to the aluminium with a ballpoint pen. The tracing paper is removed, and with the aluminium resting on the rubber, the faint lines of the aluminium are pressed in quite heavily with



a ballpoint dipped in water to lubricate the point moving across the metal surface, different information being given by changing the nature of the line (continuous, dashed, dotted, etc.) in the usual way.

Braille characters are pressed into the aluminium using the top part of a Braille guide, and a pencil or bone knitting needle as a style, the rubber yielding beneath the aluminium to allow the dots to protrude.

A proper Braille style tends to pierce the aluminium. When the aluminium drawing is completed (and proof read), the "Goa" is brushed on to the Masonite and the back of the aluminium to produce a thin film. The aluminium is then placed on the Masonite in its final position and pressed firmly down with wet fingers.

The Masonite is cut to shape and a handhold let in for ease of carrying. The "Goa" can be cleaned off the Masonite and the aluminium with petrol. Of the four of these maps made recently, one was Guide House, the Girl Guides Association's property near Yarra Junction.

One of the smaller Guides said afterwards, "It was terrific; we'd be walking down the track and the map would tell us that there should be a hut down on the left round the curve, and when we got there, there it was."

For Blind Scouts

Another map was made for the blind Scouts who were at the Jamboree at Dandenong and enabled one of the totally blind Scouts to find his way round the camp on his own. More than that, he was directing sighted people. A man came up to him and asked him where the N.S.W. H.Q. was. After orienting the map, he said, "Well, we're here now; there's the N.S.W. H.Q. there", and he pointed across the paddock to within a few degrees of where the H.Q. was. These incidents show that the maps were successful.

There have been other maps made since, and we feel sure that there will be more in the future.

And what did the Scouts do in return for this cartographic effort? They gave the map-maker a black eye while playing "British Bulldog". —From "The Victorian Scout"

THE METROPOLITAN RANGERS, 1930

In the 1930's there were increasing numbers of Ranger Companies in Melbourne and suburbs, but some had small membership, which made it difficult to get outside lecturers or demonstrators unless a reasonably numerous audience could be assured. So a Central Committee was formed representing all the existing Ranger Companies to organise combined events, such as swimming sports, basketball competitions, debates, a Rangers' Own Service, a Ranger Dinner, visits to places of interest and other subjects included in the prescribed Ranger syllabus, which was at that time very varied.

Believe it or not, at the end of each circular issued by this Central Committee was the note: "A charge of one penny per person will be made to defray expenses."

On one occasion the Committee ran a very successful Picture Night at Kelvin Hall, showing slides taken by Miss Meek (N.S.W. Head of Rangers) and others. The proceeds were in aid of "the Ranger Room at the Camp House". Admission prices were 1/- and 1/6. Guides in uniform half-price.

—F.V.B.

GO BACK

"God of the hills, grant me strength to go back to my Guiding without faltering; strength to go back to my task without tiring, and with enthusiasm; strength to help my Guides who may need me.

"God of the seas, grant me Thy peace in fulness, peace to bring into this world of hurry and confusion; grant me self-control for the unexpected emergency, patience for the wearisome task and content to do small things.

"God of the stars, may I take back the gift of friendship, of love of all; fill me with a great tenderness for the needy person.

"God of the earth, grant that I may remember the laughter of sunny days, that I may live the truth which Thou has taught me."

—Courtesy of "Coo-ee" and "Courier".



Road maps tell a motorist everything he needs to know . . . except how to fold them.—"Woman and Home".

KNOW YOUR COMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION OF THE SENIOR BRANCH



The Senior Branch is normally administered by the Branch Adviser, who works with and on the advice of the Senior Branch Committee. This Committee is comprised of five Senior Branch Guiders elected annually at Branch Time at the Guiders' Conference, and five Rangers or Cadets elected annually at the Senior Branch Conference/Camp, with the Adviser in the chair. (As these two functions take place at different times in a year there can never be a complete changeover of all the Committee at once.) Originally one of these members acted as Secretary, but it was found that in practice this deprived the Committee of her advice and opinions, and prevented her doing the job for which she was elected; now the Conference/Camp calls for a volunteer to offer to be Minute Secretary, so in all 12 people attend the meetings. The Committee meets every month at Headquarters, and a rough outline of its job would be:—

1. Endeavouring to implement all decisions made at the annual Conference/Camp.
2. Endeavouring to implement requests arising from time to time from conferences, gatherings, sub-committees, units or individuals.
3. Dealing with requests from outside

organisations for assistance, or invitations from them, or negotiations with them on joint projects.

4. Making decisions on policy matters referred to the Branch from Victorian Headquarters, where it is either not possible or not necessary to refer these to a full Branch Conference. (These include shop queries, Australian, overseas and local matters.)
5. Arranging a roster of future fixtures in accordance with suggestions made by conferences, gatherings, or units, or as the Committee itself may suggest and approve.
6. Reminding "Conveners of functions" of their responsibilities as regards audited accounts, publicity, etc.
7. Being responsible for the administration of all Branch finances.
8. Arranging for regular training articles in "Matilda".
9. Advising the Training Department of Senior Branch training needs in the State.
10. Checking and editing all proposed amendments to P.O.&R. that involve the Branch or instigating such amendments.

—A. F. Rylah,
Senior Branch Adviser.

BROWNIE REVELS

Wattle Park, Bennettswood and Surrey Hills Brownies joined together in Wattle Park to enjoy Brownie Revels. The theme was Victorian wildflowers, and 120 Brownies attended on a rather cold but fine morning.

After games, cordial and biscuits (in the shape of flowers — made by the hard-working Wattle Park L.A.), the Brownies made paper flowers to decorate the magic trees which became toadstools for our Brownie Rings. We were very happy that the Region Commissioner, Division Commissioner for Box Hill South and the District Commissioners were all able to attend and have fun with the Brownies.

—L. Perrins,
Brown Owl, 1st Wattle Park Pack.

NEWS FROM WATTLE PARK L.A.

Members of the Wattle Park Local Association recently held their monthly meeting at an unusual venue. The site was Britannia Park, our lovely home and campsite. After the meeting members of the L.A. took part in a working bee, helping to paint the B.P. Hut.

—M. Pressley.



Overheard at a formal dinner party:

Very important Italian gentleman: "Will they not soon have the 'Loyal Toast'? It is that I wish to smoke."

The lady on his right: "Stop fidgeting. It won't hurry things on. You must learn self-discipline!"

V.I.I.G.: "Pfift to 'self-discipline'! I am not a 'Boy Guide', me!"



THE W.A. STATE FLORAL EMBLEM — THE KANGAROO PAW

By notice in the Government Gazette on 18th November, 1960 Mangles Kangaroo Paw (*Anigosanthos manglesii* D. Don) was declared the State Floral Emblem.

The proclamation (signed on 9th November, 1960) reads as follows:—

"WHEREAS it has been made appear to me, the Lieutenant-Governor, desirable that a floral emblem be adopted as an emblem of the State of Western Australia and further that such emblem ought to be the flower of the plant known as the Kangaroo Paw and more fully described as *Anigosanthos Manglesii* D. Don; NOW THEREFORE I, the Lieutenant-Governor, acting with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, do hereby declare that the flower of the plant known as the Kangaroo Paw and more fully described as *Anigosanthos Manglesii* D. Don be adopted and recognised as the floral emblem of the State of Western Australia.

"Given under my hand and the Public Seal of the said State at Perth, this ninth day of November, 1960."

By His Excellency's Command,
DAVID BRAND, Premier.

Mangles Kangaroo Paw was first collected in the Swan River colony in the early years of its settlement, and was described by D. Don in 1836.

It is a low sub-shrub, with leaves one to two feet in length, sometimes more; rather broad and tapering to an acute apex.

The flowering stem may reach three to four feet in height and bears a number of large flowers at its summit. Occasionally it may fork. The stem is with woolly hairs of a deep red or purple colour, while the hairs on the flowers are of a metallic green with the exception of the swollen base, where they are of the same red or purple as the stem. Sometimes the base of the flower may be yellowish in colour.

Mangles Kangaroo Paw occurs naturally from the Murchison River in the north to the vicinity of Busselton in the south and eastwards to Lake Muir, occurring in sandy

soil. In the Darling Range it is common on laterite soils, while in a small form it extends eastwards as far as Merriden. The species is common in King's Park, Perth, and in the surrounding bushland.

Flowering usually commences in August and extends through to early October, although in some years and in some localities it may commence before August and extend into late October.



Unique

The uniqueness of the Kangaroo Paw has been maintained because of the geographical location of Western Australia. On the south, west and north the State is surrounded by ocean, and on the east by the desert areas of the Nullarbor Plains, and, further north, desert. These areas have proved impassable for most species which might otherwise have invaded the area.

Whilst much of the Australian flora has experienced changes due to climatic variations, and even oceanic submergences, the south-west of Western Australia has remained untouched through millions of years. As a result many plant families have evolved in an unchanged habitat and reached a state of development quite different from plant life in other areas. Western Australia's primitive forms of plant life have survived in the plants as we know them today, and with these have developed more specialised examples which evolution has produced.

This survival through the ages has not been encouraged by genial climatic conditions, good soils or other favourable factors. In fact, the contrary applies, since many of the most highly developed and colourful ones are located in the poorer and gravelly inland tracts.

—By courtesy A. C. Waldon, Western Australian Tourist Development Authority.



This picture comes to us from the N.S.W. "Waratah", and shows the scene at the recent "Cavalcade of Colour" display by the Movement at the Sydney Showground.

EXECUTIVE NOTES FOR JUNE, 1966

The Australian Council meeting, to be held in Adelaide in August, was the first item on the June Executive Agenda.

Victoria will be represented by Mrs. J. R. Price, State Commissioner; Mrs. R. Gray, Assistant State Commissioner; and Miss Peg Barr, Organising Secretary, as delegates, and Mrs. Shirley Farrow and Miss Margaret Shaw as observers.

A Special Meeting of the Executive was held later in June to discuss the agenda for the Australian Council Meeting.

Questions relating to the Victorian Constitution were discussed, in line with a request from the Chief Commissioner of the Commonwealth, to show the emergence of the Girl Guides Association of Australia and the fact that we are linked within that framework.

Training qualifications for Commissioners were discussed also. This is a subject

raised by the Australian Training Committee for discussion by all States. Training, too, was to the fore, with a request from Nauru for a trainer to visit that island. Victoria is, of course, responsible for the administration of Guiding in the island of Nauru.

Reports were received from the various Sub-Committees, including the recently reformed Uniform Sub-Committee, which has already found much to discuss.

Members of the Executive Committee read with interest details of the Scout and Guide Stamp Society of Australia, and further particulars relating to the World Conference to be held in September, 1966, and the Commissioners' Conference, Victoria, held in June, 1966.

The Annual Report from the Liaison Commissioner for Nauru was read with much interest, and appreciation for the work done by Mrs. Proudfoot.

THE UNDERSTATEMENT OF THE YEAR

- From the Wellington Plains to Lake Tali Karng to the Tamboritha Road, the Senior Branch held a Roving Hike over Easter.
- One Rover Leader, two Rovers, two Guiders and 29 Rangers and Cadets, of whom seven had never been on a hike of any sort and 13 had never been on an overnight hike.
- A bus from Morwell to the Wellington Plains, and first it was, "Look! I can see snow on that hill!" and then it was, "There's snow by the road. Oh, can't we get out and just stand in it? I've never seen snow!" and then there was snow all around us and coming steadily down, and the Rover Leader stopped his car and came back to the bus to say that he would have to take his car back or he might never get out, and he would advise us to abandon the hike in these conditions. . . . But it was up to us, and we could have his two Rovers, who knew the way.
- Abandon the whole project! It had to be thought about sensibly and carefully. There were a lot of inexperienced girls in the party, but, on the other hand, there were also four Seniors with their Disaster Badge who had been trained for just this sort of thing — helping inexperienced people to cope under emergency conditions when it would have been simple to look after themselves instead.
- SO, on the strength of those four girls — Lyn Matthews (formerly of Stradbroke Cadets and now Ringwood Rangers), Heather Bell (Ringwood Rangers), Robyn Riddett (Stradbroke Cadets) and Jenny O'Malley (of Stradbroke Cadets, who has one clause to go before completing the badge) — we abandoned the comfort of the bus and set out into the steadily falling snow.
- No one had expected this sudden cold snap (this was Good Friday, remember?), and everyone had tried to come as light-weight as possible, but at least everyone had raincoats or parkas and trousers; the one lass who had ignored the kit list and come without a raincoat because she "didn't have one" was saved at the last minute from being sent back in the bus — someone had brought parka and waterproof trousers AND a raincoat! How

enviously everyone eyed the ones who had brought gloves and what a ribbing the Adviser got for having warned in the circular that "fire restrictions could be re-imposed over Easter as they were in 1964".

- So we made camp in the snow, and it went right on snowing. Leave your pack while you dug for firewood and got a fire going, and you couldn't find it again till you kicked all the hummocks to find which were snow right through and which one was just snow covering your pack. It was too risky to let anyone go for water in case they got lost, so we learned the hard way that, when you had boiled a billyful of snow you had just one inch of water in the bottom of the billy to show for it, and had to fill up again . . . and again . . . and again. And we learned that nylon ropes get so stiff and slippery in such cold that they won't hold, and that camera shutters freeze and won't click, and that when your hands get white patches on them it's time to go and warm them at the fires, and that girls who have passed the clause in the Disaster Badge that says, "Lay and light a fire in wet weather or snow using matches only", really CAN DO IT!
- This was where that warning about possible fire restrictions turned out to be useful — everyone had at least one meal that didn't need fiddling with and cooking, but could be bolted down with a hot drink while tents were put up with frozen fingers — and so to bed. You didn't get UN-dressed (except for boots and belt), you put on everything you had before you crawled into your sleeping bag, and, even so, it was a long night for most!
- Next morning we woke to an unbelievably white world with snow weighing down every branch, piled up on every billy lid and forming a solid casing for every tent, but no more was falling, so we took time for a hot breakfast before we packed up. (Ugh! those freezing, sopping tents!) and set off through fresh, powdery snow only marked by the tracks of birds that had been about before us. A white, clear vista that few of us had ever seen before, and most would never see again, so cold that the tears ran down your cheeks and you kept your hands tucked inside your

sleeves. Oh, for those gloves you had so carelessly left behind because you wouldn't need gloves in APRIL!

- Out of the snowline by lunchtime and in sight of the lake; joined by the Rover Leader who must have started very early to hike 16 miles alone to join us. He didn't say, but I think he was a bit relieved to see us.
- Camp that night beside a beautiful mountain stream on a perfect site with a big campfire to keep us warm as we sang and sang again. That day we had discovered what we were to prove even more painfully the next day — that while it may be exhausting to haul your way up a steep hill with a pack on your back, it is even worse coming down the other side. You may wish for another pair of lungs going up, but you definitely need a spare pair of knees coming down!
- Time was when we used to think on hikes one crossed streams by bridges or stepping stones or convenient fallen logs; the last day we learn different. When there are 16 rivers to cross you just wade through them, boots and all, and go on hiking. For a time you go squelch, squelch, with each step and your feet feel lovely and cool; by the time they begin to dry out and get hot again . . . there's another river to cross! All this time we had been hiking through the great ranges of Victoria and the scenery was unbelievably beautiful and unforgettable, but I wonder if any sight was as lovely as that of the bus when we reached it! On the way up it had just been — you know — an ordinary bus. This time it was a haven of forgotten luxury with padded seats and all, and, above all, it moved you up (and down) hills without any effort on your part.
- And so to Morwell, where, after a quick tidy up, the Catholics went to Mass and the Anglicans to Evensong in a most beautiful new church banked with Easter flowers, where, after the service, the Minister — understanding we had been unable to make our Communion that morning — held a private Communion Service for us that none of us will ever forget.

- And so back to the Hall for, believe it or not (the Senior Branch are TOUGH!), country dancing and singing until we settled down to sleep round a huge fire on a floor that felt (I swear it!) like an inner spring mattress.
- So these were the girls we have christened "The Snow Bears", pledged whenever and wherever two of them meet to offer one another a seat because to sit down was what everyone most wanted to do for three days. In the face of unexpected and quite severe hardship — never a complaint in the course of a long and tough experience, never a cross word, coping with a challenge far beyond their expectations, with aching backs and quivering legs (I don't doubt, though I was never told) with blistered feet, they met it all with a laugh and a joke and a determination to see it through.
- Let's sum it up in the words of one girl on Saturday night. She had woken in the snow in a pup tent almost buried in snow. She had hiked over a most gruelling course all day carrying a most unsuitable and far too heavy pack. She had never been on a hike before and had been in Rangers only FIVE WEEKS, and as she looked at the campfire that night, she said: **"This has been the most wonderful day of my whole life. I'll never forget a minute of it!"**

And "the understatement of the year"? The note added to the kit list by the Local Conveners for the hike, S.R.S. "Parramatta": **"It can be quite chilly in the hills at this time of year".**



THE BROWNIE SMILE

A Brownie smiles when things go right,
And makes the dulllest day seem bright.
A Brownie smiles when things go wrong,
And tries to laugh or sing a song.
You'll see it nearly all the while,
That extra special BROWNIE SMILE.

—Elves' Corner, 2nd Morwell East.



SEA RANGERS' DEBUTANTE BALL

Flags of many nations draped the walls of Kernot Hall in Yallourn as nine pretty Australian girls, from five different countries, made their debut at the Yallourn Sea Rangers' first Debutante Ball.

All debs. are S.R.S. "Parramatta" members.

In individually styled, long, white frocks they entered the hall through a stage decorated as a ship's quarterdeck, with highly polished bell, wheel and binnacle, lent for the occasion by the Victorian Sea Cadet Unit, T.S. "Latrobe".

Each deb. wore a sparkling tiara and carried a small posy of artificial flowers in cornflower blue, with royal blue satin ribbons the colour of the Sea Ranger Badge.

Other members of the Crew acted as doorkeepers and stewards in their crisp Sea Ranger uniform.

Led by a tiny flower girl and a page boy

in full naval mess uniform, the debs. were presented to the Minister for Lands, Hon. J. C. M. Balfour and Mrs. Balfour. The nine debs., as they were introduced by the Master of Ceremonies (the Yallourn Group Scoutmaster), were: Eva Koza, from Poland, now of Morwell; Zofi Korab, from Germany, now of Moe; Annette Graski, of Moe; Gwenda Gill, of Morwell; Barbara Whitby, from England, now of Newborough; Moira Hunter, from Scotland, now of Newborough; Florence Ham, of Yallourn North; Colleen Hibbert, of Newborough; Beryll Davis, from England, now of Newborough.

After the presentation the debs. and their partners took part in an exhibition tangoette, in which they had been trained by Mr. and Mrs. Stredder, of Moe, with the help of Skipper and her husband.

—Block and story from Gippsland Newspapers Pty. Ltd.

WALTZING MATILDA

Words by A.B. Paterson.

Music by Marie Cowan.

Brightly.



Once a jolly swagman camped by a billabong



Under the shade of a coolibah tree, And he sang as he watched and



waited till his billy boiled You'll come a-waltzing, Matilda, with me!



Waltzing Matilda, Waltzing Matilda, You'll come a-waltzing, Mat



ilda, with me And he sang as he watched and waited till his billy boiled



You'll come a-waltzing, Matilda, with me.

Down came a jumbuck to drink at the billabong,
Up jumped the swagman and grab'd him with gloe,
And he sang as he stowed that jumbuck in his tucker bag,
You'll come a-waltzing, Matilda, with me.

Up rode the squatter mounted on his thorough-bred,
Up rode the troopers, one, two, three,
'Where's that jolly jumbuck you've got in your tucker bag?'
You'll come a-waltzing, Matilda, with me.

Up jumped the swagman and sprang into the billabong.
'You'll never take me alive,' said he,
And his ghost may be heard as you pass by that billabong.
'You'll never take me alive,' said he.



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"Waltzing Matilda" — Words by A. B. Paterson; music by Marie Cowan. Published by permission of Allan & Co. Pty. Ltd., Melbourne.

NOTICES

ALL-AUSTRALIA GUIDE CAMP

An All-Australia Guide Camp will be held at "Kindilan", Queensland, from 13th-20th May, 1967. Victoria has been allotted 75 places for Guides at this camp.

Guides attending must be at least 13 years of age, be Second Class and have camped before.

Camp fee will be \$18 (this includes transport from Brisbane to camp and excursions) plus fares Melbourne to Brisbane and return. (Concession fare approximately \$12 for Guides under 16; \$17 for Guides over 16 and still students.)

Preliminary application forms for **selection** for this camp are available from Camping Secretary on receipt of a **STAMPED, ADDRESSED ENVELOPE**.

IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO LEAVE MELBOURNE FOR QUEENSLAND SEVEN OR EIGHT DAYS BEFORE THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS START. GUIDES WHO CANNOT GET THIS LEAVE CANNOT APPLY FOR THE CAMP.

—B. D. McNally, Camping Secretary.

Staff

A limited number of staff will be required for the All-Australia Camp in Queensland. Guiders interested should send a **STAMPED, ADDRESSED ENVELOPE** for application form for **SELECTION** to attend this camp.

Camp fee will be \$9 PLUS fares Melbourne to Brisbane and return (concession fare approximately \$23).

—B. D. McNally, Camping Secretary.

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CAMPING DEPARTMENT Campcraft Training

If applications warrant it a Campcraft Training Course will be held at Britannia Park from Monday, 17th October, to Friday, 21st October, 1966.

Cost: \$6.75, plus transport.

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

Applications close 15th September.

WE, US & CO.

YOU ARE A SHAREHOLDER!

Shareholders' Meeting,
22nd October, 1966

WANTED

Stenographers who would be willing to help in taking minutes at the Guiders' Conference on 22nd October, 1966. Any Guider able to do this is asked to contact Miss Gwenda Camm, 4 Banksia Avenue, Beaumaris. Telephone 99 2565.

CAMPCRAFT TRAINING

Barwon Region have organised Campcraft Training, and trainings will be held at the Myers Street Guide Hall and at Tallawalla in September, October and November.

23rd September: 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. at Myers Street Hall, Geelong.

24th September: 2 to 5 p.m., meet at Myers Street Hall, Geelong.

8th-9th October: Arriving 10 a.m. at Tallawalla. Trainees only.

15th-16th October: Arriving 10 a.m. at Tallawalla. Trainees plus Q.M. plus eight Guides.

5th-6th November: Arriving 10 a.m. at Tallawalla. Trainees only.

11th November: 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. at the Myers Street Hall, Geelong.

Guider-in-Charge: Miss H. Carnegie.

Applications, on the blue training form, to the Camping Secretary, Mrs. B. D. McNally, Girl Guides Association, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne, by Monday, 12th September, 1966.

Fee for full series \$10.50. or camp \$3.50 per head per camp; 20 cents per meeting at Hall. Fees (correct amount) payable first session. please.

Although this training is organised by Barwon Region, interested Guiders from other Regions may apply.

NOTICES

HEADQUARTERS TRAINING COURSES

Guide Pre-Warrant — 7.30 to 10 p.m.

Tuesday, 20th and 27th September; 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th October; 1st and 8th November. Nominations close 10th September. Fee 75c. Trainer: Mrs. D. James.

Guide, Warranted — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Friday, 23rd and 30th September; 7th, 14th, 21st October. Nominations close 13th September. Fee 75c. Trainer: Miss M. Lambe.

Commonwealth Knowledge (one day only)

Thursday, 6th October. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (one hour lunch). Nominations close 26th September. Fee 20c. Trainer: Miss M. Lambe.

Campfire Leaders' Training — 7.45 to 9.15 p.m.

Wednesday, 5th October or 19th October. Nominations close 18th September; fee 20c. Nominations close 9th October; fee 20c. Trainer: Miss P. Barr.

Details of Headquarters Brownie Warranted and Pre-Warrant Courses will be published in the Commissioners' Newsletter in August and September.

October Training Week

Britannia Park — 14th-21st October.

Guide and Brownie Warranted Guiders. Training will be on special subjects — First Class, Bushcraft, etc. — for Guide Guiders and Handcrafts and Miming/Drama for Brownie Guiders.

Nominations should reach the Training Department by 14th September, together with the fee of \$8. If, for any reason, a Guider has to cancel her application the fee will be refunded if at least seven days' written notice is given to the Training Department.

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THE ANNUAL WILDFLOWER-NATURE SHOW

will be held on

5th, 6th and 7th September, 1966
in the

LOWER MELBOURNE TOWN HALL
10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Admission:

Adults 25 cents, Children 5 cents



LIGHTWEIGHT CAMPCRAFT FOR SENIOR BRANCH GUIDERS

A training in lightweight campcraft for S/B Guiders will be held on the weekend of 24th-25th September, 1966, in the Dandenong area. Cost for the weekend is \$1.50, plus fares. Hike tents will be available for hire.

For full details see the Senior Branch Circular, or enquire from the Camping Department, Girl Guides Headquarters, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne, for application forms and further information.

—Cynthia Walker, Guider-in-Charge.

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CONGRATULATIONS to the recipients of the following Awards:—

Thanks Badge:

Mr. F. Bates, Wesburn.
Lions Club, Cobram.

Long Service (Local Association):

Mrs. J. Maughan, Kew.

APPOINTMENTS

Region Commissioner:

Mrs. J. R. Wells, North Metropolitan.

Division Commissioners:

Mrs. W. R. Allan, Outer Southern Suburbs; Mrs. J. Gaughwin, Bass.

District Commissioners:

Mrs. A. R. Montrose, Yarrowonga; Mrs. J. C. De Angelis, Sunbury; Mrs. C. W. Goldsworthy, Kaniva.

RESIGNATIONS

Division Commissioners:

Mrs. J. Wade, Geelong; Mrs. J. D. Searby, Lowan.

District Commissioners:

Mrs. M. Carter, Katunga; Mrs. M. Ellis, Highett; Mrs. R. Dowley, Dareton.

WARRANTS

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Miss B. Angow, 1st Avoca; Mrs. C. Murray, S.R.S. Stuart; Mrs. E. McIntosh, 1st Newborough; Mrs. R. Balmer, 2nd Pascoe Vale South; Mrs. T. D. Craig, 2nd West Heidelberg; Miss Z. Martin, 7th Ballarat; Mrs. B. Ware, 1st Maidstone; Mrs. M. Toma, 9th Geelong; Mrs. W. Nicholls, 2nd West Reservoir; Mrs. J. McLeod, 2nd Seaford; Mrs. B. McMillan, 2nd North Kew; Miss R. Smith, 1st Woorinen South; Mrs. A. Scott-Branagan, 2nd Kew; Miss S. Cole, 3rd Richmond; Mrs. L. A. Saligari, 1st Maffra; Miss S. MacLeod, 6th Victorian Lones; Mrs. A. A. Taylor, 1st Croydon Ranger Coy.; Miss L. Beavin, 3rd Wangaratta; Miss C. C. Baker, 4th Caulfield; Mrs. G. C. Appleby, 2nd Black Rock; Mrs. R. Law, 1st Chelsea; Mrs. D. M. Marsden, 1st MacLeod; Miss J. V. Anwin, 1st Balwyn; Mrs. M. Swaine, S.R.S. Cerberus.

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Brown Owls:

Mrs. I. M. Carter, 3rd Montmorency; Mrs. L. A. Durie, 1st Wycheproof; Mrs. J. L. Hardie, 2nd Deepdene; Mrs. F. R. Ellis, 1st Preston; Mrs. J. W. Fitzmaurice, 1st Plenty; Mrs. E. Thorpe, 1st St. Albans; Mrs. B. C. Loveday, 2nd Noble Park; Miss M. Capewell, 1st Elmore; Mrs. V.

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1st HORSHAM GUIDE COMPANY'S TRIP TO TASMANIA

Fifteen very excited girls from the first Horsham Guide Company, with four leaders, left by train for Melbourne. This was the first stage of our long-awaited trip to Tasmania — and that evening we left for Hobart by plane from Essendon Airport. For most of the girls it was their first plane trip, and we all enjoyed it very much except for one slightly green C.A.

The next morning, after leaving our guest house, which was situated close to the city itself, we visited St. David's Cathedral, where we climbed 153 steps up the spiralling bell tower. We also visited the Model Tudor Village, which was extremely fascinating. We went on an afternoon tour to Mt. Wellington, passing many old buildings and places of interest en route. At the summit of Mt. Wellington it was absolutely freezing. Next day we visited the Blowhole, Tasman's Arch, the Devil's Kitchen, the Tesselated Pavement and Eaglehawk Neck, as well as going on a tour of the old Penal Settlement at Port Arthur. On Thursday morning we followed the Derwent River 22 miles by bus to New Norfolk, where we visited two very old churches. There were many hop fields along the river. We had lunch, including fresh wild strawberries and cream, in a lovely setting at the Salmon Ponds and afterward fed the salmon trout. Our afternoon was taken up with a visit to Cadbury's Chocolate Factory on the Claremont Peninsula. We celebrated our last evening in Hobart by dining at an exclusive restaurant in the Cat and Fiddle Arcade, and next morning we boarded the "Tasman Limited" express for Launceston. We visited Launceston's very picturesque Cataract Gorge — for a small party of Guides and one Leader who thought they could reach the kiosk via the rocky cliff face it was a memorable occasion!

Our last day was taken up by a day trip to the Mole Creek Caves. We set out by bus and stopped at Wesburn to look at a great variety of Australian birds and animals, including the Tasmanian devil and tiger cat, at the small unique zoo there. At last we arrived at the caves, and while waiting for the guide we looked for interesting stones in the creek.

During the hour-long tour of the caves we were fascinated by the beautiful formations and reflections there.

Early next morning we boarded the plane at the Launceston Airport for the trip back to Melbourne. We were all very sorry to leave the lovely island where we had spent such an enjoyable week. We had a really wonderful time, and I'm sure we'll all remember our holiday for a long time to come.

—Marilyn Geue, P.L.,
1st Horsham Guide Company.



STAMPS

There are so many new stamps being issued since decimal currency, especially by our Pacific neighbours, that it is not possible to show them all. The two latest from Norfolk Island show historical places on the island; New Zealand have a new Heath set, showing their Bellbird (3d.) and Weka (4d.). Papua-New Guinea will commemorate the South Pacific Games in Noumea, and in June their "myths" set was issued. The U.S.A. have a new "circus" 5c stamp showing a clown; and on 27th July, Canada had one to recognise the Canadian scientists' work in atomic energy.

Our funds from used stamps are growing, but not as fast as had been hoped. This is due to lack of time to get them through, and to the many stamps which need re-doing. Please ask all who contribute stamps to throw away all the torn, dirty, too heavily postmarked ones, as these cannot be offered for sale. Sort all different kinds into separate packets, but do not count or seal up.

—Lorna E. Cuzens,
Hon. Organiser for Stamps.

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Three Stawell Rangers met Mrs. Rylah, Senior Branch Adviser, at the Stawell Airport, and took her to have morning tea with all the Rangers.

Then, in the afternoon, Mrs. Rylah gave a talk on the "Senior Branch of the Guide Movement" to the senior girls of Stawell High School.

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