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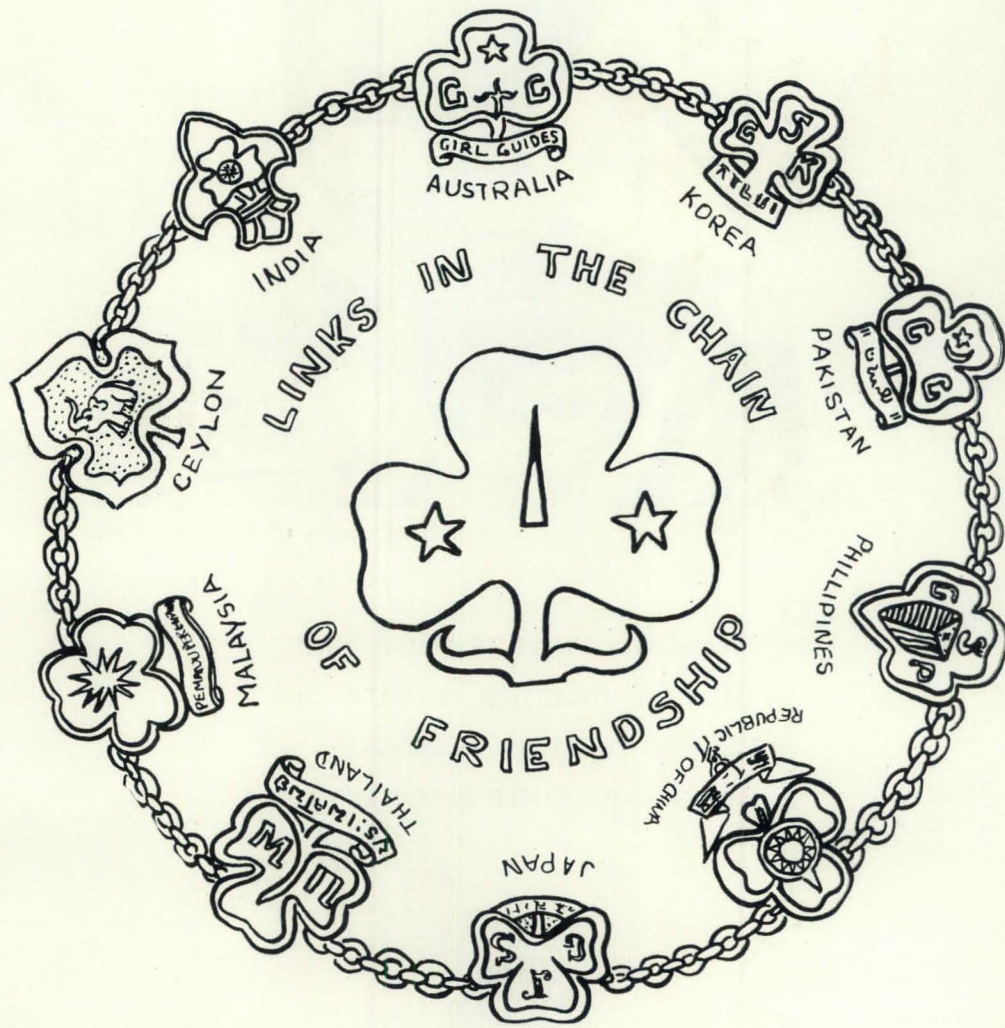
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THINKING TOGETHER IS UNITY,
KEEPING TOGETHER IS PROGRESS,
WORKING TOGETHER IS SUCCESS."

—B.P.



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FROM THE STATE COMMISSIONER

November—a betwixt and between month. We have been very busy at Headquarters both consolidating after the series of special annual events in October and setting everything possible in order to tide over the Christmas break. But, as always, there has been a sprinkling of outstanding occasions.

On 3rd — the Advisers' meeting — the last for the year.

7th: Miss Norma Sims and I attended the first Region L.A. Conference of the newly established South Metropolitan Region — and a very stimulating day it was. A highlight was the unveiling of a very beautiful Honour Board for Queen's Guides made for Cheltenham District by the father of one of the Commissioners.

9th: Region and Division Commissioners came to H.Q. for the annual combined meeting that we all find so valuable and enjoyable. I had the pleasure of introducing Mrs. H. Carlyon as the Warranted Region Commissioner, succeeding Mrs. R. D. H. Townsend in West Metropolitan Region, and of announcing that Mrs. C. N. Bucknall had agreed to accept this position for Ballarat Region on the retirement of Mrs. C. E. Richardson in 1967. Appreciation was expressed for the splendid work of the retiring "Regions" and gratitude that they will continue to serve the Association, Mrs. Townsend as Public Relations Adviser and Mrs. Richardson centrally as a member of State Council.

10th: I was most interested to attend the special meeting called by Mrs. C. D. Barratt to plan practically for the Social Service

project that the Melbourne Division feels is a necessary adjunct to Guiding in that area.

15th: Our routine weekly meeting was enlivened by a call from Mrs. J. Pearce, ex-Region Commissioner for Outer Eastern, in Melbourne on a brief visit from her present home in Sydney.

16th: It was a pleasure to re-live the World Conference with the Guiders and L.A. members at the annual Merri Division Luncheon, and so nice to know that the proceeds were to provide help for sister Guides in India.

26th: A most successful "Operation Koala". Thank you to all who participated, and particularly to Mrs. Turnbull for again accepting responsibility for the arrangements.

29th: Another first-ever event, and we hope the prelude to many in the future. This year the Boy Scouts Association combined with us in entertaining at luncheon in our Training Room representatives of the Press, Radio and Television to thank them for their help during the year. As in the past our Public Relations Sub-Committee provided most generously, and both our guests and co-hosts were warmly appreciative. This was the first public appearance for Mrs. Townsend as Public Relations Adviser. In deciding on the date of her retirement from that position, Mrs. McKay felt that this would provide an excellent opportunity for our guests to meet the new Adviser — a thought characteristic of the consideration and selfless interest with which she has always served the Association; and she was there helping as a member of Mrs. Townsend's Committee with her equally characteristic enthusiasm. Our new Adviser, who knows

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NEWS FROM HONG KONG

This is the Ho family — Ho Suk Yee, aged nine, Mrs. Ho and Ho Suk Tsing, aged 11.

Yee is a Hong Kong Brownie and Tsing a Guide. Their house was completely destroyed by the floods last June, and since then the whole family has been split up because they do not have a house to live in.

The Hong Kong Girl Guides Association suggested that we in Victoria might like to help build the family a new house that they may all be able to live together again.

So many Guides and Brownies in Victoria have given money and stamps towards this appeal, and now we shall all be able to take a special interest in the Ho family, who need our help so much.

The photo shows the girls and their mother unpacking clothes sent to them by a Victorian Guide Company.

(The appeal total will appear in the March issue of "Matilda".)

—Shirley Farrow.



THANKS

Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Osbourn Shave and I wish to thank most sincerely all those who so kindly sent us greetings for Christmas and the New Year.

JOYCE E. PRICE.

ADVENTURING IN PAPUA- NEW GUINEA

Qualified Trainer Required

Stationed at Headquarters, Moresby, for the first three months. Will be expected to give Training where necessary throughout Papua and New Guinea (fares will be met by the Association).

A sound knowledge of all Branches of Guiding necessary.

Accommodation: Self-contained furnished flat provided rent free (excepting linen and cutlery).

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Salary and further particulars from: Mrs. H. Gardner, "Karīngal", Glennie Heights, Warwick, Queensland.

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how grateful we in the Movement are for her acceptance of this important position, must have felt heartened by the welcome from "outside", too.

Working together with the Scouts on this pleasant occasion naturally lead our joint thoughts to the next Big Moment for which we are planning together — the visit of the Chief Guide.

As I close my last letter to you in 1966 my thoughts leap ahead to the time when you will actually read it in "Matilda" — to a Thinking Day that the anticipation of seeing and hearing our World Chief will make more real than ever, and then further on to the thrill of the events that will take place while she is actually with us. And as I thank you all for all the friendship and joy we have shared as fellow-members of this Movement in 1966, I know that we are together "bubbling over" for its continuation throughout 1967.

Joyce E. Price

*** THINKING DAY ***

Guides and Girl Scouts all over the world celebrate Thinking Day, and link thoughts around the earth that all people might be friends. They have celebrations and get together with other Guides. They choose to do this on 22nd February, because that is the birthday of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell.

Thinking Day starts in New Zealand, where the dawn of the new day first touches land. Many Guides in New Zealand rise before daylight and go to the top of a mountain. When they see the first light they start the chain of thoughts that will circle the globe with the sun on Thinking Day.

In Belgium the Companies in each community gather together for a Campfire programme.

In Iceland many Companies meet together. Ten Guides stand up in front, each holding a candle. The candles are lighted and placed in holders as everyone says the laws together. Then everyone says, "Every Guide is a good friend and sister to every other Guide." The Guides shake hands with each other and sing a song of friendship.

Netherlands Guides gather early in the morning to raise the World Association Flag to renew their Promise and to receive snowdrops and an ivy leaf. The snowdrops stand for our ideals which must always be kept pure and white like these little blossoms.

All over the world Guides and Girl Scouts send greetings to each other with Thinking Day Cards. Some make their own and send them to Guides met at camp or Guides in the same town. It is a time to make new friends as well as to remember old friends.

Is your Company planning something special for Thinking Day? Perhaps you, too, will have a candlelight ceremony. In addition to 13 candles for the Promise and Laws, you might light a candle for the World Association and for your Motto. Each girl might light a candle for one of the things that Thinking Day specially means to her.

Maybe you will choose a particular country and arrange an evening with the theme of this country dominating the programme. Posters on walls, displays, national dress and a supper of typical dishes.

You may be borrowing films or slides from Headquarters, Information Centres or much-travelled friends. Could you be learning folk dances or observing a particular custom? Are you using games from other countries, or do you have a campfire in mind?

An idea comes from New South Wales for a Thinking Day Campfire. Patrols and Guiders are seated around a Trefoil cake with candles on it. Guider: "We are celebrating today the joint birthdays of our Founder, Lord Baden-Powell, and his wife, our World Chief Guide, the Lady Baden-Powell, this day better known as 'Thinking Day' to Guides the world over. I light my candle in memory of the Founder. (Lights candle.) One of his greatest wishes was that Guides and Scouts working together everywhere might help build a lasting and enduring peace in the world. Let us sing 'Peace, I ask of Thee, O River'."

Nancy Anne: "Guiding spread across the ocean and soon there were Girl Guides from one end of Australia to the other. I light my candle (lights candle) for all the members of the Guide family in Australia (Rangers, Guides, Brownies, Guiders, Local Association Members and many others). Let us sing 'Waltzing Matilda'."

Lynn: "Now there are Guides on every continent in the world, and we have four international homes — one in London, England, one in Mexico, one in India and last, but not least, there is Our Chalet in Switzerland). I light my candle (lights candle) for all the kind and generous people who have helped Guiding on its way over the past 50 years. We all love singing the 'Chalet Song'."

It might be fitting to complete your Thinking Day programme with the reading of Lord Baden-Powell's last message to the Girl Guides of the world.

—M.G.

A THINKING DAY CEREMONY

If you are asked to arrange any ceremony, especially at a District gathering, you will probably be given a quite definite time within which to perform it — usually 10 minutes should suffice.

Enthusiasm may produce a ceremony so drawn out that it becomes tedious for those watching. Time can be saved by avoiding waits for Guides to get into position. This can often be done by careful planning or quietly during preceding action without causing distraction.

A Guide should be thrifty with the time of others as well as her own.

Take a 12 yard lifeline. Tie 11 finger-size curtain rings, one at each end, with the rest evenly spread. Give 10 Guides an ordinary size wax candle each.

Form a Horseshoe, but the 10 Guides set apart, each with a finger in a ring, the 10th Guide also holding the 11th ring.

The 10 Guides walk to the centre forming a circle standing shoulder to shoulder facing inwards (the first Guide takes up the 11th ring).

A Guide from the Horseshoe says, "Our trefoil sign is incomplete. Its form self-centred, unless in its heart it bears . . ."

Promptly all 10 Guides in circle take half a pace back, then even numbers only one further pace backwards to form a star.

Guide continues:

"A Star to be its inspiration. Here is set A light to brighten, and a fire to glow.

Five are the points it bears outside, and five

Are seen within—ten gleaming points in all

To shed abroad world-wide the spirit of Goodwill. In this our star we find a sign And symbol of our laws, our ten Guide laws.

They are the centre, they the radiant source,

Of all our Guiding."

A Guide from the Horseshoe now lights a taper, and then lights the first candle. She waits while the Guide holding the candle says the first law. Taper then moves to second candle, waits while second law is said, and so on to the 10th candle.

Guides then blow out candles, and, carefully retaining its shape, lay the star on the floor.

All Guides then form a line, and walk to the star, laying their pennies inside, close to the rope, to form an internal star of coins.

If desired, a Campfire could then be placed in the centre of star, and Guides, sitting round star could sing one or two Campfire songs, rising, but remaining in position, or else returning to Horseshoe, for prayers and Taps.

—By Phryne Taylor, from the "Guide".



LINKS IN THE CHAIN OF FRIENDSHIP

"Look, there are the Girl Scouts! Now we're all right!" Surely this comment made by a Colombian Girl Guide on arrival — very late at night — in the Philippines typifies our feelings about the Guide Movement, Thinking Day and international friendship.

Those many Australian Guides who have travelled overseas will all have their own particular memories of Thinking Day — mine follow a path from the staff at Singapore H.Q. packing their records and getting ready to move, but ready to stop and welcome an Australian visitor; to the hospitality at Malaysian H.Q., on such a very hot day, the questions and answers, the interest and the friendship; to the helpfulness of the Guides of Thailand, the welcoming flash of blue uniforms at the airport and the interest of everyone in Australian Guiding; to the wonderful memories of the World Conference and our Japanese hostesses — the laughter, the thoughtful helpfulness, the talks, the fellowship, the co-operation between all countries' delegations; to the Philippines, with their tremendous interest in Australia, their excellent knowledge of their own country's history and geography, and their wish that we could see as much of their country and customs as we could.

Links in the Chain of Friendship — gathering in the Guides and Girl Scouts in a gay fellowship.

AN IDEA FOR THINKING DAY

Here is a rhyme that any Company could act quite simply at a Thinking Day camp-fire or parents' evening. The Guides mentioned in each new line speak their own line each time it comes, making the appropriate action.

THE HOUSE THE GUIDES BUILT

1. This is Our Chalet in Switzerland.
2. This is the flag
That flies at Our Chalet in Switzerland.
3. This is the Guide
Who hoisted the flag
That flies at Our Chalet in Switzerland.
4. This is the roof so wide
That shelters the Guide
Who hoisted the flag
That flies at Our Chalet in Switzerland.
5. These are dances of every land
'Neath the roof so wide
That shelters the Guide
Who hoisted the flag
That flies at Our Chalet in Switzerland.
6. These are Girl Scouts, short and tall,
Who learn dances of every land
'Neath the roof so wide
That shelters the Guide
Who hoisted the flag
That flies at Our Chalet in Switzerland.
7. This is the song that is sung by all,
Guides and Girl Scouts, short and tall,
Who learn dances of every land
'Neath the roof so wide
That shelters the Guide
Who hoisted the flag
That flies at Our Chalet in Switzerland.
8. All join in singing THE CHALET SONG.

Suggested actions:

At least 10 Guides are needed, but more can take part to advantage.

You can, of course, use your own ideas in working out the actions, but suggestions are:—

1. First Guide holds up a large picture of Our Chalet (or, if sufficient Guides are available, they can form the walls, doorway and roof — you can use your ingenuity in devising the best way of doing this).

2. Second Guide holds up a pole bearing the World Flag.

3. Third Guide (in Swiss uniform if possible) salutes the World Flag.

4. Fourth and fifth Guides (who should be tall or stand on chairs) make an archway with their arms over the head of the third Guide.

5. Sixth and seventh Guides (and any other Guides available) join hands and dance round in a circle. They could wear national costume.

6. Eighth and ninth Guides (the tallest and shortest in the Company, if possible dressed in uniforms of "Girl Scout" countries) shake hands with the left hand.

7. Tenth Guide holds up the music of the Song.

8. All stand still as they sing The Chalet Song.

—From the "Guide" and the "Courier".



A PRAYER FOR THINKING DAY

O God, the Father of all mankind, we offer to Thee this day the thoughts of Thy children everywhere.

From the far north to the distant south, from east to west throughout the earth, we dedicate ourselves afresh to the fellowship of Guiding.

May the memory of our Founder be ever alive to inspire us; may the ideals for which we stand be daily before our eyes; may the faith of youth, with all its hope for the future, arm us with power for good.

And in this faith, as sisters, may we this day renew our Promise of loyalty, of service, and of obedience to the Law by which we live.

With one voice throughout the world, we ask this in Thy Name, Guide of us all.

Amen.

—From the "Courier".

Dear "Matilda",

My Brownie daughter met with a mishap during the September holidays and was taken to Geelong Hospital with a broken leg and arm. We are Melbourne folk, so were unable to stay with her, but were worried about her being alone.

However, we reckoned without the Guides and Brownies — particularly the Brownies of 11th Geelong Pack. They called on her with flowers and gifts, but, most precious of all, was their company.

Sometimes one came alone, or two together, and sometimes groups, and I cannot imagine a little girl having a happier or more exciting stay in hospital. The two months seemed much shorter — she is quite well now and has only a slight limp, which will soon go.

We are proud that our daughter, Helen, belongs to a Movement where such a delightful group of children really know the meaning of "lend a hand" and reached out to help an unknown friend get over such a big hurdle. Our thanks are unlimited.

Yours sincerely, G. COCKS, Lower Plenty

SPRINGVALE VISITS MAFFRA

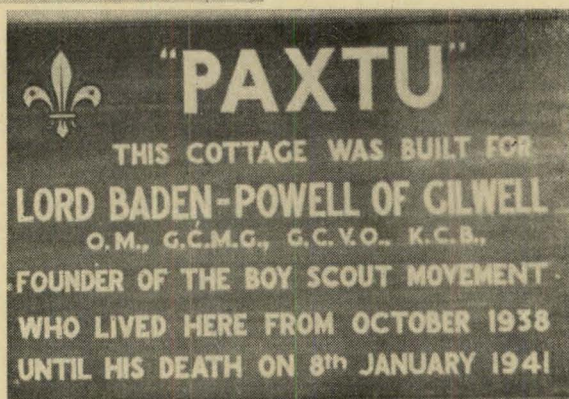
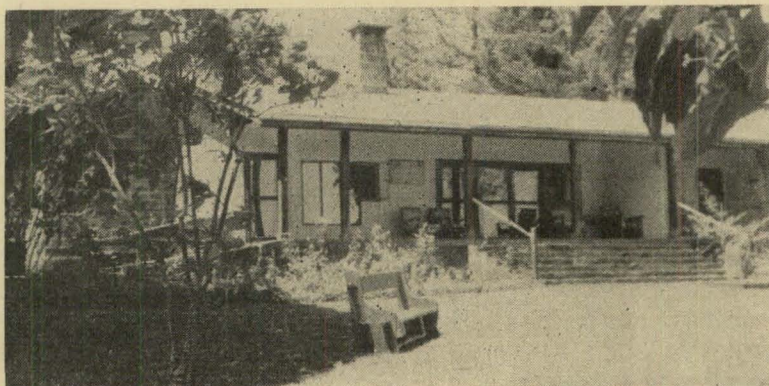
One Saturday a group of 90 excited Brownies, Guides and Guiders from 1st Springvale and 1st Springvale North Companies and Packs boarded the train en route for Maffra, and excitement ran high with singing and games.

Then our hostesses were welcoming us at Maffra, and we were whisked away to Glenmaggie Weir and later a barbecue, then a campfire was held with items from each Company and Pack.

A day tour to Glenalladale National Park and a picnic at a nearby picnic ground for the Brownies. After lunch it was hike, hike, hike as we followed the river to the Den of Nargon. We gratefully relaxed in the buses when we got back!

Next morning we were taken on a conducted tour of Nestles and the Maffco Milk Factories, and this was very interesting.

To our hostesses our grateful appreciation for their hospitality and to the Guiders and Guides of Maffra our thanks for an action-packed weekend, full of fun and Guide fellowship.





Good Turns at Home and Abroad



NOTE: If any Company or Pack wishes to help financially any organisation mentioned in this column the money should be sent to the address given in the story and NOT to Headquarters.

ROUND THE WORLD

From her home in Marsabit in the Eastern Province of Kenya a 20-year-old Land Ranger set off for a small village 200 miles south. It took her four days to reach her destination by travelling along a dry, dusty track.

The day after she arrived the Ranger was very busy giving a cooking demonstration to the village. Her enthusiasm was typical of 20 other Senior Guides who had given up part of their holiday to travel long distances to teach others. They came from far away to take part in the first All-Kenyan Service Camp to be organised by the Girl Guides Association. The aim of the camp was not to provide real teaching, but to encourage ill-educated women to join teaching clubs which already exist in Kenya.

The Guides, who were all educated themselves, set up demonstration units in the villages and soon had scores of the inhabitants interested in their work. Knowing that the women feed their children just on potatoes, the Guides demonstrated how to prepare simple foods such as eggs, and carrots, which were all readily available.

Other tips that the Senior Guides passed on were the importance of washing their children to keep them healthy and the handy arts of sewing and knitting. The Kenyan women learnt how to carry out simple repairs to their clothes with patching and darning.

The Guides wished to show that by actions and not just by words they were ready to help the people of the poorer districts. It is hoped that they will organise service days or weeks in their own districts to spread the goodwill. Every one of them, whatever little money they each possess, has something to offer others — the knowledge which she has been fortunate enough to learn from others and which she can then pass on.

The Senior Guides' assistance has been welcomed by the people. The Chief of the

area was at one of the villages to speak to members of the team and wish them well before they began their demonstrations.

—From the "Guide".



You may be interested to hear that the Doris Hall Division in Western Australia has "adopted" a young Korean Guide and will pay her fees for three years during her nursing training. The cost of this is \$U.S.90 for the first year and \$56 for each of the second and third years.



Miss Abhyankar, whom many of you may remember attended the Extension Conference in Queensland this year, has written a delightful letter. She runs a Guide Company in a Blind School, Andhya Vidyalay, South Ambazari Road, Nagpur, India. She says that through her Division Guide/Scout office she received a circular regarding gifts from Australia, and mentions that the school is always short of funds, so she suggested the following list of wants:—1, Tape recorder; 2, Braille typewriter; 3, camera; 4, magnifying glass with stand (for use of the partially sighted); 5, sea shells. Maybe some Companies might like to send a collection of shells or help financially. In sending any goods the sender should be prepared to meet Customs charges, which can be heavy.



GUIDES HELP TO BUILD A HOUSE Service to Others

A Guide Company in Uganda undertook to rebuild the house of a poor blind woman. They got the help of the Lions' Club, who offered the roof and the timber. The Guides kept the water tank full of water for the man who made the walls (women are not allowed to build houses themselves — it is against the customs of the country). They dug a new garden and planted vegetables, fruit and flowers. They did the cooking regularly for the old woman and her daughter who had polio and could hardly do any work. The Company spent a year at this good turn.

—From "Look", published by W.A.G.G.S.

A GOOD TURN

On the day of the Merri Division luncheon, Commissioners in the area swung into action early to produce a casserole and a sweet. These were taken to Deaconess House, Fairfield, where members of L.A.'s., Guiders and Commissioners gathered.

After we had all eaten well — and, if contented expressions are any measure, very well — we relaxed with the colourful word pictures painted by Mrs. Price of her trip to the Guide World Conference.

We "saw" the Chief Guide and her wonderful smile, the dainty Japanese children and their wonderful dancing. We felt that the theme, "Love Through Knowing and Understanding", was well chosen.

The talk linked well with the purpose of our luncheon — for the \$47.50 raised was to go to Deaconess Lucia Koska, Captain of a Guide Company at Eluru in South India, to help purchase vitamin pills, which are so much needed. The money included \$11 raised by a Commissioner's son doing week-end jobs.

—Peg Hoggett.



FIRST CONFERENCE

The first Conference to be held by the South Metropolitan Region was held in the Cheltenham Guide Hall and, through publicity of notices delivered direct and in the newspapers all friends of the Movement were invited to attend this L.A. Conference.

Mrs. Price and Miss Sims were our "star attractions", and the queue for admission stretched for over a hundred yards.

Young mothers had been urged to bring their children, who would be cared for by Commissioners, and over 20 from pushcart stage upwards were cared for so well that their voices were never heard above the voices in the hall.

Over 130 people attended and 10 discussion groups were formed. Discussion continued even through lunch, and it was amazing how many new ideas kept emerging.

Discussion group reports, the stimulating talks from Mrs. Price and Miss Sims, the unveiling of a Queen's Guide Honour Board, and the enrolling of 11 new L.A. members combined to make this Conference a most successful and enjoyable one.

PROCRASTINATION

He had a year to do it in
So brushed the thought away.
A chap with half his energy
Might do it in a day.

A year! 'Twas too ridiculous
As everyone should find.
However he meant to get it done
And have it off his mind.

But not today—a few months hence
Would suit him better still,
Meanwhile a far less irksome job
Might occupy his skill.

He would not let the matter pass
Entirely from him, No!
And doubtless he might take it up
In, say, a month or so.

He had six months to do it in,
For six long months had flown!
Well, why should that alarm a bloke
With vigour like his own?

The job, when once embarked upon,
Would soon be rattled through;
However he would think of it
In, say, a week or two.

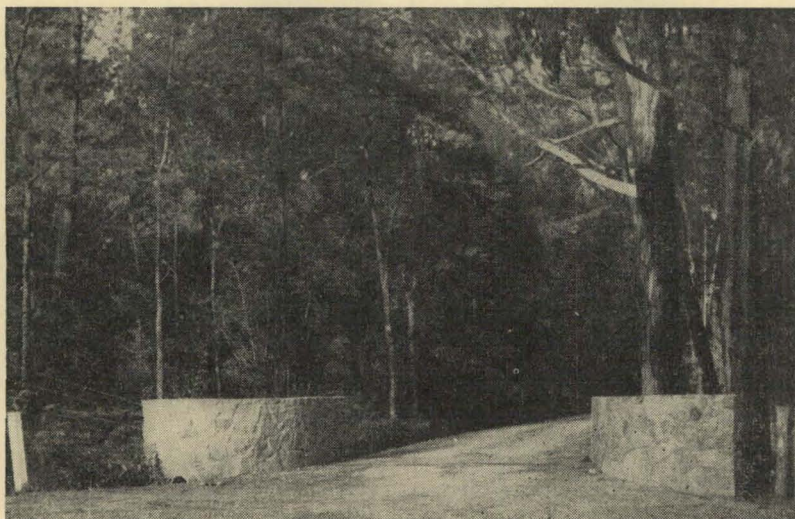
He had three months to do it in,
"Oh, bother!" was his cry.
"The thing hangs on me like a weight,
Each day that passes by.

Let's see, three months—Ah, that's enough,
But just to clear the doubt
I'll make arrangements for a start
Before the month is out."

He had a week to do it in
And care was in his glance.
"It's hard," he cried, "that flight of time
Won't give a bloke a chance!"

He still delayed, the week soon passed
As weeks will ever run,
And though a year was given him
The task was still undone.

—Anon.



BRITANNIA PARK

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Swimming Pool

The repairs to the swimming pool have been completed. "Nonporite" have done an excellent job, and the pool itself looks like new. It will, of course, take a year or so to make the area surrounding the pool attractive, but we hope everyone will be patient with this work. It seems we have been fortunate that we have had no casualties in the pool. The men who felled the trees surrounding it said that most of them were rotten inside and **very** dangerous. In fact, they said, the trees near the pool could have fallen any time.

In December, some members of the Committee and a few kindly friends spent a very exhausting day cleaning out the Brownie pool and sweeping the big pool before the water was turned on to fill both pools. They have decided that "Mrs. Gray's working party" is a misnomer, and should be called "The Britannia Park Chain Gang". Applications for membership of this exclusive group will be received by Mrs. Gray any time after the beginning of February, 1967. Youth is no barrier to membership, though the average of present members is 50ish. Still, we would be prepared to have a nursery gang of girls in their 30's. How about it? Of course we can't always promise work as genteel as cleaning out the pool. Concreting, bricklaying, painting, etc., as well as gardening, could be on the programme.

L.A's.

Some of you asked for an open day on a Saturday or Sunday, as many were unable to come on a weekday because they worked! The weekend of 15th and 16th April has been booked by the Committee, and some of them will be there both days to welcome any members of the L.A's. who wish to come, on either day. Britannia Park is at its most beautiful in the autumn, so make plans to come and see it. N.B.: Please do not confuse this date with the L.A. Azalea Day, which will be in the spring — the right time to plant those beautiful rhododendrons and azalea plants you are all going to bring us.

Do all L.A. members know that they, with or without their families, may stay in Guide House or Brownie Cottage any time that these two houses are not being used by the children or for training? They are usually unoccupied (except in school holidays) from late Sunday to Friday afternoon. Electricity and hot water are laid on in both houses, and a very pleasant few days may be had there. The rental is: Brownie Cottage, 50 cents per person per day; Guide House, 60 cents per person per day. Anyone wishing to make enquiries and/or to book should ring Mrs. McNally at Guide H.Q.



Brownie Cottage and Guide House are both receiving a Christmas present this year (I am writing this in December, 1966). 5th Brighton Pack have been saving all the year

to buy a little aluminium step ladder to help Brown Owl climb up to the top bunks. Well done, Brownies! What a good idea — it will help other Brown Owls, too!

1st West Reservoir Coy. are giving **their** present to Guide House, and their present is some Laminex to cover the two big cupboards which flank the stove in the Guide House kitchen. This will be a tremendous improvement and gladden the heart of all who see it.

Those of you who so generously continue to support the Maintenance Fund will not, I hope, think that we are not equally grateful to them for their support. We most certainly are. It is your money which has paid for the sanding of the floors at Guide House, the paint we have to buy, the dozens of small things we have to get to keep the place going. I think I, for one, would give up the ghost without your help. So please keep it up. In March, 1966, only three days were maintained, so we hope that 1967 will start with a bang.

We would like to thank the following for maintaining the following days during November:—

- 1st—4th North Balwyn Pack.
- 2nd—3rd East Brighton Pack.
- 3rd—Nunawading Trefoil.
- 4th—Preston Division; Cheltenham L.A.
- 5th—Preston Division; 1st Victorian Post Trefoil.
- 7th—Nunawading-Tunstall Division.
- 8th—Mrs. R. E. Gray.
- 9th—Mrs. C. W. Baker.
- 12th—Caulfield District; 1st East Brighton Pack.
- 14th—Newtown-Chilwell District.
- 15th—Miss E. Bunning.
- 16th—Newtown-Chilwell District.
- 17th—Caulfield District.
- 18th—Healesville L.A.
- 21st—2nd Ballarat Trefoil Guild.
- 22nd—Caulfield District.
- 23rd—2nd Ashburton Pack.
- 24th—Geelong Trefoil.
- 25th—1st Euroa Coy.
- 26th—1st Oakleigh and 1st South Oakleigh Packs.
- 27th—Oakleigh L.A.
- 28th—Nunawading District.
- 29th—Tawonga District.
- 30th—East Malvern-Gardiner L.A.

Dungog and District Hospital,

Dungog, N.S.W.

Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that I have been here six months.

I was very pleased with the write-up that appeared in your magazine. As a matter of fact, several of my "Fiji Gathering" friends read it and have contacted me. I sent a copy to my friends (in Guiding) at home, and they were pleased with the contacts that can be made in Guiding. Beverley Honess and I have truly become good friends and I am now a god-parent to one of her daughters.

To make it more interesting, I must tell you about a couple more experiences that will show you what a marvellous thing Guiding can be.

Miss Eily Fry was Division Commissioner on my arrival. She contacted me and, much to my surprise, we had met before. She was an Observer at the Fiji Gathering in 1959. We have shared several visits, and I was very lucky to be able to attend her "retiring" dinner.

Of course, Miss Fry kept me in contact with Guiding and asked for me to show my slides at East Maitland Local Association. As a result my name was in the paper. That same week I received a letter from a girl in Maitland. She was asking if I by chance knew of a Harriet Steeves. They had been pen-pals in Guiding about 10 or so years ago. They had lost contact when both were married. Harriet is my sister, so you can imagine how much news we had to catch up on when we met. So once again old friendships are renewed.

With these fantastic experiences, I have realised more than ever what a marvellous organisation Guiding is. Actually I knew it before, but I think the experiences in a new country makes the fact much more evident.

Australia has met up to my expectations even more than I had hoped. I will be staying much longer than I originally planned, so do hope to get involved again in Guides on a more regular basis.

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OCEAN LODGE

In this winter of 1966, Ocean Lodge, Point Lonsdale, was demolished. Many of us knew it, stayed there, even loved it and will miss it, but few know its story.

Of the first stage little is known; two cottages built for miners at Steiglitz at the time of the gold rush to that field near Meredith were sold in 1885 when the rush was over, and being dragged to Point Lonsdales, were built into one house, our "Ocean Lodge". At that time only the lighthouse men's houses were at Point Lonsdale, even the P.O. duties were administered through a side window of one of these houses near the lighthouse. Apart from the cemetery, the Point was a grassy peninsula grazed by stock, with only a few strands of ti-tree and an occasional big banksia tree. At the beginning of 1885 the first private house was built and by Christmas of that year Ocean Lodge, then called "Cheshunt", was ready for holiday use.

Scores of children used it, and in 1921 the original family sold it, but bought it back in 1957. During that interval it had been used as a boarding house, and then in the war years it was commandeered by the Navy. There are still signs of slit trenches amongst the trees behind the house, a memory of that period. Then the Brownies and Guides came to use it for all but the peak summer season each year, and so its old age was as happy as its youth.

Unfortunately, the powers-that-be ordered renovations, and when these were attempted it was found too costly, so that the old house had to come down, and that is the end of a story that began somewhat earlier than 1885. Well, not quite the end. When the house was cleared away, underneath, well preserved, was found a stump of one of those grand old banksia trees, presumably axed in 1885.

—H.C.



Ocean Lodge is gone! During the drive down to Point Lonsdale one sunny afternoon there was much speculation as to how she would look.

After loading the equipment which was to be transferred to another campsite, we took

a wander through the shell of the dear old house. Each room, even in its wreckage, brought back memories of funny incidents and happy experiences.

Sitting on the front steps in the sun — they lead nowhere now — thoughts of the fun and fellowship our Pack had shared in these grounds and in this house over the past six years came vividly to mind.

Looking out over the lawn I saw a Brownies' Own being held with the simplicity and sincerity which only children can bring to this ceremony. Memories came—

Of rows of wet sandshoes on the back verandah.

Of baths in tubs in the laundry.

Of the whispered confidence of one of the Cook Six, "Brown Owl, I think lunch may be a little late. The stove has stopped cooking for a while!" Ocean Lodge campers will know what we mean!

Of the cypress trees. What joy!

Of buckets in the hall to catch the drips when it rained.

Of the little piles of precious rocks and shell collections.

Of plastic bags of smelly seaweed.

Of the time the holiday theme was a ship and during the first meal one sailor announced, "It must be getting rough. The table is tilting." Anyone who had experienced the levels of the dining-room will understand.

Of the train journey to Geelong, and then the bus. Who would see the lighthouse first?

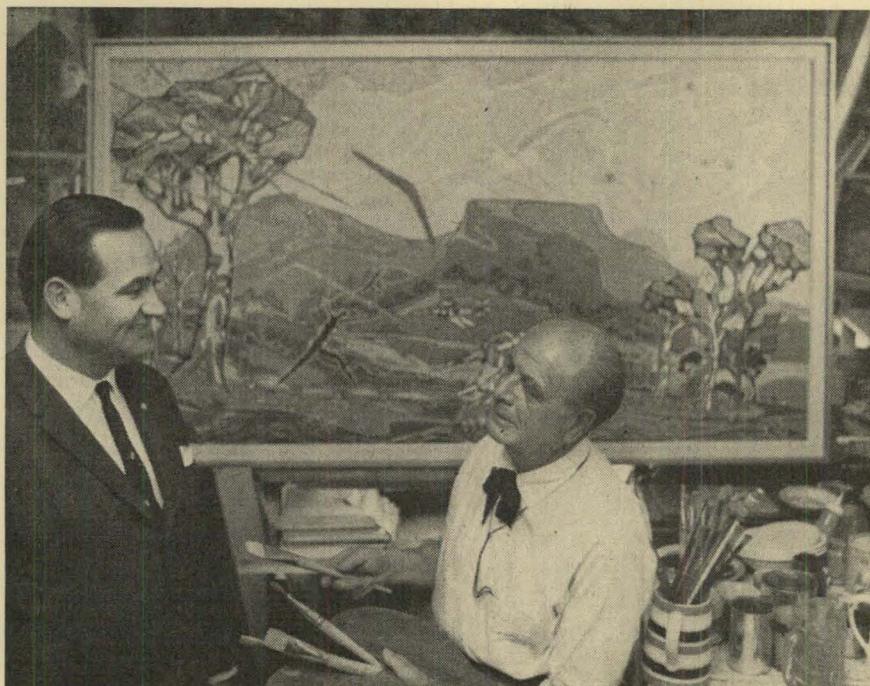
Of the time when the vital plumbing broke down and Brown Owl left Tawny and the local plumber to cope.

Of the urgent whisper an hour after lights out, "Brown Owl, come and look. Put your head on my pillow and you will see the lighthouse beacon 'beaconing' to you."

Of the time our Guide Company visited us for the day — before leaving for home 40 squeezed into the lounge for singing. If the roof was to fall off, I would have thought that was the night.

Ocean Lodge, we truly loved you. "Thanks for the memories."

—M.B.P.



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BYRAM MANSELL MURAL



GIFT from
AUSTRALIA
to DENMARK

During October, Alderman John Booth (Australia's first Ombudsman), Hon. State Organiser of the Baden-Powell Scout Guild of N.S.W., flew to Aarlborg, Denmark, with the Byram Mansell Mural to be presented to the St. George's Guild House.

The Guild House in Aarlborg is the permanent meeting place of the Danish counterpart of the Baden-Powell and Trefoil Guilds of Australia.

A distinguished gathering was present for this international event.

The mural is executed in natural earth colours dug from the centre of Australia by the artist, and applied as by the Aborigines with the "line-technology of the stone-age man". Byram Mansell, F.R.S.A., is one of the leading mural artists of the land. He was an original Scout in 1908, and in 1910 received one of the first awards of the "Silver Wolf" by then Chief Scout Baden-Powell.

By courtesy of Qantas Airways the mural was carried to London so as to allow stop-overs for exhibitions at Manila, Hong Kong, New Delhi, Rome and London. In each of these places the Guilds were invited to organise exhibitions so that as many as possible could see the mural and learn something about why it was painted. Special brochures explaining the art and the inter-

national nature of the gift were distributed.

The project had full international recognition and was sponsored by the Australian Fellowship of Former Scouts and Guides as a gesture of international friendship and goodwill.



TREFOIL GUILD NEWS

International Day was observed by the Montmorency Trefoil Guild with an International Night, and our honoured guests were Toulele Sobi and Tounapanga Mangawai from Tonga.

Trefoil members and visitors were intensely interested in details of Guiding activities and uniforms of the islands, and asked the girls many questions. Our guests seemed a little shy, so the locals sang to them, and then were held spellbound as Toulele and Touna sang native songs, in harmony, most beautifully. Although completely outclassed, the Trefoilers rallied and had a very lively and joyous time with action songs.

The International theme was carried through supper, the main item of which was a Hawaiian rice salad, made from a recipe supplied by our Tongan friends. Everyone had a most enjoyable time and voted the evening a huge success.

THE CHIEF GUIDE IS COMING!



WILL YOU RECOGNISE THEM? Chief Guide's Medal Ribbons

Facing her, they read from left to right as follows:—

Grand Cross of the British Empire (1932) — Plain vieux rose pink; worn at left side of top row.

World War I Medal (1918) — Yellow with white and blue edges; worn in middle of top row.

King George V. Jubilee (1935) — Dark red, with pale blue and black edges; worn at right of top row.

King George VI. Coronation (1937) — Blue, with white and red edges; worn at left of second row.

Queen Elizabeth's Coronation (1953) — Red, with two blue stripes in middle; worn in middle of second row.

White Rose of FINLAND (1934) — Plain darkish blue; worn at right of second row.

Order of Merit of POLAND (1933) — Pale magenta, with pale blue edges; worn on left side of third row.

Grand Cross of Phoenix of GREECE (1949)— Yellow with black edges; middle of third row.

Medal of Honour of Republic of HAITI (1951) — Pale blue, with narrow dark

pink edges; worn on right of third row.
Order of Vasco de Balboa PANAMA (1959)— Purple with one yellow stripe at centre; worn on left of fourth row.

Medal of Bernard O'Higgins of CHILE (1959) — Pale turquoise blue plain; middle of fourth row.

Order of the Sun of PERU (1959) — Plain purple; on right of fourth row.

Order of the Cedars of LEBANON (1960) — Orange red, with black edges; left of bottom row.

Order of the Sacred Treasure of JAPAN (1962) — Very pale blue, with two yellow stripes; middle bottom row.

Order of the Grand Ducal Crown of Oaks, LUXEMBOURG — Goldy yellow with three green stripes; right of bottom row.



You Come, Too World Conference, Poland, 1932

Lady Baden-Powell, with Commissioners of Poland, passed near two very "new" delegates. Sensing at once that they were a little at a loss she called cheerily, spontaneously, "You come, too."

Rain began as we walked to a camp in the pine woods, and we sat in a large tent while Guides of Poland dashed through a downpour to bring us sizzling apple fritters — a national favourite dish. We ate in complete, simple comradeship, as if we had known one another all our lives. As rain eased, through mud and dripping trees, we inspected the kitchen, and especially thanked the cooks. JE T' ADORE.

At campfire, indoors, the Chief Guide put out her arms to all she could reach of the children crowded round her chair.

"Je t' adore," she said to each and every one. (French was the second language of Poland and most knew a little.) This was near the beginning. Poland was the first World Conference since, in 1930, the Constitution had been adopted. Lady Baden-Powell had been appointed World Chief Guide and the design for the World Flag had been approved. Here the First World Song was sung. The spirit of the Conference would be a paramount influence.

One very "new" delegate has always remembered, as if spoken to each and every Girl Guide and Girl Scout, those two phrases from the World Chief Guide:

"You come, too." "Je t' adore!"

—G.H.S.

ICELAND

Four hours' flying from London, north-west over Glasgow and the Hebrides, takes the traveller to Iceland, the world's youngest major land mass. This is a country of contrasts — beautiful, thunderous waterfalls; wide, quiet rivers; great glaciers; large areas of black volcanic lava and volcanoes making new land. Surtsey, the newest island, is growing daily about 80 miles from Reykjavik. In many parts of the island there are thermal springs, and smoke from them can be seen rising from the ground. A large cement pipe, lined with paper pulp, carries hot water about 35 miles to the capital, where it provides inexpensive heating. Other areas have glasshouses, where natural heat enable flowers and tropical fruits to be grown. Most famous of Iceland's hot springs is Geysir, which gave its name to similar springs all over the world.

Thanks to the Gulf Stream, which almost encircles Iceland, the climate is mild, never very hot in summer nor very cold in winter. Daylight is continuous for almost 24 hours in mid-summer, and there is a corresponding amount of darkness in mid-winter, so Icelanders make the most of the summer months out of doors, walking, climbing, fishing and horse riding. The schools and universities are used for accommodation for holiday-makers, and there are also comfortable small houses available for sportsmen so that they may enjoy the wonderful fishing for salmon and trout.

The attractive Viking horses (Faxi) are to be seen everywhere. Their sturdy, well-proportioned bodies, flowing manes, alert eyes and variety of colouring combine with their willing and friendly nature to make the most pleasant of companions. Many young people own several of these beautiful small horses, the city dwellers keeping them on nearby farms; and they all come to be patted if you stop by a field of them.

There are few mature trees in Iceland, although many saplings are now being planted; but trees grow slowly when the winter is long, so wood is scarce and driftwood was the only kind available until very recent times. The old houses were usually built from this and mud, and roofed with turf — often they were set into the side of a hill. Now all the houses are modern and new blocks of flats are rising apace in the

towns. The national dress, with its long, black skirt, white apron and black cap, with its silver-bound tassel, is rapidly disappearing, though a few elderly ladies are still to be seen wearing it, and the pretty party dress with its lace cap is worn on special occasions.

The Boy Scout Movement in Iceland dates from 1912, and in 1944 the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides Associations were united — the first country in the world to adopt this idea. In a country where numbers outside the cities are small, this works very well, and over 4000 Girl and Boy Scouts attend meetings and camps. Each year Scouting has a special project name — "Travelling Year", "Pioneer Year" — last year was "Towards the Peak" (Up A Tindinn), and the year just begun is to be "Service Year". The President takes a keen interest in Scouting and awards annually the Presidential Mark to Seniors who gain 40 points in various fields of endeavour.

Truly a land of contradictions — as modern as tomorrow, yet fiercely clinging to the oldest spoken language and the treasured heritage of the past.

—C. Renshaw Jones.

Mrs. Charlotte Renshaw Jones, a member of our Victorian State Council and Executive Committee, is the wife of the Consul-General for Iceland in Australia and recently visited Iceland.

Iceland has interests in Australia in the Gove bauxite project in Western Australia, for the bauxite from that project is to be shipped to Iceland for the necessary processes to convert it to aluminium, and in the processed fish industry — their exports coming here via Denmark.



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TRAINING PAGES



BROWNIE BRANCH

A NOTE ON THE CHANGES

In the 1966 edition of P.O.&R. there are a few changes for the Brownie Branch. You will notice that the little "notes" that were under some of the rules in the previous edition have disappeared — we are becoming Australian.

Golden Hand

The average child of 10½ years is fast outgrowing the Brownie programme and should be thinking of moving on to the Company where the work is more in keeping with her mental, physical and spiritual development. We keep saying it, but it cannot be over-stressed — no child should be kept in the Pack just to gain a badge. It is the **training** that we are concerned with, and this must be the best we can give. It will not be the best if the child has outgrown the method of training being given.

Brownies are now required to **complete** the Golden Hand test **before** their 11th birthday. In the past we allowed the child to receive the Golden Hand, but not the Wings, if she had turned 11 years. This will no longer apply. Let's face it. The causes of late testing can be overcome by a little more effort of starting earlier in training, practice or organisation of testing.

Guiders are reminded that copies of the revised "Hints on Golden Hand" are available from Headquarters.

Proficiency Badges

The Road Safety Badge is no longer an "extra" for Victorian Brownies.

We all realise the great importance of road safety in our present high-speed living. Surely we want the individual Brownie to be aware of this importance also. It is felt that if the child herself makes the decision to earn this badge she is showing some of the understanding of the need for road safety and its importance. While it is wonderful to hear of the many Packs that visit Traffic Schools, and we hope that this practice is

continued, isn't it rather surprising to find that **ALL** the Brownies of any one Pack are due for the badge immediately after the visit? It is rather difficult to believe that **EACH** child has been catered for as an individual. By removing the badge as an extra we are hoping that the real interest in the child for road safety will show through and that the badge will be a true Proficiency Badge of a standard in keeping with the others.

You will also notice that a Brownie may earn any four Proficiency Badges in any one year after she has gained the Golden Ladder or the Golden Hand.

Whilst it is hoped that the gaining of badges for natural hobbies and interests will not take the place of the overall training which is gained through the Golden Hand syllabus (and which all children should be given whether they have hopes of gaining the badge or not), it does mean that we acknowledge the Ladder as an important step in the training of the Brownie. It also means that the child who has time, or the child who has not responded sufficiently to the challenge of the Promise and Law for the Golden Hand, may have the chance to try herself out in the interests towards which she is naturally inclined.

Why the limit? There are some of us who feel it is rather sad to have to put this limit so definitely. It will not affect the Guiders, and therefore their Brownies, who realise the true worth of good overall basic training gained through the Golden Badge, Bar and Hand syllabi, the general games, the Pow Wow, the Ceremonial and the Bushcraft of the Pack. Nor will it affect those who understand that the Proficiency Badge is for a special hobby or interest in which the child is truly **proficient**. In other words, the Proficiency Badge is for a hobby that has been sustained over a period of time, one that has prevailed throughout the many other "crazes-of-the-moment".

It is natural for a child to have sudden bursts of interests that are dropped as quickly as they are taken up — a Brownie

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has much to discover about herself and her world. But this means that time is rather short for all the things she wants to do. Being a Brownie takes time — if she is keeping her Promise then she is taking care over her homework, she is carrying out her home duties, she is caring for her clothes, and so on. A hobby should never be used as an excuse to dodge her duties. When I once queried how a certain child could possibly find the time to have all the hobbies shown by the badges on her sleeve, I was told, "Oh, her mother is wonderful; she helps her daughter a great deal." I always thought that what we taught the Brownie in the Pack was supposed to help her and her mother!

✓ On another occasion I asked a young Guide who was wearing a camp shirt with a Brownie Athlete's Badge on it, "What form of athletics are you interested in?" I received a blank look. Pointing to the badge, I tried again, "You are wearing an Athlete's Badge. Were you keen on running, jumping, etc.?" "Oh, no," said the bright young Guide. "All the Pack went down to this lady's place, and she showed us what to do, and we got the badge."

It was this sort of thing that prompted one Guider to write, "Are Proficiency Badges really such a good thing? They are so easily abused. On the other hand, they can be a challenge and can encourage a child in a new interest, and therefore broaden her outlook. Perhaps we should bring more details of the wide range of badges before the Brownies." I wonder how many Guiders use the contents of the Proficiency Badge syllabi to help them bring variety into their programmes to cater for the varying interests of their Brownies and to awaken new ones. Many of the badges will give ideas for new games and activities. We might even find a kind person to show how some of the items of a particular badge might be done; but let us remember that for many of the Brownies it will be of interest for the moment — for one or two it might be the beginning of a new adventure — a new hobby in which they may become proficient enough to gain the appropriate badge.

In all things can we not remember that it is the **training** that matters.

Dear "Matilda",

In Australia much time and effort are devoted to regularly reviewing the Organisation and Rules Sections of P.O.&R. Is it time that we reviewed the policy section? Just how close are our links with the Queen these days? Certainly not nearly as close as when the Promise was first worded. Many Australians, particularly those of the younger generation, feel a much closer allegiance to America than Great Britain. Others talk of Australia becoming a Republic. Should we think about this?

Rule 3 states: "There is no religious side to the Movement. The whole of it is based on religion; that is, on the realisation and service of God."

With an ever-increasing proportion of the community claiming to be humanists, rationalists, agnostics or merely without spiritual belief, should we discuss this policy?



Rule 3 states: "A Guide should attend the services of the religious denomination to which she belongs." Do we pay as much attention to this rule as the one which says she should wear fawn socks? I wonder what percentage of our Guides and Guiders do attend Church regularly — and that doesn't mean for Easter and Christmas services only. Are we failing our girls if we do not ensure they receive religious teaching? What faith will they have to support them through difficult periods — the missed University place, the boy friend who wants everything, or, later, the unplanned baby for which the family budget didn't provide?

The different Churches are discussing their principles and teachings as related to today's family and social problems. Is the Girl Guide Movement equally alive? Is our Movement really based on religion or are we just accustomed to believing this is so? Surely it is just as important to discuss these questions as it is to discuss the virtues of a Brownie learning Semaphore.

Yours faithfully,

"COUNTRY GUIDER".

The World Chief Scout



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The Matabel Campaign.
- 1899—Aids to Scouting.
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- 1910—Scouting Games.
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- 1921—An Old Wolf's Favourites.
What Scouts Can Do.
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- 1940—More Sketches of Kenya.
- 1941—B-P's Outlook (posthumously published).

HONORARY DEGREES

- 1910 LL.D., Edinburgh.
- 1923 LL.D., Toronto.
LL.D., McGill, Montreal.
D.C.L., Oxford.
- 1929 LL.D., Liverpool.
- 1931 LL.D., Cambridge.



ORDERS AND DECORATIONS HELD BY LORD BADEN-POWELL

BRITISH—

- 1901—C.B. (Companion of the Bath).
- 1909—K.C.V.O., K.C.B. (Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, Knight Commander of the Bath).
- 1912—K.G.St.J. (Knight of Justice and of Grace of the Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem).
- 1921—Baronet.
- 1923—G.C.V.O. (Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order).
- 1928—K.C.M.G. (Knight Grand Cross of St. Michael and St. George).
- 1929—Peerage.
- 1937—O.M. (Order of Merit).

OTHER—

Order of Merit (Chile); Knight Grand Cross of Alfonso (Spain); Grand Commander of the Order of Christ (Portugal); Grand Commander of the Order of the Redeemer (Greece); Grand Commander of the Order of Danneborg (Denmark); Order of the Commander of the Crown of Belgium; Commander of the Legion of Honour (France); Order of Polonia Restituta (Poland); Order of Amanulla (Afghanistan); First Class of the Order of Merit (Hungary); Order of the White Lion (Czechoslovakia); Order of the Phoenix (Greece); Grand Cross of the Order of Merit (Austria); Grand Cross of Gediminas (Lithuania); Grand Cross of Orange of Nassau (Holland); Commander of the Order of the Oak of Luxembourg; the Red Cross of Estonia; Grand Cross of the Order of the Sword (Sweden); Grand Cordon of the Legion of Honour (France).

A Traditional Tale from Turkey . . . THE HODJA PREACHES A SERMON

One day the celebrated religious teacher, Nasr-ed-Din Hodja, addressed his congregation from the pulpit in the following words:—

"I beseech you to tell me truly, oh Brethren, oh True Believers, if what I am going to say to you is already known to you."

And the answer came as in one voice from his congregation that they did not know, and that it was not possible for them to know what the Hodja was going to say to them.

"Then," the Hodja said to them, "of what possible use can it be for me to talk on an unknown subject?" And he descended from the pulpit and left the mosque, while his congregation remained in confusion.

The following week the Hodja's congregation gathered early, because the people were greatly interested in what he might say. And rather than fewer people, there were more, for the Hodja had made a great impression on his previous appearance. The congregation was tense as the Hodja came into view.

He ascended the pulpit, and said, "Oh Brethren, oh True Believers! I beseech you to tell me truly if what I am going to say to you is already known to you."

The answer that came back from the congregation was so spontaneous as to suggest that it had been prearranged. With one voice, all together, they shouted: "Yes, Hodja, we do know what you are going to say to us!"

"If that is the case," the Hodja said, "there is no need for you to waste your time or for me to waste mine."

And descending from the pulpit, the Hodja left the mosque. His congregation, having remained a while to pray, also left gradually, one by one and in groups. Outside the mosque they discussed the problem created by the Hodja's questions. Many of them had come not only to pray, but to hear the Hodja speak; and it appeared that he would neither deliver a sermon if they knew the subject of his talk nor if they didn't know.

On the following Friday, Nasr-ed-Din Hodja again mounted the pulpit and saw that his mosque was so crowded that not a nook or corner in it was empty.

He addressed his congregation in exactly the same manner as he had before.

"Oh Brethren, oh True Believers!" he said, "I ask you to tell me truly if what I am going to say is already known to you."

And again half of the congregation rose and said, "Yes, Hodja, we do know what you are going to say to us."

And the other half of the congregation rose and said, "Oh Hodja, how can we poor ignorant people know what you intend to say to us?"

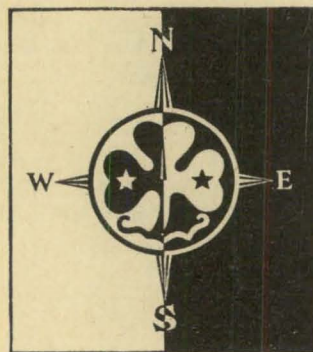
The Hodja answered, "It is well said. And now if the half that knows would explain to the other half what it is, I would be deeply grateful, for, of course, it would then be unnecessary for me to say anything."

Whereupon he descended from the pulpit and left the mosque.

—"Unesco Features".

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NETHERURD VESPER

(Words by Mrs. Stewart. Tune: Campfield's "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind").

O Lord, before we go to rest
Beneath the mountains shade,
We give Thee praise for this Thy earth,
The lovely world that gave us birth,
And all that Thou hast made.

May we, like these, be clothed with grace,
Enduring, strong and true,
That we may now in safety sleep,
And rise refreshed our trust to keep,
And do Thy work anew.

DAY OUT FOR BROWNIES

Brownies of Black Rock had a combined outing when their Leaders took them to Laverton Air Base to see the Air Force Week Display.

They were transported by bus and had lunch during the journey to give them more time to see what the R.A.A.F. had on display.

They viewed many exhibits of the static display, went through a Dakota transport aircraft, saw the first aircraft ever used by the R.A.A.F. — a French Deperdussin — watched the precision flying, consumed large quantities of soft drink, ice cream and doughnuts; but, despite all these, their greatest thrill came when eight Brownies were chosen to meet the R.A.A.F.'s famous aerobatic team, the "Telstars", from R.A.A.F. Base, East Sale.

After a conducted tour around the Vampire jets by the pilots, their leader, Squadron-Leader Benny Raffin (seen with the girls in the photo), gave a running commentary of the aircraft taking part in the display.

Tired but happy the Brownies departed for home just as it started to rain.



—Block by courtesy of Mr. F. Marshall, R.A.A.F.

PACK HOLIDAY

Brownies, Packie and Guiders spent five happy days at Guide House. The theme was a "Fairytale" Pack Holiday — the Brownies and Guiders vanished and in their place at Guide House or "Hedge Cottage" there were Bunnies, Robins, Daisies and Bluebells — with Merrymaid (Brown Owl), Knub (Tawny Owl), Pipkin (Ranger) and Brighteyes (Packie). A Pack Holiday uniform of brown slacks with yellow windcheaters and coloured scarves of their Six was worn. There was much laughter with lots of fun despite the very cold, wet weather which meant most of our time was spent indoors. Our appreciation and a very big "thank you" to everyone who made our stay so pleasant; to our friends, Mr. Bates, Miss Martin and to Mr. Mills, who kept the woodbox well filled.

A HIKE TO ST. HELENA

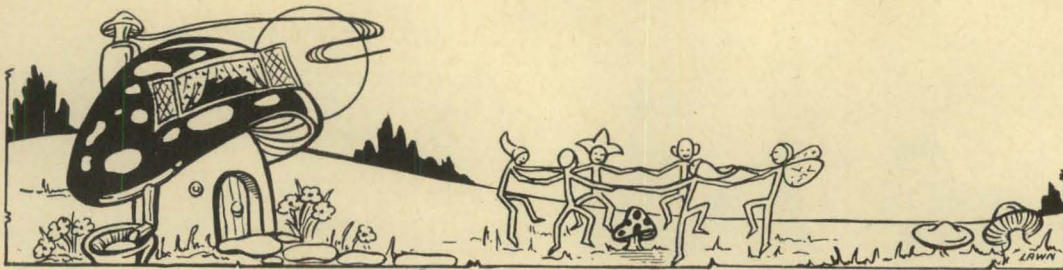
1st and 3rd Northcote Packs hiked to the Church of St. Helena in Greensborough. The Brownies went into the little church. The carpet which is on the floor in the church, was part of the carpet that Queen Elizabeth walked down for her Coronation.

All the Brownies made daisy chains. Brown Owl said, "See who can make the longest chain."

There was a little graveyard. Some of the Brownies made little daisy chains and put them on the graves.

We played a game and had Brownie Ring. After we had been there a while two lovely dogs came, and when we left they followed us to the station.

—Janene Suttie, aged 9 years.



TREASURE REVELS

At Springvale Division Revels at Burden Park approximately 150 Brownies and Guiders welcomed their Commissioners and friends.

The theme was Treasure Island, and Pack Leaders and Guiders dressed as pirates. Each Brownie received a coloured eye patch before walking the plank to the Treasure Chest, where their offerings were deposited among the treasure of gold, pearls and silver.

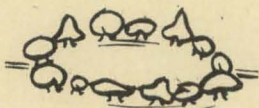
After games Brownies formed a crocodile line behind Captain Hook, and were led into a large circle for Brownie Ring.

PACK REVELS

Recently Packs from Minyip, Murtoa, Rupanyup and Warracknabeal met at the Guide Hall in Warracknabeal for their Revels. Owing to very heavy rain most of the afternoon had to be spent indoors, but everybody entered into the spirit of the day and made the best of it.

We chose an international theme, and after afternoon tea, provided by our L.A., the Brownies started their trip round the world by paying their Brownie Cottage "fare" into a Brownie World Badge box. Their ticket was a picture of the enrolment badge of the Brownies of a particular country; in this way they were divided into groups of countries and played typical games.

We were very pleased to have our District Commissioner present, and after a picnic tea we all joined in action songs.



BROWNIE REVELS

With the Olympic Games as the theme, flags, Olympic torches and ring symbols were used as a setting when the Caulfield Brownies were the host district at the Division Brownie Revels. As far as possible, each country was represented by a Brownie from every Pack, then the country trials were held.

Our Division Commissioner and District Commissioners were the judges for the final contests, Italy being the "victorious country".



"GUY FAWKES" THEME

A "Guy Fawkes" theme was chosen for Brownie Revels when the Brownies of Hadfield, Glenroy, Oak Park and Strathmore gathered together.

A large Brownie Ring was a lovely sight, and the Brownies made their way past two large crackers to Guy Fawkes, placing their contributions for Brownie Cottage in the two "bombs" he held.

Emblems such as Crackers, Sparklers, and Catherine Wheels were buttoned to the Brownies' pockets to divide them into groups to meet each other and play games.

The Pack Leaders did a wonderful job serving cool drinks, while Commissioners and Guiders enjoyed a nice cuppa served by the Strathmore L.A. Opportunity was also made to say farewell to our Division Commissioner, Mrs. P. Angel, whose term as Commissioner was finishing.



AN INTERSTATE TREFOIL CONFERENCE

An Interstate Trefoil Conference, held in Mildura over a recent weekend, was attended by Trefoil members from South Australia, New South Wales and Victoria. Mildura Trefoil was honoured to have as their guests the Australian Trefoil Recorder, Mrs. G. Cameron; South Australian State Recorder, Mrs. Whereat; and the Victorian State Recorder, Mrs. May.

The District Commissioner for Mildura officially welcomed the visitors to the Conference held in the Mildura Guide Hut. Mrs. Cameron chaired the afternoon's proceedings, which included a report on Trefoil activities in South Australia, given by Mrs. Whereat. This was followed by reports from individual South Australian Guilds, given by some of the eight members from the Adelaide Trefoil Guild, who were present.

Mrs. May gave a resume of Trefoil activities in Victoria, and reports were given from Ballarat, Geelong and Mildura Trefoils by their representatives. A feature of the afternoon was a most interesting display of stamps depicting Guiding and Scouting in many countries. These were from the collection of Mildura Trefoil President, Mrs. J. Matthews, an ardent philatelist, and made a fascinating and colourful exhibition.

Conference concluded on Saturday night with a dinner for all Mildura members and guests, where Mrs. May spoke about the International Federation of Former Scouts and Guides.

On Sunday members attended a Guilds' Own held under "The Big Tree" along the banks of the Murray River in lovely sunshine. Visitors went on a tour of the district, which included a tour round a fruit block, where they saw at first hand the cultivation of grape vines and citrus trees, and a call at Wentworth to see the confluence of the Murray and the Darling Rivers. It is hoped that the success of this weekend will promote further interest in perhaps an Australian Trefoil Conference.

VISITOR TO AUSTRALIA

As a visitor to Australia, and a member of the Port of Leith Trefoil Guild, Scotland, it was with great pleasure I attended a Trefoil Guild meeting. Where the Guild has attracted the younger members a great deal can be done in furthering the ideals which we represent. I liked your eagerness to get together. There is a great need in all communities for help and service, and we, as Guides, can help in so many different ways.

I was impressed to hear of all the suggestions to raise funds. The Opportunity Shop interested me very much. The project of a centre in Melbourne for teaching and relaxing is splendid, and I am sure it will be accepted in all walks of life. You know the saying, "Where there's a will there's a way".

Then the visit I paid to the Lone Guides Birthday "25" was another highlight. It gives one a great sense of belonging to be present at such a wonderful friendly meeting.

From this meeting I was invited to be present at the Preston Guides' and Brownies' Annual Meeting.

I must say a word of praise to the Local Associations, who are always ready to help and who do so much in the background. To all the people I met there I say "thank you" for a wonderful evening.

On my visit to Headquarters I was met with great kindness. It is a real hive of industry, and one does not realise how much paper work has to be done to run the Movement smoothly.

A visit to Britannia Park was my final venture. My thanks are due to Mrs. Gray, who made it possible. The weather wasn't very kind, but that didn't daunt our spirits. It is a lovely place, and it should delight the hearts of all who go there, young or old. The Chapel is magnificent. Such simplicity, yet one felt a great awe.

Trefoilers! Just pause a moment and think how lucky you are to have such a place to go to and relax. May it always be a happy place.

I return to Scotland grateful to have met you all. I shall tell of your Guiding, too, and, best of all, I shall always remember the wonderful hospitality you extended to me. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.
—Isabella Chassar.



1st Shepparton
Queen's Guide,
Ann Prater
(left), being
congratulated by
Vicki Williams
and the Mayor
of Shepparton.

—Block by courtesy of "Shepparton News".

KILSYTH QUEEN'S GUIDE

It was a night to remember when Anna Graham was presented with her Queen's Guide Badge. Captain welcomed the many parents and friends present, then introduced our District Commissioner, who welcomed both our Region and Division Commissioners.

Anna was escorted down the Horseshoe by two Patrol Leaders, with Guides holding badges showing the tests she had passed, and Captain read a resume of her Guide "career". The badge was pinned on Anna's sleeve by our Region Commissioner.

A gift from the Company was presented, and Anna thanked everyone who had helped. The ceremony was followed by a campfire and supper, with a cake decorated by the World Badge.

QUEEN'S GUIDES PRESENTATION

Two recently qualified Queen's Guides — Wendy Currie and Lyn Boyd — were presented with their badges by the Region Commissioner at Myrtleford.

Our Division Commissioner congratulated the girls, Myrtleford District's first Queen Guides.

In the darkened hall a large candle was lit to represent the flame of Guiding, and then each Guide in the Horseshoe lit a small candle from it, saying "I light the candle from the flame of Guiding and I represent" — and in turn a different branch of learning — Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class and through the various badges.

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KNOW YOUR COMMITTEES



The Extension Section

The Extension Section, as its name implies, is a section within the Movement, and the Brownies, Guides and Senior Branch Members who come into this category also come under the care of the Brownie, Guide and Senior Branch Branches.

It is only when special problems arise due to the handicap of the girl that the Extension Section takes over to assist the Guider to work out the best for the girl concerned.

Post Brownies, Guides and Senior Branch and also the Post Trefoil Guild come within this Section.

Each of the Extension Units is attached to a District, and they are all well integrated into the activities of their Districts, Divisions and Regions, but occasionally a function is arranged specially for the Extension members, and this is then organised from the meeting of the Guiders.

The Section does not have a Committee, as such, but the Guiders who run Extension Units meet together approximately every six weeks to discuss any problems which may have arisen and plan any activities.

The meeting is chaired by the Adviser or Assistant Adviser, and a Minute Secretary takes notes of decisions and discussions, and these are circulated to all Extension Units.

Our Treasurer is not a Guider, but a very interested friend who has for many years kept our finances in order and kept our books as the Auditors require. We are all very grateful to her.

One of the most important works of the Section is to arrange alternative tests for physically and mentally handicapped girls. These tests must be adapted to ensure that they require the same amount of physical and/or mental effort from the Extension as the Active girl must put into her test. These must be alternative tests, not easier tests.

At all times contact is kept up with Extension Sections in other States to ensure that we are working on the same basis and keeping a general standard throughout Australia.

The Guiders of the Section work together to try and make sure that this extension of Guiding lives up to the spirit of the Movement in every way.

Don't forget your . . .



COMPACTOID first aid kit

Small — Medium — Large

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ALL-AUSTRALIA GUIDE CAMP

Camp "Kumanka" (Friends Together)

"Kindilan", one of the Training Centres of the Queensland Girl Guides Association, will be the venue of the Australian-wide camp to be held from 13th to 20th May, 1967. This area of some 200 acres is situated in the Redland Bay District, 30 miles from the city, often called the "Salad Bowl" of Brisbane, and noted for its strawberries.

"Kindilan" has a large club room, kitchen, staff room, sleeping quarters, etc., "Brownie Cottage", two storage sheds for camping equipment, and in May, 1966, five cleared campsites. The first need was for the clearing of additional campsites in readiness for 15 groups of campers. Metropolitan and near country Divisions rallied to the call for help, and at the time of writing the required campsites are almost ready for use.

Each Division has been asked to name the site it has "adopted", and appropriate Aboriginal names have been selected.

A campfire area in a central position has also been prepared.

The next important task was to supply water to all the sites, and here the menfolk of "Kindilan" Committee have done a wonderful job. The local Rotary Club promised help with the laying of pipes, and this was all to be completed by the end of 1966.

Roads were needed to service the new areas, and a country Division undertook to make this their service for "Kindilan". A wonderful response from our Guiding folk made what at first seemed a gigantic task into one of quick accomplishment.

Arrangements have been made, too, with the G.P.O. for a special cancellation stamp on all mail going through Redland Bay Post Office from the camp.



EDITOR OF THE "WARATAH"

"Matilda" welcomes Mrs. Honor Darling as the new Editor of our sister magazine, "Waratah", in New South Wales.

We were happy to have Mrs. K. Buchanan with us at our Editors' Conference last year, and hope she will thoroughly enjoy her "retirement".

STURT'S DESERT PEA

It was as long ago as 1699 that the white man first discovered the Sturt Pea, but Australian Aborigines had known it far back through their history, for this plant is a native of Australia, and found only in Australia.

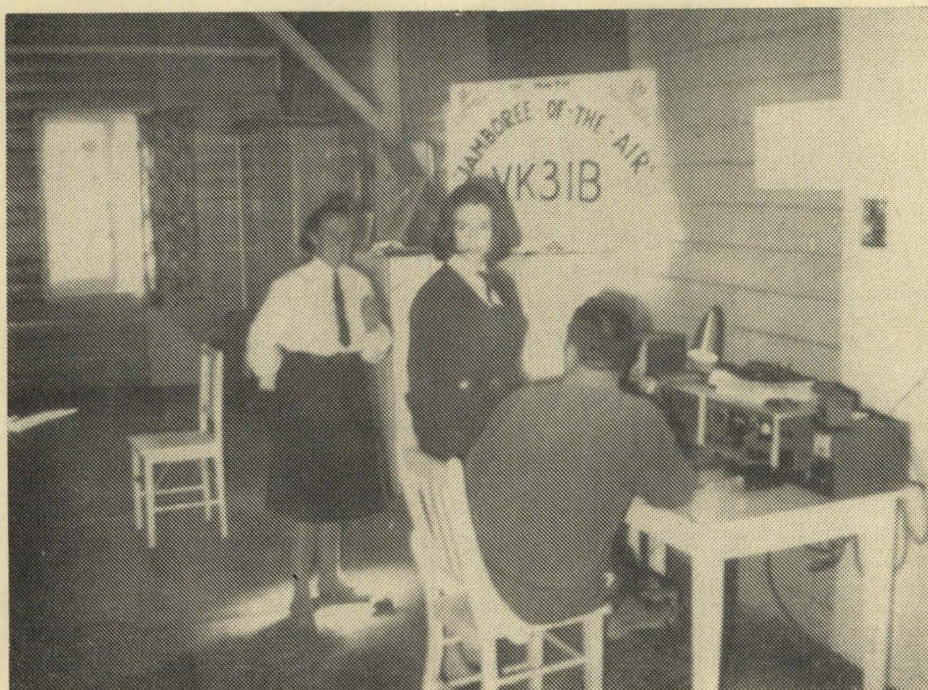
William Dampier first gathered specimens of it along the arid north-west coast in 1699, but it was Charles Sturt, the explorer, who in 1844 collected samples in the Broken Hill vicinity on his trip through desert country to Cooper Creek, and gave it its name.

It is one of Australia's largest and most spectacular native flowers — *Clanthus formosus* being its botanical name. There is only one other species in this group, and this is found only in New Zealand. This plant sprawls over the ground and the weak herbaceous branches and large pinnate leaves, which are a very soft green in colour, are covered with long greyish silky hairs. The bloom itself is a glorious scarlet and may be up to 4in. in length, with a shiny purply-black boss at the base of the upper petal, or standard. The flowers come in clusters which hang vertically from the top of a short, erect stem.

There are two other colours which are very rare — a rose-pink and a white. These three types are all quite difficult to grow so they are rare in suburban gardens.

The Sturt Pea is found in a large area extending across Australia from the north-west coast of Western Australia to the western plains of New South Wales, so it covers quite an area in the north of South Australia. Thus it is generally accepted as the State's emblem, certainly by the University of Adelaide and the Field Naturalists' section of the Royal Society of South Australia. The Guide Movement has followed this opinion and has adopted it for its Friendship Badge.

The Sturt Pea lends itself well to the triangular shape of the badge, which has the Guide Badge superimposed on the flower. The words "South Australia" leave no doubt as to the State of Sturt's Desert Pea.



—Block by courtesy of the "Dimboola Banner".

CALLING C.Q JAMBOREE

"CQ Jamboree — VK31B calling — CQ Jamboree — come in, please."

This was the beginning of two exciting days at the ninth Jamboree of the Air.

VK31B — Mr. Alan Hawker — had set up his "ham" station at the Guide Hall in Dimboola and an antenna was erected in the grounds. Dimboola Guides and Brownies, Scouts and Cubs were all able to call in at any time during the weekend and talk to any of the contacts made.

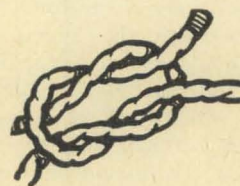
Unfortunately an amateur Radio Contest was being held the same weekend, so overseas contacts were scarce and brief, but all who attended enjoyed talking to other members of the Movement and discussing activities.

We were particularly impressed with 1st Wagga's description of their "set-up" on the banks of the Murrumbidgee River, where they were camping. They had their antenna hooked on to a tall gum tree, which one of their Troop had climbed.

Badge "swapping" was popular, and many pen friendships were made. We have some budding "hams" in our Company as a result of the weekend — the one drawback is expense!

We are most grateful to Mr. Hawker for making his valuable equipment available to us, and we are eagerly looking forward to the tenth Jamboree of the Air.

—Leonore Albrecht, Meryl Reid,
2nd Dimboola Guides.



FAREWELL PARTY

4th Hawthorn Guides gave a farewell party for Cathie Powers, who was leaving for England.

It was decided to have a fancy dress party, and among the guests was our District Commissioner as a Singapore Guider and our Division Commissioner as an Arabian Sheik.

Some of the other costumes were a Martian, an early Guide, Mother Earth and Australia — Land of the Free.

After a party tea prepared by the Guides, some Australian badges were presented to Cathie to use in England.

—Suzanne Hill.

MOUNTAIN DISTRICT SPRING FEVER

Springtime in the Mountain District was celebrated last year with a burst of activity for everyone connected with Guiding.

The L.A. held their November meeting — the last for the year — in the beautiful surroundings of our own Britannia Park. A picnic lunch under the trees was especially appreciated, as Melbourne was sweltering in a century heatwave that day.

1st Ferny Creek Guides held a wonderful Halloween Party and invited both Brownie Packs, all parents and the L.A. to come and share the fun. Ferny Creek Scout Hall looked very festive with decorations of cut-out pumpkins, witches and black cats, and a lot of trouble went into the masks the children and parents made. Guides arranged games for every age group, including the Mums, and helped prepare a very successful supper table.

1st Ferny Creek Brownies entertained the 1st Montmorency Pack with a day in Sherbrooke Forest. Off the beaten path the Brownies found a reflection pond, and there they enrolled Tweenies from both Packs. Mrs. H. R. Carr, Commissioner for Sherbrooke Forest Division, was able to come along and share a barbecue lunch with Brownies and parents.

The first outing in uniform for newly enrolled girls from the 2nd Ferny Creek Pack came when they accompanied the Pack on a visit to the Presbyterian Babies' Home, Camberwell. This Pack is very interested in community service, and the girls were taken over the Home and shown how it is run. Developing the "spirit of giving", each girl presented a child with a tom-tom drum made at Pack meetings.



NATURE LORE

It was interesting to read the talk, "Are We An Outdoor Movement?" A love for nature is something that Guiding can give, and it is needed today. What do Guiders think of the syllabus for the Birdwatcher's Badge? Do you think it is too difficult?

—J.H.

AN ABORIGINAL RALLY

Each year Guides in our Division hold a rally, and this year it was Yarrawonga's turn to be hosts. We chose an Aborigine theme, and Guides from all over the Division met at Uambi, Almonds. Over 200 girls were invited, including some from Wodonga, Chiltern and Tallangatta, although they are not in the Division.

After inspection the girls were divided into Patrols with members from several Companies. We were supplied with materials and made Mia Mias and totem poles. Next there was a wide game. The last part of the game was to stalk our way back to the camp without being seen by the witch doctors — Guiders dressed up with masks made by the various Companies for a competition. The Mia Mias proved to be a good shelter when the rain came.

Afternoon tea was served, and the winner of the mask competition announced — 1st Yarrawonga.

The activities were to conclude with an Aboriginal corroboree, but the rain prevented it.

Our thanks are due to the Local Association for providing us with soup and rolls, and also to the Guiders who made it such a worthwhile afternoon.

—J. Lascelles, 1st Yarrawonga Coy.,
Ovens River Division.



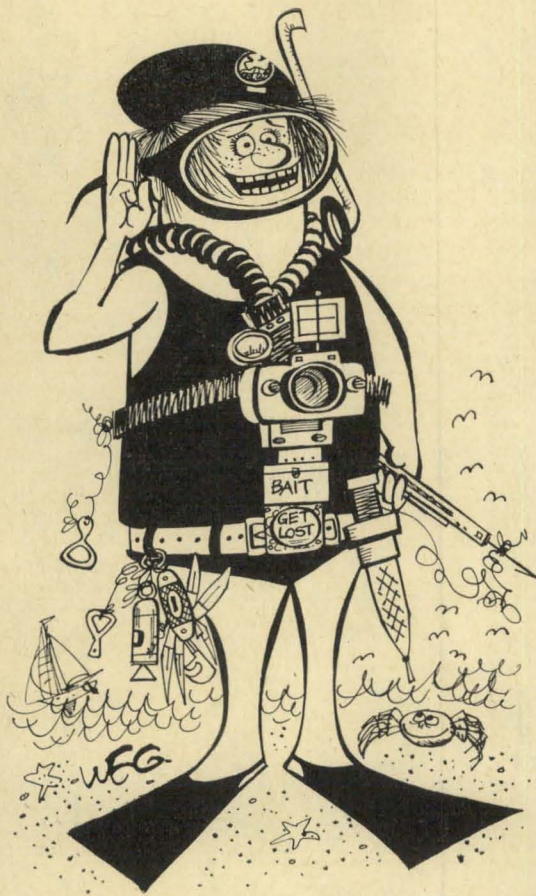
A tree-toad loved a she toad
That abode up in a tree.
She was a three-toed-tree-toad
But only a two-toed-toad was he.

The two-toed-tree-toad tried to win
The she toad's friendly nod,
For the two-toed-tree-toad loved the ground
The three-toed-tree-toad trod.

But vainly the two-toed-tree-toad tried
To please her every whim
For in her three-toed-tree-toad tree
The three-toed she toad vetoed him.

—Anon.

(This poem should be read at speed for the best results.)



—With thanks to "Weg" and the "Herald".

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At the moment, we (some 1959 "Fiji Gathering" participants) are thinking of preparing another newsletter. It has been a couple of years since our last one, so felt it was time to catch up on the happenings. As the international statement goes, "Once a Guide, always a Guide."

Incidentally, there are two Guiders working here in Dungog with me. One is from New Zealand and one was originally from England. Not only is that the nursing bond but the Guiding bond as well.

With many thanks again for your friendship, yours sincerely,

ELSIE STEEVES (Canadian Guider).

THE NEW GUIDE UNIFORM?

The Senior Branch planned a trip to Dunk Island, on the Barrier Reef (for more details of this expedition watch for the March issue of "Matilda") — and this was Weg's idea of what the well-dressed Dunk Island Ranger would be wearing.



QUEEN'S GUIDES PRESENTATION

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Soon the whole Horseshoe was marked by lighted candles. The girls then repeated the Promise.

The Commissioner told the girls that they had achieved a great milestone, and the Region was proud of them. She urged the girls to try to plough back into Guiding some of the good things they had gained from their time to help the Guides and the Brownies to follow.

—From "Myrtleford Times".

GIRL SCOUT MARCH

Words by Akiko MISHIMA
Music by Masami KATAYAMA
English translation
by Toshiko TANAKA



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WA-RE-RA - S-COU-TS, MO-RI-NI - I - KE-BA, KO-TO-
We - the - S-cou - ts, when we are - in the wood, The -

RI - SA-E-ZU- RI, TO-YO - NI - U - TA - U, WA-RE -
little - fea - thered bird sing, we sing toge - ther with them, We -

RA - S-COU-TS, MA-CHI - NI - I - KE-BA, KO-KO-
the - S-cou - ts, when we go in - to town, the -

RO - NO-HA-NA - OH - SA - KA - SE-YO - OH, SE-KA-
flowers of the hearts - -, let us make them bloo - m. Dear -

I - NO - TO - MO-TO, TE - OH - TSU-NA - GI, RI-SO -
frie - nds of the wor - ld, Let's hand - to - ge - - ther, The -

O - NO-HI - KA-RI, KA - KA-GE-YO - OH, S-C -
shining light of > idea - ls to - display alo - - ft. S-c -

OU-TS, S-C - OU-TS, GI - RL - S-C - OU-TS.
ou - ts, S - c - ou - ts, Gi - rl - S - c - ou - ts.

We the Scouts
When we are in the woods
The little feathered birds sing
We sing together with them
We the Scouts
When we go into town
The flowers of the heart
Let's join hands together
The shining light of ideals
To display aloft
Scouts, Scouts, Girl Scouts

ガールスカウトマーチ

われらスカウト	森にいけば
ことりさえずり	共にうたう
われらスカウト	街にいけば
心の花を	さかせよう
世界の友と	手をつなぎ
理想の光	かゝげよう
スカウト スカウト ガールスカウト	

三島昌子 作詞
片山正見 作曲

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CLOSING SONG

Music and words by Raymond Hattori
English Translation by Michiko Nakamura

Moderato

TA - NOH-SHI-I TSU-DO I - MO,
Our joy-ful ga-ther-ing

KOH - RE-DE OH-SHI-MA - I OH-
is now at an end With

MOH - I-DE-NO-KA-ZU - KA-ZU,
Ma-ny re-mem-brances

MU - NE-NI-KI - ZA - MI, MA-
Deep in our hearts, Fare-

TA - A-U-TOH-KI - MA-DE, SA-
well, our dear friends, Till

YO - NA - RA, GE-
we meet a gain May

N - KI - NI - OH - SU - GO - SHI,
God be with you al-ways

I - NOH-RI - MA - SU,
Do we all pray

CLOSING SONG

Our joyful gathering
is now at an end
With many remembrances
Deep in our hearts.
"Farewell, our dear friends,
Till we meet again.
May God be with you always,"
Do we all pray

たのしいつどいも これでおしまい
思い出のかずかず むねにきざみ
また会う時まで さようなら
げんきにおすごし いのります

作詩・作曲 服部逸郎

The songs printed in this month's Campfire Songs are two which were sung at the 19th World Conference, held in Japan late last year.

We are most grateful to the Girl Scouts of Japan, and to the composers and authors, for their very ready permission to reprint the songs, and for their help generally. Translation from Japanese to English is not easy, so we have included the Japanese characters, and the Japanese words written in the Roman alphabet.

NOTICES

TRAINING DEPARTMENT

Congratulations to Mrs. K. Maskell (Guide) and Miss J. Pobjoy (Camping) on gaining their Training Certificates. We are very happy to welcome two more qualified Trainers.

Easter Training Week, 1967

Britannia Park, 24th to 28th March. Fee: \$8.

Headquarters Courses, 1967—1st Term

Brownie

Pre-Warrant: Commencing Wednesday, 1st March (7.30 p.m.).

Pre-Warrant: Commencing Thursday, 16th March (10 a.m.).

Brownie Special Subjects: Commencing Monday, 27th February (7.30 p.m.).

Brownie Special Subjects: Commencing Friday, 31st March (10.30 a.m.).

Guide

Pre-Warrant: Commencing Thursday, 2nd March (5.45 or 7.30 p.m.; time not yet arranged).

Pre-Warrant: Commencing Tuesday, 7th March (10 a.m.).

First Class: 18th-19th March AND 15th-16th April (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

Commonwealth Knowledge: Wednesday, 15th March (10 a.m.).

Commonwealth Knowledge: Tuesday, 4th, AND 18th April (7.30 p.m.).

Ranger

1st-2nd and 22nd-23rd April (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

Country Training Courses, 1967

Barwon Region

Brownie Pre-Warrant: Commencing Thursday, 2nd March, 5.45 p.m.

Brownie Special Subjects: Commencing Thursday, 2nd March, 8 p.m.

Barree Region

Guide Pre-Warrant: 11th, 12th and 13th March and 8th-9th April.

Otway Region

Guide Pre-Warrant: 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 25th April. (Details regarding times and locations of these trainings will be sent to Districts nearer the time.)

FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING ALL THE ABOVE TRAININGS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE COMMISSIONERS' NEWSLETTER.



A NOTE RE UNIFORMS FROM PAPUA-NEW GUINEA

Second-hand uniforms recently arrived in Moersby and were destroyed by Customs authorities, as a large part of the consignment was soiled and had not been fumigated prior to despatch.

There is no point in people going to the expense of sending uniforms unless they are in good order. The children are extremely proud of their uniforms, and we cannot give a worn-out uniform to a child simply because her family cannot pay for it. Many of the children probably never see money from one year to the next.

Summer uniforms are very much appreciated (though the children do not wear hats, so these should not be sent), but, PLEASE, would everyone check what is sent — that the uniforms are clean, stitched where they should be, have buttons instead of holes where they have been torn off, and are not worn out.

Thank you!

CINDERELLA-GIRL GUIDE



To the people of Lakes Entrance recently the transformation of their Mechanics' Hall into a theatre with curtains, spotlights, scenery, props, programme sellers, etc., may have been rather a surprise, but 20 Girl Guides, with the assistance of five Brownies, performed "Cinderella-Girl Guide" (with thanks to the "Guide") to help increase their Building Fund.

The encouragement of the parents and friends, together with the enthusiasm of the Leaders and girls, proved that the many months of preparation were all well worth while and we netted a profit of \$130.

CONGRATULATIONS

CONGRATULATIONS to the recipients of the following Awards:—

Thanks Badges:

Mrs. P. J. Boak, Meeniyau.
Mr. J. Madigan, Lancefield.
Apex Club, Moe (Plaque).
Mrs. H. Hallam, Extension Auxiliary.
Mrs. V. Whiting, Robinvale.
Mr. A. E. Scott, Invergordon.

APPOINTMENTS

Region Commissioner:

Mrs. C. N. Bucknall, Ballarat.

Division Commissioners:

Mrs. A. J. King, Tambo Valley; Miss D. M. Bonney, South Barwon; Miss J. Lang, Geelong; Mrs. F. H. Morrall, Werribee area; Miss K. Yeoman, Western; Mrs. A. G. Blackburn, Macedon.

District Commissioners:

Mrs. G. S. Robertson, Murrabit; Mrs. B. M. Watson, Sunshine; Mrs. C. G. Coats, Warracknabeal; Mrs. M. J. Green, Laverton; Mrs. R. P. Charles, Trawalla; Mrs. A. V. Parker, Quambatook; Mrs. G. W. Wright, Highton; Mrs. R. J. Pilkington, Werribee; Mrs. V. I. Boxhall, Dromana; Mrs. D. G. Collings, Mornington; Mrs. K. R. Torode, Colac West; Mrs. G. J. Muller, Lara; Mrs. H. J. Unsworth, Geelong West; Miss J. Lehmann, Emerald Lakeside; Mrs. R. J. Ward, Hamilton; Mrs. J. E. Exton, Bundoora.

RESIGNATIONS

District Commissioners:

Mrs. E. T. Jaques, Wedderburn; Mrs. H. J. Smith, Drung; Mrs. D. Crane, Scoresby; Mrs. B. L. Arney, Wantirna South; Mrs. N. R. Smith, Rutherglen; Mrs. W. P. Johnstone, Colac West; Mrs. E. D. Fairhurst, Greensborough; Mrs. E. F. Williams, Dromana.

WARRANTS

Captains:

Miss R. Seivers, 3rd Yarraville; Miss A. B. Cowan, 1st Kaniva; Miss J. A. Paynter, 1st Carrum Downs; Miss M. Kenny, 1st Gisborne; Mrs. R. N. Miller, 1st Pyramid Hill; Mrs. D. Taylor, 2nd East Ringwood; Mrs. R. Mackinnon, 2nd Mildura; Mrs. G. F. Mayo, 4th Kew; Mrs. R. E. Brown, 1st Boort; Mrs. R. L. Greed, 1st Ouyen.

Lieutenants:

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Brown Owls:

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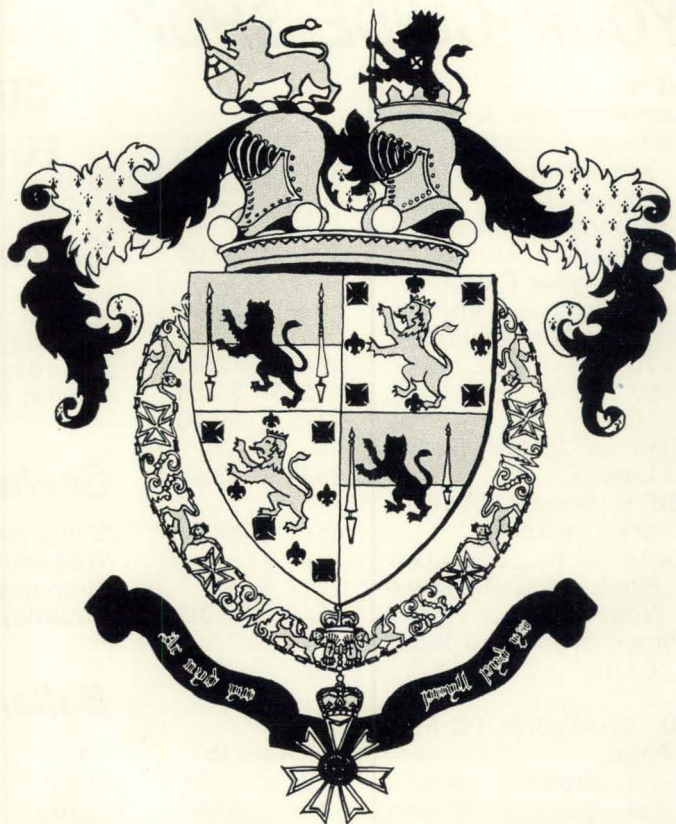
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Summary for Three Years

VICTORIA:		1966	1965	1964
State	43,871			41,292
Nauru	127	= 43,998	42,575	180
NEW SOUTH WALES:				
State	31,885			29,303
A.C.T.	1,239			859
Norfolk Island	50	= 33,174	32,315	52
QUEENSLAND		12,655	12,320	11,584
SOUTH AUSTRALIA:				
State	10,928			10,530
Northern Territory	612	= 11,540	11,192	534
WESTERN AUSTRALIA:				
State	8,457			7,266
Christmas Island	78	= 8,535	8,284	76
TASMANIA		5,396	4,814	4,947
PAPUA-NEW GUINEA		3,452	3,760	3,611
		118,750	115,360	110,234