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Special Date for your Diary:

**ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING
of the
Girl Guides Association**

DATE: Monday, 23rd October, 1967

PLACE: St. Kilda Town Hall

TIME: 8 p.m.

SPEAKER:

Dr. Margaret Blackwood

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IMPORTANT!

We're Re-Building

If you have been reading your recent issues of "Matilda" carefully you will have noted mention in the State Commissioner's letters and Executive notes that a decision had been made to completely re-build Guide Headquarters on the present site.

Now at last, thanks to the help of so many people, THE moment has come . . . We ask you to carefully read the information below and act—courteously and accordingly.

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FRIDAY, 29th SEPTEMBER**

Please pass on this information

TRENDS of GUIDING TODAY

It is with much humility that I begin my talk on "Trends in Guiding Today". For I am speaking to you, the responsible leaders of Guiding, gathered in this beautiful country from all over the world and I know that the trends which I shall try to present are mainly the outcome of your work, your thoughts, your efforts to keep Guiding vital and dynamic, a Movement fit to pursue and achieve its aims in this present world of ours.

I shall endeavour to outline in a simple shape the result of these many single efforts.

In 1966, Guiding has already a history of 58 years behind it. This fact is important because in this history of over half a century lies much of our strength, but from it also stem some of our problems.

In 1907, when the Founder gave Scouting to boys and this gift was taken up by girls a year later, he founded the Movement on principles which, as proved by your presence here and the millions you represent, have stood the test of time.

The commitment accepted by the Promise freely given, the code of the Guide Law, are the living roots of this system of training which we call Guiding or Scouting and whose aim is to prepare young human beings for a full life of their own and for service to others.

Open to every girl or woman who wishes to join and who is ready to accept its simple and humane principles, Guiding in six decades has influenced many millions of girls who have carried its stamp with them into their adult lives. Thus a tradition was created, and this is a treasure to draw upon, as long as we do not forget its vivifying sources.

Born at the beginning of this century, Guiding offered then to the young not only what they needed, but also what they wanted. The most exciting, challenging youth movement of its time. The genius of the Founder gave us the basic principles and the flexible outline of a method of training, but under his benevolent guidance and wide vision most of the characteristics as we have come to know them were moulded by the initiative of the young women and girls themselves in the enthusiasm of those first years.

This initiative of the young we must not forget, we who are serving a Movement which addresses itself to the young of today in the world as it is today.

Fifty-eight years have passed since 1908 and these coincide with one of the most eventful periods in the history of man.

The optimistic world of the first decade of our century, with its faith in science and progress as a cure for all evils, was shattered by two World Wars and by the ensuing upheavals in the political, social and economic structure of human affairs. Venerable national and international units collapsed, new forms emerged from their scattered ingredients and no cell of organised living remained untouched by those cataclysmic happenings. For one of the main characteristics of this era is the speed with which the "inter-influence" of events affects every corner of the globe.

In the process of this unprecedented turbulence, science has leapt ahead, and the mind of man proceeding from conquest to conquest has extracted from the hidden depths of creation powers that can lead to untold progress — or instant annihilation.

Contrasts have always been an expression of life, but these have now outreached human measure. By the turning of a knob man can now share in the life of the most distant neighbourhood or witness the expanse of space. Yet he is also frustrated by inhuman machines which rob him of the joy of creating with his hands and is submitted to the bitter loneliness of our overcrowded cities away from the warmth of those small social units which mankind created for its survival and solace.

Contrasts even take the form of historic time, and in spite of the speedy inter-relation of events we can today see countries, or even parts of countries, differing from each other in their development, as if separated by centuries of evolution.

And at the heart of it all lies humanity's craving for a peace still unattainable.

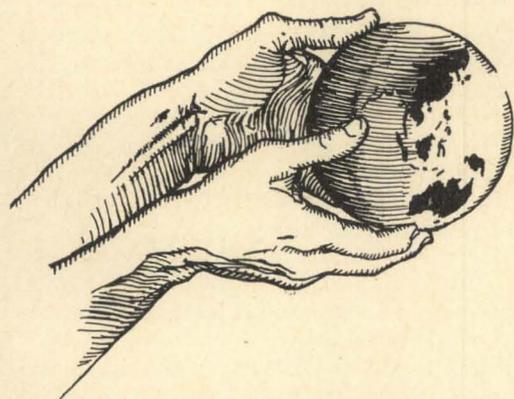
Such is the climate made of inspiring achievements, but also distressing failures in which our children live and grow up.

In this climate Guiding must now find **new ways**, but without ever cutting itself away

from its roots which have proved their worth by surviving such awesome odds.

This, I am proud to say, is what Guiding all over the world is doing . . . strengthened by its faith in forces greater than man, by its respect for man and by its belief that the true purpose of life is one of service.

We know that our efforts would be wasted and as — clanging brass — if the young did not still flock to our ranks, and fine leaders were not forthcoming to lead them.



So in a candid appraisal of our qualities and our faults, we ask ourselves:

Do we give the young of TODAY what they need and what they want?

Nationally and internationally this question has been constantly put. In their wish to offer the Guide programme to the largest possible number of girls, countries have undertaken deep studies, either alone or in culturally related groups, and have not been afraid to "modernise".

The World Association as such has not remained inactive, either. This same question has appeared in many guises on the agendas of most post-war Conferences and gatherings, and is inherent in many items which will occupy our time and minds during our forthcoming sessions.

The answers to date have been that Guiding and its principles are both needed and wanted by the young, but that there are forms and methods which must be looked at again with a fresh eye.

Through this self-examination and in our on-going work, our Movement is constantly pitched against its immediate environment, as well as against historic developments and certain trends emerge. First:

The need for fitting the programme to the reality of place and time. . . . Guiding has

achieved maturity when adaptations are possible. While respectfully adhering to our basic principles, countries continue to examine methods and to search for that flexibility which will relate our programme to everyday life and its infinite varieties.

We know that our programme sets high goals and must be exciting, gay, challenging, earnest and useful . . . and this for the young who already possess the privileges of education and high standard of living . . . as well as for those yet less fortunate but who will be tomorrow's leaders of their now developing countries.

In old and more experienced countries this re-assessing often leads to a unifying and simplifying process and to one which tends to give back to the young some of the initiative taken from them by set traditional patterns.

In countries where Guiding is still new, this re-assessing takes the shape of vigorous training of indigenous leadership and of a more thorough adaptation of the programme to indigenous needs, without which no youth movement can take roots in a country.

And as I speak of the place of Guiding in a country, a second trend emerges:

The need for making our Movement one of the obvious forces for progress in a country. This trend has always been followed, but its need has never been more apparent than now, when so many countries have achieved independence in so short a time. These countries are single-mindedly bent upon building up their future on solid foundations, and Guiding as a Movement of young womanhood can only achieve its purpose if it convinces the community that its programme is an integral part of this national effort.

No one is more aware of this than those responsible for Guiding in these countries.

Both the above trends lead to a third:

The need for closer co-operation with others pursuing related aims. The problems facing us are such that no effort should be wasted through duplication or lack of co-operation.

With the Boy Scouts we have always worked closely together, but ways for making this even more effective are constantly explored.

The United Nations Agencies and non-governmental youth and other organisations

present us with possibilities for co-operation and co-ordination which can become a source of much strength, as long as we keep to our priorities and safeguard the integrity of our principles.

The Governments of countries are also wide awake to the need for fuller educational programmes and wider youth work. Here, Guiding can, and does, offer its unique experience and can benefit and help by joining national programmes, such as training youth leaders, combating illiteracy, service and other projects.

Let me finish this fleeting glance over the trends of today by underlining the desire common to us all for:

More and more international contacts. We are privileged in this World Movement of ours to have wide open before us this surest of all ways towards the abolition of misunderstanding and prejudice, and towards the establishment of true friendship. Opportunities for international contacts in Guiding are plentiful and range from joyful meetings of thousands of young girls to mutual aid between countries. This last is doubly fruitful, as it is truly mutual, the giver and the taker helping each other towards the fulfilment of the ultimate purpose of Guiding.

And so, here we stand rich with a tradition handed down to us, ready to keep our Movement moving with the times, remembering that it was given by a genius to the young for them to dedicate themselves to its principles and to enjoy the great adventure of service.

We have promised to do our best and nothing can be better than to continue to serve young human beings entrusted to our care, who carry in them the immortal spark without which this world and this life are without meaning. In the midst of ceaseless flux, challenged by materialistic gospels, the spiritual values of our simple principles survive unblemished.

This resilience reminds me of words written 17 centuries ago by a countryman of mine about works of art built 24 centuries ago and still standing today as a PROOF of man's share in things eternal:

"They were created for all time, in a short time. Through their beauty they were already at their conception ancient, but in

their vigour they are to this day fresh and newly wrought. Such is the bloom of perpetual youth upon these works, that they look for ever untouched by time as though the unfaltering breath of an ageless spirit had been infused into them."

We thank our Founder.

—DORA LYKIARDOPOULO,
Chairman, World Committee, 1957-66.

THANKS . . .

Just this once, O God, I'd like to come to you with no problems, but simply to say, "Thank you" . . .

For your forgiveness when I fail;

For the sheer joy of sleep, when I'm terribly tired;

For the silent strength of humility, when pride overtakes me;

For the justice of your law, when men are cruel;

For the growing remedies to good health, when I am ill;

For the nurture of new knowledge, when I made a mistake;

For the simplicity of orderliness, when I face confusion;

For the joy of helping others, when I see people in need;

For the assurance that you have made a place for each of us, when I feel inadequate among my peers;

For the earthly evidences of your will, when I'm trying to find out what life is all about;

For the reality of your world, when I stray too far into fantasy;

For the rightness of reasonableness, when I panic too quickly;

For the fun that refreshes, when everything gets too serious;

For the renewal in moments of silence, when I'm dizzy being busy in a go-go world;

For the confidence of friends, when my parents don't understand;

For the healing love of family, when friends hurt me;

For your presence, when I am very lonely; And, above all, God, I am thankful for the worthliness and fullness you have given to this world of yours.

—Extract from "Youth", Nov., 1965;
by courtesy of "Australian Presbyterian Life".

**1967 MEMBERSHIP FIGURES
AS AT 30th JUNE, 1967**

Summary for three years:	1967	1966	1965
Victoria—			
State	44,635		
Nauru	109	44,744	43,998
	-----		42,575
New South Wales—			
State	32,702		
A.C.T.	1,139		
Norfolk Island	40	33,881	33,174
	-----		32,315
Queensland	13,400	12,655	12,420
South Australia—			
State	11,938		
Northern Territory	671	12,609	11,540
	-----		11,192
Western Australia—			
State	8,856		
Christmas Island	43	8,899	8,535
	-----		8,284
Tasmania	4,750	5,396	4,814
Papua-New Guinea	2,949	3,452	3,760
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	121,232	118,750	115,360
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INCREASE FOR 1967—

Victoria	764	
New South Wales	817	
Queensland	745	
South Australia	1,010	
Northern Territory	59	
	-----	1,069
Western Australia	399	3,794

LESS DECREASES—

Tasmania	646	
Papua-New Guinea	503	
Australian Capital Territory	100	
Christmas Island	35	
Norfolk Island	10	
Nauru	18	
	-----	1,312

NET INCREASE

2,482

PAST AND PRESENT . . . 1910-1967

Do you know how Guiding developed in Victoria and Australia? The material for—

Scrap books

Patrol boxes

Company games

History of the Movement, Activities, etc.,

is available at H.Q. contained in—

PAST AND PRESENT — the history of OUR Guiding; and

THE CHIEF'S VISIT — the story and pictures of her recent visit to Victoria.

BRING YOUR INFORMATION UP TO DATE

FROM THE STATE COMMISSIONER

3rd July: State Council Meetings: I stole a march on this report by telling you last month of the decision made at this meeting to re-build our Headquarters, but you will agree that it was much too important and exciting to keep in strict calendar rotation. Since the plan was accepted in principle, astonishingly rapid progress has been made in the detailed work by our architect, in consultation with the Building Sub-Committee. In this year's Annual Report you will see an impression of the front of the building that I am sure will delight you, and almost before you will believe it possible you will actually have your new Headquarters, that I am confident will prove satisfying both practically and aesthetically.

6th: A very special film premiere: Thanks to Mrs. Renshaw-Jones, acting for and with the Public Relations Sub-Committee, we were able to see under ideal conditions, provided by the kind courtesy of Mobil Oil Australia Ltd., the film of the World Chief Guide's visit in Victoria, taken by Betty Reynolds, and the official film of the 19th World Conference. We were delighted to share this very happy evening with many friends whose interest in Guiding was really aroused by the dynamic personality of our Chief and the international impact of the World Conference.

8th: It was hard to realise that the Lones L.A. Annual Meeting was the fifth that Mrs. Hilton had attended in her capacity as Lone Adviser and so would be the last before her retirement from that position. The excellent report of the affairs of the section must have been a source of tremendous satisfaction to Mrs. Hilton as well as to the representative gathering of members and friends from many parts of the State.

12th: Both Guide and Scout Associations were honoured by invitations to attend the Lord Mayor's Ball.

16th: Mrs. Farrow, our State International Representative, invited Mrs. Chamberlain, Ranger Branch Adviser, and me to assist her in placing in relative positions the 16 Rangers and Guides about to go on to Rangers who had applied to attend the Bharat Gathering. With so much excellent "material" before us it was a happy thought that quite a number would probably be able to go.

18th: It was a pleasant interruption to our weekly meeting to welcome and lunch with the 39 new Commissioners on their way to their training session. Moreover it must have been a source of real encouragement to Mrs. Renshaw-Jones as she prepares week by week for her future job as your State Commissioner.

19th: Along with our official representatives, Miss Margaret Callister and Miss Chris Canavan, I attended the Annual Meeting of the Youth Council of Victoria. The reports on the "new look" programme, the guest speaker, the Hon. Lindsay Thompson, Minister for Education, and the opportunity to meet many people with parallel interests, combined to provide a most stimulating evening.

20th: A double length Executive meeting, with the agenda material of the Australian Executive meeting to be discussed as well as our State affairs.

24th: And then, following a busy administrative week, we relaxed with the Rangers at their annual Debutante Ball. It was a particular privilege and pleasure to have our State President, Lady Delacombe, receive the debutantes, and I shared the pride of Mrs. Rylah, in whose term as Adviser the Ball was planned, and Mrs. Chamberlain, the present Adviser, in the splendid organisation of the Committee that had given us all an outstandingly happy social occasion, centred around the charming group of debutantes.

26th: To complete a "special" week, Mrs. Farrow and I drove up to the sunshine, and warmth of welcome, too, of Sunraysia. The Association was honoured by a civic reception given us by the Mayor of Mildura, with the welcome opportunity and pleasure of meeting leaders in the community in many spheres. I was likewise delighted with the opportunity for Mrs. Farrow to speak on the international aspect of Guiding to the Rotary Club of Red Cliffs. Meanwhile, I was able to meet the Guiders of the Region over a buffet dinner provided by the Mildura C.W.A. — very nice to help a worthy catering project while enjoying oneself!

27th: And then on to Dareton for the Region Conference of L.A. members, Guiders and Commissioners: an interesting agenda and good participation gave us all a stimulating and enjoyable day, helped in no small measure by the excellent arrangements made by our Dareton hostesses. They had even

re-painted their Guide Hall, and the husband of the District Commissioner barbecued delectable fresh Murray perch for our lunch; of course, we all worked very hard to prove deserving of such attention!

Mrs. Hilton, Region Commissioner, took us to her home at Hopetoun for the night, and set us on our way wondering if home could ever be like this, much as we were looking forward to seeing our own families.

30th: The Brownie Branch Committee met in its entirety over this weekend — members from distant parts of the State along with those near enough to Melbourne to attend monthly meetings in person. I was delighted to be able to accept their invitation to join them on Sunday morning for their Guiders' Own, and then for the start of a most interesting discussion on work party matters, led by Miss Margaret Shaw, Chairman of our Victorian Work Party, followed by a good chat over lunch.

In the afternoon, Mrs. Gray and I represented the Association at the Liturgical Reception and Enthronement of His Grace, Most Rev. J. R. Knox, D.D., D.C.L., Archbishop of Melbourne, in St. Patrick's Cathedral, and felt privileged indeed to do so.

Joyce E. Price

PUBLICATIONS '67

From Longmans, Green & Co. we have received a copy of the third edition of "Wildflowers of Victoria", by Jean Galbraith. In his introduction, Mr. J. Willis, of the Herbarium, asks, "How many wildflowers can YOU recognise within your State?"

Many Guiders are probably acquainted with this handbook of our native flora. Others may like to know about it. The various families are grouped in their right order. A special page tells you how to use the book.

The noticeable change in this edition is in the Orchid Section, which now includes drawing of many orchid varieties.

As we settle down to look after what is left of our wildflowers, this book will be found most helpful. There are 175 good photographs in black and white, which are an aid to identification. The price is \$4.75.

—J.H.

EXECUTIVE NOTES FOR JULY, 1967 MEETINGS . . . MEETINGS

Discussion and reports of many meetings came to the Executive Committee meeting in July:

Acceptance of the minutes of the special meeting at which the "final" decision was made on the question of our H.Q. building.

Finance Meeting: A report on questions of transport for members of the Movement; investments held for general funds and for the building pool; activities of the Guide Shop; and many other important angles of the financial problems of the Movement.

The Annual Meeting, to be held on 23rd October, 1967. The Annual Meeting takes some organising — to say nothing of the fact that the Annual Report has to be compiled.

The Australian Executive Meeting: This meeting, held in August, is the opportunity for discussion on all those matters which affect Guiding on a national level. In the year of each World Conference a full Australian Council Meeting is held. In the intervening years, State Commissioners gather with the Australian office-bearers and Advisers as the Australian Executive. A very wide variety of questions and general subjects is on the agenda for this year.

Australian Future Policy: Meetings are to be held to consider planning for the future development of Guiding at Australian administrative level. Thought was given to nominations of members.

Sub-Committee Meetings: Reports from Sub-Committees handling international affairs, property matters, uniform recommendations, appointments of new Commissioners, etc.

I sometimes wonder if members of the Movement realise the amount of time, thought and effort that is put forward, on their behalf, by members of the various Committees of the Movement, and the varied subjects with which it is necessary to deal to ensure that the Movement runs smoothly? Although I had been a Guider and Commissioner before joining the Executive Committee I know I had no conception of the amount of thought and work involved.

OVERSEAS RANGERS VISIT VICTORIA

Six Senior Scouts and Rangers arrived in Melbourne during July and August, en route to the Central Australia Ranger Safari.

From Korea: Senior Scouts Hye Chung Kim and Kwang Ok Lee from Seoul.

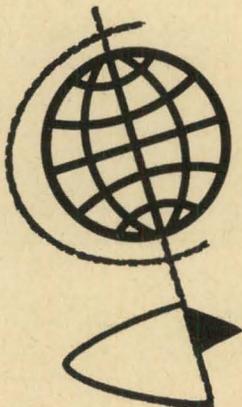
From New Zealand: Rangers Jennifer Collins and Shona Hodgkinson.

From U.S.A.: Senior Scouts Donna Arndt from Aberdeen, Maryland, and Mary McKeever from Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Special plans were made for the Korean girls to visit drive-in theatres, squash courts, and other entertainments they do not have in their country.

After spending a week or two in Melbourne the Americans and New Zealanders visited country districts. The American girls stayed at Portland on their way overland to Adelaide. The New Zealand girls separated — Jennifer Collins visited Nambrok (near Yalourn) and Shona Hodgkinson stayed at Hamilton.

The girls were all billeted in private homes to share our way of life, and were entertained at parties given by Boorandara and Stradbroke Cadets. Plans were made by the International Committee in conjunction with hostesses and cadets to take each visitor for a tour of the city, Headquarters, Britannia Park and Healesville Sanctuary, and to visit and speak at Region gatherings.



WHAT IT MEANT TO HOSTESS A SENIOR GIRL SCOUT FROM THE STATES

To our family, and especially Lynette, a Land Ranger, who was the official hostess to one of the Senior Girl Scouts from the U.S.A. whilst she was in Melbourne, it meant firstly a great deal of excitement when we learned that we had indeed been fortunate in having one of the two Girl Scouts allotted to us.

As the time drew nearer so did the anticipation grow as to what our young guest would be like, and then began the preparation and organisation. Venetian blinds and windows long overdue for a clean were soon shining and the bathroom received a much-needed face-lift.

Details re Mary's age, hobbies, family, etc., were sent to us, plus a picture so that we would recognise her as she stepped off the train, but, due to some delay, the latter arrived the day after Mary! When we greeted Mary at Spencer Street Station (she came by train from Canberra) we saw in her a natural, friendly and charming girl. As the days passed, and we learned to know her better, this became even more evident; and when we sadly bade her farewell we truly felt we were saying goodbye to one of our own family.

However, during her stay she saw many things of interest — among which was an Australian Rules football match at the M.C.G. which fascinated her by its speed in comparison with the American game of Gridiron; a visit to a Guide camp, at Donvale, set among the wattle; to Britannia Park in company with Donna (the other Girl Scout) and her hostess; to Healesville Sanctuary, where our Australian animals proved a great delight to them; to Warrandyte, the Dandenongs; parties with Rangers and Cadets; the Campfire Corroboree at Frankston; Brownie and Guide meetings; Monash University and Burwood Teachers' College.

Many a laugh we all shared over differences in pronunciation and word meanings.

To us, this visit of Mary's meant happiness, fun, friendship and a sharing of mutual



interests through our great world-wide Movement.

We met Brown Owl at the Brownie Hall, and all piled into Mrs. Farrow's and Mrs. Moore's cars. We drove out to the airport, and met Donna and Mary, the American Girl Scouts. They were dressed in green uniforms and had lots of badges. Brown Owl showed us the Guide World Badge, which is the same for everyone, like our Brownie one. They asked us our names, and then Mary helped us make a map of America with a rope, and Julie made a map of Australia with another rope. We put our Toadstool in the middle of Australia and made a circle round it. Sarah has just come back from America, where she was a Brownie Scout, and she stood in the America rope and then pretended to swim over to us. Her Sixer and Second met her, and Brown Owl gave her a Brownie badge at the Toadstool. Then we gave her a grand salute. Then we all had our photographs taken, and Donna asked us to think of a name for her koala. It is going to be called Snowy-Aussie. We gave each of the Americans a Brownie book mark. Then they had to go on their plane. Everyone said goodbye, and we went up on the roof to wave. It was very windy up there. We saw some air hostesses, too. Then we got into the cars and went back to the Hall.

A comment from one Brownie, in an aside, "Brown Owl, I've never seen a real American before!"

—1st Parkville Pack.



SONG OF THE AUSTRALIAN EMBLEMS

Following many requests we are publishing the words of the song which was sung at the Festival of Friendship by the Brownies during their representation of the various Australian six emblems:—

1. Have you heard of those busy little Emblems,
Living in the bush 'neath the tall gum trees?
Magic all around they weave,
Happy when they do good deeds;
Names of these are softly whispered in the breeze.

Chorus:

Jolly little people, jolly little people,
Jolly little people all are they;
And they work with a smile
Helping others all the while,
Jolly little people all are they.

2. See here come the Junjarins, with boomerangs and cheerful grins,
Always so happy they chase gloom away.
They love to spend their daylight hours,
Tending all the bushland flowers.
Ever so busy and ever so gay.
3. There's the Fairy Moora-Mooras with an injured kookaburra
Bandaging and tying up its broken wing.
They've found a baby kangaroo,
And so of course they'll help it too.
Keeping bush folk happy is what they do.
4. The Lullagullis they delight in keeping things so clean and bright,
Down by the pool 'neath the wattle trees.
They wash the leaves with tender care,
Then dry them in the sunlit air
And polish them so brightly for all to see.
5. If you want to see Tookonies, our Australian bushland Brownies,
Look in the top of the tall gum trees.
They're popping night-caps from the flowers
Up among their leafy bowers
Telling them to waken for spring is here.

6. Inquisitive Tintookie elves, never wish to show themselves,
They like to do their work when no one sees.
They help to make your wish come true
If this is what is best for you—
Then they creep away with the morning breeze.

7. Mullakos it is very true, will sometimes play a trick on you
By sending down the raindrops some sunny day.
But kindness really is their aim
The flowers and trees all need that rain,
And "Thank you, little pixies", is what they say.

8. The gay Woorails with song and dance around the toadstools gaily prance,
How the bush folk love it and join in too.
They help the flowers and all the trees
To sway so lightly in the breeze;
And teach the baby lyre-birds their dances new.

(This is sung to the tune of "Waltzing Matilda").

FRIENDSHIP TOWER

The 60ft. "Friendship Tower" was the central attraction of the Avenue of Flags at the 12th World Scout Jamboree. The tower and its setting combine wood, stone, metal, water and fire — elements used by man in his survival and progress. The 12 timbers, interlocked by six metal friendship rings, are emblematic of the 12 World Jamborees. The rings are inscribed with "For Friendship" in different languages and with the fleur-de-lis, common to Scout emblems around the world. The tower arise from the Friendship Pool, filled by a fountain. The Flame of Friendship was lit at the Jamboree opening by a torch given to a Scout of the Boy Scouts of America by Prince Constantine at the close of the 11th World Jamboree at Marathon, Greece, in 1963. The Friendship Tower symbolises the theme of the 12th World Jamboree and the purpose of all World Jamborees.

—"Scouting", U.S.A.

JULIETTE LOW WORLD FRIENDSHIP FUND . . .

IRENE FAIRBAIRN FUND . . .

Many of you will have enjoyed meeting and talking with Donna Arndt and Mary McKeever, our Senior Scout guests from the U.S.A., during their visit to Victoria en route to the Central Australia Safari.

Donna's and Mary's trips were sponsored by the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund, to which each member of the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. is asked to contribute 10 cents per year.

Each year this fund pays the fares and other expenses for many Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. to attend Guide/Girl Scout events overseas, and also sponsors trips to the U.S.A. and our Guide World Homes for Guides/Girl Scouts from countries other than the U.S.A.

Thus, this is a "World Friendship Fund" in the true sense of the words, and any one of us who has had the privilege of being a "Juliette Low girl" would agree that, through the generosity of the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., their outlook on life has been broadened and their understanding of others has increased in a unique and wonderful way.



In Australia we have the IRENE FAIRBAIRN FUND, set up in recognition of the work, love and understanding given to Guiding in Australia by our first Chief Commissioner, Mrs. Irene Fairbairn. This fund is, as yet, not big enough to send girls overseas or to bring girls here to Australia, but wouldn't it be FUN to watch the fund GROW?

This year the proceeds of the Lady Delacombe Cup Golf Day was given by Victoria to the fund, and other States contribute also, but I am sure that if more Brownies, Guides and Rangers knew about the opportunities available if we build this fund into something big they would want to help, too.

Donations may be sent to H.Q. marked "Irene Fairbairn Fund".

[WORK PARTY] for as many as can . . .

This phrase is used often in directions given for country dances — and what can be harder “work” than an evening of country dancing? Or more of a party of fun and fellowship than just that same evening?

This is how we would like to think of the Work Party — a group of all members of the Movement working together, thinking together, moving together with harmony towards a Guiding which will be as good as we all can make it.

You will be receiving — perhaps a questionnaire, perhaps an invitation to join a Study Group, perhaps a letter asking some specific questions — and as the King of Siam would say, etc., etc.

We want YOUR opinion — considered, honest and quickly.

Members of the Work Party will do their best to talk to groups of all kinds; to prepare discussion subjects and/or questionnaires for everything from a P.L.’s Conference (for we want the CHILDREN’s opinions,

too) to a Region Training; to answer questions — as quickly as possible; to consider all the thoughts you’ve had about Guiding and the necessary improvements for all these years — each time you’ve muttered, “Why don’t THEY . . .?”

WE will try to be THEY — remembering, of course, that that means each and every-one of YOU!

So we will look forward to your letters coming in — the more replies to questions and suggestions we get the more representative the answers will be.

We are working on “schemes” to bring in fully the opinions of the Brownies/Guides/Rangers and the country people, too.

So let’s WORK TOGETHER . . .

Did you see that questionnaire in this month’s “Matilda”? Fill it in NOW!

THANK YOU!

—Margaret Shaw,

Chairman of the Victorian Work Party.



STAMPS

The latest Australian Commemorative stamps have been the Bank of New South Wales, Bible Society, Lions International, Y.W.C.A. and Gynaecology and Obstetrics due on 20th September.

Norfolk Island and Papua-New Guinea have made frequent new issues. Their latest are 5c, 7c, 9c and 10c ships for Norfolk Island; and 5c, 10c, 20c and 25c “Industry” and 2c, 5c, 20c, 50c 25th “Anniversary of War in Pacific” for Papua-New Guinea.



All donors of stamps are asked to please wash them clean of old paper and gum, and to use a fresh bowl full of water for each lot being soaked. Thousands of stamps had to be re-done lately to remove the old gum, etc., and this delays the selling of stamps. The stamp buyers will only take good quality material, so PLEASE destroy all torn, dirty, bent, crumpled or too heavily postmarked stamps, and pack them flat in envelopes so that they do not get bent in transit.

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—Lorna E. Cuzens,

Hon. Organiser for Stamps.

RANGER DISPLAY AT BURNHAM BEECHES

Thanks to the support and enthusiasm of all Guiders, Rangers and L.A. members, who helped both on the day and with the preparations beforehand, we were able to show the Commissioners, at their Conference, a little of Rangers do.

In the delightful setting of Burnham Beeches, we had a demonstration and tasting of lightweight cooking. A display which created much interest was floral art and dried arrangements.

A Mannequin Parade, shown by an Air Ranger Unit, was enjoyed by all who saw it, as well as the Rangers who paraded in the collection of clothes from casual to evening wear.

While these activities were going on in the main house a children's party was held in the sports arena. At this a play leadership test was conducted when Cadets were tested by a Kindergarten Director.

The following description of the afternoon's happenings was written by a Ranger who provided transport for some of the children to the party:—

On a cool, misty Saturday afternoon I arrived at "Burnham Beeches", opposite Sherbrooke Forest, with two small boys bursting with anticipation. The hills were at the peak of their autumn loveliness and the gardens of Burnham Beeches—the Nicholas Institute—with their enormous old trees, quiet lawns and enticing little paths, led us straight into one of our well-loved fairy tales. By my side my blonde seven-year-old brother, Matthew, helped me to wheel John. John is 10 years old and a spastic. He has lived in an institution all his life and had never been to the country or to a party before. His little brown face was alight with expectation, and his eyes were very wide as we walked up to the impressive front door.

Here began a most wonderful afternoon for all of us, as we were lucky enough to be invited to a children's party — a feature of the 1967 Commissioners' Conference. We were welcomed at the door by dozens of friendly blue-clad figures, and there were many willing hands to help us down the steps to the swimming pool. Here we felt as if our fairy tale had really come true, for

at the side of the pool were laid the party tables, and how delightful they looked!

Each article of food and decoration had been lovingly and imaginatively prepared, and the boys spent some time gazing rapturously at the train, the boats, the merry-go-round, and the other wonderful goodies. In fact, I had some difficulty prising them away to join the other eight children for the games on the squash court.

There was a wide variety of games, songs, and activities led very ably by Stradbroke Cadets and no one shouted louder, tried harder or had more fun than my little handicapped friend, who knows so little of the commonplace delights of childhood.

When everyone was worn out, but very cheerful, we all went upstairs to tackle the party itself. It was fun! After much discussion, John and Matthew chose the table with the Humpty-Dumpty cake, the frogs (chocolate) climbing out of pools (green jelly!), and the merry-go-round, and spent the next half-hour blissfully devouring everything within sight.

I'm sure the people who prepared the tables so beautifully must have been amply rewarded by seeing the boys and girls enjoy themselves in the wholehearted way only children can. When the last delectable crumb had been devoured, and I had packed the "take-home-things" under the boys' vigilant eyes, we went up to the main floor to join the Guiders and Rangers in a campfire. We were absorbed immediately into the wonderful campfire atmosphere which is so characteristically Mrs. Walker's, and were carried away on the wings of the old Guide favourites with a group of Rangers in the centre to show us the way.

John and Matthew, who both love music, were soon singing with everyone else, and somehow their eager faces and shining eyes epitomised the spirit of Scouting and Guiding stretching out to all children everywhere.

All too soon it was time to stop, and the very special magic of those moments was ended.

Next we watched Mrs. Rylah invest Rangers from Nunawading Lands and ARF "Sky-lark" and present a Full Ranger Service Star to Lorraine Derricott, of Nunawading Land Ranger Company.

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TRAINING PAGES



THE ORIGIN OF LONES

I often ask people, Guides and Guiders, if they know which branch first came out of the Tree of Guiding after the seed had been planted by the Founder. Most people say Brownies or Rangers, but the true fact is that Lones can claim the honour of being the first offshoot of the tree! They did it in much the same way that the Crystal Palace "gate crashers" started the whole idea of Guiding. They just made a nuisance of themselves! They kept writing to the Guide Office in London, England, saying that they wanted to be Guides, but lived far away from any Company and, please, would someone tell them how they could join! This all happened in 1912, and this is the story of how Lones began.

I had been a Guide since 1910, and a Scout for two years before that. For a few months I had worked in the Guide Office and had helped at various camps. One morning in September, 1912, I had a phone call from London asking if I would write to some of these persistent letter writers and perhaps work out a scheme by which they could be "Guides by post". Miss Baden-Powell suggested they might be called "Posties" or "The Lonely Ones"! I did not like either name, and I hope you agree that the word "Lones" refers to the fact that you are on your own and not in a crowd, but it certainly does not mean "lonely". With all the enthusiasm of youth, I agreed to answer letters and in fact to be the Captain of the 1st Lone Company.

A notice was put into the "Scout", the weekly paper which all good Guides received, and in no time at all letters were pouring in — 30 in the first week! I borrowed a typewriter and set to work! The letters were easy to cope with, but every would-be Guide had conscientiously worked on her Tenderfoot and Second Class test, and had sent the practical results of her labours by post!

Union Jacks appeared in every form, sewn, painted and embroidered. Knots came tied

in every variety of cord from the thinnest string to thickest rope, and pressed flowers, specimens of wood, bark, leaves, dried insects and stones tumbled out of parcels in a bewildering heap! Most embarrassing of all were the efforts of the girls who followed all too literally the original Scout Test, "Be able to skin and cook a rabbit!" So I had rabbits boiled and rabbits roasted, and skins galore! Now since many of these grizzly relics came from Scotland and I lived in Southern England, you can imagine my family reaction! As a matter of interest, all the rabbits were buried at the foot of a certain rose tree which thrived well for many years on its rather peculiar fertiliser!

Many of these original Lones remained in Guiding and started their own Companies. Perhaps one of the best known is Marguerite de Beaumont, who wrote "The Wolf That Never Sleeps", but there were many others who went on to reach the highest ranks of the Movement.

Referring to her Lone Guide days in the "Story of the Girl Guides", Miss de Beaumont recalls that I made her Patrol Leader of the Thistles and that she had to write to six other girls. Later on, during the First War, the monthly letter was started, but it all began with the "stickability" of a few girls who would not take "no" for an answer. If you have set your heart on a certain goal, which is good for others and not just for yourself, work steadily toward it and get the feeling that those first Lones must have had: "We've done it! We're Guides at last!"

—Nesta Ashworth.

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Telling my Pack about the first Brownies I produced a photo of a Rosebud taken from the "Brownie" . . . and said that these first Brownies had begun over 50 years ago.

And precisely 10 seconds later one dear little "innocent" said, "And is that a photo of you, Brown Owl?"

PADDLE YOUR OWN CANOE

A Guider, who was a Girl Scout at the Crystal Palace Rally, tells you about the Founder as she knew him.

By Marguerite de Beaumont.

It is a very long time ago since Guiding began and even longer ago since I was a "Girl Scout". There really were no such things as "Girl Scouts", but a few of us decided that WE wanted a share in this exciting new adventure, which was all wrapped up in the pages of "Scouting for Boys", which could be bought for a shilling.

So we dressed up in Scout hat and scarves, turned our stockings down (much to the horror of the grown-ups, and proceeded to be "Girl Scouts": camping and cooking and learning all the adventurous things that were such fun in those days (I wonder if nowadays they are sometimes looked on only as means of gaining badges). We had no badges, no Guiders, no Club Rooms, no equipment. All we had was our own intelligence, such as it was, a good deal of courage to persevere against a great deal of criticism, and that shilling book, "Scouting for Boys".

I was the Patrol Leader of the Wolf Patrol. We called ourselves Wolves because we had read the story of how B-P was called "The Wolf That Never Sleeps" by Africans because they could not catch him napping — he was too good a Scout for them! We felt that we wanted to be like that; and although we did not analyse it in so many words, adventure, endurance and reliability were what we were after. We were very hard on each other, nothing was made easy; for when Guiding first began, those of us who were privileged to know the Founder were able to hear from him first-hand what he meant Guiding to be: adventure, living out of doors, having a knowledge of Scouting and woodcraft.

I think we should do something at the present time to revive the adventure of Guiding, and to give Guides a chance to have the fun that we had so many years ago. Should I be old-fashioned if I suggested that we should go back to the day when Guiding trained you to be like the backwoodsmen of the great outposts of our Com-

monwealth, learning self-reliance out of doors, when the spirit of the Guide had to be first class before she could win a First Class Badge!

I want to stress this bit about First Class.

When Guiding first started, far more people won their First Class Badge in proportion to the number of Guides who were enrolled. Directly Second Class was passed, our great aim was to be First Class, and a great many girls won their First Class Badge without gaining any proficiency badges except the ones that were essential for First Class.

Nowadays at big rallies and similar gatherings, I have seen Guides covered in proficiency badges but without First Class. What a pity this is!

I do not want you to think that I am against proficiency badges — far from it; but they are not the beginning and end of Guiding. The important thing is to be a first-class person and an all-round person before you leave your Guide Company.

Now, in those very far-away days, the most important thing of all was to be First Class, and this meant being a person who really understood endurance and reliability. If you let anyone down when you were given a job to do; if you were a person who was known to be lazy and inefficient at home as well as in the Guide Company, you just did not get your First Class Badge, no matter how good you were at tests.

Have we got enough first-class spirit in the Guide Movement today? I am not saying that we have not got this spirit, but I am asking you to ask yourselves this question.

When I first knew B-P I was only a child and he was a hero to me: the hero of Mafeking, a man who had done great things as a soldier and a Scout, who was famous for his courage and reliability, and was therefore a person worth looking up to and following.

Who do people look up to and follow today? Many today follow someone who can give them something in the way of money, or possessions, or even a good job. All these things are of value in their right place, but they can never replace the personality of a great hero who is worth following because his character is worth admiring.

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Alterations to P.O. and R.—1966 Edition

RULE 35 (Clause 2 (c)): After "The Brownie Book" add "or a Brownie Handbook."

RULE 38: 1: Add "The Sixer is appointed to lead the Six under the direction of the Guider."

RULE 45: Second bar for Golden Ladder is a plain bar.
(Clause 7): Alter last sentence to read: "A verbal message is desirable."

RULE 47: Change to read "**Pack Certificates**".

RULE 65 (Clause 3): Add a new second sentence to read: "The same provisos for safety that cover the Patrol Camp Permit should be applied."

RULE 67 (Clause 1c): Bee-keeper feeding, in areas where this is applicable .

RULE 79: Note, on p. 87, to have additional Clause (iv): "It is in order for a Ranger to earn but not wear Ranger qualifications before Investiture."

RULE 90: Preamble to be altered to read:
"A Ranger who passes any one of the tests enumerated in the following groups is awarded a Certificate which entitles her to wear a Service Bar. The Service Bar incorporates a number to indicate the number of such bars earned by the wearer."

RULE 99: Part IV A1: Add, after "Fawn") (stockings may be worn), "(in winter fawn knee length socks, stockings or leotards may be worn)."

Part V A, p. 145, after "Fawn", add as above.
"Winter" to be defined as 'middle term of the school year.'

RULE 101 (2 (h)): Alter to read:
"Over 36 camps: Special permission to hold a camp for over 36 in number, including staff, must be obtained from the State Camping Adviser."

2 (d): Second sentence in first paragraph to be altered to read: "and a Ranger Guider a suitable qualification for the type of Interstate visit planned."

RULE 110: The Boating Permit. Delete present syllabus and substitute:

1. (a) Show a knowledge of the boating rules.
(b) Be able to maintain good discipline in the boat; understand procedure to prevent accidents and the standard of efficiency and courtesy expected of members of the Association afloat.
 2. (a) Know the general rules for meeting, passing and crossing other vessels.
(b) Know the sound signals given by vessels within sight of each other.
 3. Within candidate's usual boating areas know:
 - (a) Port or harbour regulations.
 - (b) Beacons, buoys, landmarks and leading marks.
 - (c) How to read a tide chart; how to recognise currents and to use them to advantage; the dangers and positions of any reefs, rips and other local hazards.
 4. (a) Row a boat single-handed.
(b) Row a boat with others.
(c) When acting as cox:
 - (1) Know boat orders and use them decisively.
 - (2) Where a boat is fitted with a rudder, steer a boat under oars.
 - (3) Manoeuvre a boat to pick up a man overboard.
 - (4) Bring a boat alongside another vessel, and landing stage.
 - (5) Moor a boat securely.
 5. (a) Use the following knots: reef, bowline, clove hitch, fisherman's knot, fisherman's bend, sheetbend and a round turn and two half hitches.
(b) Throw an unweighted line 8 yards from a sitting position in a boat.
(c) Show an elementary knowledge of towing and being towed.
 6. **Demonstrate:**
 - (a) That she understands the principles and practise of mouth to mouth artificial respiration.
 - (b) One other method of artificial resuscitation.
 - (c) The treatment of the apparently drowned.
- N.B.: Clauses 4, 5 and 6 must be tested in a practical manner.

BROWNIE PROFICIENCY BADGES:**RULE 48. ANIMAL LOVER:** Delete present syllabus and substitute:

1. Look after a pet (animal, fish or bird) for at least three months.
2. (a) Know how to take care of the pet and keep it healthy, showing that she understands, e.g., housing, feeding, exercise, grooming, cleaning.
- (b) Know where to go for help for a sick animal.

SIGNALLER: At the end of Clause 1, add "out of talking range."**WOODWORKER:** Delete present syllabus and substitute:

1. Collect and identify small specimens of: 3 ply wood, 6 ply wood, balsa wood, dowel rod, and 3 other woods of her own choice.
2. (a) Using a fretsaw, make use of the following:—
 - (i) A jigsaw puzzle not less than 8in. by 6in.
 - (ii) Six animals for a farm model or Noah's Ark.
 - (iii) Four Brownie emblems.
 Note: The articles in (ii) and (iii) must stand up and are to be painted.
- (b) Know how to put a new blade in a fretsaw.
3. Using hammer and nails, and screws if necessary, make a simple, useful article.
4. Know how to stain and varnish wood.
5. (a) Identify and use correctly: a small hand drill with drills and countersink; a screwdriver; a hammer; a panel or tenon saw.
- (b) Identify: panel pins, small oval wire nails, ordinary round nails, countersink screws, round-head screws.

RULE 62 (Clause 13). Add:
"Alternative: Hold the Pathfinder Badge."**GUIDE PROFICIENCY BADGES:****RULE 67. ARTIST:** Delete present syllabus and substitute:

1. Bring to the test examples of her work in more than one medium, showing at least three different subjects, e.g., landscape, portrait, figures, still life, abstract, flowers. Dimensions of the art work are to be not less than 11in. by 7½in. Copies of other people's work are not acceptable.

2. Bring to the test one of the following:—

- (a) A design for a poster.
 - (b) A notice for a Guide event.
 - (c) A design for a book cover or a greeting card.
 - (d) A pen drawing depicting a scene from the history of the Guide Movement or her own Company.
 - (e) A repeat pattern. This may be in black and white or one colour and white, or in several colours, and may be in the form of shapes or a lino cut or a potato print.
 - (f) A detailed drawing in pencil or pen and ink of different parts of plants or flowers.
3. At the test make an illustration, not less than 11in. by 15in. in size on one of her subjects to be chosen by the tester after seeing the work submitted under Sections 1 and 2. This may be in water colour, tempera, poster or oil colours, ink, collage or charcoal, the medium to be chosen and provided by the candidate.

BOATSWAIN. II. Sailing:

- (a) Delete the word "single-handed". Clause now reads: Sail a dinghy and know how to manage it under varying conditions.

COOK: Delete present syllabus and substitute:

1. Bring to the test a letter from her mother or home economics teacher to say that she has prepared, cooked, and served a complete dinner and cleared away afterwards.
2. At the test cook at least two foods, to be chosen by the tester, from any two of the following groups:—
 - (a) Fish or meat.
 - (b) Cheese or eggs.
 - (c) Fresh vegetables.
 - (d) Short crust pastry.
 - (e) Hot and cold puddings.
 - (f) Scones or cakes.
3. (a) Make tea or coffee, and serve on a tray.
- (b) Know how to make cocoa.
4. Lay a table for two people for a three-course meal.
5. Wash up competently utensils, boards, etc., used at the test.
6. Through discussions with the tester, show a knowledge of—
 - (a) Prices and nutritive values of foods and the reasons for various methods of cooking.
 - (b) The problems of buying, storing, and using frozen and canned foods.

Note: In States where the Home Economics Course covers the above requirements the Guide who has passed the necessary examination is eligible for the Badge.

CRAFT (A Pot with Mosaic Superimposed):

1. Pass three of the following clauses:
 - (a) Embroider an original design.
 - (b) Print a piece of material using a lino block, potato cut, or screen.
 - (c) Make a puppet.
 - (d) Whittle an object from natural wood.
 - (e) Model a figure, or an animal, or a mood, in clay, plasticine, or wax.
 - (f) Make a carving in a medium soft enough to cut easily, e.g., clay, plaster, wood, soap, salt.
 - (g) Throw a pot.
 - (h) Make a basket.
 - (i) Weave a scarf or piece of material of a suitable size for some other article.
 - (j) Make an article in leather.
 - (k) Make a decorative floor covering in suitable material, e.g., rag, sisal, baler twine.
 - (l) Make a mosaic.
2. Bring to the test one unfinished article on which the candidate can demonstrate her ability to the tester.

HOMEMAKER (Clause 1): Last sentence to read: "... the requirements of Clauses 2, 3, 4 and 5."

HORSEWOMAN: Delete present syllabus and substitute:

Pass one of the following sections:—

- I. (a) Riding: The candidate is to be judged on the turn-out of pony and rider.
 1. Have a seat independent of the reins, maintain the correct seat and position of the hands.
 2. Be able to control her mount, and use the correct aids in elementary movements, i.e., turning, circling, increasing and decreasing speed, including aids for the canter on a named leg on a circle.
 3. Jump low fences in good style.
 4. Alter stirrups and tighten and loosen girth when mounted.

(b) Driving.

1. Harness and drive a pony/horse and cart on the road; demonstrate turning and backing.
2. Know how to balance the cart correctly.
3. Know the rule of the road as it affects horses and horse-drawn vehicles.
4. Understand the care needed when riding in the countryside and across farm land.

II. Horsemastership.

1. Identify the essential items of the grooming kit and know their uses.
2. Have an elementary understanding of the care and cleaning of saddlery.
3. Have an elementary knowledge of feeding and watering and understand the importance of cleanliness in the stables.
4. Demonstrate saddling, bridling and rugging-up.
5. Understand the care and working of a pony off grass.
6. Pick up and pick out the feet; recognise a loose or worn shoe, risen clench, and excessively long foot, and know what action to take.
7. Know the points of a horse.

Note: A holder of the "C" Certificate of the Pony Club qualifies for this badge.

MINSTREL: Delete present syllabus and substitute:

1. Play (a) The National Anthem from memory.
(b) A march or folk dance
or for BRASS: Two hymn tunes
or for GUITAR: Melodies of two campfire songs.
2. Play two contrasted pieces, one by a classical, and one by a modern, composer.
or for GUITAR: Accompany three campfire songs (sung by herself or others) in different keys, using a good variety of chords, and different accompaniment patterns.
3. Read simple music at sight.
4. Play scales and arpeggios as set for her particular instrument as follows:—
PIANO: Play scales and common chord arpeggios for major and relative minor keys up to four sharps and four flats.

RECORDER: Scales C. major, two octaves and F. major.
(Descant or Tenor): G. major, D. minor, one octave. Arpeggio
C. major, two octaves.
Treble: As above, but transposed down the fifth.

STRINGS:

Violin: Scales and arpeggios G. major, two octaves and D. minor, one octave.

Viola: Scales and arpeggios C. major, two octaves and G. minor, one octave.

Double Bass: Scales one octave of G., B. flat OR F. major and minor.

'Cello: As for Viola.

WOODWIND:

Flute: Scales and arpeggios D. major and melodic minor, two octaves.

Oboe: Scales and arpeggios C. major and melodic minor, two octaves.

Clarinet: Scales and arpeggios G. major and melodic minor, two octaves.

Bassoon: Scales and arpeggios D. major and melodic minor.

BRASS: Scales one octave of B. flat, E. flat OR F. major and G. minor, C. minor OR D. Minor.

GUITAR: Scales chromatic, two octaves beginning on E., G. major and minor, and A. major and minor, two octaves.

Note: (i) A simplified piano version of the National Anthem is obtainable from H.Q. Shops.

(ii) A candidate who has passed a recognised musical examination (Grade IV or higher) qualifies for the badge provided she passes Clauses 1 (a) and 1 (b).

OBSERVER (An Eagle).

I. **General Observation:** Pass one of the following clauses to be chosen by the tester:—

1. Follow a half-mile trail and answer correctly questions based on the route covered (for instance, 15 out of 20).
2. Deduce a scene from given clues.
3. Spend 15 minutes in the open and make a list of sounds heard **or** listen to a tape recording and identify sounds.
4. Identify 9 out of 12 substances by smell.
5. Identify 15 out of 20 objects by touch.

II. **Project.** Pass one of the following clauses to be chosen by the candidate in consultation with the tester:—

1. Make a sketch-map of an area showing the position of trees and shrubs.
2. Make a survey of the plant life of an area.
3. Visit a chosen area and report on sounds heard.
4. Keep a daily record of the weather, to include notes on temperature and amount and type of cloud.
5. Watch a chosen area and report on its bird life.

Note: The suggested period for Clauses 4 and 5 is one week.

III. **Identification:** To be chosen by the candidate in consultation with the tester. Pass two of the following clauses:—

1. Identify 12 trees.
2. Identify 20 plants.
3. Identify 10 birds.
4. Identify 8 constellations or stars.
5. Identify 10 seashore specimens (shells, seaweeds, etc.).
6. Identify 10 different aircraft, or ships or cars.

Note: The tester may appoint some other responsible person to test this section.

PATHFINDER: Clause 4. Alter second sentence to read: Know the 16 points, and find direction by the sun and stars. Alter third sentence to read . . . an Ordinance Survey map and a street map.

PHOTOGRAPHER: Clause 3. After photographs insert: which she has.

SWIMMER: Clause 6. Add: or tread water for two minutes in a vertical position with the hands clasped behind the back.

WOODMAN: Clause 2. Delete: first year seedlings and substitute: young seedlings (under three years).

RULE 68: Delete Handcraft and Observer Badges (for Extension Section).

RULE 102 (m): The Patrol Camp Permit. Clause VI of test to read: "organise bushcraft activities."

RULE 112: Awards. Alter first sentence of second paragraph to read: ". . . held a warrant or an appointment within six months . . ."

PADDLE YOUR OWN CANOE

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A thing about Guiding in the old days that made it differ so considerably from the present time was that we had no money or possessions. We made everything we wanted. The first tent I ever camped in was made of flour sacks that we got from the baker in exchange for working for him for a week doing odd jobs, sweeping and scrubbing floors in his bakehouse. All we got was a dozen flour sacks, but we made a jolly good tent by cutting green ashpoles for uprights and ridge; and we worked for a farmer and got his old plough reins for guy ropes. This was the best tent anyone ever had, not because it was beautiful or valuable, but because we had got it by working for it.

What happens today? We go into a smart shop and buy a smart tent and a Guider looks after it and keeps it during the year. We do not even buy our own tickets on the railway when we are going to camp — we have them bought for us.

In the early days of Guiding in my original Company, each Patrol had its own equipment, bought its own tickets, and went to camp under its own steam. We only asked the grown-ups in to help us because we could not keep the accounts and wanted certain odd jobs done. But they never ran the Company: this was done entirely by the Patrol Leaders. Now there are a hundred reasons why it would be quite impossible to do any of this at the present time in certain localities — big towns, for example. But surely we can compromise and go back to the early days in some ways.

Let's return to those two valuable words, ENDURANCE and RELIABILITY.

What a lot of good these words would do to a lot of people at the present day.

When I was asked to write this yarn by our Editor, she said: "Will you tell the readers about your interviews with B-P and something about the early days of Guiding." Well, I have told a bit about the early days, but there is one meeting with the Founder that stands out in my mind today as if it were yesterday.

I talked with the Founder many times during his long life, but it was right at the end of his life that he sent for me to go to

Gilwell Park, the Training Centre of the Scout Movement in Epping Forest. He wanted to say goodbye to his friends before he went to Africa for the last time. He was a very old man in years, but he never seemed old in himself. He was a good man — a man without fear and without reproach. He talked to me while we walked together round the lime walk at Gilwell Park, and he said that he did not want his friends to be sad because they would not see him again. **He said that the time would come when the approach of people to Scouting and Guiding would be different.**

The world moves on and things change with the years; but, he said, that the spirit of Scouting and Guiding would live for ever, and all the people who had been Scouts and Guides and become quite old as he was would be able to exert a great influence in whatever walk of life they might find themselves. And then he gave this message to me to give to all of you:

"Tell the youngsters not to be afraid of things that are difficult, and tell them that happiness, and kindness to other people, and, above all, loyalty to God, are the greatest things in the world, far greater than winning badges or being famous—".

I have never forgotten this last talk with B-P. and I have told many Guides and Scouts about it because I want them to know that he was always thinking of them, and he wanted them to have as wonderful and happy a life as he had.

So do not forget the good old motto, "Be Prepared". What for? Well, the answer is— just for anything, because there are so many emergencies arising in life. And remember the Law and the Promise B-P. gave us.

This yarn is full of suggestions to all of you from an old "Scout", who sends you her best wishes for good Guiding, and hopes very much that you will enjoy your Guiding as much as we did in the good old days.

THE RANGER AS A PHOTOGRAPHER Loading Your Film in Your Camera

(Continued from previous issue)

All photographic film is, of course, very sensitive to light, so whenever possible retire to a shady spot before loading your camera, or you may find streaks of light across some of your pictures when they are developed.

Follow the instructions carefully when fitting in the film — even a little carelessness can result in the little holes in the film slipping off the sprockets of the take-up spool so that the film does not “wind on” when you use the cocking lever or winding knob. This can be maddening because you may not realise what has happened until the film counter shows that you have “taken” 26 pictures on a “20” film or about 42 on a “36” film . . . then an awful suspicion strikes you and you open the camera to find that the film never engaged properly in the first place and you have actually not taken any pictures at all. To avoid this happening to you, after you have put in the new film and closed the camera, turn the re-wind knob forward very gently until you have taken up the slack and can feel a resistance; then take your first picture and, as you operate the cocking lever, watch the re-wind knob — it should revolve as the film moves on. Once you have taken two or three pictures you can forget about this, as the chances of the film disengaging then would be very slight.

You may be able to take one or two more pictures than your film states (21 or even 22 on a “20” film), but once the cocking lever sticks it is a warning that you have reached the end of the film and must re-wind. BE SURE the whole of the film is re-wound into the cassette before you open the camera — you will feel the tension go from the re-wind knob and may hear the end of the film break away from the take-up spool, but it is better to give a few extra turns to the re-wind knob than risk opening the camera too soon and spoiling some of the film.

Now, after all these instructions, and all that advice — let's TAKE A PICTURE! There will, of course, be times when you have to “snap” a picture hurriedly if you are to capture it at all, but you need to be fairly expert before you can do this with any success. On all other occasions take time not only to set your camera as I have explained, but to select — or if necessary to set up — the most pleasing picture possible. Study the scene from different angles and different viewpoints; make a ring with your first finger and thumb to simulate the size of the picture you will finally take; look through the viewfinder and consider what you see as an entity, not as a part of the

whole scene that you happen to know is around it—your final picture will only show what you can see now through the viewer.

Try for simplicity. One principal item of interest such as one person or group of people, one tree, one building, is much more pleasing than a clutter of objects, however interesting they may be. If you are taking pictures at the regatta, for instance, you may want to take one “distance” shot to show how many people and boats are there, but thereafter look for, say, two Rangers straining to launch a boat, the faces of a couple of cheering girls, or one Ranger draining a bottle of pop — these will have much more impact than if you crowd them all into one picture.

If you are taking an infinity shot of a landscape, try to have some foreground interest to focus the eye; a person looking at the view (this helps to lead the eye into the background view) or an overhanging tree, or a fallen log or even a road, can “lift” a picture without detracting from the most important part of the scene. Use colour if you can. Where a distance view may tend to be rather blue, someone in a red jumper in the foreground can make all the difference between a rather flat picture and an arresting one. With care and thought and experience you should be able to arrange lines and shapes and areas of colour to convey your thoughts and the atmosphere of the scene or situation you want to record.

Don't be afraid to include the sky in your picture, particularly if it has some interesting cloud formations, but try not to have the horizon bisecting the picture; a “half and half” is bad composing — it is much better to have two-thirds sky and one-third land, or vice versa. For the same reason try to have your main subject about one-third from the side of the picture rather than stuck right in the middle. When any action is involved (people walking, children playing, a ship sailing), make sure the action is moving INTO the picture and not out of it. If there is to be a road or pathway or river in your picture, try to angle your shot so that it leads in from left to right, which is the direction the eye is used to reading; a good starting point is often the bottom left-hand corner.

—M.C.

THEY SAVE IT, WE SPEND IT

What has happened to all that lovely time we used to waste?

Is it my imagination, or are there a lot more small things to be done today? Things that take time, I mean, so that one never quite catches up.

It may just be me, of course. If Olympic medals were awarded for putting off until tomorrow what should be done today, I would expect at least a bronze. But I think the basic reason is that THEY are making life more complicated for US.

In the name of modernisation and speeding things up, THEY are putting the work out, so that WE have to do many more small, time-taking chores than ever before.

Take shopping, for instance. It is, so I read, becoming more "streamlined" every day. The other Saturday I was given a short list of groceries to get at one shop. Simple. What I did not realise was that half the items on the list came from one counter, and other half from another; so having reached the front of one queue, I had to start again at the back of the other.

Next time I went to a self-service it took me only a few seconds to toss the required goods into a wire basket. But I queued for 15 minutes to pay.

Then there is the matter of small repairs. Surely — or am I dreaming? — these used to be a fairly simple matter. You either rang up about the thing that needed mending, or you took it to the shop and it was done. One snag today is that the shop is no longer there.

So you first have to spend half a day finding a place where they will consider doing the repair. You explain that the reason why you are not going to throw the thing away and buy a new one is that you are not a millionaire.

After a disdainful sniff, the gentleman concerned agrees to do you a favour. This is the beginning of a long association. Because the first time you collect it, after it has been fixed, you find that it still does not work properly, so you have to take it back.

This can lead to a protracted correspondence about whether it is entirely fair that you should pay for the three repairs, as charged, or only for the repair that you requested originally.

The point is it all takes time. One piece of good fortune I would wish you, for instance, is that you should never have a tap go wrong.

We had a little trouble like this. Nothing much. We telephoned about it. A man came to inspect the job. He tut-tutted a bit, saying he would return at nine the next morning. My wife cancelled a hair appointment to be there. At half-past 11 an inspector turned up.

"You could get into trouble for this," he warned. "Your hot and your cold are mixing. Not allowed."

It was arranged that a man would come and very kindly remove from us the danger of prosecution by fixing it, next day, at 10. He came at half-past three.

When recently we discovered that nobody knew where the main water hydrant was for our house, my wife and I looked at each other in wild surmise. Should we, perhaps, abandon our idea of putting in a washing machine? The thought of two weeks' struggle with officialdom (a series of conversations which would, if presented in play-script form, have run for years as a comedy success on the West End stage) nearly daunted us.

Then there was the matter of the tree. We have a big elm in our garden. The land belongs to us. The tree does not. Please do not ask me how this obscure situation arose. All I wish to say is that it has caused me to write more letters than Queen Victoria.

There used to be no telephone. How terrible that must have been. It is so handy. Especially when, after three wrong numbers, you hang on half an hour before you are put through to the right department, and then find that the man who deals with your question has just gone to lunch. And meantime the milk has boiled over.

Please do not think me retrogressive. I have no longing for the Good Old Days. I like swift movement, even though the last time I booked to fly to London from Paris, I could have done the journey quicker by bicycle. These little hitches occur.

They are merely a price we pay for the automated way of modern living that gives us so much extra leisure to do all those little things that did not have to be done before.

—By Noel Whitcomb,
from "Woman and Home".



RANGER DEBUTANTE BALL 1967



On Monday night, 24th July, 1967, 663 Rangers, Guiders and their friends arrived at the Palais de Danse, St. Kilda, for the biggest social event in the Ranger year — "the annual Ranger Branch Debutante Ball".

This year 21 Rangers were presented to Lady Delacombe, State President of the Girl Guides. Each debutante wore a frock to her own design and carried a posy of yellow and white flowers with a blue ribbon.

The Flower Girl, Rita McInnes, sister of one of the debs., presented Lady Delacombe with a bouquet of flowers after the debutantes had been presented.

The table decorations were yachts, tents, planes and boots — representing the Sea Rangers, Cadets, Air and Land Rangers. In the centre of the table was a carousel with the same miniature motifs. Feature of the decorations was the four Section Badges hanging over the orchestra.

RANGER DISPLAY AT BURNHAM BEECHES — Continued from page 78

How very special to be invested by Mrs. Rylah at such a large, happy gathering!

Slowly the World Flag was lowered and Taps sung, and another meeting and learning together of Guiding people came to an end.

It was an afternoon I'll remember for a very long time and for the boys it was the experience of a lifetime.

Hearing John's excited chatter on the way home made the afternoon richly rewarding for me and I hope for all those who witnessed his joy. For a little boy who has known very little of love and true happiness the afternoon will help to make his life a little wider and a little fuller!

—Rikki Bewley,
Camberwell Land Rangers.

Mrs. O. M. Nicholls,
Convener, Ranger Display,
Commissioners' Conference, 1967.

AN ITEM FROM A N.S.W. CONCERT

"The highlight was 'The Founder's Pie', which aroused much interest. Two cooks selected such ingredients as honesty, loyalty, etc., in large quantities from canisters on the shelf. After mixing well the cooks tipped the contents of the bowl into the pie crust.

"When tilting the finished 'pie' to show the audience all were amazed to see emerge through the crust a Scout, Guide, Brownie and Cub."

—From the "Waratah".

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In a conversation with her nephew an "old maid" decreed, ". . . and when it comes to pall-bearers, they must be women. If the men wouldn't take me out during my lifetime, I'm sure I don't want them to when I'm dead."



THE PLATYPUS (*Ornithorhynchus anatinus*)

The Tasmanian Girl Guide Association chose this interesting and unique animal for their State Badge round about 1930.

The platypus is a unique animal, and was completely baffling to the early naturalists, with its furry coat, duck-like bill, and webbed feet. Fortunately for their sanity, they did not then know that it also laid eggs, and then suckled its young, not by means of teats, as do other mammals, but by enlarged pores in the skin, through which the milk oozes, and is then lapped up from the fur, with the young ones' leathery bills.

The eggs, soft-shelled, a dull white, and usually two in number, are laid in a nest made of gum leaves and grass, at the end

of a 15 to 60 foot burrow in a river bank, into which the female retires, blocking the burrow at intervals behind her with barriers of earth, not leaving it again until the young are hatched and able to suckle.

The "duck-bill" is not hard, like a duck's, but soft and leathery and very sensitive, finding the worms, small prawns and aquatic insects which are the platypus's food, by touch — the eyes and ears are closed under water.

The platypus is a harmless animal, though the male has hollow ankle spurs which can inject a venom strong enough to kill a dog or rabbit. It is very shy, and great patience is required to see it in its natural haunts. It is fully protected by law.

SYNTHETIC SEAWEED BUILDS BEACHES

Trials that are being made at Bourne-mouth on synthetic "seaweed", in an attempt to trap sand from offshore so that it settles on the beaches, will continue for about another year. The "seaweed" is formed from long strands of floating polypropylene, manufactured by I.C.I. Fibres of Harrogate, anchored to the sea bed.

The technique, if it proves successful, will have an advantage over groynes, since these long, wooden structures running out to sea trap only sand that is carried along the coast by currents, thereby robbing beaches farther along.

The idea for using synthetic seaweed was first put forward by a Danish fisherman; two theories have since been advanced to explain the trapping action. One is that the seaweed reduces shear stress on the submerged shore by concentrating it within itself; the other is that it slightly reduces the

orbital velocity of sand particles as they describe ellipses due to the motion of the waves. The correct choice of interpretation is important: according to the first, seaweed should be equally effective both in regions of steady current and in those having alternating wave motion; if the second is correct, it should have no effect in steady currents.

During full-scale trials conducted in sheltered Danish waters there was a build-up of sand amounting to about a yard in 18 months. This amount is statistically significant and provides ample justification for conducting trials in Britain. From these trials it should be possible to say which mechanism predominates. One snag in using seaweed is that it has to be sited far enough offshore to be out of the way of swimmers and fishermen.

—"New Scientist", 1965.

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Sometimes we best show our command of language by saying nothing.

KNOW YOUR COMMITTEES



"MATILDA" COMMITTEE

This, the final Committee to be presented to you, is probably the smallest in number of all the Committees. It comprises only three members.

Miss Margaret Shaw, a member of the State Council and Executive Committee as Editor — she shoulders the work of selecting the material for each issue. This can prove to be a long, though interesting, task. She also arranges for "suitable" people to write up events in the Movement, that the Movement members might know as much as possible of what is going on.

Mrs. Jenny de Nijs has had vast experience in the world of art and advertising (and typography), and this is of great value to the magazine when it comes to

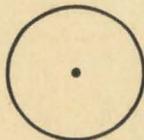
deciding where pictures and headings, for instance, fit best.

Miss Ella Low gives invaluable help — "pasting up" the magazine, helping wherever and whenever necessary and compiling an index of each month's contents.

At the monthly meetings the following month's issue is prepared for the printers (McKellar Press, of Malvern), who have printed "Matilda" since its inception.

The Committee does hope that in the presentation of "Matilda" each month every reader will find something of value and interest to assist their Guiding — we certainly have fun and fellowship getting "Matilda" ready.

GREETINGS TO READERS FROM "MATILDA".



EDITH VERONICA PULZ 5th August, 1967

"Haven't we got a lot to be thankful for?" said Edith as she watched a blind Ranger at camp — this from Edith, who spent most of her life in and out of hospital and, even after an amputation, was in perpetual pain.

We knew her first as a member of the Ranger Company at the Austin Hospital. She later joined 1st Melbourne Rangers, was one of the "Twigs", and then a member of Southern Cross Trefoil Guild.

She had wonderful stamina; and iron determination to fill every minute with action to counteract the ever-present pain and discomfort. At early working bees at the

Guide House she insisted on helping even with heavy chores. Edith made light of difficulties and usually surmounted them with initiative and ingenuity — in camp she and her stick or crutch were almost a "must" among the campers.

One always knew where to find Edith by the bursts of laughter from her hearers as she recounted, with those delightful chuckles of hers, her latest "adventure". Her great sense of humour never flagged.

Edith was one of those rare people whom her friends will remember always with a happy smile — at the memories. Visiting her in hospital was not so much to cheer Edith up as to be lifted up out of one's own gloom by her merry chatter, her steadfast faith — and always her infectious gaiety. Not only her Ranger coppers will long remember Edith Veronica with deep affection and sincere gratitude for her gallant example.

—F.V.B.

AN ALPHABET IS BORN

Six major West African languages now have a unified alphabet.

Written in various ways until now according to different conceptions and occasionally conflicting methods, they have just been given a rational, practical alphabet in Roman letters.

Convened at Bamako, Mali, by Unesco, an international group of linguists met to study the delicate problems of transcribing the Mandingo languages (such as Bambara in Mali and Malinke in Mali, Guinea and western Senegal); Songhay-Jerma (Mali and Niger); Tamashek, spoken by the Tuareg; Hausa (Nigeria and Niger), Kanuri (Nigeria and Niger), and the Fulani language of the Fulani scattered from Senegal to northern Cameroon.

The linguists had two main concerns. First, they had to propose for these languages a common alphabet for all the consonants and vowels they share. Secondly, this alphabet had to be as simple as possible to spare African nations certain technical and economic problems that would seriously endanger the future of their publishing industries and primary school systems.

These goals were reached. Without sacrificing any of their science's basic demands, the linguists came up with an extremely simple alphabet that enables all the sounds of these six languages to be accurately represented and, at the same time, deviates only slightly from systems used in most European languages.

In fact the alphabets of all six languages will be basically identical. Fulani, Hausa, Tamashek and Songhay-Jerma will require only eight new letters — b, d, y, z, t and k, with additional "hooks", a spread n and an inverted e.

The introduction of these new letters (16 characters in all, counting capitals) will mean some relatively cheap modification of the keyboards of typewriters and typesetting machines. But these letters were originally invented nearly 40 years ago. They have been widely used in Nigeria for years and they already appear in Niger's school textbooks.

In other words, six linguistic groups spread over seven nations now have alphabets that

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CAN WE DO IT? WILL THEY BE INTERESTED?

The Committee of "oldies" looked at each and wondered — and set to work. Records were found and a "Do you know? Can you help?" list was sent to addresses that were known. Replies came from all over Australia and overseas, and many made special trips to Melbourne to be at the Party.

It was "only" tea and chatter, with the present Guides serving tea. The "new" Guide uniforms were admired and the remembered "old" uniforms were worn by some of the present-day Guides — a bit doubtfully at first perhaps, but very proudly in the end.

A large birthday cake had been made and iced in pale blue with a large Trefoil and 50 blue candles. The candles were lit by two "old" 3rd Camberwell Guides and original Rangers, and were blown out by our newest Guide, who had just been enrolled.

Yes, we did it; and "they" were more than interested. Districts now have new testers a few have "new" Guiders. The Trefoil Guild has new members . . . and we had a lot of fun!

(Refer to picture on page 46 of the August issue of "Matilda".)



AN ALPHABET IS BORN

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should enable them to start on the more and more urgent task of transcribing an immense heritage of oral literature.

At the same time, governments now have the use of national languages for adult literacy training and primary education.

—“Unesco Features”.

INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF FORMER SCOUTS AND GUIDES

Trefoil Guild Baden-Powell Scout Guild

The Australian Flag led the procession of National flags escorted by Scouts and Guides in the national uniform of the flag-country beside the river at Durham, where the 7th International Assembly of I.F.O.F.S.G. was held.

After the President of the International Fellowship, Col. J. S. Wilson, declared the Assembly open the flags were broken and there were 26 fluttering in the breeze.

In the Guild Hall of Durham the Mayor greeted us all personally, and some of us became T.V. stars.

Sessions of study on "International Understanding" were demanding but exciting, and the business and administration sessions exacting also. One talk of 40 minutes even taxed the supporting office-bearers on the stage — and one, who had been up late the night before, slept, until he fell off his chair!

Much thought was given to effective assistance to the Guilds and Scout Movements, and several projects of adult assistance in the "welfare" field earned consideration.

The extraordinary energy of Dr. K. Simonsen, of Norway, who convenes the Stamp Bank, is quite infectious. In this last year £500 sterling was handed in — the proceeds going to aid the two Movements in underdeveloped countries.

A Regional Conference is set for India for 26th-28th December, and we hope that some from Australia will be able to attend.

The 8th General Assembly in 1969 is to be held in Stockholm, and Portugal has offered for 1971. The Australian delegation issued an invitation for the Fellowship to consider coming to Australia for 1971 or 1973, and Council members welcomed the invitation.

World distances have shrunk so much that everyone now is our "neighbour". The message to Durham is — **to strive to live with the world in understanding and felicity.**



"Badge of the International Fellowship
of Former Scouts and Guides".

A GESTURE FROM BELGIUM

At an International Commissioners' Conference in the Netherlands in 1948 I got to know Mrs. Louise Erismann, a charming Belgian Guider from Brussels. We've kept up an intermittent correspondence. It seems I had recently asked whether she was a member of the IFOFSAG (International Fellowship of Former Scouts and Guides), and her reaction to the question was hysterical — she is probably a foundation member of the Belgian Guilds!

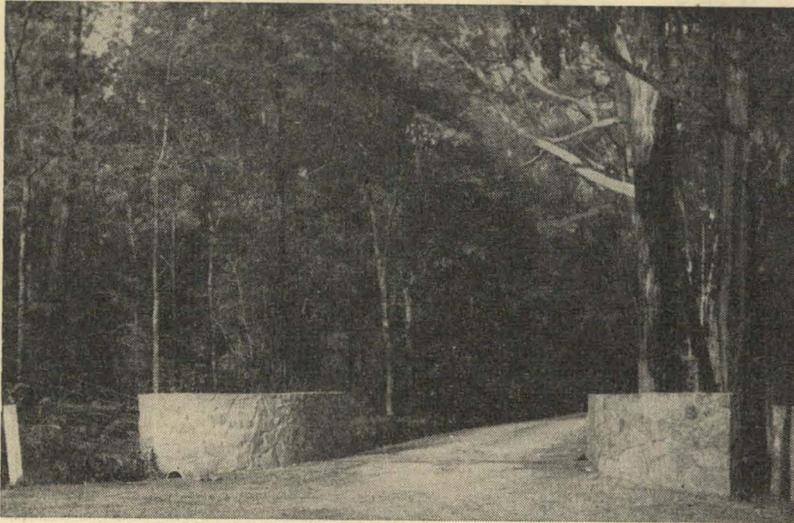
Louise has posted me a copy of her Guild's monthly paper called "AGIS" (meaning ACT — or "get going!"). It has not reached me yet (Mediterranean mail mix-up probably), but in this little magazine she has printed a suggestion to its readers that they might like the opportunity to send a message of friendship to Melbourne Guilds. Louise thinks they may like to send a picture-postcard of their own town or region, with their own name and address and the name of their Trefoil Guild.

She has told them to address the cards to ME at Flat 4, 246 Albert Street, East Melbourne!

Louise adds: "It is only a small thing and doesn't cost much, and would be a way of showing the ex-Guides down there that there is a chain of friendship encircling the world — just one way of expressing the thought of Teilhard de Chardin: 'The world is round so that friendship can completely encircle it'."

(I wonder how many greeting cards will come?)

—F. V. Barfus,
Southern Cross Trefoil Guild.



BRITANNIA PARK

The success of the Ranger Guiders' Training Weekend, held in July, was greatly enhanced by the fact "Operation Creche" in Brownie Cottage was such a success. Fifteen children belonging to the Ranger Guiders were looked after there by eight Rangers under the leadership of Miss Ogden. It's difficult to estimate who enjoyed the weekend most. A good idea which might well be copied by Divisions or Regions.

As most other States have furnished their Guide House with special china decorated with the Guide Trefoil, the Britannia Park Committee have decided to do the same. China of a very pretty soft blue has been chosen. It is made in England, and will have a navy Trefoil on it. After we order, we will have to wait eight months for delivery. The Committee felt that some Districts might like to have some of these cups and saucers for their Guide Halls, and we would be happy to include their order with ours. The cups and saucers will cost approximately \$7.50 a dozen. Jugs and sugar bowls are available, but I am unable at present to give the price of them. The minimum order for cups and saucers must be a dozen and orders must be in by 15th October, though it would help us to have them earlier. Please send them to Mrs. R. E. Gray, 56 Balwyn Road, Balwyn, 3103.

Brownies don't get their feet cold when they hop out of bed at Brownie Cottage now. A gift of quite a large amount of Westmin-

ster carpet has allowed a strip in both bunk rooms as well as enough for both big bedrooms in Guide House. Many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Hans Bufé.

L.A.'s have once again given us a lot of help. Our thanks to Laburnum L.A. who did a spot of spring cleaning in Guide House. But for the L.A.'s we probably wouldn't be able to see through the windows at all! Thanks also to South Croydon, who once more attacked the weeds. They've done a mighty job in preparing the second little gully for the planting on Azalea Day. By the way, if any L.A. wants a stimulating experience, how about coming up to one of our weekly working days? If it's fine we garden; if it's wet we paint. I can't say it's good, CLEAN fun, but you'll enjoy it!

Dates for September, 7th, 11th, 20th, 25th; October, 2nd, 13th, 20th, 26th.

The concreting round the pool is almost finished and the next thing we try our hands at is landscaping. Let me hasten to assure those Guiders who feel some apprehension that all will be well. Miss Broadhurst is around keeping an eye on things. Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Alston, of Oaklands Junction, very kindly offered us as many rocks as we needed for the rock garden, but the difficulty was to get them from there to Britannia Park. However, our Peg. Barr isn't Victoria's Organising Secretary for nothing. She merely borrowed a truck, asked a few

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CAMPFIRE SONGS

Many of our readers will have heard this sung at Gang Shows — in 1957 and in 1967 (as “60 years ago”).

A catchy tune, a little bit of “history” — and we do hope you enjoy it in “Campfire Songs”.

(I wonder how many know where the allusion to “the acorn” comes from?)

NEARLY FIFTY YEARS AGO

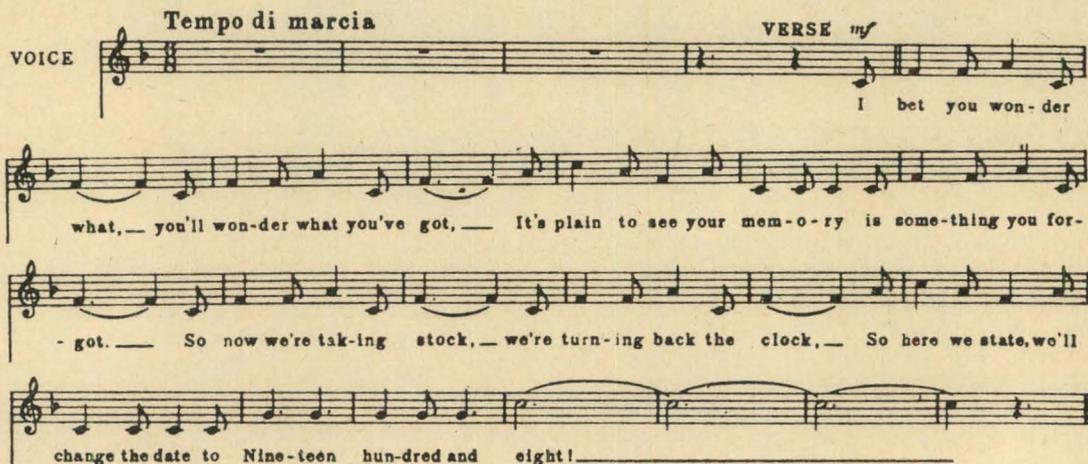
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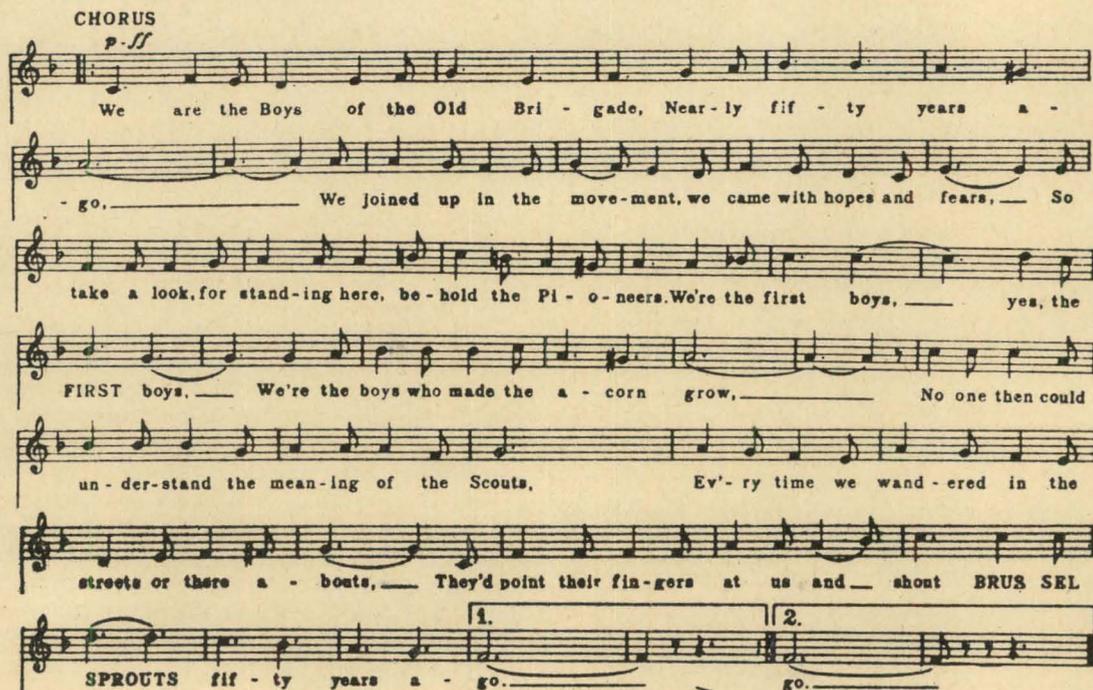
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I bet you won-der
what, you'll won-der what you've got, — It's plain to see your mem-o-ry is some-thing you for-
got. — So now we're tak-ing stock, — we're turn-ing back the clock, — So here we state, we'll
change the date to Nine-teen hun-dred and eight!

CHORUS

p-ff



We are the Boys of the Old Bri-gade, Near-ly fif-ty years a -
go. — We joined up in the move-ment, we came with hopes and fears, — So
take a look, for stand-ing here, be-hold the Pi-o-neers. We're the first boys, — yes, the
FIRST boys. — We're the boys who made the a - corn grow, — No one then could
un-der-stand the mean-ing of the Scouts, Ev'-ry time we wand-ered in the
streets or there a - bouts, — They'd point their fin-gers at us and — shout BRUS SEL
SPROUTS fif-ty years a - go. — go. —

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Chorus 2

We are the Boys of the Old Brigade,
 Nearly fifty years ago,
 You think today there's din and noise that
 deafens through the land,
 We could drown the lot when we start up
 our Bugle Band.
 We're the first boys, yes, the FIRST boys!
 We're the boys who made the acorn grow.
 It used to be a lot of fun, our Scouters were
 the same,
 They never called us "modern" boys, or tried
 to shift the blame.
 They never used psychology, they played it
 like a GAME
 Fifty years ago.

Chorus 3

We are the Boys of the Old Brigade,
 Nearly fifty years ago,
 We got along because we all knew what we
 were about.
 We didn't need three hundred books to tell
 us how to Scout,
 We're the first boys, yes, the FIRST boys!
 We're the boys who made the acorn grow.
 We didn't have a Gilwell, or a Training
 ground and such.
 We didn't have C.H.Q. to keep us all in touch,
 But we didn't have a leakage, so thank you
 very much,
 Fifty years ago.

Chorus 4

We are the Boys of the Old Brigade,
 Nearly fifty years ago,
 Our hats might look peculiar and perhaps a
 trifle sad,
 But hats the women wear today are twenty
 times as bad.
 We're the first boys, yes, the FIRST boys!
 We're the boys who made the acorn grow.
 Our uniforms were all the same and never
 looked a mess,
 But nowadays no two's alike and this you
 must confess.
 WE never made our uniforms look more like
 fancy dress,

Chorus 5

We are the Boys of the Old Brigade,
 Nearly fifty years ago,
 Although we were beginners and we all wore
 buttoned boots,
 YOU might be lovely branches, but WE kids
 were the ROOTS.
 We're the first boys, yes, the FIRST boys!
 We're the boys who made the acorn grow.
 Though they jeered and though they laughed
 and made an awful fuss,
 Though they even threw things, we didn't
 give a cuss,
 There could have been no Gang Show if it
 hadn't been for US!
 Fifty years ago.

BRITANNIA PARK

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questions about how to drive it, and set
 forth. If you want a really interesting ex-
 perience, just drive with Peg on a wet, dark
 night in a truck which she's never driven
 before and which can only do 20 m.p.h. be-
 cause it's overloaded with gorgeous rocks!
 It's guaranteed to shake you out of your
 apathy and boredom, and it beats Dr.
 McKenzie's Menthoids any day. Guiding IS
 fun!

Our grateful thanks to the following for
 their support of the Maintenance Fund
 during July:—

- 1st—Geelong City District.
- 5th—Mrs. J. Tait.
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- 11th—Bright L.A.
- 14th—Richmond-East Melbourne L.A.
- 16th—Moorleigh Guides and Brownies.
- 18th—1st Mentone Coy.
- 19th—Boronia L.A.
- 20th—Miss A. Cockerell.
- 24th—South Yarra Trefoil.
- 25th—1st Mitcham Pack.
- 26th—1st Wattle Park Pack.
- 27th—7th Malvern Pack.
- 28th—1st Waaia Pack.
- 29th—Overport L.A.

And also—

- 2nd June—Lakes Entrance L.A., which was
 omitted last month.

NOTICES

SERVICE FOR JEWISH MEMBERS OF THE MOVEMENT

A Service has been arranged to take place at the Temple Beth Israel at 76 Alma Road, St. Kilda, on Friday evening, 10th November, 1967, at 8 p.m. This is for all Jewish members of the Movement and for any non-Jewish friends who care to come. A special welcome will be given to Commissioners and Guiders who care to join us on this occasion. Will Guiders with Jewish children in their Companies and Pack, please inform them of the date and time of this Service, and encourage them to attend, with parents and friends.

—Nancy Kirsner,
Liaison Commissioner for
Jewish Guides and Brownies.

TREFOIL GUILD

Annual Meeting, 14th October, 1967

This is the time of the year when all Trefoil members can meet and renew friendships. Bring along your photos and slides to share with others after tea.

COMMISSIONERS, GUIDERS, RANGERS! This is an invitation to YOU! Come along and see what the Trefoil Guild means — Fitzroy Guide Hall, Mark Street, North Fitzroy. Tram in Collins Street, Nos. 9a, 10, 11, to Stop 26. OR bus from Moonee Ponds Junction, OR Reservoir train to Rushall Station.

Afternoon tea, 2.30 p.m.
Basket tea, 5.30 p.m.

WANTED FOR GUIDER

UNIFORM in good condition; W. size. Details to Miss B. M. Rogers, Bath Street, Clunes.

Catholic Guiders' Commissioners

SPECIAL MEETING

24th September, 1967, at 2.30 p.m.

20 Russell St., Melbourne

RANGER BRANCH

Guide and Brownie Guiders and Commissioners are again asked to support the Ranger Branch in their work for the Women's Hospital by buying Christmas cards for "Miss Senior Guide, 1968".

Please note: As there will not be a Guiders' Conference this year, opportunity will be made for the distribution and sale of cards at the Annual General Meeting to be held in the St. Kilda Town Hall on 23rd October.

For further information and cards, please contact the Conveners:—

Mrs. N. C. Baldock,
193 Springvale Road, Nunawading.
Phone, after 4.30 p.m.: 878 2468.

Mrs. A. Neboiss,
9 Gerald Street, Nunawading.
Phone, after 4.30 p.m.: 878 2871.

CORRECTION — RANGER ADVISER

Mrs. W. H. CHAMBERLAIN,
21 Elmo Road,
Montmorency, 3094
not 13 Elmo Road as given in the July issue of "Matilda".

CAMPERS

It has been noticed that ice cream cans are mounting up in equipment sheds.

PLEASE TAKE HOME WHAT YOU BRING!

—Lysbeth Turnbull,
State Camping Adviser.

CHURCH SERVICE

Anglican Guiders, plus husbands and/or friends, are specially invited to corporate worship at Holy Trinity, Clarendon Street, East Melbourne, on Sunday, 24th September, at 7 p.m. The Service of evening prayer will be followed by a "get-together" over a cup of tea in the Parish Hall.

The Diocesan Scout and Guide Advisory Council which organises the annual St. George's Day Service, is inviting Scouters and their wives and/or friends also.

Any enquiries to — The Hon. Secretary, Mr. John Bungey; Phone, 92 4152.

NOTICES

TRAINING DEPARTMENT

Headquarters Courses (third term)

Brownie Pre-Warrant (daytime), 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays, commencing 3rd October.

Brownie Pre-Warrant (evening), 7.30 to 10 p.m. Wednesdays, commencing 4th October.

Brownie Golden Hand (daytime), 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Wednesdays, commencing 1st November.

Guide Pre-Warrant (daytime), 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays, commencing 5th October.

Pre-Enrolment Tutor Training (daytime), 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Wednesdays, commencing 27th September.

Special Training, Warranted Personnel (daytime), 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesdays, commencing 4th October; (evening), 7.30 to 10 p.m., Tuesdays, commencing 3rd October.

Decentralised Courses (third term)

Cheltenham: Guide First Class (daytime), 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays, commencing 17th October.

TRAINING IN N.S.W.

(Glengarry) will now take place from 2nd-6th January, 1968, instead of the dates given previously (3rd-9th January, 1968). Refer June "Matilda".

ALL-ENGLAND RANGER ROUND UP

An All-England Round Up will be held at Butlin's Holiday Camp, Bogner Regis, from 17th to 21st April, 1968. Cost will be £4/10/-sterling. Rangers from the Commonwealth who will be in England at the time would be welcome to attend the Round Up, and for those who would like it, one week's hospitality with a Guide family is offered before the Round Up.

N.B.: If any Ranger or Guide is interested, and intends applying for the Round Up, please advise the State International Representative (Mrs. G. Farrow, 3 Merrion Grove, Kew) by 20th November, 1967.

CEYLON — GOLDEN JUBILEE COMMEMORATION STAMPS

Details just received from the Acting International Commissioner in Ceylon (Girl Guides Association, 10 Edinburgh Crescent, Colombo 7, Ceylon):

"Our Government has very kindly consented to issue, on 19th September, 1967, two stamps to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of Girl Guiding in Ceylon — values to be 3 and 25 Ceylon cents.

"The stamps can be obtained from the Crown Agents, 4 Mill Bank, London, S.W.1, England."

Some First Day Covers may be available from the Ceylon Girl Guides Association if you contact them immediately — cost approximately 10 cents Australian each.

If anyone wants these stamps or covers, will they please deal with the Association and/or agents direct?

INVITATION FROM U.S.A. GIRL SCOUTS

We have received another wonderful invitation — for TWO girls aged 16, 17 or 18 in July, 1968, to represent Australia at a Juliette Low Session at Rockwood National Training Centre, near Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

In addition, the girls will spend three weeks as guests of a chosen Girl Scout Council somewhere in the U.S.A.

The inclusive dates are 9th July to 19th August, 1968. The purpose of the Session is to bring together Senior Girl Scouts/Rangers from different countries so that they may have the opportunity to become friends through living, planning, working and talking together.

The Special Focus will be on "Citizenship and Service" — and participating in the Session will be 78 Senior Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. and 26 girls from other countries.

The cost of the entire trip will be borne by the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., mainly through the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund.

If you are interested in the project, and wish to know more, please contact your District Commissioner — she has the details.

GOULBURN REGION LUNCHEON

It was a memorable day for Guiding in the Goulburn Region, when approximately 50 Guide personnel from all corners of the region met at the Victoria Hotel, Shepparton, for a luncheon organised by the Region Commissioner, Mrs. Humphreys.

Primarily, the luncheon was a get-together to strengthen ties and friendships within the Region; but also Mrs. Humphreys presented Training Ribbons to Mrs. Longmuir, from Cobram; Mrs. Conley, from Katamatite; Mrs. Davis, from Katunga; and Mrs. Maskell, from Tatura. Among those at the luncheon were two new Commissioners, who were introduced by Mrs. Humphreys. Mrs. Every has been appointed Goulburn Valley Division Commissioner, and Mrs. Burgman is Katandra West's new District Commissioner.

Earlier in the day the Shepparton L.A. had arranged morning tea at the Guide Hall for Commissioners, Guiders and L.A. members from throughout the Goulburn Valley Division. This enabled everyone present to welcome Mrs. Every and for her to meet representatives from her Division.

—Elizabeth Norris,
Shepparton D.C.



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The only job you can start at the top is
digging a hole.

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It's the little things that bother us—
You can sit on a mountain,
But not on a tack.

Lieutenants:

Mrs. E. Clayton, 1st Cockatoo; Mrs. E. Wood, 2nd Burwood; Mrs. V. B. Hazard, 1st Flinders; Mrs. J. Flittón, 2nd Apollo Bay; Miss B. J. Roberts, 1st Ferntree Gully; Miss S. Hunter, 1st Mitcham; Mrs. R. C. Hovey, 11th Ballarat; Miss E. Gooch, 1st Brown Hill; Miss L. A. Sonogan, 1st Narre Warren North; Mrs. F. McLeod, 1st Carrum; Miss S. M. Doig, 3rd St. Kilda; Mrs. A. Clarke, 3rd Forest Hill; Miss C. L. Ellis, 3rd Moorabbin; Mrs. S. R. Baldwin, 2nd Maidstone; Miss R. M. Coles, 1st Carrum; Miss B. V. Love, 3rd Belmont; Mrs. A. K. Lyster, 3rd Mt. Waverley; Mrs. A. Hunter, 1st Newborough.

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Mrs. D. Henry, Malvern.

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District Commissioners:

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RETIREMENTS

We acknowledge with gratitude the service given by the following Commissioners whose terms of office have now drawn to a close:—
Division Commissioner:

Mrs. W. Anthony, McKay.

District Commissioners:

Mrs. B. Robertson, Traralgon; Mrs. J. B. Heslop, Tatura; Mrs. A. D. McFadyen, Orrvale; Mrs. G. Reark, Carrum Downs; Mrs. A. M. O'Malley, Preston.

RESIGNATIONS

Thanks are also due for the service given by the following Commissioners who have had to resign:—

District Commissioners:

Mrs. E. Mellor, Beaconsfield; Miss L. McDonald, Yarraville; Mrs. J. F. McGregor, Upwey; Mrs. N. H. Stephens, Forest Hill; Mrs. C. J. Drummond, Bethanga; Mrs. W. Talbot, Dumbalk.

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