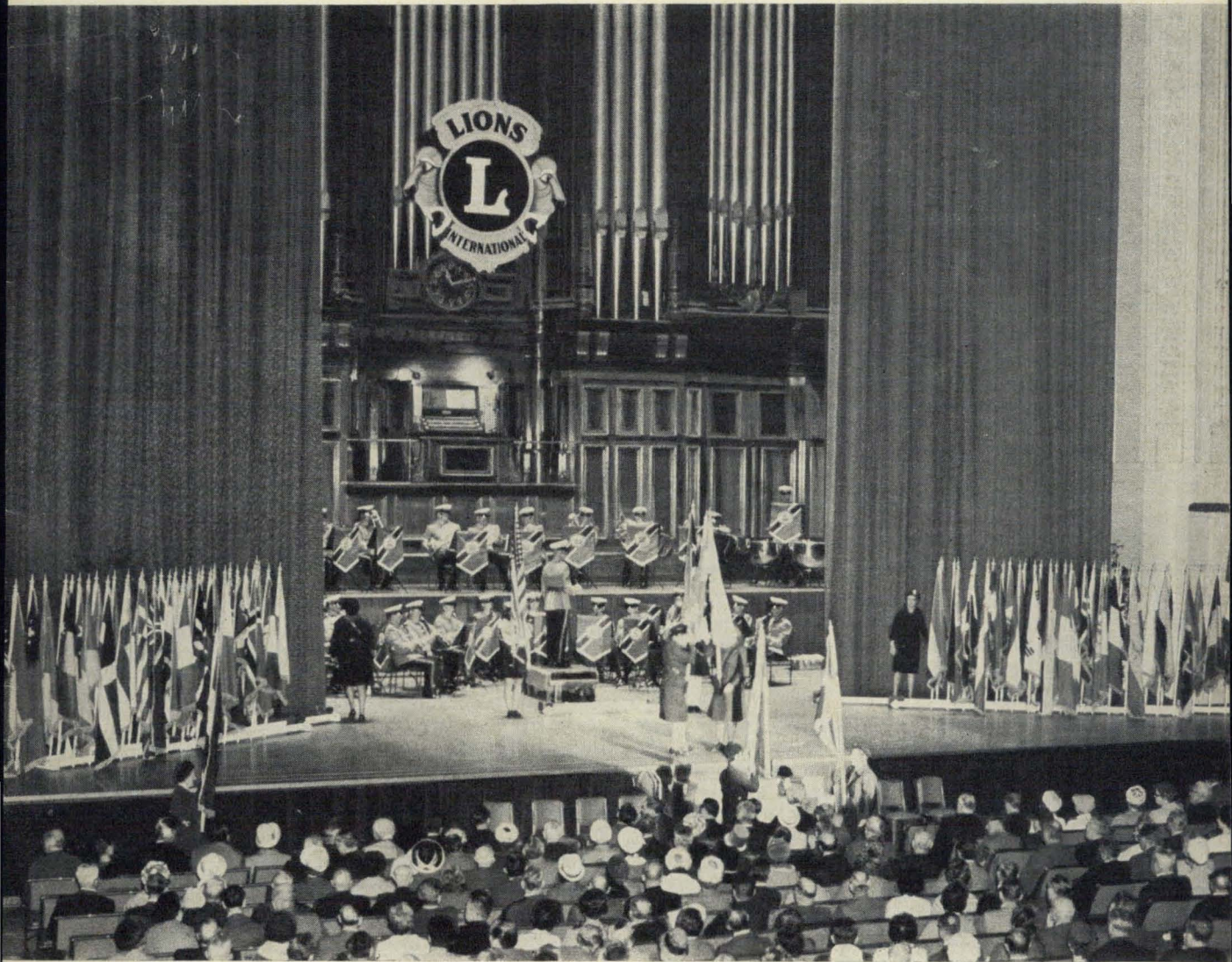


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FROM THE STATE COMMISSIONER

April has been a busy Guiding month, with much excitement in many parts of the Movement.

The Division Commissioners "came to town" on the 3rd, and we enjoyed a day of practical discussion; the main channel of communications through the Region Commissioners makes the passing of general news unnecessary, but there are nevertheless matters of interest and controversy to debate.

On Saturday, 6th, I had the great pleasure of visiting Benalla to speak at the Goulburn Region Conference. The Headquarters team of Mrs. Turnbull, Mrs. Shave, Mrs. Stringer and Mrs. McGillivray and I discussed matters of Guiding on the journeys up and down. "Getting to Know You", the theme of the Goulburn Conference, was aptly chosen, and it was a most happy, friendly day.

The following day I had a telephone call from an excited Mrs. Chamberlain, our Ranger Adviser, to tell me the result of the "Miss Teenage" Contest. Congratulations to Diane Rattray and Rhonda Sidwell, who have been selected jointly to be "Miss Senior Guide". Apparently the judges were much impressed with our girls and decided that we should be permitted to enter TWO contestants. The sale of Christmas cards last year raised over \$2000. Well done, Rangers!

The Lady Delacombe Cup Golf Day was held at the Peninsula Country Golf Club on Monday, 8th. The weather was good and all participants enjoyed a fine day's golf. The winners of the Cup for 1968 were Miss A. Carr and Miss M. Hope-Campbell, and the runners-up were Mrs. L. Kiddle and Mrs. B. Martin. The longest drive was achieved by Mrs. Barrow, and your State Commissioner managed, quite by accident, to drive "nearest the pin" on the second hole, thereby gaining a prize of two golf balls, which I intend to leave in their gold wrapping! Our State President, Lady Delacombe, most graciously travelled to Frankston to make the presentations, once again demonstrating her interest and making this an occasion much treasured by all who were privileged to be present.

This month brought visitors from widely separated countries. Miss Shizuki Hosoya from Japan and Miss Kala Phadnis from

India were in Victoria to attend the Easter Week-end Training and many members of the Movement took the opportunity to meet them and learn something of Guiding and customs in their countries. Shizuki is tiny, pretty, shy, young and spoke little English. Whilst Kala provided the contrast, being mature, confident, out-going and ready to tell us, in fluent English, of training in India. Owing to change of plans, Shizuki left for Sydney before the 20th, but Kala took part in our Guiders' Conference, and taught us songs of her country.

I would like to share with you all my pride in the praiseworthy job done by our Publicity and Public Relations Department in arranging the programme which centred around the visit of Miss Patricia Ward to Victoria. The first chance we had to meet Miss Ward was at the Publicity Secretaries' Training — a well-planned meeting which attracted a good number and from which all participants gained much. In addition to items from various members of our Public Relations Sub-Committee, the "Role of Public Relations in the Voluntary Organisation" was presented by the guest speaker, Mr. Dick Wood.

Miss Ward was with us for the whole of the Guiders' Conference and brought us something of the enthusiasm of the launching of the new experimental programme in the United Kingdom. Her air luggage permitted her to bring only one set of the new handbooks, so Advisers and Trainers eagerly sought opportunities to take a preview of these interesting publications. I overheard Miss Wirth offering to make covers for them — they would be unlikely to complete the tour of Australia without some extra strengthening, I fear!

What a wonderful Conference it was! Miss Janet Thomas is deserving of the highest praise for the way in which she handled the arrangements. The plan of employing representatives from the Regions worked most smoothly and gave added interest to Guiders. Our beloved Chief Commissioner, Mrs. Buntine, held us enthralled with anecdotes and stories which, in keeping with the Conference theme, looked forward, looked round and looked back. Branch time brought forth much lively discussion and, on

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APPOINTMENT OF NEW CHIEF COMMISSIONER

The Executive Committee of the Girl Guides Association of Australia announces the appointment of a Chief Commissioner in succession to Mrs. M. A. Buntine, O.B.E., who has been Chief Commissioner since December, 1962.

The new Chief Commissioner will be Mrs. J. R. Price, M.Sc., Caulfield, Victoria, and she will take office at the conclusion of the Executive Committee meeting to be held in Sydney in August, 1968. Mrs. Price has just completed a term as State Commissioner for Victoria (1963-1968).

Mrs. Price has been associated with Guiding since she joined the Goolwa (South Australia) Guide Company as a schoolgirl. Settling in Victoria after the war, she became Division Commissioner for the South-Eastern Suburbs.

She was the Representative of the Girl Guides Association on the Good Neighbour Council of Victoria, and the Pan-Pacific South-East Asia Women's Association — she was also Treasurer of the latter organisation from 1957-62.

Victoria has great pleasure in publishing the announcement of the new Chief Commissioner for Australia — and we send Mrs. Price all our good wishes and thoughts as she takes over this responsible position.

With our delight in Mrs. Price's appointment we also know sadness in losing Mrs. Buntine's warmth, experience and friendliness, and we know that she will enjoy that expected holiday with the knowledge of five years' work well done.



Mrs. J. R. Price, M.Sc., Chief Commissioner-Elect, Girl Guides Association of Australia.

—Photograph, Miss Betty Reynolds.

Mrs. Price was Leader of the Australian delegation to the Triennial Conference of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (Tokyo, 1966).

Outside Guiding, Mrs. Price has many interests, apart from her home and family. She has been an individual member of the Executive Committee of the United Nations Association of Australia (Victorian Division) and a Vice-President of the Australian Reading Union, in which she served as Secretary from 1957-60.

Educated at the Adelaide Girls' High School and the University of Adelaide, Mrs. Price received her Master of Science Degree in 1938. She flew to London in February, 1940, and married Dr. J. R. Price in March of that year. (Dr. Price, D.Phil.(Oxford), D.Sc.(Adelaide), F.A.A., F.R.A.C.I., is now a member of the Executive of the C.S.I.R.O.)

During the war both Dr. and Mrs. Price spent a great deal of time in Scotland, where Mrs. Price worked in the Labour Office of the Ministry of Supply Explosives Factory in Dumfriesshire, during which period she did a time and motion study of processes, and introduced and supervised the running of an incentive scheme.

Dr. and Mrs. Price have three children:

Elizabeth is an Arts student at the Australian National University, Canberra, majoring in Russian and Honours German.

Margaret (Mrs. Bruce Devlin, of Caulfield, Victoria) attended Melbourne University, and is a Physical Education teacher.

Donald, an Hons. B.Sc., is now on a Commonwealth Scholarship, doing a Ph.D. in Experimental Physics at Monash University.

Dr. and Mrs. Price spend as much time as possible at their week-end home at Red Hill, Victoria, where they have a special interest in growing Australian native plants.

* Mrs. Price will accompany her husband when he leaves for an overseas tour at the end of May: the primary reason for this journey is Dr. Price's attendance at a Symposium in London, on the Chemistry of Natural Products, organised by the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry. They will travel also in the United States of America, and Mrs. Price will meet leading Guide and Girl Scout personalities in both countries.

EXECUTIVE NOTES — APRIL, 1968

Have you ever wondered why a month should go so quickly these days? I'm sure it is simply so that Executive meetings will come round more quickly!

Time seemed to be well to the fore in our discussions at the April meeting:

In appointments of new Advisers — for terms of five years. You will read of these appointments in other pages of "Matilda".

In thoughts of the sale of some Guide land — for notice of a set time has to be given before this can be finalised.

In thoughts of representation of the Movement on the Youth Council of Victoria; and our work in Nauru, now independent; and in filling the vacancy on the Executive Committee caused by one of the elected members becoming an ex-officio member on her appointment as Assistant State Commissioner.

In officially sealing documents relating to investments of the Movement, now being carefully watched that monies may be available as needed for our new H.Q., now beginning to be visible over the fence.

In looking forward to the meeting of the Australian Executive Committee in August, 1968, and the 20th World Conference in 1969.

In looking forward to reading all the reports and material brought forward "for information".

Yes, time is a problem — or rather the lack of it seems to be — but organised thriftily we hope we can continue to cover all the ground needed to help the Movement run smoothly.

OUR COVER

The picture shows the Colour Ceremony conducted at the recent Australian Conference of Lions International held in Melbourne. The participants in the ceremony were members of the Guide Movement — saying in some small way "thanks" for the many times Guides had been helped by Lions.

INTERNATIONAL COMMISSIONERS MEET

What more exciting venue for an International Commissioners' Meeting than Montreal at the time of Expo 67! All roads were leading to that lovely city and nothing could have been more International than a visit to Expo in the company of a Chinese Headmistress from Taiwan, a young Chilean teacher, two German doctors of letters and a host of others from our Conference — for our Canadian hostesses packed us all off to it at the end of the Conference.

Guiding activities are always stimulating, one meets old friends and makes new links; but to an International Commissioner there is an added stimulus in meeting the people with whom one has corresponded over some years — friends one has made "on paper", and at last there they are in the flesh — tall when one had visualised them petite, gentle when one had written to them in awe — but all of them friends with that wonderful fraternity that Guiding offers to all of us.

Our Conference was held on the shores of the Lake of Two Mountains at the westernmost end of the island on which Montreal stands. Sixty delegates and observers from 38 countries met together at a most peaceful and beautiful property which is used as a Retreat Centre belonging to a Teaching Order of Nuns. It comprises a main house with several small chalets in the grounds, and Mrs. Beresford (State International Representative from Western Australia) and I were housed in one of the chalets together with the two Finnish Representatives. We felt the "elite", as we could enjoy the glorious colours of the maples and the busy life of the squirrels and chipmunks as we walked to and fro to our meetings. I had often been told that there was an affinity between Australians and Finns, and this again proved to be so. Mrs. Vihma and I were in the same discussion group, and I admired her down-to-earth approach and wisdom.

We were in session morning, afternoon and evening throughout — sometimes in full session, but more often in groups. This, of course, allowed little time for following up anything of special interest touched on during a session — other than at mealtimes.

Each new section of the Agenda was introduced by a speaker, sometimes one of the members of the Conference, sometimes an outsider, and these addresses were presented in either French, English or Spanish — translations were readily available.

Many subjects discussed were of a technical nature dealing with such matters as the International Commissioners' Handbook, which needed to be brought up to date. It was strongly felt that this should be more widely read and understood by Guiders rather than being regarded as purely for people dealing with International. Publications at World Bureau level were displayed, and a plea put forward for wider use of "Council Fire". The International Introduction Card which all members of the Girl Guide Association are entitled and urged to carry with them when travelling was discussed and re-drafted — it was interesting here to realise the different meanings of words in different languages — the word "recommend" or "introduce" did not suit some countries, so it was suggested to substitute with "present". As well as World Bureau publications many countries exhibited their publications, and we greatly admired their gay and attractive folders illustrating Guiding in their countries.

International Education in the 1970's was ably put forward by Mrs. Katzenburg and Miss Crowe, of the U.S.A. Mrs. Katzenburg showed the tremendous international movement of people even today seeking education — well over 200,000 Americans studying overseas in the 60's — and she pointed out the problems to come in the 70's — difficulties for foreign students to obtain admission to Universities, etc., the need for more knowledge of foreign education systems, the lack of systematic orientation programmes for students going abroad and lack of counseling during their stay.

Two very interesting "Mutual Aid" points were made by the U.S.A. administration in their first national effort in International education:

1. To encourage growth of school partnerships by which a U.S.A. and a foreign

school might exchange books and equipment, teach and student visits, etc.

2. To establish a Peace Corps by which volunteers to America might teach their own language and culture in schools and colleges or serve in community programmes.

Miss Crowe spoke of the part that our Association has to play in the International field, both from the point of view of countries as Members of the World Association "to encourage friendship among girls of all nations within frontiers and beyond" to the individual Guide who promises "to help other people at all times and to be a sister to every other Guide". Despite the fact that only a few Guides may have an opportunity to travel overseas, to camp and experience Guiding in other countries, we can and should make the International fellowship of Guiding a real and exciting experience for them.

Postbox is another vital link and was the original move in Guiding towards "International". It is so often the one personal link a Guide can make with someone overseas. I feel that this is one side of Guiding to be more encouraged.



One of the most interesting topics on the Agenda dealt with Exchanges and Visits, the responsibilities of hostess countries and of visiting countries. A Professor from the University of Ottawa, Mlle Pare, introduced this subject and spoke on the benefits to be gained from an international experience if the persons involved are trained to profit from such an opportunity. Mlle Bourel, of the Guides de France, furthered this theme

by inviting us to think how we can help our Guides to really exchange and not only to make exchanges — by accepting the difference in others, accepting being questioned oneself, and to deepen one's knowledge of oneself.

Responsibilities of hostess countries covered a wide range, from the time official invitations should be sent, hygiene in International camps, adequate rules regarding responsibility for girls during their travel and after their official stay, even to the problem of invitations to Pen Friends and Friendship Troops to International camps.

Responsibilities of visiting countries were also very varied. The main discussions centred round the choice and the briefing of applicants. It was recognised that on these two points lay the entire success of International exchanges, and methods of dealing with them varied from country to country. France, for example, hold an annual camp to train leaders taking groups to other countries, Canada hold a yearly camp for applicants wishing to go abroad. Financial liability of visitors, insurances, and, finally, the sharing of International experiences, came under discussion. It was recognised that it was most important to involve the maximum number of people in both the preparation of an individual or a group going abroad and the resultant enjoyment of hearing of their experiences on their return.

Following on a questionnaire asking what girls find the most difficult to accept at International gatherings we were most interested to learn that "tight schedules" was a definite problem, and it was suggested that hostesses gave girls plenty of free time in which to rest and write letters. After change of food and water, sanitary installations and differing standards of modesty came next on their list, and always briefing was mentioned. Briefing should cover every possible angle for the commitment, the project itself, knowledge of the country in which it is to take place, to understand its history, its social problems, its education system and to be able to compare them with that in one's own country. Preparation of clothing, material for exhibition of one's country and

Guiding in that country — collections of songs and dances and slides. When a group is travelling it is ideal to bring them together in advance, as not only can they plan as a group towards making themselves interesting to their hostesses, but can also plan towards campfire stunts, etc.

New trends in Guiding were touched on. Canada after two years' work with her "New Look" is now assessing it — the growth in numbers has been most indicative of the approval of the older age group. The numbers ranged from 5.9% increase for the Brownie age group to 80% for the Rangers (14 to 18 years). An interesting experiment is taking place in Finland as they are involving their Senior Group at the planning stage. Each of their 21 regions have been invited to appoint one delegate aged between 18 to 21 to represent them on a Junior Board which meets once or twice a year and puts forward recommendations to the Finnish Executive for consideration.

When discussing World Centres, one of the recommendations that went forward to the World Committee was for sessions for young people to be arranged at all centres to discuss questions of the future and life of the Guide Movement.

The increasing demand for activities between Scouts and Guides, and especially in regard to proposed regulations put forward at the European Joint International Scout and Guide Conference in 1966, was discussed. The regulations were agreed to in toto save for the word "joint", as it was felt "parallel" would be more acceptable! It was evident that some countries were not yet willing to accept such joint activities, and there was a most interesting discussion on the precautions taken by various countries when Guide Companies applied to visit other countries together with a Scout group.

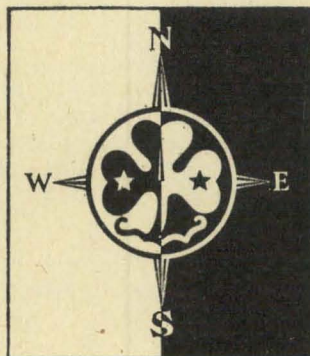
The future of the World Centres, emphasised the wish to have them used to the fullest. It was urged that permanent work projects in which visitors could take part should be set up in conjunction with them all. It was also thought that there might be some possibility of allowing other selected youth bodies the use of them for conferences.

On the "lighter" side, our Conference members were entertained to an unforgettable trip to Ottawa on the day of the opening of Parliament. We lunched at Parliament House as the guests of Senator Qart, a truly memorable lady Senator; were received by Mrs. Pearson at the Prime Minister's Lodge; dined as the guests of the Ontario Council of Guides; and saw a *Son et Lumiere* display depicting the history of Canada as linked with the story of the hill on which Parliament House now stands.

On two evenings we had brief visits from French and English-speaking Brownies and Guides. I was entranced by the truly lovely singing of the French-speaking children, and the English-speaking Guides gave a most memorable series of tableaux depicting the history of Montreal.

No description of the Conference could fail to mention the wonderful series of reflections presented by Mrs. W. J. Hyde, of the Western Hemisphere Committee; taking as her theme, "A Search for Truth", she led us through the thinking of many prophets and wise men to look at "Courage", "Understanding Through Friendship", "Our Guide Spiritual Heritage", to our last morning, "Friends From Afar", and I am sure the words of our Founder's Prayer were reiterated by all of us: "During our Conference here, may we have gained a widened outlook, a clearer vision of all that lies open before us and of our opportunity. May we go forth with strengthened faith to carry on our mission of helping through closer understanding."

—Ishbel Steche,
International Commissioner, Australia.



NEW APPOINTMENTS

Training Adviser

It is with pleasure we advise that Mrs. A. G. Rylah has accepted the appointment of Training Adviser to succeed Mrs. Gregory, whose term of office has expired. Mrs. Rylah will take office from 1st June, and thereafter all matters relating to training should be referred to her.

Mrs. Rylah needs no introduction to members, as she is already well known through her long service to the Movement as Guider, Trainer, Commissioner, Ranger Adviser, member of Executive Committee and State Council.

In welcoming Mrs. Rylah to her new position and conveying to her our good wishes, we express to Mrs. Gregory deep appreciation for her enthusiastic and devoted service as Training Adviser.

Mrs. Rylah's address is — 15 Victor Avenue, Kew, 3101. Phone: 80 1861.

Guide Adviser

We are pleased to advise that Mrs. K. Grandin has been appointed Guide Adviser to succeed Miss E. Bunning from 1st June.

Mrs. Grandin, who joined the Movement in Queenscliff as a Guide, is already well known in Guiding circles, particularly in the South Metropolitan Region, where she has served as District Commissioner for Moorabbin and Division Commissioner for Cooper. Before her appointment as District Commissioner in Victoria, she lived in South Australia, where she was a Guider.

In welcoming Mrs. Grandin to her new form of service to the Movement, we know that you would wish to join with us in expressing to Miss Bunning our heartfelt thanks for the outstanding contribution she has made to Guiding in Victoria as Guide Adviser.

After 1st June, all queries relating to the Guide Branch should be referred to Mrs. Grandin, whose address and telephone number are as follows:—20 Sandra Grove, Moorabbin, 3189. Phone: 97 1461.

INTERNATIONAL JOTTINGS

In response to several requests we list the countries from which the collection of International Brownie uniforms is taken: Canada, Ceylon, Chile, Denmark, El Salvador, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, India, Israel, Italy, Ireland, Jamaica, Japan, Liechtenstein, Mexico, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Republic of China, Thailand, United Arab Republic and the U.S.A.

There are two Girl Scout uniforms — from Korea and Japan. Netherlands is being renewed, as they have a new uniform, and Portugal, Congo and Belgium will be the next to be added.

N.B.: Uniforms do not need to be dry-cleaned, only washed and ironed, for return.

—P. Stamp.

DONATIONS

We acknowledge with grateful thanks:—

The Bank of New South Wales; North Broken Hill Ltd.; J. B. Were & Son; Electrolytic Zinc Company of Australasia Ltd.; Mr. J. H. Verity; Mrs. F. W. Faulkner; Mrs. B. Johnston; 1st North Croydon Pack; Apex Belting Pty. Ltd.; Mr. and Mrs. J. Eddy; Kiwi Polish Company; Australian Press Cuttings; Broken Hill Associated Smelters; Mrs. H. Searby; Australian Consolidated Industries; Preston Motors Pty. Ltd.; Walter & Eliza Hall Trust; Wades Selected Meats; Australian Estates Co.; South Yarra-Toorak Local Association; Mrs. J. Bennett; Mrs. R. Ebeling; Dame Merlyn Myer; Ampol Petroleum; Repco Ltd.; Lang Lang Local Association; Mrs. H. L. Pledge; Mrs. J. Beaurepaire; H. S. Foletta & Company (Prestige Ltd.); Rothmans of Pall Mall (Aust.) Ltd.; Broken Hill South Limited; Mrs. D. K. McMillan; Mr. C. J. Powell; Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Bottomley; Mrs. A. W. Cameron; Tootal; Muir & Neil Pty. Ltd.; Olympic Consolidated; J. J. Cash Pty. Ltd.; Mrs. James Craig; Mrs. J. Cuming Stewart; Colonial Gas Holdings; "The Age"; Wm. Caulfield & Sons; M. and D. Hiscock; Carlton & United Breweries Ltd.; Halls Book Store; Colonial Sugar Refinery Company; Union Fidelity Co.; Miss E. Purnell; Broken Hill Pty. Company Ltd.

FAREWELL

For the past five years the Guide Branch of the Movement has benefited from and progressed under the direction of Miss Enid Bunning, affectionately known to her many friends as "Bunny".

Her outstanding characteristic is the justice and fairness of her judgment. I am sure all of us have heard the remark, "Let's ask Bunny — she'll give sound advice."

Her readiness to help and ability to fit in just one more job have been of tremendous value and inspiration to all who sought them.

It is sad to say "farewell" to such a Branch Adviser, but we know she will use the time gained in some other facet of the Movement . . . and, perhaps, have some spare time to enjoy.

On behalf of ALL Guides and Guiders, I should like to say a big "thank you" to Bunny, with a "BRAVO" for a job well done.



"I PROMISE TO DO MY BEST!"

Mrs. R. E. Gregory has been unsparing in her efforts to give her best in whatever sphere she has served the Guide Movement. This has been evident during her past five years as Training Adviser.

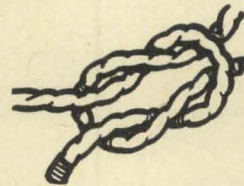
Laura accepted the tremendous challenge of coping with ever-increasing demands for training with enthusiasm — a sensitive understanding of the needs of the children and Guiders — as well as the welfare and encouragement in the development of Trainers.

The need to decentralise training involved a scheme to build up training teams in Regions, and this has progressed steadily. The training of Commissioners, an important section, necessitated special week-ends and days to assist those involved in this work, as well as the organisation required to ar-

range the training for Guiders in metropolitan and country areas.

Laura speaks resolutely for what she believes right and respects the opinions of others. Her philosophy, "There is so much that is worthwhile to be done, life is too short to bear grudges or dislike people" — this sums up a life dedicated to the service of other people, especially the Guide Movement.

We thank you, Laura, for your unceasing efforts to bring training of the highest calibre throughout Victoria and for your friendliness and understanding of the needs of each individual.



YOUTH GARDEN PARTY

Five Guides from this area attended the Youth Garden Party at Government House.

We caught the express from Stawell at 4.50 a.m. and arrived in Melbourne about 8.25. We went directly to Government House.

We were entertained by bands, trampolining, a lovely show horse which did many tricks, and we also saw the new ladder of the Fire Brigade, 140ft. high. We had morning tea, too.

When we left Government House we went to the Shrine and then walked back to the city. After dinner we went to Como — a lovely old home and garden which has been preserved by the National Trust. Inside is the original furniture, toys, cooking utensils, etc. We spent two to three hours here, and it was well worth it.

We slept most of the way home, but took some time talking about the day's events.

We arrived at Stawell about 12.30 a.m. to find our weary parents waiting patiently for us. We had had an altogether enjoyable day.

—Alison Pickford (Stawell).

QUEEN'S SCOUT AND GUIDE PRESENTATION

TIME: 10.30 a.m.

DATE: 4th May, 1968.

PLACE: Government House, Melbourne.

EVENT: Queen's Scout and Guide Presentation.

Seventy-four Queen's Guides received their Royal Certificates from His Excellency the Governor of Victoria, Sir Rohan Delacombe. Guides and Scouts, Guiders and Commissioners crowded the ballroom of Government House.

After the official party had taken their seats the presentations began. First, awards for outstanding service to the Guide Movement; then Miss Bunning's quiet voice brought the Guides to attention, and with a quick left turn and a brisk quick march the Guides moved into position to receive their certificates.

Not one Guide forgot to salute, curtsy, shake hands with her left hand, take her certificate with her right, AND smile. Sir Rohan had an encouraging word for everyone.

After the Guide and Scout presentations the messages of loyalty were read by a Guide and a Scout. The Governor gave us a short message and the Scout Chief Commissioner conveyed thanks to all concerned.

Morning tea was served on the lawns, and everyone was dashing round to have their photos taken with and by smiling Captains and Commissioners — none of us wanted to forget this first presentation for 1968.

—Lesley Anderson, 2nd Ringwood Coy.



AWARDS PRESENTED BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE, 4th MAY, 1968

The Beaver

TO MISS M. BINNS, for outstanding service to the Guide Movement in many capacities over the past 20 years.

TO MRS. R. E. GRAY: Mrs. Gray has displayed outstanding leadership and devoted service to Victorian Guiding as a Commissioner and as a member of the State Council and Executive Committee. As Chairman of the Britannia Park Committee, the thought, energy and enthusiasm she has given to promoting the care and improvement of the Guide property has always been far beyond the call of duty, and, during her term as Assistant State Commissioner, she has displayed outstanding leadership, especially of the Local Association of Victoria, and endeared herself to all who have worked with her.

TO MRS. C. OSBOURN SHAVE: Mrs. Shave has given long and devoted service to Guiding, having served as a Guider, District, Division, Region and Travelling Commissioner in various areas, and as a member of the State Council and the Executive Committee. She has also served as a member of various Sub-Committees of the Executive Committee, and since February, 1966, has held the position of Assistant State Commissioner. For the past four years she has given outstanding service as Commissioner in Charge of Commissioner Training. Throughout her long Guiding career, Mrs. Shave has always put the needs of the good of the Movement first, and has given of herself unsparingly in all that she has undertaken for Guiding.

The Laurel Leaf

TO MRS. J. M. BRIDGE, for unusually good service to the Guide Movement over 50 years in many fields — as a Brownie, Guide and Ranger Guider, District Commissioner; she has also done valuable work with the Extension Section.

TO MISS M. CLARKE: Miss Clarke has given more than 20 years of service to Guid-

ing in Victoria, ranging from her original appointment as Brown Owl, to her present position as Assistant Camp Adviser for Polwarth Division. Her qualities as a leader, adviser and trainer of the young have earned her a special place in local Guiding, while her high standard, her sense of humour and her friendliness have influenced all Guiding personnel in the Polwarth Division, and her constant, unselfish helpfulness does much to advance the Guide Movement.



MESSAGE OF LOYALTY

Queen's Guide Presentation Ceremony, May, 1968

Her Majesty,
Queen Elizabeth II.

We, the Queen's Guides of Victoria, express through this Message our loyalty and devotion to your service.

We are extremely proud to have been given the opportunity of wearing the Queen's Guide Badge and shall endeavour to continue to live by the high ideals set by yourself, as one of the Patrons of Guiding throughout the world.

We convey to you our promise of continued allegiance, and may peace and love rule throughout the world forever.

—Written and read by Pam Treweek,
Maryborough.

DEAR "MATILDA",

Cents for Service has some strange twists, as this District Commissioner found out.

Visited by two small Guides, on bikes, one Saturday afternoon, I hastily found a few jobs. But while they cleaned shoes, etc., it started to rain.

Not even daring to breathe that the rain might stop soon, D.C., realising that sometimes we are called beyond duty, piled bikes into boot of car and drove Guides home over seven miles of mainly dirt roads.

Fifty cents to each Guide, half a gallon of petrol and a filthy, dirty car for me to clean. More for Cents for Service, I suppose. Did someone say, "the pleasures and pressures of Guiding?" This is what keeps us alive.

Yours, still in Guiding, M.D.M.

THE AUSTRALIAN POST BOX

What do you know of the Post Box? You will be thinking of the box in the front of your home into which the postman places letters, or maybe the red box at the end of the street in which you post letters.

The Post Box I would like you to think about is the Guide Post Box. This is one that cannot be seen, but is used regularly. It is the channel through which pen friends are made.

Most countries where there are Guides or Girl Scouts have a Post Box and a Post Box Secretary through whom requests are exchanged. In Australia, each State has its own Post Box Secretary and requests are sent to her. She then sends them on to the Australian Post Box Secretary to pass on to the country chosen. The Post Box Secretary in your State is Mrs. Hall, 37 Bond Street, Ringwood, 3134.

Have you ever made use of the Post Box? Do your Guides or Rangers ever ask for pen friends?

I have just received over 50 names of Guides from England (ages 10½ to 14 years) and a Ranger Unit who are very keen to have an Australian pen friend. Would any Victorian Guides like to have an English pen friend?

Guides might like to have a pen friend in another country, but do remember that all foreign Guides cannot correspond in English.

Looking forward to receiving a big response for the English Guides. Send your names, addresses, dates of birth, country required (making a second choice) to Mrs. Hall, your own Post Box Secretary.

—Lilian Laidlaw,
Australian Post Box Secretary.

Dear letter, go upon your way
O'er mountain, plain or sea.
God bless all who speed your flight
Where I wish you to be.
And bless all those beneath the roof
Where I would bid you rest;
But 'specially bless the one to whom
This letter is addressed.

MISS PATRICIA WARD

Miss Ward, travelling under the auspices of a King George VI Travelling Bursary, was recently in Victoria for approximately three weeks of her three-month visit to Australia, which will cover all States as well as the Northern Territory and Papua-New Guinea. Here mainly for the exchange of public relations-publicity ideas, Patricia also gave us first-hand news of the release of the British New Programme Handbooks which were launched a few days before she left for Australia.

Patricia's warm, outgoing personality endeared her to all who were able to meet her. Many of you heard her at the Guiders' Conference, and the Wimmera Region personnel were thrilled to meet her when she attended their Conference. Publicity Secretaries had the opportunity of hearing about Public Relations in Great Britain when Patricia attended their Training. Two dinners were held in Patricia's honour, and we were very sorry that more time was not available to enable more of you to meet her.

So that members of other voluntary youth organisations could meet our visitor, a luncheon, to which Chief Executive Officers and their Public Relations Officers were invited, was held.

As South Wales Regional Organiser to the Women's Advisory Council on Solid Fuel, Patricia was, of course, interested in seeing Victoria's brown coal and briquette industry. We were delighted at hospitality which enabled Patricia to visit the Latrobe Valley and see the industry from the open cut through briquette manufacture to marketing. You will be interested to know that Patricia was invited to speak, on the marketing of solid fuel in Britain, to men involved in the industry here at a luncheon organised by the S.E.C.

Lady Delacombe graciously received Patricia, Mrs. Renshaw Jones and Mrs. Townsend for morning coffee and was interested to hear about the implementation of

the new programme in Britain and the British Guide Public Relations Programme.

Another highlight of Patricia's visit was a morning spent at the new Cultural Centre. Attending a meeting of Templestowe Local Association, a visit to Healesville Sanctuary and Britannia Park, and a relaxing weekend at Phillip Island completed a full and comprehensive programme.

We apologised to Patricia on her arrival in Melbourne for our yellow grass and dusty trees, but she assured us that the Welsn always bring rain. Patricia lived up to her prophecy — it rained nearly every day she was here — but she shared our joy in seeing the State turn green.

Patricia, many thanks for your visit, and we hope to welcome you again.



Miss Patricia Ward.

—Block by courtesy "Adventuring", S.A.



Good morning to you all. What a long summer it has been! I hope those of you who have blue summer dresses will have found them as useful as I have, but now autumn is here and we are needing warmer uniforms.

I was speaking to Geraldine about uniform for Unit meetings. Geraldine has a jacket, but does find her cardigan gives her more freedom for Unit activities. Jumper, cardigan or jacket is correct.

Referring to the jacket — those now being sold in our Shop are shorter and straighter and should be worn without a belt. If your jacket is the style which has elastic in the sides and you want to “be with it” and not wear a belt, modernise your jacket.

Remove the elastic and shorten the length. The belt is then worn on the skirt if you feel the need for one.

I have shortened my jacket, but I do find a cardigan excellent for field days or visiting Unit camps.

Incidentally, Cadets and Rangers also wear their belt on the skirt.

DEAR EVERYONE,

I had a simply magnificent time with you all in Victoria, with everything you planned for me to see and do. Thank you all for so many ways in which I was entertained “right royally” and for all the many ways so many of you contributed to giving me a most memorable visit.

It was wonderful meeting each one of you, and our shared experiences will long be remembered by me. I hope we will meet again before too long.

Again, my sincere thanks for everything.

Diolch yn fawr (thank you).

Yours in Guiding,
—PATRICIA WARD,
Public Relations Adviser, Wales.
Commonwealth Headquarters.

JET AGE PRAYER

Slow me down, Lord! Ease the pounding of my heart by the quieting of my mind. Steady my hurried pace with the vision of the eternal reach of time.

Give me, amid the confusion of my day, the calmness of the everlasting hills. Break the tensions of my nerves and muscles with the soothing music of the singing streams that live in my memory.

Teach me the art of taking minute vacations — of slowing down to look at a flower, to chat with a friend, to pat a dog, to read a few lines from a good book. Let me look upward into the branches of the towering tree and know that it grew slowly and well.

Slow me down, Lord, and inspire me to send my roots deep into the soil of life's enduring values.

—From the “Courier”.

AN OPEN LETTER

to all those Guiders who attended the 1968 Guiders' Conference

The Committee was pleased to receive so many answers to the questionnaire, so pleased in fact that it has been decided to publish this reply!

Dear Guider,

We were so pleased to know that many of you were **entertained**, particularly in the evening. We hoped you would be, because it was a long day, and this seemed a good way to relax.

However, some of you were **bored**. Well, the Committee apologises for this, but did suggest that maybe you could volunteer for a job at the next Conference. It was unanimously agreed this could be the answer to your problem.

Some of you experienced **frustration**, but this was mainly due to not being able to find your cars at 9 p.m.! We will pass this problem on to the next Committee. Maybe they will be able to remedy that one!

That wider outlook: It was good to read that so many of you felt that hearing Miss Pat Ward speak, that listening to Mrs. Buntine, and that meeting Miss Kala Phadnis did give you a wider view. Some of you felt that just meeting Guiders from other parts of the State contributed to this wider outlook. We would like to think so.

Your particular interests: Now this IS a curly one! Several of you have suggested outside speakers on child psychology, and this will be handed on to the next Committee, but quite a number of you want **Training Sessions!** Apart from the difficulty of providing training for between 700 and 800 Guiders in the already limited space at the University, how many of you REALLY enjoy playing games on the lawns around the Arts building? Is this the image we really want to present to the public as Adult Youth Leaders? In addition to these thoughts, this is a Conference, NOT a training day! Training is given at Training Courses, and within the Regions.

Discussion groups: Most of you seem to have enjoyed listening to other people's ideas, but you did have some criticisms of

the size of the groups and group leaders. Also some were disappointed not to be able to get into the group of their choice. For this latter complaint, we are sorry. Trying to keep the groups fairly even, and still give you a choice, was a bit of a headache. On the other matter. Have you ever been a Group Leader, particularly with people you do not know? It really is not very easy. Size of the groups depends on the number of Leaders, and it is always difficult at the University because of the type of seating, and if anyone knows of a better venue — where you can spread out 40 group discussions — the next Committee will be delighted to hear of it.

Catering: If you had lunch at Union House, we are sorry you were disappointed because so were we, and Union House has been advised of this. However, apparently it was a great success socially for those who participated. However, if you can think of any way to overcome our catering problems, every future Conference Committee will be forever grateful to you. The tea and coffee machines are on loan to us (free) and, although we thought there would be four this year, only three arrived. Under these circumstances, we are not in a position to lodge a complaint. Someone DID say that "I bet they don't complain if they stand in a queue for a cuppa at the footy!" Well?

The point raised about an early cup of tea for country people has been noted, and will be passed on; also the point of nowhere to eat for the people who bring lunch and tea. We did use the Maths Classroom years ago, but that has now been divided up into smaller rooms.

Conclusion: There really were not THAT many criticisms, but we just felt we should answer a few; but what we really DO want, to say is, thank you very sincerely for all the congratulations and thank yous you have showered on the Committee. It WAS hard work but was certainly worth it — and secretly we felt a little flat at the end of the wind-up meeting after the big day! Thank you, everyone.

Yours sincerely,

—Janet Thomas,
for and on behalf of the 1968
Guiders' Conference Committee.

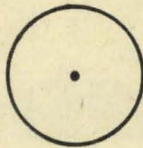


APPOINTMENTS IN OTHER STATES

Mrs. Gwen Lloyd, wife of Mrs. J. P. D. Lloyd, Chairman of Directors of Cadbury Fry Pascall, Australia, Ltd., has been appointed State Commissioner for Tasmania. Mrs. Lloyd came to Tasmania in 1952 from England, where she served during the war as a member of the W.A.A.F.

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Mrs. Nan Beard has been appointed Editor of "Adventuring" in South Australia. "Matilda" welcomes the new Editor.



OBITUARY

After a long illness, the untimely passing of Mrs. Ida Denton left a deep sense of sorrow among her many friends in the Macedon Division.

Mrs. Denton started her Guiding activities as a Brown Owl in Woodend in 1950.

Going to live in Gisborne she started a Pack there; then in 1956 was appointed Division Commissioner for Macedon Division.

Mrs. Denton, being very fond of children, worked hard to start or re-start Companies and Packs throughout the Division. This meant organising training for Guiders, many of whom had had no previous experience in Guiding.

By 1960 Mrs. Denton had made her home in Melbourne, so resigned as Division Commissioner. A presentation to her was made at a Guide and Brownie Day held at Malmsbury.

For a time she was again helping with a Pack in the Brighton area.

All who knew her express their thanks to, and will long remember one who gave of service to the Guide Movement. —K.A.B.

THE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

O Most High, Almighty, Good Lord God, to Thee belong Praise, Glory, Honour, and all Blessing!

Praised be my Lord God with all His Creatures, and specially our brother the Sun, who brings us the day, and who brings us the Light! fair is he and shines with a very great Splendour; O Lord, he signifies to us Thee.

Praised be my Lord for our sister the Moon, and for the Stars, which He has set clear and lovely in Heaven.

Praised be my Lord for our brother the Wind, and for air and cloud, Calms and all weather, by which Thou upholdest life in all creatures.

Praised be my Lord for our sister Water, who is very serviceable to us, and humble and precious and clear.

Praised be my Lord for our brother Fire, through whom Thou givest light in the darkness, and he is bright and pleasant and very mighty and strong.

Praised be my Lord for our Mother and earth, Thee which does sustain us and keep us, and bringeth forth divers fruits, and many colours, and grass.

IMPRESSIONS OF THE GUIDERS' CONFERENCE, 1968

Parked the car easily enough, but what then? New buildings going up everywhere—followed all the other blue-clad figures and eventually found Wilson Hall.

Greeted by a Committee "hostess", caught up with the rest of the District deciding which discussion group to join.

Conference was opened by Mrs. Renshaw Jones, who, in turn, introduced Mrs. Buntine . . . enjoyed hearing her speak. Her theme, and theme of the Conference, "Look Forward, Look Round, Look Back".

On to our discussion groups — each group taking one of the eight points of the new programme for discussion.

Then lunch — again it was a case of follow the leader, either to find that cup of tea or to the Union dining-room . . . meeting up with old friends and making new in a pleasant and relaxed atmosphere (so relaxed that Surrey District agreed to write these notes without so much as a "protest").

After lunch, Branch time — Miss Bunning and Miss Watson spoke to us on the new Tenderfoot and Second Class, which was of great interest to we Guide Guiders. Brownies, Rangers, Commissioners had their own Branch times.

Then the "general muster" and Miss Thomas' able summing up of the group discussions. We learned that "thinking for yourself" in the Company must stem from the Leaders; "keeping fit" covers a multitude of fields; "keeping the Guide Law" is the rule by which we live; that there is "art" even at the kitchen sink; "understanding others" is much easier if YOU make the first move; that "serving others" requires a deeper understanding of the meaning of service; becoming a "homemaker" should be a natural role; "enjoying the out of doors" entails knowledge of the country, ability to care for it, and knowledge of how to live in it comfortably.

Miss Pat Ward, Public Relations Adviser for Wales, here on a King George VI Fellowship, brought us first-hand knowledge of how the eight-point programme is being implemented in the United Kingdom. Interesting to note the large number of Victorian Guid-

ers who have already read "Tomorrow's Guide".

Tea was another opportunity to meet more friends, and then the "Looking Back" — a great deal of fun for those who were part of it and of historical interest to younger members.

The mannequin parade of uniforms as they should be worn — how many of us measured up to the high standard?

Campfire — and the end of another successful Conference. Congratulations to Miss Thomas and her able assistants.

—Surrey District.



CEREMONY AT DANDENONG

"If it is worth doing, it is worth doing well". This could have been the theme of a ceremony held at the Dandenong Guide Hall.

3rd Dandenong Company was proud to be hostesses to many parents, testers and friends on the occasion of the presentation of Queen's Guide Badges to Jeanette McLellan and Helen Kirkham. First Class Badges were also presented to Beverley McFarlane, Jenny Salmon and Vivienne Wagstaff.

The ceremony was held by candlelight. Replicas of the First Class and Queen's Guide Badges were illuminated and the Guides formed a Horseshoe, the Patrol Leaders lighting the way with candles.

Our ex-Lieutenant presented the First Class Badges and our District Commissioner presented the Queen's Guide Badges. Jeanette and Helen were introduced by their ex-Patrol Leaders, who are now both Brownie Guiders.

Campfire and supper concluded an exciting and happy evening.

TRAINING PAGES



DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION

(Continued from May issue)

It is easy and comfortable to know, understand and love your friends. In the Christian religion, we are given a more difficult and important command: to love our enemies. This means knowing and understanding them, perhaps disapproving intellectually of their ways and beliefs, but yet maintaining an open, warm, positive and creative attitude towards them as fellow-humans. We can only do this if we are sure of ourselves, fearless and aware of our differences. On a world scale, this becomes more and more crucial — to bridge the gaps of misunderstanding between different cultures, different systems and different countries, to thaw out the frozen mistrust.

Why should you, as Guides, undertake this difficult assignment? I repeat, because you are women and because you are a Special Interest Group. So I was delighted to hear Mrs. Lykiardopoulo speaking of the trend towards more international travel: well-managed, as you can manage it, it is a sure way of knowing and understanding and a challenge and attraction to older girls. I would expand the programme to send more girls to more countries. Subject, of course, to the policy of government and the pressures of public opinion in each country, I would gradually extend it to new countries, bridging the gaps of mistrust. For these missions, penetrating into widely different cultures and political systems, I would send picked groups of Rangers. Why "picked" and why "Rangers"? Because I believe the differences between cultures and systems are so complex, and so often misinterpreted, that the girls who move from one to the other should be old enough, intelligent enough and well enough informed (**not** indoctrinated) to enable them to perceive valid distinctions, to make sound evaluations on their own, as well as on the other system, to explore fearlessly and deeply and to love what they find lovable through knowing

and understanding. I have sufficient faith in the perceptions of the young to believe that they would form very mature and objective judgments and make very real friends.

Crossing frontiers between nations and cultures is an exciting and creative challenge, because you move with the assurance of your own identity and eventually return to your home enriched by the experience. A less attractive challenge presents itself where Guiding and other voluntary movements come into conflict with the policies of their own governments. Here the judgment of what is fundamental must be very sure and a calm sense of "distinction" is crucial. Voluntary choice, religious freedom and non-discrimination are perhaps beyond compromise, but even these are relative terms and perhaps it is better for Guiding to survive with some compromise, keeping as much of its identity and purpose as it can and continuing its service to girls, rather than to commit hari kiri.

In the field of religion, the ecumenical movement is spreading through Christianity and beyond. There are Catholic monks in France using Yoga breath control with Christian prayer; there are Christian members of Muslim Sufi groups; and yet the spirit of it touches very few, even of those who are essentially religious people. The fantastic beliefs people hold about other people's beliefs continue to be a source of misunderstanding; worse still are the brutalities committed every day in the name of religion. And yet to know and understand the beliefs of another does not mean abandoning your own; rather, it will throw new light on them and enrich them with new ideas. The Guides, it seems to me, are pioneers and champions of religious tolerance; as you expand and develop, can you try to extend the knowing and understanding of religious teachings and practices (and please distinguish between them) through the rank and file of Guiding so that every

Guide and Girl Scout gives due respect to all religions as she strengthens her own.

Whilst I personally think it important that the Guides of different religions or denominations should work together as much as possible, I would also like to see study groups and meetings and individual thinkers and writers of different beliefs bringing the light of their own religious thought to the Guide Law and the Guide Programme. Would not Guides everywhere, for example, be interested in an illustrated book, "What a Buddhist Guide Believes", or in practical training in elementary Yoga?

Need I speak of racialism and colour prejudice in this audience which is so manifestly free of it? This, of course, is the very reason why I should speak of it, for this is another area where you can extend your influence into the world. What would I provoke you to do? More of what you are doing. Blow the wind of change rather than be blown by it. Become, even more than you are, a multi-racial society with equal respect for all — and see that this spirit penetrates to every Guide in every country.

"Race, religion and sex" — allow me again to be a little provocative. I want you to face squarely what I believe to be another of your responsibilities as Leaders and educators of girls — to help them in one of the most crucial and difficult of their problems — meeting and choosing their mates. For, let us be honest — it is really a girl's prerogative in most societies and she is not very well equipped for what should be a long-lasting decision.

In many countries, the system of arranged marriages is breaking down — in many more, young people are meeting and choosing their mates — let me be frank — in an atmosphere of over-stimulated sexuality. You have with the Scouts a special interest group which crosses the boundaries of sex — which could help young people of both sexes to meet, to know, to understand, to trust and to love, on the basis of common ideals and common interests, achieving a just balance.

The way you can do this — the extent to which it is possible — will differ from country to country and it will never be easy, but I would regard it as cowardice if you

avoid the challenge of helping the group that needs you most in the area of their greatest need.

I have taken you for a rather long walk in the outer-space of ideas. I hope you are not suffering from space fatigue. Now let us come down to earth — our darkened earth — and face the challenge of economic development. What can Guides and Girl Scouts do? How should your own expansion and development contribute to community development, to regional and to national development?

The first of the development problems I mentioned — and one which conditions every other — is the population explosion. I will say no more than that, as women and educators of girls, you are rather well placed to influence population. The extent to which you can do so, and how, will vary very greatly from country to country. But do not be afraid to study and face this challenge as it comes.

Both as a result and as a cause of the population problem we find mass illiteracy — another appalling handicap to progress in the developing countries. As an educator, I believe the key to development is education — to make the fullest use of the country's greatest asset — its "human capital". As an adult educator, I believe that the education and training of young adults will make the greatest, certainly the quickest, impact on development. Unesco has launched a World Literacy Programme — following what it calls an "intensive and selective strategy". This approach has been approved by 120 countries in the Unesco General Conference and by the World Conference of Ministers of Education on the Eradication of Illiteracy in Teheran. It implies that adult literacy shall be intensive and functional — relating reading and writing more closely to the wider purpose of acquiring useful knowledge and skill — to vocational training, agricultural extension, home economics training — in short, to development.

What can Guides do to help this programme? Quite a lot. Indeed they are already doing quite a lot in several countries. But do not underestimate the difficulties. Teaching adults to read and write

requires special training, good teaching aids (specially for adults), good organisation and time. Relating literacy to development adds a new dimension to the task.

In an age of uncertainty, open hearts are not enough — we need also open minds — a synthesis of science and religion — of love and efficiency. I believe the Guides have this combination and could use it to teach us — something we don't really know — how best to use young volunteers in intensive adult literacy programmes.

The same sort of considerations seem to be important for Guides and Girl Scouts intending to work in community development or Freedom from Hunger projects. This is specially true if you take urban youngsters to rural environments. This means crossing another frontier between differing cultures. It is of tremendous benefit in giving the youngsters an understanding of how other people live, but it needs careful preparation.

When I was working in a training and research centre in Southern India, my Indian colleagues and I carried out an opinion study in several villages which had been subjected to community development by youth groups. The young volunteers, by the way, had been delighted with their experience. Not so the villagers. "What do these young city people know about our problems? Let them try to make a living on this land. Who are they to talk about hygiene in the village when they have water taps in their houses — do they know that our women have to walk a mile for a pot of muddy water? Who invited them in, anyhow? What are they trying to do? Why do they come and bother us when we are all busy at harvest time?"

Let me hasten to add that none of the groups were Guides or Scouts! Community development is a tricky job even for professionals; if inexperienced volunteers are to be used, very careful preparation and training is needed. I believe the Guides are aware of this and could perhaps give a lead to some of the less-disciplined and less-organised organisations. I think perhaps another pilot project — or several — with training films and manuals would be worthwhile in the field of community development.

The last, and to me most intractable problem of those I listed, is the vicious circle of complexity, frustration and delinquency in urban, and even in affluent urban, societies. The roots of this problem go too wide and deep perhaps for any one solution to reach them. I find it difficult to suggest new directions for your expansion and development into this area, but I can only encourage you to do more of what you are doing: giving outlets for service and creative activity to teenage girls, above all, giving them outlets for surplus energy and a sense of adventure and trying to widen their interests and horizons beyond the world of bricks and mortar, of pin-tables and juke-boxes. It is perhaps here that you will most need "creative leadership": leadership which does not appear to lead, but helps the young to develop their own rules and values.

I have challenged you to come out from the warm circles of your campfires into the darkened world. I have done so because I feel you are strong enough to live up to your two names — to explore fearlessly, as Girl Scouts — to show others the way — to give creative leadership, as Girl Guides. Maintain your unity even as you enrich your Movement with diversity. Retain your ideals as you work in a disillusioned world. And keep your own campfires burning so that you can return into the circle for recreation and re-assurance in an Age of Uncertainty.

—By John Bowers—a talk given at the World Conference in Tokyo.



AN ICE-BREAKER

It's a good time to get acquainted,
It's a good time to know
Who is sitting right beside you—
And to smile and say "Hello";
Goodbye that lonesome feeling,
Farewell needless care,
Here's my hand, I'm very glad to greet you,
So put yours right there.

(Tune: "Tipperary").

OBSERVATION ACTIVITIES FOR A PATROL

1. During Patrol time keep using some little mannerism such as waving your hand, etc. Then later ask the Patrol to write down any special habit that they have noticed you using in Patrol time. (You may learn something about yourself, too!)

2. Lost Property: Take an article from each member of the Patrol (a pen, purse, etc.). One by one the owners have to give a description of their property as they would have to do at a police station or lost property office if they had lost it. The rest of the Patrol act as judges and say if they think the description is good enough to warrant the return of the property.

3. A Listening Game: Put an old, noisy alarm clock in a parcel and hide it in or near your meeting place (high up if possible). This is a time-bomb and the Patrol have to find it by listening (in the dark preferably) before the alarm rings or the meeting place will be demolished!

4. Place a series of articles round your meeting place so that they are almost hidden. The initial letters of these objects make the code-word. See who is the first to find it out.

5. Give each member of the Patrol a slip of paper with the name of someone else in the Patrol. Each person has to observe the Guide whose name she was given without letting her know she is being watched. At the same time everyone tries to discover who is watching HER. Later, each person answers questions about the Guide she observed and writes down the name of the person she thought was observing herself.

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DEAR "MATILDA",

In the April issue of "Matilda" there was an article on the Tasmanian Blue Gum which I found very interesting.

One point not mentioned I have found in the blue gums around here is the fact that all young trees have square stems which gradually go round as the tree grows.

I have found that a point like this will really get the Guides interested and make them look a bit harder.

Yours sincerely,
—R.M.

"AS YOU SUGGESTED"

At the Guiders' Conference, in the discussion group, "Exploring the Arts" — developing an appreciation of art — a list of suggestions on visiting an Art Gallery was given. The list is taken from the English publication, "The Ranger":—

1. Study landscapes to choose the best camp-site.
2. Old people: If they all lived in your neighbourhood, which one would you want to adopt for a service project — and why?
3. Going to a fancy dress party? Which character will you copy?
4. Would you like a pet? Choose one from the pictures.
5. Study cloud shapes. How many examples can you find in landscapes?
6. Which picture shows the most exciting adventure?

—Nell Hutton.

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GAMES

The fun of the activity allows the Brownie to relax and enjoy herself; gives her an opportunity to develop a sense of humour.

Exercise for the muscles will bring health, freedom and control of movement.

Exercise for the mind will develop reasoning, mental alertness, concentration, intelligent use of the senses, memory, acquiring of knowledge.

Self-expression will allow for the use and control of the imagination, developing accuracy, gaining self-confidence, finding her true self.

Through the friendliness of the activity she will learn courtesy, respect for others and how to co-operate with them.

In singing games they develop a sense of rhythm and movement.

Because of the feeling of companionship experienced in the games the Brownie keeps the rules for the sake of the fun of the game and the happiness of the others; she will join in freely, playing her part to the best of her ability, drawing on her energies and effort to the full and so developing her will. Opportunity is given to develop leadership qualities, for using her ingenuity.

A CHALLENGE FOR GUIDING? THE TREFOIL CLUB

In many countries the problem of housing clearance, and the providing of adequate and reasonable re-housing, is being met by the erection of multiple-storey flats and apartment buildings grouped together in Estates. In Melbourne the Housing Commission of Victoria is building many of these "high rise" Estates. The accommodation itself is good, and improving with experience, but unfortunately problems have arisen because of the concentration of population in small areas and the consequent lack of space and, to a certain extent, privacy. The greatest sufferers are the children, who are deprived of adequate and safe playing space, and this, in turn, places a greater burden on their mothers.

Then again, the many hundreds of small houses still remaining in the districts in which Housing Estates occur contain families living in very congested conditions. The problem is further complicated by the large proportion of working mothers in these communities.

This all adds up to many children who are at a loose end, who have no one to care for them from the end of the school day till their parents come home from work.

Whose is the responsibility? The parents? Maybe — but they are often the victims of circumstances. The Government? To a certain extent, in not foreseeing the need and providing more space and community amenities and services when building these large Estates. To do the Housing Commission justice they are learning in the newer Estates, but this does not help the people in the older ones. The local Councils? They are doing what they can, but money is hard to find, and action is slow.

The Churches and kindred bodies do a tremendous amount of work, but does not this situation pose a challenge to those interested in the welfare and training of young people, and particularly to Movements like the Guides and Scouts?

Guiding and Scouting as such are active in the areas, but are hampered by lack of leaders. Where there are good leaders and an active and vigorous programme, results are very good indeed. But Guiding and

Scouting can reach only a "few" and only once a week as a rule. This does not do much to help many other children in need, who have neither the wish nor the opportunity to join either Movement and who need almost daily care.

All who work in the inner areas of Melbourne feel that this is a challenge we cannot afford to ignore, and that if Guiding is worth its salt at all, it must try to do something to help. The Melbourne Division has therefore been working to establish a club for children, to be called the "Trefoil After-School Club", open to any child who wishes to come. Initially, it will be open from 3 to 6 p.m., and aims to provide an after-school snack, play and craft activities, a comfortable place where children can relax and just read or dream if they want, and, above all, where they can find a friendly listening ear when they need it. It is hoped to be able to organise supervised homework sessions later and, most important, that the club will be run, as far as possible, by the children themselves, with a Supervisor assisted by volunteers in the background.

It was realised that such a project would need considerable financial support — and in order to partly cope with this, and working on the Guiding principle of earning what we need, the Trefoil Opportunity Shop was opened in Newmarket, District of North Melbourne, which has three Housing Commission Estates within its boundaries. The Shop is staffed entirely by volunteers — local women, members of the District Local Association, forming the backbone of the staff. Stock for the shop, which sells anything saleable, has poured in from all over Victoria. Country Districts have helped magnificently, greatly assisted by the generosity of the Victorian Railways who transport goods free on rail. There is evidence of increasing interest throughout the Movement, and as a result of 12 months' trading in the Opportunity Shop we now feel that we are in a position to open the actual Trefoil Club.

We have been fortunate enough to find a trained teacher, who is also a Guider, willing to be Director; the local Church has agreed to rent us premises and the Melbourne Lions Club has offered to help equip the premises and make them suitable

for the club. The Trefoil Club will, of necessity, start small, and we expect to learn as we go.

It is my hope that the club will build up the strength of Guiding in the area through goodwill engendered by the club, and also draw in young Guiders and Rangers who would be willing to give a period of work in the area, either as helpers at the club or as Guiders, so enabling us to open more units that are urgently needed.

To meet this challenge successfully will need much hard work and support as a consistent, long-term service that will not always be easy to give. It is a project that can do much to strengthen the value of the Movement, both in the eyes of the general public and for all members of the Movement itself, and provide them with opportunity to make the Guiding ideals of service to the community an active reality for many Guides of all ages who have been seeking just that.

—Joan Barratt.



“FROM EACH ACCORDING TO HIS ABILITIES”

Once upon a time a pig and a hen went out walking and after discussing the Vietnam war, the conversation got around to the Freedom from Hunger Campaign.

The hen talked about the hunger and malnutrition and suffering in the world and then said to the pig: “You know we could do something about this hunger problem. Between us we can produce ham and eggs to help relieve starvation.”

The pig thought for a few moments and then said: “That’s all right for you, it only involves a contribution. But for me,” he said, “it’s a total commitment.”

—From “Ideas and Action Bulletin”,
No. 40, F.A.O.

STAMPS

The Royal Mail

(Fourth of a series of articles)

The Mail Coach era lasted from 1785 to 1835, and at its peak some 150,000 horses were used and 3000 men employed. British Post Office revenue jumped from £300,000 in 1784 to £1,500,000 in 1807. During this time an overseas mails service operated and a “Postmaster for Foreign Parts” was appointed. The service between Dover and Calais was mainly by oar-propelled boats. From this beginning the overseas mail service was extended to Holland, Ireland, Lisbon, West Indies, and North America, and by the close of the 18th century mail boats, or packets as they were called, were sailing to almost every part of the world.

The Industrial Revolution and the opening up of the railways marked a notable advance in the postal services. In 1838 an experiment was conducted on the Grand Junction Railway between Liverpool and Birmingham, in sorting the mail en route. The time saved was so great that very soon travelling post offices became a permanent feature. The modern T.P.O.’s are long, gigantic trains in which millions of items are sorted every night of the year while travelling at 60 miles an hour, picking up or dropping mail at selected points along the way.

Donors of used stamps for our Building Appeal are asked to post these to 12 Cowderoy Street, St. Kilda, 3182, NOT to Guide Headquarters.

—Lorna E. Cuzens.



FROM THE STATE COMMISSIONER

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such occasions, one realises the vitality of interest within the Movement. The T.V. panel of early Guiders, compered by Mrs. Turnbull, provided both interest and amusement, and the warmth of feeling flowing from the audience to the stage was most evident.

We were a little disappointed when the trick lighting which we were convinced was operated by Miss Barr turned out to be the result of a Guider leaning on the switch. Our only complaint about the "campfire" is that it was too short.

The Guiders' Own on Sunday afternoon was enjoyed by only a small percentage of those attending the Conference, which was rather a pity, as the hymns, readings, prayers and the talk, which was given by Miss Joan England, provided a fitting conclusion to the events of Saturday.

Miss Macartney and I were invited to a reception which took place on the fourth floor of Ball & Welch, when the store's "British Week" was "launched" by the British High Commissioner, Sir Charles Johnson. As requested, we wore uniform, and were gratified at the interest in Guiding shown by so many of those present.

On Monday, 22nd, my husband and I were privileged to be entertained by the Chairman of the Harbour Trust and Mrs. Swanson to luncheon on their launch, "Commissioner", and, with other members of the Consular Corps, we toured the Port of Melbourne. You may remember that, a few years ago, participants of the Guiders' Conference enjoyed this most interesting opportunity to view a vital part of the life of this city. Mr. Swanson generously agreed that, when time permits, an invitation will be extended also to a few of our Rangers.

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory returned from a wonderful holiday in South Africa on the 23rd and, with typical conscientiousness, were "back on the job" immediately — in fact, our Treasurer chaired the Finance Meeting the following day.

I had the pleasure of participating in my first St. George's Day Service in Melbourne at St. Paul's Cathedral on the evening of the 26th. In the presence of H.E. the Governor

and Lady Delacombe, Brownies, Guides, Rangers, Cubs and Scouts renewed the Promise we all made on our enrolment. This was a Service of great inspiration with the parade of Colours adding so much ceremony to the occasion. The arrangements for the evening were extraordinarily well planned and the colour-bearers were a great credit to the Movement. The Guide and Brownie who displayed their respective emblems, and the Guard of Honour of Queen's Guides, performed their tasks most efficiently, and I was greatly pleased with the high standard of turnout and correctness of uniform shown by members of the Movement who participated.

The importance of uniform being worn with pride came especially to the notice of Mrs. Kirkman and me when we attended the Congress Women's Rally of the Salvation Army on Monday, 29th. We found it most interesting to learn something of the work of the "Army" in the Asian area. Observing from the sidelines, we were struck by the outstandingly neat, well-groomed appearance of the majority of the women. In particular we noticed that everyone had taken the trouble to ensure that her hair was attractively dressed in a manner to suit her hat.

This thought was emphasised following the Guiders' Conference, when many of us felt the only jarring note was the extreme untidiness and poor grooming of some of our Guiders. It is so very important that we maintain a high standard of appearance, as this is the image we present to most of the general public.

We must all take a critical look at ourselves from time to time and give as much time and thought to our appearance and grooming in uniform as we do when dressing for an occasion in our most prized ensemble.

Good Guiding!

Charlotte Renshaw Jones.

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You are growing up when you stop asking where you came from and start asking where you are going.



PUBLICATIONS '68

No. 4 International, by M. Lambe. Price 10c.

Miss Lambe touches on many facets of Guiding on an international level, emphasizing its importance in the individual unit.

Her paragraph on the Proficiency Badges and how they can be put to practical use in the weekly meeting of all age groups should prove most helpful to Guiders.

Her suggestion of inviting an L.A. member to visit and show souvenirs of a trip abroad is one that Brownies through to Rangers would enjoy. For Rangers, Miss Lambe introduces some very worthwhile ideas on communication with a visitor or migrant — ideas that certainly will appeal to all young moderns.

The International leaflet is one that shouldn't be overlooked when compiling a "library" of Guiders' Handbooks. "No man is an island" is true now more than ever before, and with the help of this little booklet you can put your Guides "in touch" with their sister Guides overseas in many and varied ways.



FUN FOR THE FAMILY

In these days of constant pressure for a shorter working week, every writer on the subject tells us we must learn to use our leisure wisely.

We're also told that the idea of the family as a unit is disappearing and that wherever possible we should encourage activities which keep the members of the family together.

Perhaps you're looking for ideas for that birthday party for your eight-year-old or 18-year-old — or wondering how you will keep the youngster who has been sick occupied while she convalesces — or even just occupied during a rainy day — or wanting new handcraft ideas.

Answers to these questions and considerations are covered in the book, "Fun for the Family", by Harry D. Edgren.

Many of the ideas for activities and games given in this book could quite well be used or adapted for Guide meetings and activities — particularly as little or no equipment is required for most of the ideas and equipment which is required is easily obtained.

The book, published by Abingdon Press, New York, is distributed here by Thomas C. Lothian Pty. Ltd., and the price is \$1.35. (Available at the Guide Shop.)



IN THE MORNING

O God, our Father, help us all through this day to obey Thy law, and to do unto others all that we would wish them to do unto us.

Grant unto us to help others, as we would wish them to help us, when we are in difficulty or in distress.

Help us to forgive others as we would wish them to forgive us, when we make mistakes.

Help us to make the same allowances for others as we would wish them to make for us.

Help us to have the same sympathy for others as we would wish them to have for us, when we are sad.

Help us to have the same respect and tolerance for the views and for the beliefs of others as we would wish them to have for ours.

Help us to try to understand others as we would wish to be understood.

Help us so to enter into others that we may see things with their eyes, and think things with their minds, and feel things with their hearts; and so grant that we may be as kind to others as we would wish them to be to us. AMEN.

—From "The Plain Man's Book of Prayers", by Wm. Barclay; by permission William Collins Sons & Co. Ltd.—Fontana.



—Block by courtesy "Traralgon Journal".

BURNET PARK IS OPEN

On a very hot day in February, Burnet Park was officially opened.

The very beginning of the Park was on 12th October, 1964, when a public meeting was held in the Morwell Guide Hall and a Committee formed to enquire into the prospect of a suitable campsite within the Division. On 28th May, 1965, Mr. and Mrs. A. Burnet offered part of their property at Glengarry West for use as a campsite. This is situated on Rintouls Creek, eight miles north-west of Traralgon. On 20th May, 1966, the Committee decided to purchase a building from the Latrobe Valley Water and Sewerage Board and arranged for its removal to the site at Glengarry, which was bulldozed and prepared about this time. Each District in the Division was allotted a room to furnish and prepare for use for Brownie Pack holidays.

Miss West, the first Guide Captain in Traralgon, was asked to choose the name for the building and she chose "Illangi", an Aboriginal word meaning "camp on the hill", which is just what Illangi is. The four

campsite names were chosen by Commissioners from names submitted by Guides and Brownies in the Division. These are "Noona-meena" (bush sleeping house), "Wangaburra" (our home), "Ellimatta" (our dwelling) and "Nindethana" (ours).

And so on 24th February, 1968, Burnet Park was officially opened. Despite the extremely hot weather there was a good attendance from all sections of the Movement and the general public. After a welcome by Mrs. J. Grout (Division Commissioner) and an address by Councillor Pettigrew (Chairman of the Campsite Committee), Mrs. Renshaw-Jones declared Burnet Park officially open. Miss West inserted the key and opened the building.

A combined Thinking Day Ceremony was then held, with Brownies, Guides and Rangers from each unit in Strzelecki Division taking part. The Local Association served afternoon tea, bringing to a close a very exciting and memorable event.

—E. A. Baxter, Tawny Owl,
3rd Traralgon Brownie Pack.

"MISS SENIOR GUIDE, 1968"

DO YOU KNOW? This year we have two winners of "Miss Senior Guide" who will represent the Guide Movement in the "Sun Miss Teenage, 1968"!

The judges found the standard of our entrants so high they were unable to separate two girls — Diane Rattray, of Ararat Lands, and Rhonda Sidwell, of Stradbroke Cadets. As equal first these girls will both be presented with "Miss Senior Guide" sashes at the Teenage Ball.

Christine Gunson, of S.R.S. "Derwent", was awarded third place, and Lorraine Millson, of S.R.S. "Anzac", was awarded fourth placing — these girls have been presented with engraved powder compacts.

The entry of our two girls has been made possible by the combined effort of the sale of Christmas cards — a total of approximately 18,000 cards raising over \$2000.

It was pleasing to learn that the Guide Movement sold one-fifth of the cards distributed by 3AW in conjunction with the Royal Women's Hospital, and our sales totalled the greatest number sold by any one organisation. The amount raised is subsidised by the Government on a three-to-one basis, which means we have helped to contribute \$8000 towards the re-building of the Royal Women's Hospital.

We were fortunate in being given the use of Toc H Club Rooms for the judging of our "Miss Senior Guide" and having the services of Miss Suzan Johnston, Mr. Ray Chapman and Mr. Paul Squire as our judges. The judging panel was chaired by Mrs. W. H. Chamberlain, our Ranger Branch Adviser.

So many persons have been interested in our "Miss Senior Guide" and are now eagerly anticipating the final judging of the "Sun Miss Teenage" which will be made public at the Presentation Concert to be held in the Melbourne Town Hall on 21st June — how marvellous for the Ranger Branch if one of our girls should win!



DANDENONG DIVISION SWIMMING SPORTS

During our camp at Yarra Junction the pool was continuously used and some "spectacular" sights could be seen.

Suddenly two Guides (formerly from Kyabram) suggested Swimming Sports — we thought this a good idea and at a later Court of Honour ideas were put forward.

Dandenong Division Guide Swimming Sports were held with a capacity crowd of spectators. As there was an electricity strike we were assisted by Mr. Young, who kindly used his truck batteries and helped light the pool.

Eight Companies took part, and there were the usual swimming events, plus novelty events for non-swimmers. The enthusiasm of competitors resulted in some of the spectators being slightly damp!

We would like to thank the Mayoress of Dandenong for reading the results; the Dandenong Council for allowing us the use of their pool; our Commissioners; the heroic starter; and also our chief organiser, Miss Tharle. Thanks also to the parents who judged place-getters, collected on the gate, etc.

Lastly, "thank you" to all the Guides whose enthusiasm and good spirit made the night most enjoyable.

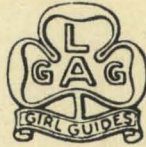
—The Diving Beginners of
3rd Dandenong.



GANG-GANGS

It was whilst working in a garden at Ferny Creek, weeding the primroses, that we heard the screaming of cockatoos. One thinks of the black cockatoo up here in the hills, but some of these birds had unmistakable red heads against dark grey bodies. They were gang-gang cockatoos, the females of which have greyish heads. As they wheeled against the tall mountain gums their drooping wing beats were characteristic of the "new look" in Robin Hill's "Australian Birds".

—J.H.



THIS IS THE LOCAL ASSOCIATION'S PAGE

FROM FAR AND NEAR

DERGHOLM L.A. held a Photograph Evening with slides of Western Australia, including a trip across the Nullabor Plain. Children were admitted free. Combined with this was a Photographic Competition, divided into five groups. Fifty entries were received and it was most popular.

MARNOO L.A. catered for a tennis tournament, providing a poultry luncheon to players, spectators and even a "meals on wheels" service to people who could not collect their luncheons in person. This was a special effort to aid in financing two Guides and one Guider who are attending the Ballarat Regional Camp in Queensland next August and to provide a lock-up shed for storing camping equipment at District Campsites. Both these Districts have only one Pack and one Company.

HIGHTON L.A. held a cake stall to raise money to help in Barwon Region's entry in the Table-Setting Competition at Edment's Ltd. (A member of this L.A. is going to England, and will visit L.A.'s there. Her remarks on her return should be of interest to us all.)

EAST METROPOLITAN REGION L.A.'S: A very successful and delightful function held at Launching Place. This was a service to others in that the money raised went to Mrs. Joan Barratt's AFTER-SCHOOL TREFOIL CLUB at Kensington.

FOOTSCRAY L.A. held a Family Day at the home of one of their members at Somers. This was a Get-Together Picnic. A very happy day for all.

L.A. PARCELS

We have heard that the majority of L.A.'s have not had any reply for parcels sent to overseas addresses. Would you consider sending a follow-up letter? — as it would be more satisfactory for you to know whether

they had been received or lost in the post. Even if we do not receive a reply, we can know that the receipt of these parcels has helped foster the feeling of Guiding friendship around the world. An example of this is shown in the following letter. Extract from copy of letter sent by Mrs. Swanson (who went to India with the contingent in January) to Mrs. Steche, Australian International Commissioner:—

"Miss Thungamilla Ponniah, of Nwara Eliya, Ceylon, the Commandant of the camp I was in, had brought a tablecloth to show me (it was used the day we had visitors). It was a gift from the North Springvale L.A. (Victoria), and they are obviously very thrilled with it. . . . In Malaysia I was proudly shown floral pictures from Newtown and Chilwell L.A. and Springvale, also a cloth and spoon from Mt. Waverley, whilst the Brownie scrapbook sent by Mrs. Ferguson, of Newtown, was a real treasure."

QUESTION BOX

Do you invite your local Mayor and Mayor-ess and members of the Council to your Conferences, Annual Meetings, etc?

Most Councils are very interested in Guiding and some are generous with financial assistance.

Have you discussed the question in the April issue of "Matilda" regarding a gift by the L.A.'s of Victoria for the new Headquarters' members lounge? If not, please do.

SUGGESTIONS FOR MONEY-RAISING ACTIVITIES

CEYLON TEA CENTRE, Block Arcade, will bring saris and try them on you; also provide the tea which they make and serve.

GEMSTONES LECTURES: Contact Mrs. Jean Turner, 49 Black Street, Middle Brighton; 92 1140.

AIR NEW ZEALAND, Collins Street: Film and morning coffee.

THE COLLARED DOVE

The rapid expansion of range north-westward across Europe of the Asian species known as the collared dove represents a colonisation of the western world more spectacular than that of any known land bird.

As recently as 1930, the collared dove was still largely confined in Europe to Turkey, Bulgaria, Greece, Albania and Yugoslavia. Then it began pushing its way into Rumania, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Austria. By 1940 it was advancing by leaps and bounds through Poland, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Holland, Denmark and Sweden, and 10 years later it had pushed its way into France, Belgium, Luxembourg and eastwards into Russia.

On 31st July, 1952, the first dove to cross the North Sea was seen at Manton in Lincolnshire and for some time after its arrival in Britain it seemed to advance only in alternate years. Yet by 1963 it was breeding in at least 25 counties of England, four counties in Wales and up to 13 counties in Scotland.

In 1959 it crossed the Irish Sea and was recorded in a Dublin suburb, where it apparently bred. On 8th July, 1960, one was seen in Ward Park, Bangor, Co. Down; on 18th July, 1961, one reached Inishtrahull, Co. Donegal, and on 3rd May, 1962, a collared dove visited the Saltee Islands, off the Wexford coast. Since then it has been recorded in places as far apart as Kerry and Derry and Fermanagh and Down and breeding has been reported in at least four counties. It would appear that the enormous increase in Britain has been due not to the original colonisation but to fresh arrivals from Europe. There appears to be no reason why this species should not now spread to the Faroes and finally Iceland.

A dove ringed in Saxony was recorded nine months later 445 miles away at Latisana in Italy and a dove found dead in the Ardennes had been ringed as a chick 360 miles away nine months previously. Though gatherings of up to 150 have been recorded, the biggest flock in this country for which I have information contained 27 birds. During the first week of June last year, Dr. Patrick, of Cadogan Park, Malone Road,

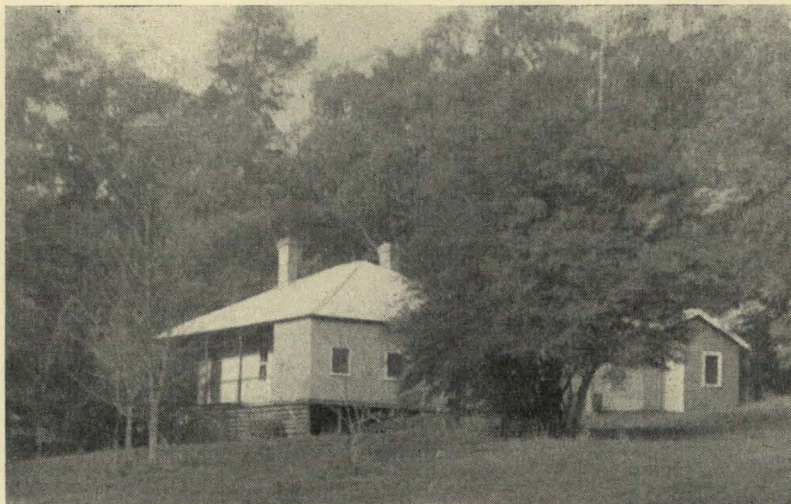
Belfast, noticed two collared doves in his garden. By the end of August this had risen to 27 birds, which would prove that the increase in any area is aided by fresh colonisation as well as breeding.

In Southern Europe the collared dove is a bird of the city centres, but in Western Europe it is found in parks and gardens and cultivated land on the outskirts of towns and villages. It has become in the west, at any rate, symbiotic with man, having little fear of him, feeding with his chickens and breeding in his gardens. Though it has the same collar, it is larger than the barbary dove, a richer pink, and longer tailed. The edges of the primary feathers are darker than the rest of the wing and not the same colour as the barbary dove's. The call is different, too.

Breeding normally extends from March right through to September and the nest is almost always placed in trees — mostly conifers, though chestnut, poplar and various fruit trees have been used. The nest is placed close to the trunk at heights varying from six to 60 feet. The male gathers the material and the female does the construction. The normal dove pattern of two eggs is the rule. The incubation period is between two and three weeks. From a beginning of two pairs, it is possible to have a flock of 30 at the end of the breeding season, though research in Europe has shown that an average of one young reared per brood is normal. It is probable that this species will continue to increase near towns throughout Ulster.

The collared dove is not the only species to have extended its range. One of the more interesting, which has been going on for a great deal longer than that of the collared dove, is the expansion of the serin, though in 150 years it has not penetrated as far as the collared dove has done in 20 years. There are various other species which show a range of expansion towards the north and west from the south-east and it would seem that some initial barrier appears to have been lifted to allow the spread of the species. It is interesting to note that the further the collared dove moved north and west, the greater the human tolerance of wild birds,

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BRITANNIA PARK

We Want Photographs . . .

Can You Help?

Those of you who camped or stayed on the property between the years 1942 and now — have you any photographs of you. visit? We have a beautiful album of photographs taken between the years 1938 and 1942, but nothing else. Miss Ruth Denny has very kindly repaired the old album and it reposes in the cupboard in the Camberwell Room at Guide House for all to see and enjoy. NOW we want to bring the record up to date. Miss Alma Cockerell is waiting to receive the photographs and to put them in an album, so PLEASE rally to the cause, girls. If you send them to Mrs. R. E. Gray, 56 Balwyn Road, Balwyn, 3103, she will acknowledge them with gratitude.

Our thanks to Laburnum L.A. and Blackburn L.A. for spending a day at Britannia Park and for so kindly doing some work for us there.

Top marks to the Moorabbin Rangers — and their friends — who so nobly helped Miss Barr at her May working bee on 5th May. They made a splendid job of oiling the B.-P. Hut. Never a very glamorous job, but it has given the hut a real face-lift. Miss Barr's next working bee will be on Saturday, 3rd August (7th July has had to be cancelled), so please make plans to help up there on that day. Already we are preparing for the International Camp in 1970 and we need all the help we can get, and then some.

Thank you, Brownies of Central Murray Division, Macedon Division, Box Hill South Division, Echuca Division, Werribee-Altona Division and Seymour District, who gave money at their Revels for the upkeep at Brownie Cottage. We hope within the next few months to report several improvements to the cottage.

Found

A gold wrist watch; will the owner please contact Mrs. Gray, 83-9207.

Maintenance Fund

This was well supported in April, and we are very grateful to the following for their generous support:—

- 1st—Heidelberg-Ivanhoe L.A.
- 5th—Burwood L.A.
- 6th—Malmsbury Brownies.
- 7th—Glen Iris L.A.
- 10th—Spotswood L.A.
- 11th—Caulfield L.A.
- 12th—Yarraville L.A.
- 13th—Caulfield L.A.
- 17th—Donald District.
- 18th—Maffra L.A.
- 19th—Northcote L.A.
- 20th—Frankston, Langwarrin, Pearcedale, Park Orchards Brownies.
- 21st—Mrs. Raleigh, Timboon, in Memory of Miss Myrtle Russell.
- 22nd—Mrs. S. W. Noble.
- 23rd—1st Skipton Coy.
- 26th—1st Yarram Pack.
- 30th—Mornington L.A.

CAMPFIRE SONGS



CALL JOHN THE BOATMAN

JOHN HILTON

1 Call John the Boat - man, Call, call a - gain. For

2 John is a good man, He sleeps ve - ry sound. His

3 Red flows the ri - ver So ra - pid and deep. The

loud roars the tem - pest And fast falls the rain.

oars are at rest And his boat is a - ground.

loud - er you call him The sound - er he'll sleep.

(From "Kent County Song Book"; published by permission of Novello & Co. Ltd.)

THE STORY OF WRITING

(Continued from May issue)

So we have discovered that early man used his fingers and flints for drawing his pictures. But the early Egyptians soon found that fingers weren't the right tools to use, especially when it came to drawing so many signs of different kinds. So they began by sharpening sticks and then reeds to a fine point, and using these as their writing tools. Such a writing tool is called a stylus. The ancient Babylonians wrote with a stylus on soft clay tablets. As each tablet was completed, it was usually dried in the sun. But very important "documents" were baked hard in an oven. Archaeologists have dug up these baked tablets, and from these they have learnt much of the history of these ancient people of Egypt.

These sharp-pointed reed pens led to the first-known definite style of writing. It is called CUNEIFORM which means "wedge-shaped". The writer used to press the point of his pen deeply into the tablet on which he was writing, and then draw it downwards or sideways, according to the letter he was writing, and this meant that the top of the letter was wider than the bottom — giving the wedge shape.

When the Romans tried this kind of writing, they decided that reeds wore out too quickly, so they made a metal stylus. They also wrote on wax tablets instead of clay.

Many years later someone discovered that the feathers of bigger birds made good pens. I wonder how he found it out. Perhaps he lost his stylus, and being in a hurry looked around him for something sharp to use in its place. Maybe in his garden he had a goose, and she had dropped a feather. Seeing the pointed end, the man dipped it into the ink he was using, or pressed it into the wax tablet, and found that it was almost as good as his lost stylus. Of course, this is just imagination, but it is the way many wonderful inventions have been made throughout history. Man's immediate need has made him think up some new instrument, or way of doing things. Now you know the meaning of the saying — "Necessity is the mother of invention".

But to return to our man and his quill pen. He experimented further with his new idea of feather pens, and found that the tail and wing feathers of geese, swans and some-

times the bigger crows made good pens. First he sharpened the quill tip to a point, and then he made a slit in it. This slit directed the ink to the paper. To sharpen the quill a small knife was used. This is how a pen-knife got its name.

As the years went by quill pens became the accepted type of pen to use, in fact it was used from the Middle Ages right up to about 150 years ago.

In the museums you will see some beautiful quill pens. But these won't be the quills used by the ordinary man. You see, the sharp points used to wear down quite quickly and had constantly to be sharpened with the pen-knife, so the common quills were soon worn out and replaced by others. However, the wealthy people had the tips of their quills fitted with nibs made of small precious stones which were hard and didn't wear out. Quite often the rest of the quill was painted and decorated in various attractive ways, and it is these quill pens we see in the museums.

The word "pen" comes from the Roman word "penna", which means "a feather".

Metal pens took the place of quills. Of course, the Roman had used a type of metal pen for years — the stylus — but they were never widely used in this country. Then about the year 1822 a man named John Mitchell invented machinery for making steel pens.

At about the same time another man named John Perry invented slip pens.

Slip pens are nibs that slip into a pen-holder. Perhaps you use one at school sometimes. Artists who do pen-and-ink drawings and lettering work certainly use them. These slip pens were punched from steel sheets and formed into an arched shape. Then they were hardened to make them springy, and finally sharpened into a point which is split down the middle — just like the pointed quill end.

The early books and manuscripts on display in the museums and some libraries will be written with these early writing "tools", and illustrations of the implements can be seen in books on the subject or in encyclopaedias. You may perhaps even see a few of the actual tools themselves — certainly quill pens — in your own local museum.

(To be continued)

—By Nancy Scott, from the "Guide".

NOTICES

RANGER BRANCH DEBUTANTE BALL 22nd July, 1968, at the Palais de Danse, St. Kilda

Make a note of this date in your diary and be sure of not missing out on a wonderful night with the Ranger Branch.

Tickets will be on sale from 1st June at a cost of \$7.50 (a double) by mail from Mrs. J. Guest, 11 Mount Dandenong Road, East Ringwood, 3135.

Any other information from Miss Heather Bell, 10 Calcutta Street, Mitcham, 3132 (phone: 871 1322).

TRAINING DEPARTMENT Pack Holiday Training

A Pack Holiday Training Course will be held on four Wednesday mornings commencing 3rd July at Y.W.C.A., Russell Street, Melbourne.

Guider-in-Charge: Miss D. Holtz. Time: 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Fee: 50 cents.

Applications on blue training form to Mrs. B. D. McNally, Camping Secretary, Girl Guides Association, Ball & Welch Building, 180 Flinders Street, Melbourne. This Course will be limited and applications will be accepted in strict order of date received.

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A Pack Holiday Training Course will be held on three Thursday nights commencing 1st August at the National Fitness Rooms, 2nd Floor, 161 Flinders Lane, Melbourne.

Guider-in-Charge: Miss J. Thomas. Time: 7.30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Fee: 50 cents.

Applications on blue training form to Mrs. B. D. McNally, Camping Secretary, Girl Guides Association, Ball & Welch Building, 180 Flinders Street, Melbourne. This Course will be limited and applications will be accepted in strict order of date received.

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Headquarters Courses

Brownie Pre-Warrant (Daytime):

10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Dates: 25th June; 9th, 23rd, 30th July; 6th, 13th, 20th August.

Location: Y.W.C.A. Connibere Hall.

Brownie Pre-Warrant (Evening):

7.30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Dates: 6th June to 25th July, plus outdoor day.

Location: Y.W.C.A. Junior Club Room.

Guide Pre-Warrant (Daytime):

10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Dates: 13th June to 1st August.

Location: Y.W.C.A. Connibere Hall.

Guide Pre-Warrant (Evening):

5.45 p.m. to 8.15 p.m.

Dates: 4th June to 23rd July.

Location: Guiders will be notified.

Decentralised Courses

Boronia: First Class Training:

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Dates: 12th, 26th June; 10th, 24th June.

Location: Guide Hall, Chandler Street, Boronia.

Box Hill: Guide Pre-Warrant (Daytime):

10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Dates: 4th, 11th, 25th June; 9th, 23rd, 30th July; 6th, 20th August.

Location: Guide Hall, Linsley Street, Box Hill.

Canterbury: Brownie Pre-Warrant (Evening):

7.30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Dates: 5th June; 24th July, plus outdoor day.

Location: Guide Hall, Faversham Road, Canterbury.

Mordialloc: Guide Pre-Warrant (Evening):

7.30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Dates: 5th June, 24th July, plus outdoor day.

Location: Guide Hall, Cnr. Bear and Chute Streets, Mordialloc.

Mordialloc: First Class (Weekend):

Dates: 8th to 10th June.

Location: Guide Hall, Cnr. Bear and Chute Streets, Mordialloc.

Upwey: Guide Pre-Warrant (Evening):

7.30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Dates: 6th, 13th, 27th June; 11th, 25th July; 8th, 22nd August.

Location: Guide Hall, Upwey.

Guide Guider Training (Weekend):

Dates: 13th to 14th July; 10th to 11th August; 14th to 15th September.

Location: Two weekends at Mayfield Centre, Malvern; one weekend at Guide House, Britannia Park.

11th JAMBOREE ON THE AIR 19th to 20th October, 1968

World-wide interest in this annual event is increasing every year as more and more amateur radio operators and Scouts and Guides become aware of the potential that both organisations can contribute to international understanding and goodwill. Last year nearly 400 amateur radio stations were placed at the disposal of Scout Groups and Guide Units throughout Australia.

The object of the Jamboree on the Air is to, with the help and co-operation of a "ham" (amateur radio operator), let Scouts and Guides talk or listen to their brother Scouts and sister Guides, whether they be in the next town or in another country, and to learn about their activities, families and homes.

In interesting your Unit in Jamboree on the Air you may find the following account of the origin of the event helpful:—During the Jubilee Jamboree at Sutton Coldfield in England in 1957, which was organised to commemorate the origin of Scouting some 50 years earlier, a number of Scout radio amateurs got together at the radio station there and held what they called a "Hamfest". A suggestion was then made and enthusiastically adopted that Scouts should try to contact each other on a fixed date each year by means of amateur radio. Thus was born "Jamboree-on-the-Air".

The idea had a lot of merit, for, although World Jamborees are held every four years, the expense unfortunately precludes many Scouts from taking part, despite the fact that it is an experience that cannot be compared with any other Scouting activity — the experience of camping in a foreign country and meeting and making new friends from among the thousands of Scouts there from all parts of the world.

Those who attended the Sutton Coldfield meeting realised this and recognised that the answer lay, to some extent, that it was still possible for Scouts to meet and talk to each other without leaving their own towns. So that as a means of bringing home to the average Scout the true meaning of World Brotherhood, without any expense to the boy or his parents, the scheme could not be bettered.

So, in 1958, over the weekend of 10th and 11th May, the first Jamboree-on-the-Air was

held. Wide publicity of this initial attempt was given by the Scout World Bureau. It is interesting to note that, despite the short notice given the event and the fact that weather conditions did not prove encouraging, quite a number of contacts were made, and the comments of those who did participate was so favourable (both from Scout and amateur station operator's point of view) that the organisers were encouraged to start planning for the following year.

As Jamboree-on-the-Air grew to its present proportions, so did the need for greater organisation, and in response to requests from the participants of those early years the Boy Scouts World Bureau took over the organisation.

Girl Guides had been unofficially joining in on this activity for some time on an ever-increasing scale. So in 1965 in Victoria it was agreed to officially invite the sister Movement to participate; this invitation was greeted with added interest, and in last year's Jamboree-on-the-Air nearly 500 members in Victoria participated.

No doubt you will agree that this is an ideal opportunity to introduce the international aspect in a MOST interesting fashion to your Unit.

Units wishing to participate will be linked with local Scout Groups, who will welcome them as their guests and include them in their participation with a "ham" during the weekend.

For further details, contact—

Mrs. L. De Marchi,
2 Keogh Street,
Burwood, 3125.
Phone: 288 5870.

THE COLLARED DOVE

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so that the species was actually protected in some countries before its arrival.

The reason or reasons for the spread of the collared dove across Europe in the space of three decades is likely to occupy the attention of European naturalists for years to come.

—By C. Douglas Deane, from
"Ulster Commentary".

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MAN CHANGES THE MEDITERRANEAN

By DANIEL BEHRMAN.

Two gigantic — and involuntary — human experiments are affecting the biological environment of the eastern Mediterranean Sea.

The first in point of time, for it is nearly 100 years old, was the digging of the Suez Canal, which has opened an artificial waterway for marine life as well as shipping between the Red Sea and the Mediterranean.

The second, much newer, is the sudden cut-off of a flow of silt loaded with nutritive substances into the eastern Mediterranean following the construction of the new Aswan High Dam which has already reduced, and will shortly arrest, the seasonal floods of the Nile.

Oceanographic research into the effects of these man-made changes in the sea may become a subsidiary aspect of a co-operative study of the South Mediterranean and the Levant. The study, to be focussed on the Atlantic Current entering the Mediterranean at the Straits of Gibraltar, was recommended by a Unesco-sponsored inter-regional meeting of scientific experts from 13 countries at Split, in Yugo-slavia.

The problem of the Nile flood directly involves sardine fisheries in the Levant. Traditionally, fishermen all along the eastern coast enjoy a bonanza every year as sardines teem in the muddy waters of the flood, first off the Nile delta in September, and then as late as the following spring off Lebanon.

These waters form a grey surface layer which can be seen from the air as far north as the coast of Lebanon. Plant life flourishes on this sudden dose of fertilising nitrates and phosphates which produce green blooms of phyto-plankton. Quickly, the next link in the food chain of the sea, zooplankton, appears to provide the minute animal life upon which the sardines feed.

It is not only through this massive transport of minerals that the Nile flood creates

more favourable conditions for marine life. The eastern Mediterranean is highly saline — 39 parts per 1000 — compared to an average of 35 through the oceans, but this solution is considerably diluted by the autumn onrush of the waters of the Nile. A drop in salinity can favour certain groups of marine organisms.

Now, the Nile flood will vanish. Although insignificant economically compared to the benefits of the Aswan High Dam, the consequent loss to fisheries will have to be studied in all its side effects.

—From Unesco Features.



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