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FROM THE STATE COMMISSIONER

The first week of May, 1967, as well as being of historic importance to Victorian Guiding, will always be a treasured memory to all those of us fortunate enough to see and hear Olave, Lady Baden-Powell, our World Chief Guide. Such was the vigour and happiness of her personality, the strength of the impact of her enthusiasm and inspiration, that it was hard to believe that the overflowing love and gratitude from the hundreds of hands and eyes and mouths and hearts that followed her down the drive of Government House, through the air terminal and on to another such aeroplane as brought her to us, had this time taken her away. But it had taken her on to eagerly waiting sister Guides in N.S.W., and we could picture her welcome there and rejoice in their happiness in the wonderful week ahead of them — and so on to Queensland, where our representatives at the Friendship Camp, Kumanka, were doubly fortunate in having another day with her. We were delighted for our people at Mt. Isa and Darwin that the Chief was to visit them en route to Adelaide, and finally for those in Western Australia, who had to wait so long for their turn to come. Writing from Perth, after accompanying the Chief Guide throughout her Australian tour, our Chief Commissioner, Mrs. Buntine, has said, "The Chief left on Sunday afternoon, looking rested and happy, though I do believe a little sorry that she must go. And, believe it or not, her correspondence was up to date, which helped to make her feel relaxed. I quite lost count of the letters she wrote. Hundreds and hundreds! The arrangements made by each State were simply splendid — and so varied. I was simply bursting with pride and delight. And how I wish you could have seen her as the Icecream got bigger and bigger — the final figure will be well over \$3000. She simply could not believe it!

"The tour has been a heavy assignment for her, but she has met every demand, and, as you know, has made a terrific impact on all who have met or seen her, whether they be young or old, the Prime Minister or the car driver. T.V. and radio became more and more enthusiastic from State to State. The value of her visit to both Movements is incalculable. In terms of stimulus and encouragement, there must be thousands

and thousands who have been spurred on by her own conviction and example.

"It was perhaps very fitting, and certainly very moving, that the final engagement in Australia should be to attend and read the epistle at an Inter-Denominational Communion Service on Sunday morning in the Anglican Cathedral with a large congregation, the greater part in uniform — a very wonderful atmosphere in a very beautiful setting, attended by a very great woman."

At home we were back to normal activities for the rest of the month, but the ordinary meetings had greater import and zest from the "revivification" we had received.

I was grateful for a further opportunity, when she received my call to discuss Guide affairs generally, to personally thank Lady Delacombe, and, through her, His Excellency the Governor for their hospitality given so graciously and generously to our two Chiefs.

International interest came from other directions, in that we had the pleasure of receiving a visit from Mrs. Murat, International Commissioner from Egypt, and Miss Smith, from England, who were attending the World Conference of Physiotherapists. Through the kind invitation of the Lord Mayor, I was able to meet visiting leaders in the Salvation Army, Commissioner and Mrs. Commissioner Eric Wickberg. Mrs. Wickberg is World President of the Salvation Army Girl Guards.

The Boy Scouts, with whom we had the pleasure of associating so constantly and closely during the Chief's visit, plunged immediately afterwards into the production of their 15th Gang Show. So many of our members look forward to the Gang Show year by year that it could almost be regarded as a Guide fixture, and certainly we have come to accept that each Show will be even better than the last one.

Very appropriately, my final date for the month was a preview of the film of the Chief's visit made by Miss Betty Reynolds for our Public Relations Sub-Committee. It presents her and the total picture of her time with us so vividly and splendidly that I can't wait for you all to see it, too.

Joyce S. Price

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State Commissioner - Elect

It is with pleasure that we introduce Mrs. R. Renshaw Jones, of Brighton, State Commissioner elect, who will commence her five-year term of office on 1st February, 1968.



**Mrs. Renshaw Jones at the recent L.A.
Conference.**

—By courtesy "Greater Eastern Suburbs Standard".

Mrs. Renshaw Jones, wife of the Consul-General of Iceland, has been associated with Guiding for many years, her early experience having been gained in England, where she was enrolled as a Brownie, continued as a Guide and Ranger, and ultimately served the Movement when an adult as a Brownie leader, Guide leader and District Commissioner.

On coming to Victoria, Mrs. Renshaw Jones continued her interest in Guiding, and assisted enthusiastically with the recent Building Appeal. In 1964 she became a member of the State Council, has served on the Executive Committee since early 1966, and is also a member of the the Public Relations Sub-Committee. Mrs. Renshaw Jones has made the opportunity to contact Guide people in other countries during many overseas visits.

Taking an active part in community activities she is a member of the Lady Mayoress' Committee, the Australian-American Association and of the Brighton Auxiliary of the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

CAMP KUMANKA



On the way to Camp Kumanka the 108 Guides who left Victoria got very little sleep. This was partly due to excitement, but it is difficult to sleep sitting up at any time, let alone on a train with all sorts of people (mainly Air Force Cadets) walking through your carriage at all hours of the night.

After descending on Sydney for a day of sightseeing, and devouring half the food supply at the station cafeteria, we set out on the second leg of our journey — on the wrong train altogether. We were supposed to reach Brisbane at about 10 o'clock, but our unfortunate billets had to wait three hours before we arrived, bleary-eyed, after our second sleepless night, only too ready to try out Brisbane's beautiful beds and to eat her inhabitants out of house and home.

After one night of luxury, however, we crawled out of bed at 6 o'clock and went off to Brisbane Guide Headquarters, where we were loaded, along with our innumerable packs and bedding rolls, into the buses which were to take us to Kindilan campsite at Redland Bay, where the camp was to be held. The scenery through which we passed was very similar to that of Victoria, with the addition of a banana plantation here and there.

On our arrival we waited until the Scouters had unloaded our luggage from the aisle of the bus so that we could get out, then we were separated into group camps, which were named after pioneers, explorers and navigators of Australian history.

We soon settled in, and after a good night's sleep on stretchers (such luxury!) we began to get organised. Soon many interesting, if not necessarily useful, gadgets rose on the horizon, revealing unsuspected genius in these girls from all over Australia.

By Monday we were well organised and completely prepared for Lady Baden-Powell's visit, during which she would officially open the camp, but "the Sunshine State" let us down — it poured with rain! However, by

the afternoon the weather had cleared, and damp ground could not dampen our welcome for our Chief, whose visit was a huge success. She also stayed to campfire, and appeared to enjoy herself immensely before, much to her annoyance, she had to be taken away and "put to bed".

Our camp was now in full swing; on Tuesday and Thursday we went on excursions to Redland Bay, the Gold Coast or the city, all of which were a great success, perhaps the best point being the visit to "Marine-land". On Wednesday we started the Pioneer Course and individual challenges, which, if we had time, we finished on Friday.

Then, quite suddenly, we found that our camp was coming to an end; we had had a marvellous time; we had made many new friends, enjoyed the stretchers and the luxurious Queensland food (fresh pineapple, paw-paw and banana every day), but not, unfortunately, the luxurious Queensland sunshine. I think we had all expected to go home with glorious suntans (we had been solemnly warned on our arrival to avoid getting seriously sunburnt!), but Queensland bid us farewell with a downpour of rain, and we left, slightly damp but noisily happy, leaving the Queenslanders to deal with the soaking tents.

—Belinda Walker.



LADY BADEN-POWELL'S SPEECH AT CAMP KUMANKA

Aren't we lucky? Aren't we lucky, and don't we deserve it? But before I talk to you for a few moments I am just going to say officially, and with all sincerity, how grateful I am to Queensland for having planned that I might come to your camp, and you would have your camp when I was here. Now you all know I think that it was thanks to Mrs. Buntine and her opposite number, the Chief Commissioner for the Boy Scouts, who wrote to me two years ago and said, "It's high time you came to Australia again." Of course at the other end of the world I also agreed it was high time I should come again. But all the year, last year was busy because I had to go flitting round to a lot of other countries. I only "flit round" to 15, but I was fairly busy all through last year and especially when I met Mrs. Buntine at the World Conference in Tokyo in October, where, I may say, she did her job so well. She was our Vice-Chairman of the World Conference. When we got our heads together we talked together and we planned. And this is part of the plan. Today was part of the plan, and she kindly arranged all this wonderful tour which I have been doing with her. We've gone round hand in hand. We had a marvellous three weeks — four weeks — four whole weeks long.

Guides, Brownies, Rangers, Guiders, Cubs, Scouts, Rovers, Scoutmasters, and then behind all those kindly, friendly ones who have met me and members of my family, there have also been the other ranks of what you might call the V.I.P.'s.

Do you know what a V.I.P. is? "Very Important People". I go, and I hob-nob with Prime Ministers, and I meet Lord Mayors, and I meet Directors of this and Directors of that. I may meet people of standing in your State, in the community, the heads of education, the heads of churches, the heads of all sorts of clubs — Rotary Clubs and Lions and Tigers, people like that — I meet all these grown-up people as well, and what do you think they say to me? For one thing they give me welcome because they know what I represent. They give me welcome, too, and I may say they also sometimes give me a little pat on the back, because they say, "We think that the Scouts and Guides, the Brownies and the Cubs are a jolly good

thing". And I think you'd like them to say the same thing, wouldn't you? And, in fact, I would like to hand this on to each and everyone of you present at this lovely gathering: why not give a little pat on the back to the person next to you? Come along. There, you see, that's quite right! You can be proud of yourselves and pleased with what you have achieved — which you have!

All those little badges on your arms — good badges, useful badges, high grade badges — which are going to help you to be more useful in the days to come. Badges which show that you have done good turns to other people, like giving your service and your thoughtfulness to others, carrying out your plans of doing the good turn, and thinking how you can keep that Promise that you made all that time ago. Perhaps, to a good many grown-up people here, it may have been quite a long time ago since you were enrolled. I don't suppose there's anybody as old as me. I was enrolled 50 years ago and during that 50 years I have had the joy and the delight of seeing all youth everywhere in the world, Guides and Brownies and Scouts and Cubs, doing their job well, carrying out their Promise, carrying out their Laws and helping to train themselves to be the fine men and women in every country where they are.

Mrs. Buntine has just been telling you that I do go from country to country and continent to continent, and there they are, like you — smiles on their faces, and sometimes working very hard, and sometimes perhaps not working quite so hard, but all the time carrying out the principles of the good service to others and helpfulness in building up this great big Movement to which we are proud to belong. We are, aren't we?

We look back with gratitude to all the men and the women who, through the years, have done much for the organisation, forming your Companies, forming your Troops and Packs, preparing your lovely grounds, sometimes getting huts and halls and rooms for you to meet in, gathering in the necessary money, all the equipment, too — men and women to whom I think we would like to feel well thanked and, in fact, I believe it would be rather fun to do it now and say it now. Would you like to say "thank you" three times over to all those people who, through these years, since it began as a tiny, tiny

little branch of the Movement here in Queensland — and look what we are today. Say loudly “thank you” three times — three times.

Now all you Guides who have come here today, first of all to you campers, over 600 of you, some from other parts of Australia. You’ve had a long trip, haven’t you? I know because I know the size of Australia. I’ve been around it three times before, and I know. And, my goodness, what a lovely land! Oh, your lovely land — and here you are together, 600, the brave, plucky 600 who had to stand in the pouring rain last night, didn’t you? Would you like to hold up your hands so that all the rest of us know which you are?

Well, 600 campers, what do we go to camp for? I don’t think I need tell you, because I think you know. To find your friends, to find your level, to learn how to take the rough with the smooth — bad weather — and somebody drops a hot dixie on your toe — guyines won’t seem to hold quite as they must. There are always some little things in camp, and you learn to overcome the difficulties and that is a lesson that is valuable to you all the rest of your life, to stand and take the rough with the smooth, take your share in making that camp a success and doing your jobs with a smile. Also, my dear Guides, you are lucky to have this lovely place to be in, to see the beautiful things that God puts on this earth for us to enjoy, for us to appreciate, and to help us realise the glories that He has given to us to share.

And so, too, in camp, when you go away from this camp you will take with you happy, wonderful memories of the days of doing things together, and you will have found friends. “Kindilan” means “joy and friends”. Everybody in the whole world wants something. They want to have happiness, they want to have friendships, and I suppose a good many say they want to have money. But money isn’t everything. Money is there to help you in your life, but joy and friends and living a valuable, useful, happy life is far greater than being a millionaire. And so you who are here in this camp, I am sure, will take away with you, when you go back to your homes, happy memories of camp, as has already been said by your kind State President. She has said you will remember

this camp, I hope, for many years — in fact, probably till the end of your life.

But now for a good many of you here, gathered today for this great scene, you are not in camp, but you have come to see what campers are like, and I hope that by coming here you will learn something of the joy that goes on in a Guide Camp and that all of you will have a chance of doing a little bit of camping now and then as the years go by.

I would like to thank all of you for this lovely welcome back in Queensland once more. When I came last time you had only a few hundred and now you have a few thousand, and I want to pay my tribute to the work that has been done by their Leaders and by all of you in building up this Branch of the great Guide and Brownie family. I bring you not only my admiration and my love, but I also bring you a message of goodwill from all the thousands and millions of fellow-Guides wherever they are throughout the length and the breadth of the free world. They are there in their millions, like the stars in the dark night. You may not touch them, you cannot talk to them or be with them, and they cannot touch you. But they are there, with you, all forming this greatly friendly influence and loving spiritual faith for good in bringing friendship into a world which needs it. Now I’m not going on talking much longer because I know we’re going to have tea, but also many of us want to have a look round at the camp and later we will have a campfire, but I would like to say just one little thing — giving to you a little message from a little country, the smallest in size in our World Association, to you — one the biggest; I think you’re the biggest. I think you are even bigger than the United States, and they run up into millions because of their population. You’re running up in quality just as they are. But in this tiny little country that invited me to visit them last July, they wrote a sweet letter and they had in it, in large writing at the bottom of the letter, “WE NEED YOU”. Well, I’m going to turn that the other way round. I said to them when I went and saw them, that tiny little country called Lichenstein, between Austria and Switzerland, away in Europe. When I went back to them, I said, “You said what I mean — ‘We of the World Association NEED you’.

You're the smallest, but we need the smallest, the frailest, the weakest, the nicest and the not so nice. We want all of you, Guides and Scouts, Brownies and Cubs, to realise your great importance in this world fellowship which is United Nations in action."

These people understand each other, they care about each other and work towards friendliness and goodwill in your own communities and all over the entire globe. And each one of you — what each one of you does matters! We need you! We, the World Association, we need Australia to the full, and I know that our request and our need for you will not go unanswered because you are contributing already so much. You are contributing to me, anyway, so greatly today and during these weeks, giving me the sweet, heart-warming welcome and also a little secret plan you all know about — I'm not to talk about that this minute, because I think it's time for me to stop talking, but thank you, each and everyone of you, for your lovely welcome. To all those who have planned and arranged this very special day which will live in my mind for the rest of my life.

Thank you, all of you, and may God be with you in all that you are going to do in the days to come.



MEETING THE CHIEF IN THE MORNING . . .

Did you hear that the Chief left Darwin Airport at 2 a.m., after a heavy day's programme and travelling, for Alice Springs, being due to touch down there for one hour, about 4 a.m.?

Well over 100 Brownies, Guides, Cubs and Scouts were at the aerodrome when the plane touched down, and the Chief got out and talked to and met with them all.

They were delighted to see her and made mention of her alertness. I wonder if you or I would have been as much "on the ball" at that hour of the morning after a strenuous day?

EXTRACTS FROM VICTORIA'S SONG AT CAMP KUMANKA (copies of which are being distributed from Queensland H.Q.!)

Chorus:

When the rains come, and the tents leak,
and we slip and slide,

We try to remember the Laws we must keep
if we are to be good Guides.

Camp in Victoria's quite different from here,
We don't pretend that rain never comes near.

For down south you don't know what the
weather will do,

You may have a flood, or not even have
dew.

Whate'er you're prepared for, it doesn't turn
out,

Get set for a flood and instead there's a
drought;

You set out to camp prepared for deep
freeze,

So the temp'rature soars to a hundred
degrees.

Chorus

But just stop to think—a camp is a camp.
Wherever you go the ground's just as damp.
You'll always stoke fires and choke on the
smoke,

And drink cold, weak tea while you long
for a coke.

All States have good points, and all States
have bad,

This bickering between us is utterly mad.

All Australia's fine country—a fact is a fact—

So be proud you're **Australians**, and leave it
at that!

Chorus

(To the tune of "My Favourite Things")

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"MATILDA'S" THANKS

"Matilda" and her Editor would like to say thank you very sincerely to everyone who helped with the special June issue.

We were most grateful to everyone who sent articles in promptly, photographers (particularly Miss Sally Alston) who sent in prints, and all who helped generally.

BELATED FLASHES FROM A CO-ORDINATOR JUST EMERGED FROM TUNNELLING UNDER A MOUNTAIN OF ACCUMULATED WORK . . .

Back in 1966 the State Commissioner asked me would I undertake a little job for her? It would be very interesting!

Well, it turned out to be the job to co-ordinate the various functions for the World Chief Guide's visit in May, 1967, and be Liaison Officer with the Boy Scouts Association. Several hundreds of man-hours and telephone calls later, I am just coming up for air.

Some might think: Co-ordinating the Chief's visit. Ah-h-h, there's nothing to it! All one does is work out the type of functions to hold, get someone to organise them, hire the halls and persuade the people to come. Easy!

Hm-m-m! Functions! How can every section of the Movement be fitted in without tiring someone who, though quite vigorous and willing to give out, does need time to re-wind her machinery every so often? It is not much sense knocking her out in our efforts to show how much we appreciate her.

Well, a tentative programme is mapped out, knowing it will probably be changed again and again, and when the actual day comes — cut to ribbons!

Next, the venue. When does the Chief come? May. U-uh! The weather could play tricks then — it could be wet, or freezing. Never mind — we're an outdoor Movement. Let's take the M.C.G. — plenty of room, plenty of stands, etc. Wait, don't be silly! Football will have started by then, and there is no decent oval with suitable amenities available when football starts.

Oh, well, let's have a Campfire indoors. A big place will be needed. How about the Olympic Pool? They are very sorry, but after each swimming season it takes some time to have the pool suitably boarded over, and they will not know till the end of April if the place will be available for us. Where next? What about Festival Hall?

A call is made — Eureka! They have a very full programme, but we manage to snare Saturday afternoon in between the fights, the wrestling, the ice hockey, the roller skating and what not. Progress! We

have some idea of a programme and we have a hall. Now all we have to do is persuade people to come. They are not particularly interested at first. May, 1967, is too far off to think about! But finally we have everybody hopping wildly round, and we finish up with quotas and what have you!

When the week eventually comes, all rush round like ants in a disturbed nest, but at last the triumphal week of celebration is ended, and the ants settle back to their normal yakka.

If anyone is disturbed about the mixed metaphors in this article, that is the state to which I have been reduced trying to catch up with all the work I was unable to cope with whilst co-ordinating.

But if you all got a tremendous lift out of Olave, Lady Baden-Powell's visit — "What the heck! It was fun!"

—G.R.



CO-ORDINATED ARITHMETIC PAPER 1

Time allowed — ?!!!!

1. Work out the time it would take 200 children, waiting in maybe cold and damp weather at Essendon Airport, to go to the toilet (provided they all want to go), allowing two minutes per person per batch of 10, dividing by the number of toilets available, say, four, provided they are not already occupied by other members of the travelling public.
2. Try to arrange special rail transport with the authorities, provided the numbers warrant it, when the numbers cannot be ascertained until the people concerned know what transport will be available.
3. (a) Fit 1000 L.A. and Trefoil Guild members into a hall seating 800 and estimate the standing room required.
(b) Work out how much of a World Chief Guide is left intact after shaking the hands of that 1000.

If your answer warrants it, work out what steps a Commissioner should take to control the 1000 up six steps on to a stage and down the other side so that the said Chief is not overwhelmed nor asphyxiated. How long to get them through one at a time?

4. Work out how to park 200 buses in the streets neighbouring Festival Hall without disrupting the usual traffic flow. Give the mileage involved, given the average length of a bus as 30ft. and bearing in mind that it needs room to manoeuvre.

The person who gains the highest percentage in answering these questions will receive a mystery prize! Your answers should include your rough working paper so that a Select Committee correcting the paper may see how you arrived at them. Any completed papers may be sent to the Editor of "Matilda".



DETAILS FROM THE CHIEF GUIDE, LADY BADEN-POWELL, OF HER TOUR TO AND AROUND AUSTRALIA 19th April to 28th May, 1967

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Civic and Government	17
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Miles travelled in Australia	7,137
Miles to get to Perth from England	24,093

There will be a further few thousand to get back to England on what will be my 595th flight, with a total of miles flown on "Guide business" — 433,704.

COUNTRIES VISITED BY THE WORLD CHIEF GUIDE SINCE 1958

1959:

Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, Chile, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, Panama, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico.

May, 1960-December, 1962:

Greece, Finland, Switzerland, Nigeria, The Lebanon, Pakistan, India, Burma, Ceylon, Japan, Italy, U.S.A., Canada, Iceland, Denmark, Sweden, The Netherlands.

1963:

Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, Malaya, Singapore, Thailand, Kenya, Southern Rhodesia.

December, 1963-April, 1964:

U.S.A., Mexico, Jamaica, Venezuela, British and French Guiana, Surinam, Trinidad, Barbados, Grenada, St. Vincent, St. Lucia, Dominica, Antigua, Montserrat, St. Kitts.

December, 1964-April, 1965:

Israel, U.A.R., Mauritius, Kenya, Uganda, Sudan, Belgium, Luxembourg, Norway, Sweden.

December, 1965-April, 1966:

U.S.A., Canada, Mexico (for 10th Anniversary of "Our Cabana"), Panama, El Salvador, Guatemala, British Honduras.

April, 1966; May, 1967:

Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, The Philippines, India (where she opened the new International Guide Training Centre, Sangam, at Poona), New Zealand, Australia.

During the summers, when not abroad, Lady Baden-Powell has an almost constant list of engagements to fulfil in the counties in Great Britain and an unending stream of visitors find their way to Hampton Court, where there is always "Open House".



A TYPICAL CHIEF GUIDE STORY

Did you know that when, in 1920, B-P was being acclaimed by thousands of boys at the first World Jamboree as World Chief Scout, the Chief Guide (always liking contrasts, as she says) was laying the linoleum in her mother's bathroom?

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Hon. Wendy Baden-Powell and Mrs. Michael Baden-Powell (grand-daughter and grand-daughter-in-law of Olave, Lady Baden-Powell) taken during the Chief Guide's visit to Melbourne.

—Block by courtesy the "Age".



Time to me this truth has taught
'Tis a treasure worth revealing.
More offend from want of thought
Than from any want of feeling.

VICTORIAN WORK PARTY

You will have read in the Press or in "The Guider" of the Working Party which was set up in Great Britain to undertake a general review of the work of the Association, to assess its impact on the community today and to make recommendations as required to give the basic principles of Guiding the full opportunity to play their part in the years ahead. Similar investigatory bodies have been set up in other countries, as a result of which some changes have been made.

While over the years some investigatory work has been done in this country, it was agreed, at the last meeting of the Australian Council, that an Australian Work Party as such should be set up and that a Central Co-ordinator be appointed. In the meantime, States are setting up their own Work Parties, and we wish to announce that such a party, under the Chairmanship of Miss Margaret Shaw (who is so well known to you as Editor of "Matilda") is being set up in Victoria. Immediately the membership of our Work Party is finalised, and it gets under way, you will be hearing more of its challenging task.

Joyce E. Price

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Are you a tree lover? And have you ever wished you knew how to distinguish between the different types of our native trees?

Then good news for you, in the form of a little book called "Trees of Victoria", by Leon Costermans, on sale now in the Shop for only 60 cents.

With this book in your hand you can identify over 70 different species by means of the beautifully clear drawings of buds, flowers, leaves and fruit. In addition, if you haven't seen a certain type of tree, the book will tell you where it grows around Victoria.

Amongst all this precise information are many interesting facts. For instance, did you know that most of our gum trees have their leaves hanging straight down so that sunlight strikes both sides of the leaves? This enables them to form the essential plant food on both surfaces instead of just one, as in most trees.

No need to say who this book would be best suited for because it is for everyone — Guides, Commissioners, Guiders. . . . Are you a tree lover?

—J. McM.



COLAC EAST BROWNIE REVELS

For our theme we took Lady Baden-Powell's World Travel by Land, Sea and Air.

The Brownies were greatly excited to go by bus from Colac to our Guide site at Burton's Lookout, where you get a glorious view of the Otway Ranges.

First, the Brownies paid their money for Brownie Cottage into "Lady B-P's Overnight Bag" (a carryall covered in very exciting place names from all over the world). They received tickets in shapes of boats, aeroplanes and cars.

The first trip was into Brownie Ring, where we saw a World Globe in the centre surrounded by dolls from all countries of the Guiding world.

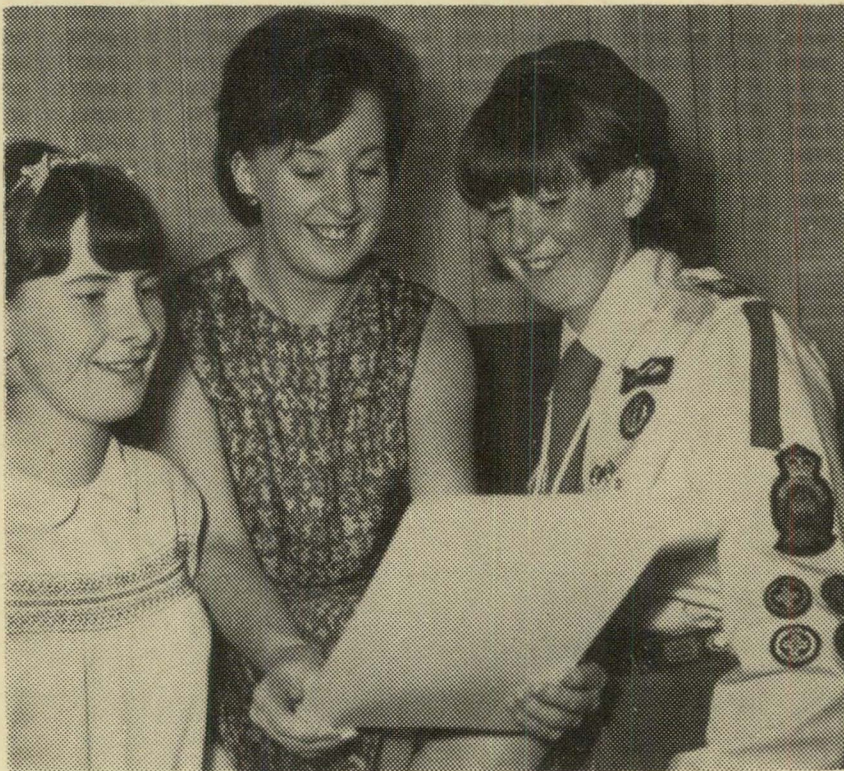
After Brownie Ring, the Brownies went to three corners depicted by a large Boat, Plane and Car. Under each was a large photo of Lady B-P.

Brownies then took Air Flights to new lands, Boat Trips to Boat Corner to play "on deck" games, and the third group went for a nature walk.

Back to our corners for afternoon tea, which was served in Boats, Air Mail Envelopes and Snack Baskets — from the car.

Brownie Bells brought our lovely afternoon to a close, with everyone hoping for another Revels next year.

—Christine Johnson, 2nd Colac Pack.



The three McKenzie girls, of Box Hill, are believed to have established a Guide record by each gaining Queen's Guide awards.

And St. Andrew's (4th Box Hill) Guide Company just couldn't be prouder.

The girls are (from left) Pam 17, Jan 20, and Loris 16 — daughters of Mr. and Mrs. K. McKenzie.

Jan won her Queen's Guide award in 1962 (that's the certificate she's holding); Pam gained hers in 1965, and Loris hers only recently.

—By courtesy of "Eastern Times Gazette".



2nd KILSYTH BROWNIES

Snuggle Pot and Cuddle Pie moved their home, "Gum Inn", to Dromana when 17 Brownies travelled there with Brown Owl by bus.

Butterflies to hold the Brownies' paper serviettes decorated the meal table, and the Brownies had enjoyed making these.

Miniature table decorations in a flowering gum nut, drawings or paintings of what the Brownies thought "Gum Inn" would look like, and puppets made from dolly pegs were competitions the Brownies enjoyed.

Bus outings, picnics both by sea and in the bush, and quiz treasure hunts with opportunities for the Brownies to show their skills, were all enjoyed.

Still more fun on the last evening when puppet shows, using those the Brownies had made, were staged; together with a visit in puppet form of Snuggle Pot and Cuddle Pie.

All too quickly came Saturday morning and packing for home.

—Brown Owl.

The RANGER Branch

VALETE

Five years ago we of the Ranger Branch were saying "welcome" to Mrs. A. G. Rylah as our new Adviser, and now the time has come, by nature of the appointment to say "farewell".

So much seems to have happened during the intervening years that it would be impossible to give even a brief resume of each event.

Mrs. Rylah's complete understanding of the needs of the teenager of today, her faith in their ability and her unflagging interest in every facet of the position she held have brought about a change in the outlook of the Ranger Branch. Today they are "with it" — in their activities, their test work, their uniform and, most important, in their thinking. The opportunities Mrs. Rylah has given them to prove themselves must of necessity have a lasting effect on their lives.

Her co-operation and encouragement in the planning of such activities as the Ranger Ball, Miss Senior Guide, the Disaster Squad, the Sailing School and the Service Camp have allowed the Branch to create a public image of which the Movement must be justly proud.

Rangers and Ranger Guiders wish Mrs. Rylah every good wish for the years ahead, and extend to her a sincere "thank you" for her leadership and for having shown them, by her example, what is meant by the Spirit of Guiding and the taking of their Promise out into a wider world.

THE POST BOX WORKS!

Some few years ago a Guide in Wynnum (a suburb of Brisbane) was linked with a Guide in New Zealand. A few weeks ago the Wynnum girl was married, and her pen-friend from New Zealand came over to be her bridesmaid. Both of them are now Guiders.

A Guider from Gladstone, in Queensland, was linked, as a Guide, with another Guide in England. The English girl (now married with a family) is now arriving from England to settle in Queensland.

—Lilian Laidlaw,
Australian Post Box Secretary.

SALVETE

We are pleased to report that Mrs. W. H. C. Chamberlain has kindly agreed to accept the appointment of Ranger Adviser, which office she took over from Mrs. Rylah on 1st July.

Mrs. Chamberlain is already well known in the Movement, having served as a Division and Region Commissioner, and she is a member of the State Council in her own right. Having been a Ranger herself she has a particular interest in this Branch, and is greatly looking forward to her new form of service to Victorian Guiding.

In saying "farewell" to Mrs. Rylah, and expressing our sincere gratitude for her splendid service as Ranger Adviser for the last five years, we convey a warm "welcome" to Mrs. Chamberlain and our best wishes for a happy, interesting and rewarding term of office.

Mrs. Chamberlain's address is:
13 Elmo Street,
Montmorency.



INTERESTED IN SPYING?

Bata Shoes of New Zealand have come up with an innovation that will be of interest to Guides!

A compass is actually built into every pair of Bata D.V.P. Superstrongs.

In the process of making the shoes a special die cuts a small compartment into the heel of each right shoe and the compass is inserted.

In the bush, one's best assurance of safety is, of course, the larger type of compass carried by the Patrol Leader. But the built-in compass in Superstrongs could come in handy — and it certainly makes a novel talking point!

—From "Te Rama".

RANGERS AND WORLD RELIGION

One weekend in May, 80 members of the Ranger Branch descended on the C.M.S. Centre at Belgrave for a Weekend Seminar on "The Other Man's Religion", and those present heard speakers explaining the Buddhist, Hindu, Islamic, Judean and Christian faiths.

Mr. Dyal, a Singhalese Buddhist, gave us a fascinating insight into the structure of Buddhism and the traditions and beliefs surrounding it. Another speaker on Eastern religions was Dr. Jordan, a lecturer in Hindu Faith and Customs at the University, who has spent many years studying the religion of the Hindus both here and abroad. He gave us a broad outline of the basis of the Hindu faith. Islam, or the Muslim faith, was explained by Dr. Karzi, who lectured on the Islam way of life and the emphasis placed on worship in the daily lives of its adherents.

After hearing the first three speakers, group discussions were held, each group reporting their findings on the question of the similarities between these three Eastern religions — such as the striving for enlightenment, each religion having one supreme Deity and the attitude to the belief in re-birth.

On Sunday morning, after a Rangers' Own Service, Mr. Boaz, a leading member of the Jewish community in Melbourne, gave a most interesting and enjoyable lecture on the Jewish faith. Although himself a Liberal Jew, Mr. Boaz was able to give us an insight into the beliefs and traditions observed by the Orthodox and Conservative members of the Jewish community. Mention was made of the emphasis on the family unit and the importance of worshipping together on the Sabbath.

Dr. Cole, the speaker on Christianity, was also interesting; and he gave a general summary of the religions discussed during the weekend, pointing out their similarities and their differences.

The Rangers present showed a deep interest in what was discussed, and each speaker, after concluding his talk, was greeted by a barrage of questions from a thoughtful and critical audience; even tea breaks were disregarded by a hard core of the audience, who refused to abandon an argument until the last possible moment.

The weekend was a great success, and credit must go to the organisers, S.R.S. "Perth". Their excellent organisation provided a smooth-running weekend, while the subject matter and the speakers made it absolutely fascinating. We wish we could have invited the whole Movement.

—Judy Thomson.



NOTES ON THE MAY EXECUTIVE MEETING

Work . . . "The world owes me a living . . ."

None of the members of the Victorian Executive, I'm sure, can have that quotation as their motto, for the discussions of the Executive Committee in May indicated that much work is done by all members both at the meetings and in between — in Sub-Committees, in their active work within the Movement, and in their representation on behalf of the Movement at many outside functions.

Work Party — those of you who have followed the recommendations made in the "Guider" for Britain will realise something of the task which confronts the Work Party setting out to think along guide lines for the Movement in Victoria.

Guiding in the inner suburbs — a report brought to Executive by Commissioners who have been working in these areas indicates the vast amount of work which has been put into the Movement and its activities over many years, and the vast amount which remains to be done, especially as Housing Commission areas re-establish the number of Brownie and Guide age children in those areas.

The results of much work came before the Executive with the recommendations of various Sub-Committees such as Property, New Commissioners and Boundaries and Uniforms; reports from a Sub-Committee set up to work out Terms of Reference for working Sub-Committees; from the Advisers for Camping and International Affairs; the beginnings of planning for the 1970 International Camp — which will mean much work, but much fun and fellowship, for so many.

Yes — the Movement owes much to those who work — and isn't it good to think that to work in fellowship with a common aim can be such fun!

TRAINING PAGES



HOW TO MAKE YOUR NOTICE BOARD WORK FOR YOU

The Board Itself

1. Go along to a joinery with some drawing pins and experiment until you find a durable but soft wood for your board. Frame with decorative beading.
2. Get two large sheets of strong cardboard and glue together. Frame with beading.
3. Take one sheet of card and back with thin foam rubber. Frame.
4. Cover any of the above with felt or, less expensive, hessian and frame.
5. Take any old frame and make the board fit the frame. This can then be hung or free stand on table, floor or platform.
6. Make a linen (any strong fabric) scroll the length required with dowels at each end and hang on a nail.
7. Use old hinged clotheshorse which can be used as a screen for privacy, as a notice board, with sewing pins for notices, and is easily folded away.

5, 6 and 7 are particularly suitable for group sharing or renting halls, as they will travel well.



WHAT DO YOU THINK?

In a recent issue of the "Canadian Guider", I read the following statement:—

"A Ranger Company is like a bus, making the most surprising excursions, while a Guide Company is more like a train. . . ."

THE RANGER AS A PHOTOGRAPHER

Before we discuss whether that is really the picture you want to take, let's have a look at how you take it! First, set your camera the S.A.F.E. way:

- S — Shutter
- A — Aperture
- F — Focus
- E — Exposure

Shutter

It is the shutter of the camera opening and closing (at a speed which you have selected in all except simple cameras) which allows the picture to reach the film, so it is important to know just what speed you should use for the average picture. This will largely depend on three things — the "speed" of the film you are using, the amount of action or animation in the photograph, and the amount of light admitted through the lens opening. First, **the speed of the film.** A "slow" or less sensitive film will require a slower shutter speed than a "fast" or more sensitive film. The sensitivity of each film is clearly marked on the outside of the box, often as the Asa number, so be sure to take note of it and remember it.

Action in Your Photos

If you want to stop or freeze any movement, then you must use a fast shutter speed: the quicker the movement or the nearer it is to your camera the faster the shutter must click to avoid blurring. Of course, if you change the speed from 1/60th of a second to 1/125th of a second you halve the time the film is exposed to the picture, and consequently when you change from one speed to another you must change the opening (or aperture) of the lens so that more light will be admitted to compensate for the shorter time of exposure.

Aperture

The lens can be opened to different apertures known as "stops". A particular lens

may have a maximum aperture or stop of f3.5 (or perhaps f8 in box cameras). If, for example, your camera is quoted as having an f3.5 lens, then at that setting it lets in the most light possible. These "stops" are adjusted by a lever or ring on the housing around the shutter, and the amount of light admitted decreases as the ring is moved towards the higher figures on the aperture scale, so that an opening of f22 would be used perhaps in beach or snow scenes with a lot of sun and f3.5 where there is not much light. If you want to capture the movement of a water skier, for instance, who is passing fairly near your camera, then you would use the highest shutter speed on your camera. If this is 1/250th of a second, then, of course, you must admit more light in that short time, which means opening the lens aperture more widely. On a dull day it may not be possible to admit enough light to take a picture at this speed, and the resultant photograph would be either dark (if you could not open your lens aperture wide enough) or blurred (if you could not take it at a fast enough speed).

All film manufacturers include with each roll of film a guide to the exposure of that particular film. As years of experience and research have gone into the compiling of these instructions the beginner-photographer is well advised to read them carefully and follow them exactly.

If you have an exposure meter either built in or separate from your camera you will get a correct light reading under most circumstances, provided that you have set it for the speed of the film you are using. It is best for the beginner to rely entirely on her exposure meter, but after a while try to judge light conditions without your meter and then check how correct you are, because there might be occasions when you haven't time to take a reading with it or you may have left it at home or there may be unusual weather or light effects which cannot be dealt with by a mechanical meter. On modern cameras speed and aperture are coupled so that after once setting your camera for the type of film you are using the movement of your ring changes both the speed and aperture so that the combination which will admit the correct amount of light remains constant. Reasons for se-

lecting various combinations of speed and aperture are:

1. High speeds may be used to "freeze" movement. The faster the movement or the closer to the camera, the faster the shutter speed necessary.
2. The widest aperture reduces the exposure time under dull conditions and lessens the risk of camera movement.
3. The smaller aperture gives depth of focus.

Focus

Most cameras today have some focus adjustment, and if you forget to focus the lens of your camera to the required distance the picture will be fuzzy and out of focus. This is one fault in photography that cannot be corrected in the printing of the picture. The rangefinder coupled to your camera will accurately measure the distance to your subject, or many cameras have a small area through which you can see a double image when the object is out of focus; by turning a knob or ring the two images are fused into one, ensuring that a sharp picture will result. Always focus on the object you particularly want to take, and if there are several of these (as in a photograph of several people) focus on the one nearest you and the others will come up quite sharply. If you focus on a person behind, the girl nearest you will appear blurred in the finished picture. If you don't have these aids, or if you want to use a flashlight under dark conditions, you must practise estimating the distance — until you can be really accurate. Don't scorn a ruler or tape measure.

Exposure

After you have made sure the shutter is set at the right speed, the aperture is correct for that speed, and the camera is focused at the right distance, you need only press the shutter release. But just before you do — wait a moment! Did you wind the film on after the last exposure? With most modern cameras it is impossible to double expose (i.e., to take one picture on top of another), as the shutter will not click until the film is wound on, but box camera users should guard against double exposures. Even with a modern camera, if you press the shutter and nothing happens you may find that by the time you have wound the film on and raised the camera to your eye

again the picture you wanted to take is no longer there (this particularly applies if you are photographing birds or pets).

When you do click the shutter be sure your camera is level and hold it firmly so you don't jar the shutter release and blur the picture. If taking a picture at a slow speed (so the shutter is open for a long time), it is wise to put the camera on a firm base such as a wall or tripod because even the movement caused by your breathing will move the camera enough to blur the picture. It is a good idea to keep a record of your exposure and check it with the result, as this can teach you a great deal for future photographic adventures.

(To be continued)

THE NEW ZEALAND ENSIGN

(Continued from "Matilda", May, 1967)

In December, 1865, the British Government issued instructions to all colonies, following the passing of the colonial Naval Defence Act, 1865, "that all vessels belonging to, or permanently in the service of the colonies" should wear the blue ensign, with the seal or badge of the colony in the fly. Ships commissioned as vessels of war were also to wear a blue pennant as well as the ensign. As New Zealand did not then have a recognised badge, its vessels flew the blue ensign without distinguishing marks.

A year later the commander of H.M.S. "Challenger" ordered the master of the Government steamer, "St. Kilda", to take down the blue ensign, after asking to see the admiralty warrant for flying the ensign; this could not be produced. A few weeks later the Government paddle steamer, "Sturt", was similarly rebuked by the "Challenger". The master of the "Sturt" produced an authority signed by the Prime Minister permitting him "to hoist and wear the blue ensign" and refused to pull it down. One of the boarding party then hauled down the flag and laid it on the deck.

But steps were already being taken by the Government to regularise the use of the blue ensign, although there was apparently some doubt as to what constituted the "seal or badge" of the colony. The Secretary of the General Post Office at Wellington was consulted by the Marine Department and asked

for permission to get "the said seal" inserted in the fly of the blue ensign belonging to "St. Kilda". The Secretary, Mr. G. Elliott, thought the seal too elaborate to work on the ensign and recommended instead that four stars, "to represent the 'Southern Cross'," be adopted as the badge.

The suggestion was a good one, but it was rejected by the Postmaster-General. The Southern Cross was not the exclusive property of the colony, he said. He suggested instead the words, "New Zealand", and the Prime Minister concurred. It was then found that the full name of the colony could not conveniently be worked on the fly of the ensign, and the Postmaster-General suggested that the letters N.Z. — in red on a white ground — had better be adopted.

The instructions as to the size of these letters were full and specific: ". . . each letter to extend over an area of not less than 8in. high by 8in. broad and to have its lines not less than 2in. broad, and surrounded by a margin of white not less than 1in. in breadth, thus making the letters 10in. high over all and 4in. broad in the lines over all". These dimensions were for a 10ft. design and were to vary in proportion with the dimensions of a larger or smaller flag.

The badge was no doubt designed to be easily visible at sea, but the design could hardly be said to be attractive.

On 23rd October, the Governor, Sir George Bowen, appointed that "the seal or badge in future to be worn, in accordance with the Queen's Regulations, as the distinctive badge of the colony, by all vessels belonging to or permanently employed in the service of the Colonial Government of New Zealand, shall be the Southern Cross, as represented in the blue ensign by four five-pointed red stars in the fly, with white borders to correspond to the colouring of the Jack; in the Jack by four five-pointed white stars on the red ground of the St. George's Cross.

The four stars were intended as a conventional representation of the Southern Cross, but their arrangement was far from uniform. The position of each individual star also had some meaning for the crews of the ships which sailed under the New Zealand flag: one point of each star was to be uppermost; if two points were of equal height, bad luck was sure to follow.

The blue ensign with the Union Jack in the first quarter and the Southern Cross in the fly came to be recognised as New Zealand's national flag. Officially, it was a maritime flag, to be flown only by Government vessels; it was not permitted to be flown over forts and other military installations on land, which usually flew the Union Jack. It was not always accepted without criticism, and from time to time there was some agitation that New Zealand should revert to the flag of 1834, the flag then used by the Governor.

In December, 1887, the British Board of Trade appointed a Committee to revise the International Code of Signals. This task involved the preparation of an entirely new signal book and took 10 years to complete. To distinguish colonial merchant ships the Board of Trade proposed the inclusion of a white disc in the fly of the red ensign, with the badge of the colony inside this circle. The Nautical Adviser to the New Zealand Marine Department recommended that a similar white disc should also be added to the blue ensign. The New Zealand Government agreed, and suggested that on both the blue and the red ensigns the four red stars of the Southern Cross "should in future be placed in a white circle". Admiralty approved these changes and authorised merchant vessels registered in New Zealand to wear the badge of the colony on the red ensign.

The flag with the white disc introduced on 1st January, 1900, was a signal flag, intended for use at sea or in foreign ports, but unhappily its use spread on shore. Flags with the disc were flown from public buildings and were sometimes used by commercial houses for advertising purposes.

At this time New Zealand contingents were fighting in South Africa. Patriotism made members eloquent, and in the cities and towns of New Zealand flags were flown from office buildings and private homes and paraded in the streets. But in the minds of the people there was apparently still some uncertainty as to what really was New Zealand's national flag; and the Prime Minister was determined to make known "as publicly as possible" a description of it.

The New Zealand Ensign Bill, to give it its short title, was introduced on Friday, 13th July, 1900.

In its passage through the House the Bill acquired a preamble, giving "the history of the flag up to the present time and showing the necessity there was for Parliament passing an Act, and making it understandable to future generations why we deemed it desirable at this stage of our history to pass this legislation."

One speaker claimed that the Southern Cross on the ensign was wrongly shown ("according to his observations of the heavens") with four stars instead of five, as on the Australian flag; the Prime Minister admitted that "the small fifth star . . . was sometimes discernible," but added that it was not "as a rule" placed on the flag.

All the stars on the Australian national flag are white. The New Zealand flag shows the four principal stars of the Southern Cross. The stars are red, with white borders, and all are five pointed.

—Abridged from "New Zealand Ensign" by W. A. Gluë, produced by the Historical Publications Branch of the Department of Internal Affairs, New Zealand; printed by permission.

Note: In view of the comparatively "simple" method by which the Australian flag was achieved it was felt that "Matilda's" readers would be interested in the story of the development and design of the flag of our sister country — a flag so similar in design to Australia's.



**"Always a Guide"****TREFOIL GUILD NEEDS NEW MEMBERS**

The Trefoil Guild is that part of the world-wide Guide Movement which links together all enrolled members of the Association who are over 19 years of age, and who are now unable to take part in active Guiding. Members accept the following responsibilities:—

- (a) To keep alive the spirit of the Promise and Law.
- (b) To carry that spirit into the community in which they live and work.
- (c) To give support to Guiding.

In Victoria there are 24 Trefoil Guilds, comprising 545 members, the largest being Southern Cross, numbering 176 former Guides. Miss Gwen Swinburne, Guild Secretary, circulates a three-monthly Newsletter. A list of Guilds is available at H.Q. If there isn't any close to you, and there are enough interested members, you could form a new one.

Since 1961, Australia has been accepted as a member of the International Fellowship of Former Scouts and Guides — every financial Guild member automatically becomes a member. In 1966 there were 60,000 members from 26 countries. Just now, in July, the seventh meeting of the General Assembly is taking place in Durham, England. Undoubtedly, Australia's four appointed delegates, including Mrs. Grace Cameron and Mrs. Alex. Morrison, and several observers, will have interesting reports for us all.

All Trefoil Guilds have given wonderful service to the community. Some were recently formed by younger members and we are looking forward to welcome many newcomers in the near future. The Trefoil Guild helps to test Brownies, Guiders and Rangers for Badges and Certificates, and many donations are made to various causes in the community to fill urgent needs: milk was packed and despatched for India; garments

sent to Korean orphans; stamps regularly travel to Norway; and spectacles are collected for India. International contact is consistent; visitors from England, Egypt and Switzerland joined in functions last year, and there is continuous correspondence with other lands.

"Mutual Understanding", the motto of the 7th General Assembly, is indeed being practised in the Trefoil Guild. The highlight of this year was when we were joined by the Local Associations in entertaining Lady Baden-Powell — whose inspiring address stressed the importance of Trefoil in furthering Guide ideals — gave us enthusiasm to continue in the principles of Guiding and world friendship.

If every reader of "Matilda" could recruit one friend or relation who may have been a Guide as a prospective member for Trefoil we could welcome 3000 newcomers to the Guild!

For further information, contact the State Recorder for Victoria, Mrs. J. H. May, 8 Allister Street, North Fitzroy; phone 48 4596.

**SONG FOR JOY**

Surely God has a flair for mirth
 Since He put such gladness in the earth:
 Such happy songs for the birds to sing,
 Such a jaunty tilt to the swallow's wing!

The wind can boast of a laughing mouth
 When skies are sunny from north to south,
 And up on the beach the waves lie spent
 In breathless ripples of merriment.

And what is the sparkle of light on snow
 But a joyous twinkle to let us know,
 Whatever the changing seasons bring,
 A merry heart is a goodly thing!

—R. H. Grenville.

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FROM EGYPT AND ENGLAND

Trefoil Guild Committee members and a few others who could be gathered at short notice had the great pleasure of meeting Mrs. Murat from Egypt and Miss Smith from London, who were in Melbourne for the World Physiotherapy Conference.

Mrs. Clayton, of Canterbury, hostess to Miss Smith, most generously invited Mrs. May, State Recorder for Trefoil Guild, to arrange the meeting at her home.

Mrs. Murat was International Commissioner for the Guides of Egypt for 20 years and had travelled to Finland, U.S.A. and other countries as their representative.

Miss Smith is a member of the Trefoil Guild in England.

Mrs. Osbourn Shave, Assistant State Commissioner, was able to attend. Miss Macartney sent apologies, and asked Miss Carol May to present Friendship Badges and Victorian and Australian reports to the visitors, both of whom were deeply touched by the warmth and friendliness they had experienced in Victoria.

The Trefoil Guild was new to Mrs. Murad. Guiding in Egypt is closely connected with the schools, as it is in some other countries of Africa and Asia. Guides enjoy camping, but they have no "woods", and camps are mostly by the sea.

Both our visitors were interested in the way Trefoil has developed in Victoria, with Correspondence Guilds for former Extension members and for widely scattered members, and in various activities of District Guilds.

Both were planning to see as much as possible of Australia — Miss Smith was interested in our stars, and would visit Norfolk Island. Mrs. Murat would visit a dairy farm, travel to Canberra and perhaps to Queensland and The Reef.

On another occasion, Mrs. Farrow, State International Representative, arranged a luncheon for our visitors.

Au revoir and all good wishes for all their travelling!

—G.S.



GAMES FROM GREECE

Two Circles

Form two circles with equal number of Brownies. Each Brownie in circle one has a partner in circle two. The Brownies in both circles sing as they go round in opposite directions. Circle one is inside circle two. At a signal all Brownies of outer circle loosen their hands and try to reach a certain spot, without being caught by their partners in circle one.

Relay Race: Hasty But Law Abiding

Guides form lines as for a relay race. Each one holds a small coloured piece of cardboard (money). Their Captain opposite is the policeman who controls the traffic. She holds a large piece of cardboard, green on one side and red on the other, like the traffic signals. When the traffic controller shows the green sign the first Guides start the race. When the red sign appears they must stop at once and wait for the light to become green again in order to continue. When a Guide loses she pays a forfeit to the traffic controller (her coloured cardboard).

The Guides return to their places always running and touch the next Guide on the shoulder. She repeats the procedure and so on. The winning Patrol is the one who finished first and has paid least in fines.

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Your strength is seen in what you stand for. Your weakness in what you fall for.

COMMONWEALTH NEWSLETTER

Aden

Despite the disturbances, a gathering was held in Khormaksar of 300 Arab and British Brownies and Guides with their Commissioners to celebrate Thinking Day.

Bermuda

Always interested in the arts, the Guide Association recently sponsored a concert by Linda Child, a 19-year-old American pianist of exceptional talent. The local population greatly appreciated the fact that the Guide Association had enabled them to hear such a gifted pianist.

Ceylon

Celebrating their 50th anniversary of Guiding the Association is whirling with activities. A special Jubilee symbol has been designed, incorporating the Ceylon Guide Badge, superimposed on a green circle fringed with red. Special spoons and purses with the Jubilee design are being sold as souvenirs and to raise funds.

Gibraltar

The Guides have just been able to obtain their own camping site on the Rock. This is specially valuable, as movement to Spain, where the Guides usually camped, has been restricted for a long time.

Great Britain

At the Annual General Meeting, the President, H.R.H. Princess Margaret, who took the chair, announced that membership for 1966 was the highest ever recorded. The total of 644,234 showed an increase of more than 22,000 over the previous year.

Rhodesia

After several years of drought the country is now enjoying good rains, and the Guide Association has officially closed their Feed the Children Scheme, which they ran so successfully for 21 months. It will be continued on a smaller scale in some hard-hit areas, but it is hoped now to switch the emphasis to a "Teach the Children" Scheme on nutritional education.

Zambia

A Ranger competition was held, for which Cadets and Rangers produced small, illustrated books suitable for women who had just learned to read. The winning entry and the runner-up were both accepted by the Department of Community Development for publication and subsequent use in a literary campaign.

GIRL SCOUTS OF JAPAN

National Headquarters,
c/o Hoken-Kaikai,
2-1 Sadohara-cho,
Ichigaya,
Shinjuku-ku,
Tokyo.

26th May, 1967.

Mrs. Ishbel Steche,
Australian International Commissioner,
Girl Guides Association of Australia,
G.P.O., Box 675, Sydney,
New South Wales, Australia.

Dear Mrs. Steche,

I am writing on behalf of all of us to express our deep appreciation for the wonderful welcome you extended to Miss Ryoko Katsura during her visit to Australia. We recently held our National Council in Tokyo, and there Miss Katsura told us about her trip. All of us were extremely impressed with the kindness and warmth of your hospitality, and were very interested in her impressions of Australian Girl Guiding.

Through Miss Katsura's talk and the evident delight she took in her memories of the Australian Girl Guides, I sincerely believe that the kindness you showed her has made itself felt to all the Japanese Scout Leaders who attended the Council, and has deepened the friendship which has always existed between the Japanese Girl Scouts and the Australian Girl Guides.

Best wishes for success in your projects for this year, and again hearty thanks from all of us.

Sincerely yours,
MASUKO TSUGE.
Mrs. Toichiro Tsuge,
International Commissioner.

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A Chinese proverb says: It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness.

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Being shy really means that one is thinking more about one's own feelings than about other people—Rose Hacker.

KNOW YOUR COMMITTEES



THE UNIFORM SUB-COMMITTEE

"Have you heard that the Guides in Britain now have a new uniform? It is meant to be casual and 'with it' — it has an open neck, three-quarter sleeves, and is worn over the skirt. To me it is most unsuitable for this climate! The badges have been made smaller, and Guides no longer wear a lanyard (which I think is a pity, as we used to think it was great when you became a P.L. and were entitled to wear a lanyard). The Guides can wear their old uniforms until they wear out, and it is only the new ones being sold in the shops now. Our Guides are desperately trying to save their old ones — you've never seen such thrift!"—(Extract from a Scottish Guider's letter).

Although the above comment is not from Victoria it is the constant requests that this or that section of the uniform be altered that has led to the re-formation of the Uniform Sub-Committee. As you can see, it is possible that when the changes requested are adopted no one is happy about them!

The functions of this Committee are to consider matters submitted by Australian and Victorian H.Q. for thought; to consider suggestions from Victorian personnel; clarification of different parts of the uniform to fill the needs of the Association.

The Sub-Committee, as re-constituted, met for the first time in 1966, and had quite a bit of accumulated business to deal with.

—M. Osbourn Shave.

Don't forget your . . .



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REPORT OF FIRST GENERAL BROWNIE GUIDERS' CONFERENCE

March, 1967

Guiders assembled in the flag-draped Public Lecture Theatre of the Old Arts Building at Melbourne University while Brownies dressed in the uniforms of other countries formed a guard of honour as the official party entered.

A Colour Party of Rangers unfurled the World Flag, the World Song was sung, and the Conference was under way.

Mrs. Price, State Commissioner, opened the Conference with congratulations on the theme, "Stop the World, I Want to Get On". Mrs. Price said that by stopping **the world** to get **on** we are prepared to make our field of thinking the whole world, not just the district, town, city, State or country, and to make it a PERSONAL conviction that the world matters. We must take the trouble to get to know about the peoples of the world and, by knowing them, we will understand them and, by understanding them, to get to love them, and that, as Brownie Guiders, we can point the way to the children we work with.

At the conclusion of Mrs. Price's address, the Brownies in the guard of honour came, one at a time, to the dais to say "hello" in the language of the country they represented. As they left they received a well-deserved round of applause.

Miss Sims then introduced Hon. Donald L. Chipp, M.P., Minister for the Navy and Minister-in-Charge of Tourist Activities. At the same time Miss Sims referred to the challenge set by Mrs. Price to all Guiders.

Mr. Chipp soon had his audience completely spellbound with his address, titled "To Asia With Love".

Mr. Chipp said that he did not propose to give any answers, but to pose some questions and to give his impressions of some of the problems of countries in Asia and its environment. He went on to say that the greatest barrier between nations today is the appalling ignorance that exists among themselves about each other. Australia is a part of Asia; we are 12,000,000 people surrounded by 1,500,000,000 human beings with whom we **must** find some form of understanding, while

at the same time we must realise that people can be different without being odd.

To reach this necessary understanding of other people we must first look for the similarities between us, and not the differences, as it is a great mistake to judge other people by ourselves. Religion dominates the lives of most Asians in a way that we in Australia cannot begin to comprehend unless we take the trouble to study their basic problems. So first we must understand their religion, and the part it plays in their lives, before we can hope to understand the people themselves.

One of the world's biggest problems is India, with their soaring population and unbelievable problems of food, housing, etc. It is easy to stand on a soap box and say we must send food or clothing as though this is the solution to the problem. We have so much to give in human understanding, but it is necessary for us to go to the trouble to find out the basic problems of these people and to help **them**, not just with the sending of aid, needed though it is. Just because we do not agree with something doesn't mean it is not so. It was Disraeli who once said, "Condemnest not what thou dost not understand". How many of us **do** condemn **because** we do not understand? If we try to apply our own standards to people of other worlds we can never begin to understand them because we will never realise that, because someone is different, they are not necessarily odd. It is so very important to first look at the similarities between people and the differences only afterwards.

Mr. Chipp concluded by saying that if that is the one thing we can instil into the minds of our precious young people — who will be thrown into a world which is more complex and complicated than today's world — without prejudice, without bias, with objectivity, and first looking for similarities — at least they will have a chance of finding happiness and contentment and leading this nation to happiness and contentment.

That the audience really appreciated Mr. Chipp's talk was evident by the thunderous and prolonged applause accorded him. It is doubtful if there was a Guider present who was not giving thoughtful consideration to her own involvement with peoples of other

countries, especially Asia. Mr. Chipp certainly did pose some questions for us to think deeply about.

During the long luncheon break the Guiders had the opportunity of looking at the truly magnificent display (21 in all) about other countries, set up by each Region. This gave Guiders much food for thought, and many notes were taken. Many Packs throughout Victoria will benefit by the wonderful and varied ideas in these displays.

After lunch we broke up into "countries" for discussion groups:

Q1: The Promise and Syllabus for the Brownie is centred around the home where she has most of her interests and experience. To what extent should we go outside this sphere to develop international understanding?

Q2: As we have many nationalities represented in Australia today there is an opportunity for international understanding within our community. As Brownie Guiders what use can we make of this opportunity?

Both questions were answered along similar lines. There are many New Australians at our schools, and it was suggested that the parents (not necessarily of Brownies) sometimes be invited to a Pack meeting, to talk about their former country and to have a special day featuring that country, with foods, objects of interest, etc., all being brought by the Brownies, with the emphasis on "finding the similarities". It was agreed that we must encourage more New Australians to become Brownies, as this could bring much benefit and understanding all round. There are a number of ways we can develop international understanding at Brownie level, many of which were suggested by the displays.

Mrs. Farrow, State International Representative, then spoke about the responsibility of the Guide Movement regarding the international aspect and how we can play our part. It is a very real responsibility, as we are one of the few youth organisations to encourage personal contact on a wide field. Because we have this wonderful International Movement we have contact with other countries more easily and satisfactorily than many other organisations.

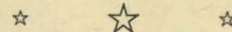
Initially, contact **must** be made through Headquarters. Mrs. Farrow then gave many

suggestions on how to bring the international aspect to the Brownie age group.

It was decided, after some consideration, that the 10c donation from Guiders at the Conference be sent to India. Mrs. Farrow suggested that a definite place be chosen.

After afternoon tea we had "Kommotion", and what a commotion there was, as panel members — Mrs. Davis, and Misses Jackman and Hunt — answered (?) questions addressed to them from the audience. The last item on the agenda was Miss Peg Barr's "Reflections", a delightful and thought-provoking series of slides and "reflections".

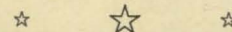
And so to "Taps" to round off a very interesting and instructive first General Brownie Guiders' Conference.



DEAR "MATILDA",

My name is Helen Fraser, and I have written this. In Pow-Wow the 1st Ensay Brown Owl thought about going for a picnic to Buchan. The Ensay Brownies said yes! Then our Brown Owl said, "What about taking the Swifts Creek Brownies, too?"

Brown Owl asked Mr. Ffrench if he could take us in his school bus because there were too many to take in cars. He said he would. We went to Buchan, and when we got there we had a look at some kangaroos, then we went to see which cave we would go through. We went through Royal Cave, then came back to Ensay. I wish we could go on another picnic soon.



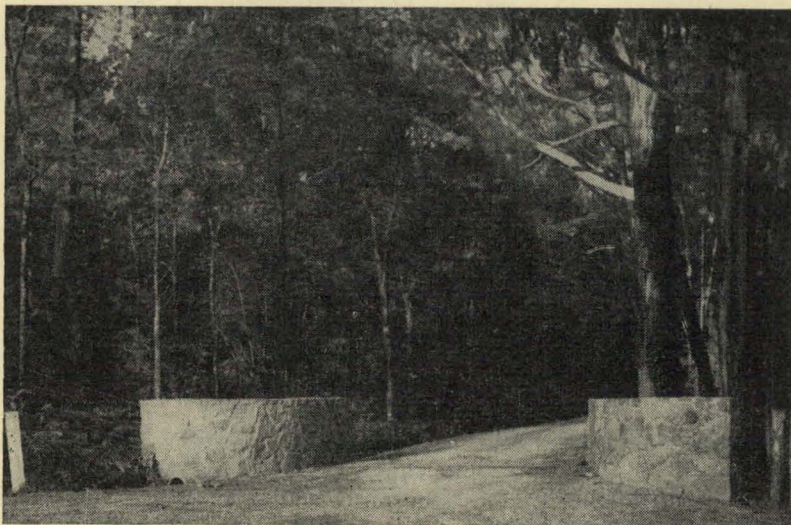
"GOOD EVENING" FOR JAPANESE GUIDER

Recently, Miss Katsura, a Japanese Guider, visited Marnoo Guides and Brownies, and we were able to greet her with the Japanese words for "good evening".

She looked very smart in her uniform — grey suit, red scarf and grey beret. Miss Katsura has earned many badges, including one for saving some people from drowning. She told us something of the activities of the Girl Scouts and Brownies in Japan. We learnt that the Girl Scouts have a ceremonial uniform as well as their ordinary one. The ceremonial uniform is a lovely kimono.

The Japanese people are well known for paper folding, and Miss Katsura showed us how to fold birds out of a square of paper.

—Beth Anderson, 1st Marnoo Coy.



BRITANNIA PARK

Wednesday, 20th September, is THE day when the Britannia Park Committee hope to welcome many visitors to the property. It is to be L.A. Azalea Day. We have called it "Azalea" Day, but it should really be called Rhododendron and Azalea Day because the part of the property where we propose to plant these lovely things lends itself so admirably to both shrubs. We are only too well aware of the fact that rhododendrons are more expensive than azaleas, but we just hope that one or two of the L.A.'s will bring one. By the way, someone asked were we expecting every member to bring a plant? But the answer is that, although we have room for ANY number, we are just asking for one plant per L.A. We have in Victoria over 450 L.A.'s, so we are very hopeful of getting a generous number of plants. This idea all arose because last year, when 240 L.A. ladies came to Britannia Park for L.A. Open Day, several ladies said they thought we should have charged for the morning tea. This we did not want to do, but we thought you might all like to bring a plant.

The Committee suggest that you arrive about 10.30 to 11 a.m., have a cup of tea (provided by the Committee), then plant your plant (by the way, if you could bring it with a weatherproof label on it, your name will be there for good), then after that you probably would like to have a look around the place. Tea (but no food) will be available at lunchtime, and there is a barbecue

now if you want to cook your chops. Perhaps some ladies might like to plan to stay overnight in the house or cottage, as neither house will be occupied mid-week during that particular week? You would need to book this with Mrs. McNally at H.Q., of course. The charge is 8c per head per 24 hours' rent and you would need to take your own food. So please make your plans for L.A. Azalea Day. If you CAN let us know beforehand it would help us with the catering, but if it's difficult, don't worry. We can always put some more water in the pot.

May was a most satisfactory month as far as the Maintenance Fund is concerned. Twenty-three days were maintained by the marvellous people listed below, and we on the Committee, who are trying so hard to make the place as comfortable and beautiful as we possibly can, are most heartened by your support.

MAY:

- 1st—1st Pyramid Hill Coy.
- 3rd—1st North Fawkner Pack.
- 5th—1st Belgrave Coy.
- 7th—1st, 2nd and 3rd Shepparton Coys.
- 8th—Canterbury L.A.
- 11th—3rd Blackburn Coy.
- 12th—Tatura L.A.
- 13th—Horsham L.A.
- 14th—Gisborne L.A.
- 14th—Elsternwick L.A. (Mother's Day).
- 16th—Clunes Division.
- 18th—Preston L.A.

19th—Balwyn L.A.
 21st—Highett District.
 22nd—Mrs. R. E. Gregory.
 23rd—Highett District.
 24th—Dingley-Springvale South L.A. and District.
 25th—Mrs. R. J. H. Risson.
 26th—Black Rock L.A.
 28th—4th Malvern Pack.
 29th—North Croydon L.A.
 30th—Deepline L.A.
 31st—Leongatha L.A.

We are so grateful to all the Brownies who have sent in their Brownie Revels money, which is used for furnishing Brownie Cottage. We have saved it up, and now we are going to buy some new linoleum for the kitchen in Brownie Cottage. Thank you, Brownies.

Found

The working part and face of a chromium-plated wristwatch. The strap and the rest of the watch apparently remained on the owner's wrist. This part which we have found appears to be in good order. Will the owner please inquire at H.Q., Russell Street, for it.



PRAYER FOR THE OVERWORKED

For all who because another is away on furlough have more than the work of one to do.
 For those burdened because there is more work than workers.
 For those who have taken upon themselves extra work to ease another who is not well.

Father, hear our prayer.

PRAYER FOR THE DISCOURAGED

For all whose vision has faded.
 For those whose work has not brought success.
 For those who find no response and feel unwanted.

Father, hear our prayer.

—From "Methodist Missionary Review" and the "Presbyterian Missionary Chronicle".

AN INVITATION TO VISIT THE SERENDIP WILDLIFE RESEARCH STATION, LARA

The Serendip Wildlife Research Station was established in 1959 to show, by investigation and demonstration, that it is possible to grow game and other wildlife on farm property without loss of production from normal agricultural activities. The station is also the major duck trapping and banding centre in Victoria.

To date some 70,000 ducks have been examined in a long term study migration, shooting pressure and the effectiveness of the hunting regulations.

Numbers of magpie geese, Cape Barren geese, bustards and other birds have been brought to the station in an attempt to re-establish these species which once occurred in large numbers in Victoria, but have now almost disappeared.

Since its inception the number of persons desiring to visit the station has increased to such an extent that, in order to prevent continual disturbance of the wildlife, the Department has found it necessary to introduce quarterly Field Days, or "Open Days", and to restrict visits by the public to these occasions.

Future Field Days, with special exhibits and demonstrations, will be held on—

- From 2 p.m. until 5 p.m.:
- 2nd July, 1967
- 19th November, 1967
- 11th February, 1968
- 19th May, 1968

and all interested persons are welcome to attend.



FALSE TEETH FOR SHEEP

In parts of southern Australia the pastureland is so sandy that sheep which feed there wear down their front teeth in two or three years. One of these sheep was recently fitted with dentures, and the experiment seemed to have pleased everyone — including the sheep.

—Unesco Features.



CAMPFIRE SONGS

A RAM SAM SAM

(2 part Chant)

Eastern Song
(from Morocco)

A
A Ram sam sam A Ram sam sam, Goo-li
goo-li goo-li goo-li goo-li Ram sam sam, A
ra - vi, A ra - vi, goo-li
goo-li goo-li goo-li goo-li ram sam sam, A etc. *Repeat from A*

The 2nd voice enters at B and the two sections are sung together

A RAM SAM SAM. A two-part chant — an Eastern song from Morocco (from the "Second Book of Campfire Songs"—published by permission).

It was the late Rev. Peter Marshall who prayed the following prayer:—

"Help us, O Lord, when we want to do the right thing, but know not what it is. But help us most when we know perfectly well what we ought to do, and do not want to do it."

LOOK BACK AND THANK GOD — LOOK FORWARD AND TRUST HIM.

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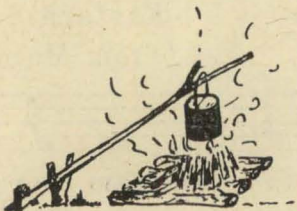
DO YOUR BROWNIES LIKE THE NEW GOLDEN HAND CARD?

Perhaps you have some artists in the Pack who would like to try their hand at a new design for the Golden Badge, Golden Bar and Golden Ladder Cards.

It's something to think about!

Please submit designs to Mrs. P. S. Thompson at Guide Headquarters.

—M.J.



CAMPING DEPARTMENT Barwon Region Q.M. Training

A Q.M. Training will be held during July and August. Rangers, Guiders and L.A. members welcomed. Monday evening, 24th July, and Monday, 7th August, at 8 p.m., at the Myers Street Guide Hall.

And the weekend of 5th and 6th August at a site to be decided — an indoor camp with facilities for outdoor cooking.

A charge of 20 cents per class, payable at the time and \$3.50 for the camp, payable at the first class.

Guider-in-Charge: Miss E. Leigh.

Applications by 3rd July to Miss D. Mitchell, 217 Church Street, Manifold Heights, Geelong.

CAMPCRAFT TRAINING

A Headquarters Campcraft Training has been arranged to take place over the weekends of 18th and 20th August, 23rd and 24th September, 21st and 22nd October, and 18th and 19th November.

Trainer: Miss M. Mellor.

Applications on blue training form to Miss Mellor by 17th July.

AWARDS

Queries are often received as to when an Award should be worn. The Australian Awards Sub-Committee has now provided for States the following directions:—

- (i) Rangers, Guides and Brownies should wear them all the time because it is of interest to anyone and everyone; a talking point and maybe an extra urge to others to do their best.
- (ii) Adults wear the ribbon bar except for important functions, when they wear the actual Award. Important functions are: Annual General Meetings, Australian Council Meeting Opening and functions organised for delegates, Thinking Day Ceremonies, Guides' Own Services, Receptions to V.I.P.'s, Enrolments and such like.
- (iii) Adults not in uniform wear their Awards as specified in P.O.&R. to Guide and Scout functions only unless requested.



FORTHCOMING TRAINING COURSES

The next series of Headquarters' Training Courses will commence after the September holidays.

Mornington Peninsula Region (ROSE-BUD): Guide/Brownie Pre-Warrant. 12th and 13th August.

Outer Eastern Region (RINGWOOD): Guide Pre-Warrant (six weeks). Commencing 20th July.

Bendigo Region (BENDIGO): Guide Pre-Warrant (weekends). 15th and 16th July; 19th and 20th August.

Western District Region (HAMILTON): Ranger Training, 22nd and 23rd July.

Further details regarding these and any other training courses may be obtained from the Commissioners' Newsletter or on application to the Training Department.



GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION, TASMANIA

Dear Friends,

This is first to try and say "thank you" to all for your wonderful assistance to the members of the Movement who lost everything in the February fires. The response from you all has been overwhelming and all your help has been deeply appreciated.

When the full magnitude of the disaster became apparent, a couple of days after the fire, and the offers of help began to pour in from you all, it was decided to form a "Girl Guides Personal Gift Account", as most people who wrote asked that their donation be spent as a personal gift for some member of the Movement. The fund is administered by a Committee, which meets regularly. A number of Mainland Companies and Packs asked for a Company or Pack to adopt. We soon ran out of Groups to link, so some of you were disappointed.

Some of you may not have received acknowledgement from Guides or Brownies who received your gifts. We hope you will forgive them. Many of them at that time had no homes, paper, envelopes or anything. They were very grateful for all the lovely things you sent, but would have found it difficult to get round to writing. A great many of them were very shocked and confused by everything.

Please do realise how much all your loving gifts are appreciated.

We thought you might like to hear something of what has happened to the money and gifts you have sent.

Forty-five Guides, Brownies, Rangers and Guiders have so far been equipped with new uniforms. They have also been given cash grants to replace something they treasured. Some Packs and Companies have already obtained new equipment; others are waiting until they have somewhere to keep it. The Guiders' homes have gone and so have the halls in which they met.

Some groups are unable to meet properly yet, but the Guiders are keeping in touch with the members who are still in their districts: we are trying to trace those who have moved to other places. We feel that the linking up of those who have moved from the burnt-out districts may take some time, as some families have no settled place to live and many are still in huts and caravans.

Seven Guiders lost their homes in the fires, but they are all carrying on trying to care for their Guides and Brownies as well as coping with their own families and the frustrations and difficulties of becoming re-established and the inevitable filling in of forms.

Nearly all the toys, clothes and other goods you sent were distributed as soon as they arrived. Everyone going with cars to the disaster areas were loaded up with your gifts for distribution, and were most gratefully received and appreciated. Some clothes and toys are being kept in reserve for the families of Guides and Brownies when they come in for their uniforms.

On the Sunday after "Thinking Day" a busload of Guides and Brownies from the Channel Division were brought to Hobart for the day, fitted out with new uniforms, given lunch by Hobart Local Associations, and then went to the Annual Thanksgiving Service for Guides and Scouts at St. David's Cathedral. If you had seen their happy faces when they set off for home with their parcels and all the surplus cakes, you would have been glad the money you sent paid for the bus.

Your money also paid the fares of two Guides who had already been selected to go to Camp Kumanka in Brisbane, and the train fares for a group of Channel Guides to go to Deviot in the north for a camp as guests of the Exeter Guides.

Some funds have been received expressly for "Orana", the Camp House at Oyster Cove. These have been paid straight into "Orana" Account and are earning interest while the

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CONGRATULATIONS

CONGRATULATIONS to the recipients of the following Awards:—

LONG SERVICE AWARDS:

Uniformed Personnel—

Miss J. Mitchell, Armadale (Gold Ribbon).
Miss M. Z. Owen, Ivanhoe (Silver Ribbon).
Miss J. Chapman, Campbell's Creek (Silver Ribbon).

Local Association Members—

Mrs. I. Hunt, Heidelberg.

THANKS BADGES:

Mr. H. Worboys, Foster.
Mr. J. A. Praetz, Dimboola.
Mr. E. Crabbe, Morwell.
Morwell Shire Council (Plaque).
Mr. D. Wakefield.

APPOINTMENTS

Division Commissioners:

Miss M. Hand, Lowan; Miss M. Forsyth, Wannon River.

District Commissioners:

Mrs. J. A. Carter, Hightt; Mrs. W. Talbot, Dumbalk; Mrs. K. W. Medland, Oak Park (new District); Mrs. J. B. Ponder, Mt. Macedon; Mrs. M. Spooner, Mentone-Parkdale.

RESIGNATIONS

Region Commissioners:

Mrs. W. H. Chamberlain, Yarra Valley; Mrs. D. K. Davies, Gippsland.

District Commissioners:

Mrs. J. M. B. Goss, Williamstown; Mrs. H. D. Casserly, Frankston; Miss L. Carter, Turriff; Mrs. N. Homsey, Waverley North; Mrs. C. Ammitzball, Moorabbin South; Mrs. I. Kilpatrick, Great Western; Mrs. B. S. Fitchett, Flinders; Mrs. R. G. Bryant, Darlington-Dundonnell; Mrs. V. Branwhite, Wodonga; Miss M. Thomson, Lockington; Mrs. J. T. Fitzpatrick, Barham; Mrs. N. Guppy, Beaumaris; Mrs. Lee-Archer, Mentone-Parkdale.

WARRANTS

Captains:

Mrs. E. Frost, 1st The Basin; Mrs. J. Millson, 1st Hightt; Mrs. J. R. Aarons, 3rd Surrey Hills; Mrs. G. Parr, A.R.F. Southern Star; Miss S. M. Tempest, 1st Oliver's Hill; Mrs. K. Daws, 4th North Balwyn; Mrs. J. L. Hawke, 1st Berwick; Mrs. R. Pearce, 3rd East Ringwood; Mrs. T. G. Sandford, 1st Beaufort; Miss S. M. Vedmore, 2nd Warrnambool; Mrs. A. Lovelock, 1st St. Albans; Miss P. Abbott, 1st East Reservoir; Mrs. E. J. Radcliffe, 1st Barham; Mrs. J. Haywood, 1st Nhill; Mrs. T. W. G. Seefeld, 4th East Malvern; Miss K. Hill, 2nd Belmont; Mrs. S. T. Rawlings, 1st Balmoral.

Lieutenants:

Mrs. C. B. Tonkin, 2nd East Ringwood; Miss J. Hammond, 2nd Bellfield; Miss J. C. Buttfield, 3rd Bellfield; Miss S. L. Moore, 2nd Bellfield; Miss A. McGlashan, 3rd Bellfield; Miss M. E. Block, 1st Violet Town; Mrs. A. Thomson, 3rd Strathmore; Miss C. A. Wiseman, 1st North Balwyn; Mrs. R. J. Chandler, 1st Bayswater; Mrs. G. W. Stearman, 2nd Newborough; Miss S. D. Abson, 1st Newborough; Miss J. J. Newton, 2nd Williamstown; Miss J. E. Orchard, 3rd Moorabbin; Mrs. A. J. Chislet, 1st Allansford; Mrs. L.

Backhouse, 1st Melton; Miss P. Donachie, 1st Sunshine; Mrs. F. R. Parker, 2nd Syndal North; Mrs. D. Jacka, 2nd Syndal North; Mrs. M. J. Mead, 4th East Malvern; Mrs. G. N. Fordham, 1st Birchip; Miss N. Hughes, 1st Nilma; Miss G. L. Birch, 1st Tyabb.

Brown Owls:

Mrs. H. A. Chandler, 2nd Mooroolbark; Mrs. R. E. Aumann, 1st Murtoa; Miss P. E. Shay, 1st Dunolly; Mrs. A. R. Charlesworth, 2nd Bennettswood; Miss J. Taylor, 1st Hartwell; Mrs. R. E. Blake, 2nd Jordanville; Miss W. I. Pratt, 1st Gardiner; Mrs. K. P. Kilgour, 2nd St. Albans; Mrs. G. Wright, 2nd Portarlington; Mrs. B. A. Luxford, 1st Berwick; Mrs. B. J. Johnston, 1st Hastings; Mrs. J. Hunt, 1st Elliminyt; Mrs. T. Whitley, 1st Ferny Creek; Mrs. B. M. Taylor, 1st Forest Hill; Mrs. W. Hurley, 2nd Melton; Mrs. D. Shelton, 1st Paynesville; Mrs. G. Antonoff, 1st Swift's Creek; Mrs. P. Lawrence, 3rd Overport; Mrs. W. H. Turner, 2nd Eaglehawk; Mrs. W. B. Newcombe, 1st Jeparit.

Tawny Owls:

Miss G. A. Ellard, 2nd Bentleigh; Mrs. C. Beaton, 2nd Monbulk; Miss H. Hobbs, 4th Malvern; Mrs. M. A. Breach, 1st Upwey; Mrs. M. E. Downes, 1st Mooroolbark; Mrs. J. W. Clark, 1st Laverton; Mrs. T. N. Bell, 1st Sunshine; Miss W. Buckler, 4th Hawthorn; Miss H. Fraser, 6th Hawthorn; Mrs. I. M. Sykes, 1st Swift's Creek; Mrs. J. W. Storm, 1st Barham; Mrs. W. J. Armstrong, 1st Diamond Creek; Mrs. E. L. Williams, 2nd Springfield.

CANCELLATIONS

Captains:

Mrs. M. J. Mead, 4th East Malvern; Mrs. F. H. Johnson, 2nd Birregurra; Mrs. H. Dow, 1st North Ringwood; Mrs. J. Meadows, 4th Bairnsdale; Miss L. S. Boxall, 1st Nhill; Mrs. A. Stewart, 4th Forest Hill; Mrs. C. B. Christensen, 1st Syndal; Mrs. J. McMicken, S.R.S. Quadrant; Mrs. L. Coleman, 2nd Dandenong; Miss C. A. Thompson, 2nd Surrey Hills; Mrs. H. E. Taylor, 1st Hampton Park.

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Brown Owls:

Mrs. R. E. Aumann, 2nd Murtoa; Mrs. A. Ramsay, 2nd Mooroolbark; Mrs. F. Webb, 2nd North Balwyn; Mrs. J. Allan, 2nd Bennettswood; Mrs. B. Henry, 1st Jordanville; Mrs. G. Russell, 2nd Jordanville; Mrs. M. Currington, 1st Murtoa; Mrs. W. Wilson, 4th Traralgon; Mrs. L. McMillan, 2nd Spotswood; Mrs. M. Duncan, 2nd Sale; Mrs. A.

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"It's only temporary until you can find us a more suitable meeting place."

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future "Orana" is being planned. The house was only partly covered by insurance; building costs have risen tremendously since it was built.

It will be some months before the full distribution of the fund is completed. In the meantime we are all most grateful for the love and generosity of our fellow-Guides. We hope you will forgive us for our slowness in letting you have information about the distribution of the fund, and we hope you will understand that everything you have sent has been very gratefully received.

—Girl Guide Personal Gift Committee,
 Tasmania.

CANCELLATIONS

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Hurkmans, 1st Niddrie; Mrs. A. R. Dailey, 1st Cockatoo; Mrs. P. Ferguson, 1st Eltham; Mrs. C. T. Casey, 1st Turriff; Miss H. B. McDonald, 1st Elsternwick; Mrs. A. C. Truin, 2nd Werribee; Mrs. L. Mulhallen, 1st Nhill; Mrs. I. J. Mead, 1st Forest Hill; Miss B. E. Cunnington, 1st Lockington; Mrs. A. Kingma, 2nd Lockington; Mrs. L. Barker, 4th Syndal; Mrs. J. Murphy, 3rd Fawkner; Mrs. H. R. Toner, 2nd Hampton Park.

Tawny Owls:

Mrs. N. Lew Ton, 2nd Bright; Miss P. E. Shay, 1st Dunolly; Mrs. A. R. Charlesworth, 2nd Bennettwood; Miss J. Taylor, 1st Hartwell; Mrs. R. E. Blake, 2nd Jordanville; Mrs. C. G. Cramond, 1st Cobden; Mrs. B. Howes, 5th Traralgon; Mrs. C. B. Keaman, 1st St. Arnaud; Mrs. G. Robinson, 2nd Werribee; Mrs. R. J. Norman, 5th Forest Hill; Mrs. J. McDonald, 2nd Syndal; Mrs. A. Rudd, 4th Syndal; Mrs. R. G. Morton, 2nd Barham; Miss M. L. Holland, 2nd Upwey.

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BROWNIES AND "PUFFING BILLY"

Brown Owl had asked us if we would rather have a ride on "Puffing Billy" or a party. Our choice was "Puffing Billy"; so it was arranged. Families were invited, too. We became more excited each week. At last the day came. It was a lovely day for a picnic. We were up early and packed, as we were having a barbecue lunch in the Fern-tree Gully National Park. As some families couldn't come a few Brownies went with other families.

It wasn't long before we had good fires going on some brick barbecues, and all the children set out to fetch wood and dry leaves to keep the fires going. Brown Owl cooked for the Brownies, who had had to come alone, while the dads cooked for their families. After lunch we went exploring amongst the trees, then set off to Belgrave to catch "Puffing Billy".

Brown Owl provided the tickets. Soon we found a carriage and perched on the bars side. The engine started to chuff. We were off! We held on tight as the trees flew by. Thirty minutes later we arrived at Menzies Creek for a 10-minute stop. Walking up a little path we looked down upon green fields and houses. It was a lovely view. The ride back to Belgrave seemed faster going downhill. It was great fun. When we reached the station everybody said "goodbye", then set off home after a very happy day.

—Jenny Palmer,
 4th North Balwyn Pack.



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