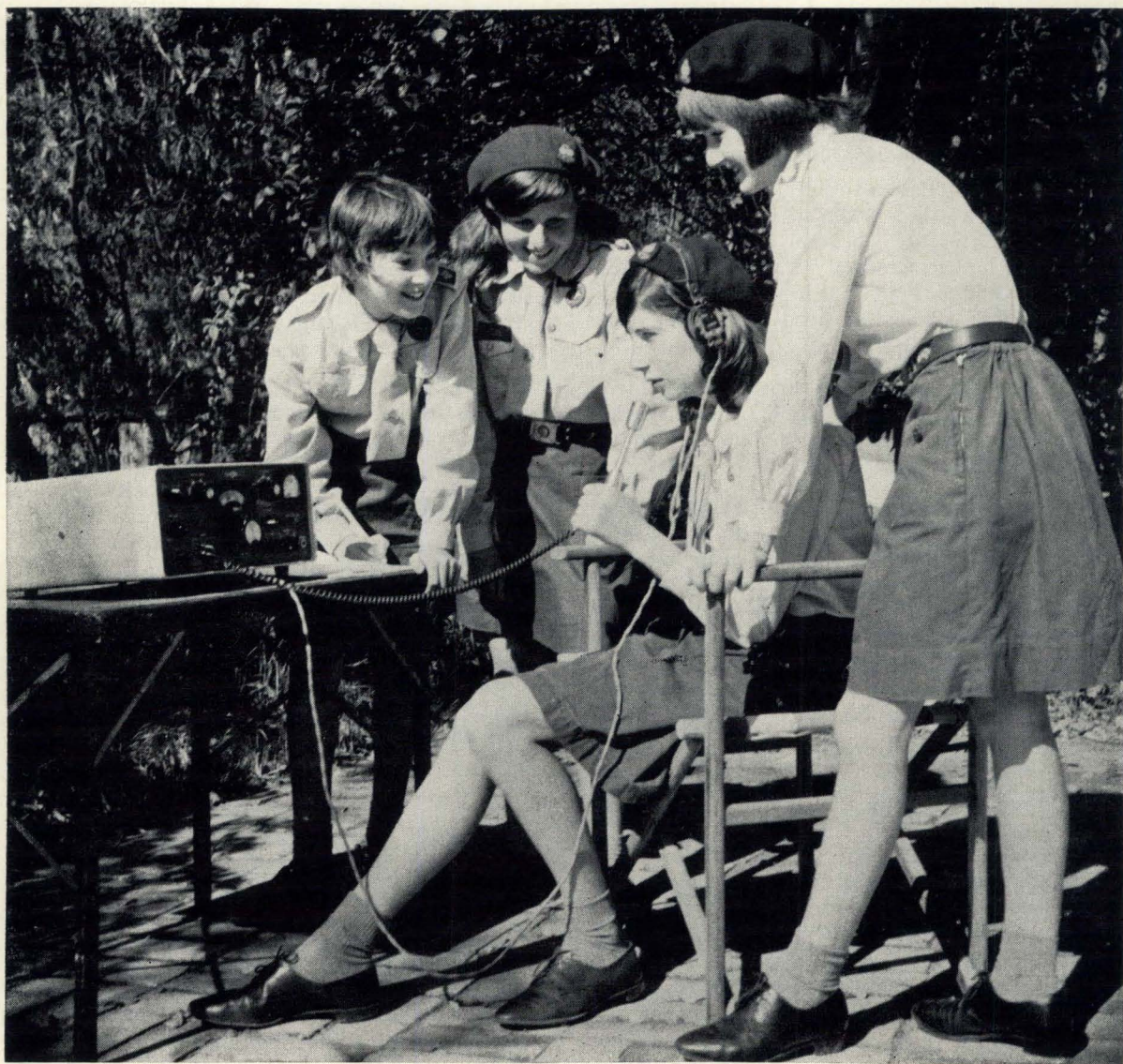


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FROM THE STATE COMMISSIONER

June seems to be the busiest time in the Guiding year. The Headquarters "Team" began the month with the quarterly Advisers' meeting at my home. This was also the date of the Country Women of Australia's Annual Meeting, at which I would have represented the Association. However, Mrs. Gregory kindly performed this office on my behalf.

Visitors to H.Q. this month included Mr. and Mrs. Colin Climas, formerly of Melbourne, now resident in London. At the request of the Australian Association, Mr. Climas kindly undertook the task of arranging for the re-decoration and re-furnishing of the Australian Room at Foxlease, and we were interested to hear at first hand of the results he has achieved. Another visitor was Mrs. Gulamhusein, a Vice-President of the Ceylonese Association, who attended several gatherings during her stay in Melbourne.

The Public Relations Department held two one-day trainings for Publicity Secretaries at Headquarters, and these were so well attended that more are planned.

The Britannia Park Committee, headed by Mrs. Gray, in co-operation with the Camping Department, is working very hard so that our Guide property will be at its best for Camp Southern Cross in January, 1970. Members of the Executive Committee — with husbands — were entertained to luncheon by this Committee at Guide House and enabled to see what has been achieved by the bands of helpers who strive so willingly to such good effect.

Monday, 9th June, was the date of the highly successful Local Association Biennial Conference at the Moorabbin Town Hall. Our State President, Lady Delacombe, opened the day's proceedings and stayed with us for some time to hear, amongst other things, a discussion about the Eight-Point Programme. Congratulations to the Convener, Chairman and members of the Committee upon making this not only the largest, but also the best, Local Association Conference to date.

It is encouraging to note the number of appointments of Assistant Commissioners, and I warranted Mrs. P. B. Binnion as As-

sistant Region Commissioner for Yarra Valley during the month.

The holiday weekend was packed with activities — the two main central ones being a weekend training and the Rangers' Conference Camp. Miss Joy Stacey, New South Wales State Secretary, came over to stay with Miss Peg Barr, a friend of very long standing, at this time and wrote to me later saying nice things about our new H.Q.

The Division Commissioners' Organising Committee arranged for the participation of many of their members in the meeting on the 18th, and thus we were enabled to get to know each other better and the day was full of interest.

We were glad to have Miss Shaw back with us on the 21st after her world trip — so far we have heard only a little of her impressions and experiences, but are hoping that she will have time to tell us more after the busy months of the year are past.

Although I have had regular news of the progress of Miss Broadhurst towards recovery after her recent operation, I have been able only once to call upon her in hospital. In spite of her serious incapacity, she remains cheerful and shows keen interest in all Guiding matters. We hope that she will soon be in better health.

The bi-monthly Finance Sub-Committee meeting was held on the 25th, and I later went out to the training for new Commissioners at Retreat House, Cheltenham, where I had the pleasure of enrolling two Commissioners. Mrs. Kirkman and I then stayed for the evening meal.

On from there to the meeting of the Hostess State Committee for Camp Endeavour at the home of Miss Mary Lambe. Their plans are well in hand for arrangements, activities and an amazing variety of souvenirs.

The Australian Fellowship of Former Scouts and Guides arranged a dinner that evening in honour of the visit of Mr. Eric Sjqvist — Mrs. Chamberlain, Ranger Adviser, represented the Victorian Girl Guides Association on that occasion.

On the 26th the Public Relations Committee organised a most pleasant occasion

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TWENTIETH WORLD CONFERENCE, FINLAND

First report from Australian Delegation

Dear Australia,

Tuesday, 17th June, and here we all are, your representatives to the World Conference. We had each arrived separately, and by different routes, so each of us had much to tell the others of our travels and experiences on the way.

The Union of Finnish Girl Guides gave us a warm welcome and installed us in our hotel at Otaniemi. Dipoli, the Conference building, is a very short walk away, and is an unusual, but fascinating building — in a land of striking designs of all kinds. It is built of concrete, glass and rough-hewn stone; on the ground floor one has the impression of being in a huge cave, and upstairs the trees seen through the windows seem part of the building. Later in the evening, Mrs. Rankine-Nesbitt, the Chairman of the World Committee, welcomed us all at a reception, which gave us an opportunity to meet each other and also to be greeted by the World Chief Guide — as enthusiastic and inspiring as ever.

Bedtime came, with soft daylight still surrounding us, even at 11.30 p.m. (At the Guide Shop they sell blue cotton "masks" to tie around the eyes — quite a good idea.)

Wednesday, 18th: Weather still warm. Having visited "Our Chalet" recently, I was interested to attend the meeting of the "Our Chalet" Association. The warning that the next budget would be more severe, as they are having trouble with the water supply, had a familiar ring about it!

The Opening Ceremony of the Conference, at 5 p.m., lived up to all expectations, and

was honoured by the presence of Her Majesty, Queen Ingrid of Denmark. Mrs. Helvi Sipila, the Chief Commissioner, Finland, welcomed the guests and participants, and Minister Juani Linnano spoke on behalf of the Government. The theme, "Let us clasp our hands together", was the motif running through a modern rhythmic dance, performed on the stage by a team of dancers, with dramatic lighting effects and an exciting percussion accompaniment. This set the tone of the proceedings, which concluded with a striking flag ceremony, set to "Finlandia", by Sibelius.

Second report from Australian Delegation

Mrs. Hamlyn-Harris writes:

19th June, 1969.

Dear Australia,

Here the sun sets at 10 p.m., and when the business of the day is over it is tempting to go out. Last night four of us caught a bus to the residential area of Tapiola, a modern Finnish suburb with houses built amid landscapes, preserved unspoilt as far as possible. It is complete in itself and most attractive. We went to the top of one building (13 floors) and enjoyed the view of lakes and wooded islands, and a great red ball — the setting sun. Sunrise is before 3 a.m., which wakes us much too early!

Today we began with a special welcome to the six Full Members and 12 Associate Members recognised by the last World Conference. First called was the Republic of China, and their representative walked so proudly and happily down the centre aisle, while her flag was carried down another

aisle to be held beside her as she shook hands with the Chairman of the World Committee, Mrs. Rankine-Nesbitt, and the Chief Guide — saluted them — then turned and saluted us, and was taken to her new seat. I found it thrilling to watch and quite moving.

Then a huge World Flag unfolded slowly at the back of the stage, with every World Conference since 1946 printed on it. Roll call followed — 43 voting members, 23 Associate members, plus International Organisations' representatives; organisations of Finland and Scouts World Bureau. The Chief spoke to us as the "oldest active Guide in the world", urging us to think internationally, not nationally, and to keep Guiding "pure and simple for the children — not a scientific adult organisation which may go over their heads, but a living influence in the lives of the young people to whom you give your leadership, your example and your life".

In the afternoon, Mrs. Justice Jiagge from Africa, and a fine speaker, threw a number of challenges at us — "Is Guiding still valid for the youth of today?" We will discuss it in groups tomorrow. She spoke strongly on the role of women in the world, and the night's entertainment dealt with Finnish women who have made a name for themselves through the ages — "A Portrait Gallery" — presented most effectively with lighting, costumes, pictures and songs. The Finns always make good use of music.

Present-day women of note presented their art to us in their own way — the designer of Marinekko material and styles; a young sculptress with coloured slides of her works (she appears to use dynamite and machine guns!); a Professor lectured us on Oceanography; a teacher, with a group of gymnasts, explained to us their rhythmic impressions and expressions. I found it wonderful to watch.

The Finns impress me — they are quiet and capable and most helpful members of their Delegation — the many workers at the Conference have a special Conference uniform — a neat, plain navy dress with one badge. Their Guiders are young, and the young people seem so natural and unself-conscious.

Third report from Australian Delegation

Lady Wyndham writes:

Dear Australia,

You have heard of the exciting mid-summer eve celebrations, from which we arrived back at the hotel about 12.30 a.m., while there was still a soft, final glow in the western sky. It will not surprise you to learn that we were all somewhat bleary-eyed this morning, and were glad not to have to put our brains to work too early. Her Majesty Queen Ingrid of Denmark, who has been at the Conference since the Official Opening on Wednesday, was returning home today, so, after breakfast, the entire Conference lined the route to her car.

Today was the "big day" for all the applicants for membership, and you will be glad to hear that they were all accepted, and welcomed by the Chief Guide, who presented each with her certificate of membership, to the accompaniment of enthusiastic applause and many congratulations.

While your delegates were busy at the session on membership, and Barbara Neill was involved in a meeting of Discussion Group leaders, the other two visitors were having an enjoyable time. Mrs. Hamlyn-Harris saw a small group of Brownies who, wearing flower caps, danced an opening ceremony; Finland has a new Brownie story, and three Brownies dramatised this, in fancy costumes. I went to see something of the Patrol Leader training, and to reach the three cabins in the forest we had a delightful drive, which afforded us the pleasure of seeing more of the beautiful landscape. Apparently, the Companies have more Patrols than we do, and the P.L. has much more responsibility for her Patrol. In one cabin we saw First Aid; at the second, a scheme for a music, literature and art programme; and at the third the Guides were cooking their dinner on the fire. They showed us some interesting food containers, made by the Lapps from reindeer horns and skin. They had also put up a tent in Lappish fashion, on sticks, shaped like a wigwam, with a hole at the top to let out the smoke from the fire which was alight on the ground inside the tent. It was good to be out of doors and to enjoy our picnic lunch in the forest.

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MORE NEWS ON THE EIGHT-POINT PROGRAMME



YOU AND THE NEW PROGRAMME

"For the Times They Are A-Changing" — so The Seekers tell us, and it won't be long now before our big programme changes are upon us. Many of us find "change" exciting and challenging — and the more we learn about the New Programme the more enthusiastic we become.

Are you one of the enthusiasts?

If not, why not? The proverbial rut holding you back? Nervous and uncomfortable about it because you haven't sufficient knowledge? You prefer the familiar? All these reasons, and others, too, are very understandable, but they must be pushed aside NOW so that we can all really be prepared to move forward with the New Programme TOGETHER, with enthusiasm, with confidence, and yes — even a little Faith, Hope and Charity!

The 23rd September is coming close now, but there's still time to ask questions — please let us know of any aspects which are worrying you.

Here are some of the questions which have been asked by other folk — read them, they may help YOU and, through you, the Brownies, the Guides and the Rangers.

As Brownies so much look forward to earning their Wings and "Flying Up", what will be, if anything, taking the place of these achievements?

The Brownies will still look forward to

learning new skills and finding a practical use for them. There is so much freedom in the choice of things for the Brownie to do and so much to challenge her in her Handbook. Once she reaches the Highway she will be keen to go on to Guides to discover what is in store for her there. All Brownies will take their Service Star to wear on their Guide uniform.

Must the whole Pack take part in a Venture?

Not necessarily — although, as it is a Pack Venture, you would expect the majority to be participating; after all, the decision to carry it out, and the planning would be a Pack Pow-wow matter.

If the Pack came up with a Venture idea that would be best done by only a few, say, 8 to 10 Brownies, what would the other Brownies do?

It is hard to imagine that the other Brownies would not be able to help in some planning and Pow-wow discussion, or if the Brownies decided that only a few would take part, then surely they would also decide if there should be another Venture to involve the others.

How much would the Brownie be expected to do before being eligible to wear the Venture Badge?

She would be expected to contribute something towards the Venture. If not able to

help in the practical part — her contribution towards the planning and preparation would be counted.

If a Brownie wishes to do and complete the Highway Badge first and then goes back to the Footpath and completes this Badge, is the Highway Badge replaced by the Footpath? (We are given to understand a Brownie only wears one of these Badges at a time.)

Each Challenge is a personal one — it is accepted by the Brownie with the encouragement of the Guider. A child who tackles the Highway Challenges first does so because these have more substance for her, and her next challenge would be found in the Guide Branch. It is to be remembered that Eight Points are carried in the Highway — she also will be involved in Pack Ventures and gaining Interest Badges.

If a Brownie completes all three Journeys, is there a Collective Badge?

No.

What qualifications are needed for a Brownie to be a Sixer or Second?

Sixer:

Is chosen by the Brownie Guiders. She should be enthusiastic about trying to be a real Brownie and show a readiness to help others. She should have helped to create the Pack's standards and atmosphere. She should be liked by the other Brownies.

Second:

Is chosen by the Brownie Guiders — they may consult the **Sixer**. Does a Brownie who will not complete Golden Hand, but who has passed Golden Hand knitting or its equivalent and/or plant, have to do this again in the Challenges under the right Journey?

This should be discussed with the Brownie. She might, after reading through the other Challenges, like to tackle something else — but if she feels that her knitting and plant were **real** challenges, then they would be accepted.

It is the development of the child that is our main concern and there is no compulsion either way — the joy of this Programme is the freedom of choice.

Could there be an alternative to semaphore if it is still to be used after the Eight-Point Plan comes into operation? — e.g., for the benefit of deaf and dumb people, more people should be able to converse with them and so Brownies could perhaps learn to speak on the fingers.

The Journeys hold many challenges for the Brownies and in the Highway she may choose from a number of different ones for "having fun out of doors". One of them is—"Signal Messages to someone who is out of hearing". It is the Brownie's choice, providing it is a real challenge to her. The Guiders must see that whatever she chooses will be **fun** to do.

If Guides are able to do Interest Badges soon after enrolment, how will testers assess the standards?

Individual standard will be required, the **very best** that particular Guide can do. It isn't enough to do a badge because it is easy, Guiders will need to encourage every girl to extend herself fully, so that she has really achieved something.

Is there anything to replace the Guide Service Stars?

The Eight-Point Badge. This can be awarded 12 months after taking the Promise if the Guide has participated in activities in all Eight Points during the 12 months.

Will there be a minimum age for a Guide to complete her Queen's Guide?

No, but all badges **must** be current.

Will there be any advantage to Lones with the New Programme?

Each girl having reference to her own book will be of more interest than the monthly budget as used in the past.

Will Lones continue to have their monthly budget?

Yes; it will be necessary to keep in touch with the girls, to help them to use their Handbooks to the best advantage; also to give them other items of interest, etc.

Will Lones need to participate with active Guides in the New Programme?

Yes; where active Companies can include Lones this will be of great advantage to Lones and help them to feel **IN IT**.

Now that the Guides have altered their blouse, where are P.L. stripes worn?

We have a new style for the P.L. stripes. The stripes are embroidered on a blue background and are sewn under Patrol Emblem.

With no epaulettes on the blouse, how is the All-Round Cord worn?

These will need to be pinned or stitched. (Please note, All-Round Cords are not included in the Eight-Point Programme.)

Do we cross the ends of the new Guide tie?

No; the ends lie side by side.

Where is the bar embroidered on Second Class Badge?

Across the base of the Trefoil — chain stitch seems the most effective.

We have heard that there is mention of the Duke of Edinburgh Award in the Eight-Point Programme. Is this correct?

Yes; the Duke of Edinburgh Award becomes the top challenge in the New Programme, and at present negotiations are going on between our Association and the Duke of Edinburgh Award Committee in the hope that some of our programme can be dove-tailed in with this Award.

What happens to the Ranger Service Star?

There will still be the Ranger Service Star with four parts instead of 12 clauses as at present. Each of these parts, however, is more involved than one of the previous clauses.

Will there be the Emergency Squad Badge?

Yes; this is a badge set up by Victoria only, and we do intend to keep it.

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when we welcomed a number of distinguished visitors and showed them something of our central administration and the function of the new building.

The Annual Meeting of the Lone Section was held at Headquarters on the 28th, and I am sure that the Adviser, Mrs. Heard, was heartened to have so many Commissioners present and to see the interest they evinced in her department.

For me the month concluded with a most enjoyable day at Janet Whitlam Memorial Park, where the Camping Department held a Commissioners' Campcraft Training. Thirty-two Commissioners took part and voted it most rewarding; it seems likely that, following its success, an overnight camp will be arranged. A similar training day will be held in the near future to accommodate those who were unable to be there.

I hope that the meetings, trainings and conferences held in your area have been as successful at those at which I have been present.

Good wishes to you all.

Charlotte Renshaw Jones.

"GUIDERAMA"

Calling all Brownies, Guides, Rangers and Guiders: in fact, ALL members of the Movement! Keep the evening of Saturday, 21st February, 1970, free for a big get-together at the Sydney Myer Music Bowl.

The reason? A great night is being planned to celebrate 60 years of Guiding in Australia and to honour our Founder.

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We hope it will be a night with a difference — a night to remember — and that everybody, yes, EVERYBODY will be there!

Big link-ups are being planned, and we shall keep you informed, so keep your eyes open and your ears to the ground.

We hope you have all received the songs, and are learning the words so you will be able to participate to the full. (See page 52 for list of songs.)

We hope to see YOU there!

AROUND



AUSTRALIA

AUSTRALIAN NEWS

Mrs. D. Curtis-Otter, formerly a State Commissioner for Victoria, and recently Australian Adviser for Public Relations, has been asked to be on the Planning Committee for the Asian Seminar in 1970.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. Hancock of Queensland were able to have door knockers made in the shape of the Australian Friendship Badge and in Queensland wood. Mrs. Price took one of these as a gift to Indonesia, which she visited on her way to the World Conference in Finland.

Mr. and Mrs. Hancock also arranged an elegant sign which now hangs at the door of our Australian H.Q. This sign is a replica in colour and design of the Australian Beret Badge.

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You will be delighted to hear that in June we despatched to the Chief's Bank in East Molesley the sum of \$1412.96, of which amount Victoria contributed \$562.15.

In addition some contributions were sent direct to C.H.Q. for the B.-P. Memorial Fund.



QUEENSLAND STATE BADGE

One morning last month my telephone rang and when I answered, a voice, dimly familiar, said, "Is that Miss Hutchison? It's 'Coo-ee' Editor speaking — do you remember me?" My memory had to jump back 20 to 30 years! But I remembered her as a

young Guider from the period when I was State Secretary.

She went on to tell me that she had been "going backwards" through the list of State Secretaries of the Queensland Girl Guides Association, trying to find out some information concerning the origin of our State Badge and the date of its instigation.

I knew it was during my term of office as State Secretary and thought about 1930, and on mentioning the matter to Miss Dorothy Hawthorn, it was she who put the date even earlier. She had attended one of the first Interstate Camps and had been most concerned to find that nearly all the other States already had their State Badge.

Searching the early Minutes, I found that the State Commissioner, Lady Macartney (then Mrs. Macartney), had discussed an appropriate badge with Miss Hawthorn, Head of Training, in 1928, and in September that year suggested to the State Executive Committee that it should be a koala, on a blue background, in a maroon Q, Queensland's colours.

This was approved, and in November, 1928, specimens of the badge were made in enamel by two local jewellers, and submitted to the State Executive.

A final decision was reached in December, and the badges were made and ready for issue early in 1929. On 6th March, 1929, we paid our first account for them to Wallace Bishop — just 40 years ago.

Girl Guide Headquarters were situated at that time in Victory Chambers, Queen Street, next to Jackson and O'Sullivan.

My badge is before me now as I write — a little grey koala, on a blue background in a maroon Q. May it always remain so.

I hope that answers your query, Editor.

—Neth Hutchison,
State Secretary, Qld., from 1926-42.
(From "Coo-ee").

TWENTIETH WORLD CONFERENCE

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Dinner at night was the Family Dinner, to welcome the new members, and the main course was reindeer meat — travel brings us many new experiences! During dinner we were all delighted to hear that Greece had won the Walter Donald Ross Trophy, and they received it from the hands of the Chief Guide, amidst thunderous applause. The girls had done an amazing job, and thoroughly deserved the trophy. Then it was announced that a certificate was being given to the runners-up, as they were so close behind the winners and, to our great delight, it was awarded to Australia for the wonderful sustained effort by one of the South Australian Divisions!

Finland is proving a most thoughtful and generous hostess, and we are filled with admiration for their artistic ability. Everything from the table linen and settings to wonderful new buildings are objects of admiration, and everyone seems to be able to sing and dance. Do you wonder that we are enjoying ourselves?

Fourth report from Australian Delegation

Mrs. Hamlyn-Harris writes:

Dear Australia,

After a day out sight-seeing yesterday, we really got down to solid concentration today on the possible establishment of Regions, lightened at lunch-time with a mannequin parade of Finnish cottons, sportswear, hostess gowns, caftans, etc., some with huge, floppy hats to match. The styles are very simple, the large pattern on the material providing all that is needed. Three members of Delegations were used as models as well as two young Finnish models. Our folk were well chosen — a tall, fair, smart and vivacious American; mysterious young Sultan's daughter from Kuwait; and a very tall, thin, very dark-skinned young woman from Haiti, who looked really beautiful in the bright colours she wore.

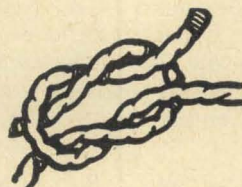
We had been given a choice of outings on our free nights and tonight four of us went to visit the Ranger Camp (about three-quarters of an hour's drive). There are about 100 Rangers from all over Finland camped for the duration of the Conference (their

annual summer camp). The site is glorious (except for mosquitoes!); on the seashore, with pine and fir trees all around. The Rangers in camp uniform lined the road near the entrance and welcomed us with button-holes of wildflowers. Each girl gave one to her chosen guest and then adopted her. We were divided between three camps for a cold tea, attractively prepared and served — salad, bread rolls and a large "cake" which, when cut, proved to be many layers of thin bread, with fillings between layers, the whole thing "iced" with a colourful mayonnaise.

We were taken over the campsite and shown everything, including a sauna tent with a stove inside. There was another tent divided in the centre with a fire between two logs across the centre. It warms both sides. And another little ridge-type tent with a fire laid **just** outside the entrance, a sheet of alfoil (or something of the sort) propped up beyond it to reflect the heat back into the tent. Still another tiny shelter for one Ranger (used when on an overnight hike) with branches of the fir tree thickly laid over a framework of sticks.

After a short campfire we were escorted back to our bus, and hot cakes from the camp oven were handed round to nibble as we drove away.

Although we were very weary when we set out from the hotel, I know I felt a different person coming home after the contact with the friendly young folk, who were delighted with anything we gave them and eager to give to us, too. They were interested in Australia and asked innumerable questions, such as "Are there many woods in Australia?" and "Would everyone in Australia have seen a kangaroo?" They have Sea and Land Rangers — the Sea Rangers are fairly new.





ETHIOPIA

The World Association Trainer, Miss Kerstin Bene, went to Ethiopia for one year, and with her went the Certificate for Associate Membership. This was presented at a ceremony which has been described as follows:—

“The Girl Scouts and all connected with the work of the Association were very happy indeed at the ceremony. We are sure that this news was also welcomed by all Full and Associate Member Countries, as this means one more member, larger ties of friendship, and the expansion of the aims and purposes of Guiding that we all treasure.

“At the presentation ceremony, Their Royal Highnesses Princess Sara Gisaw, National Council member, Princess Sible Desta, Chairman of the Girl Scouts Executive Committee and Deputy National Commissioner, Princess Igigayehou Asfaw Wosen and other National Council and Committee members were also present. Two Patrols from Addis Ababa Girl Scouts received the guests by singing Scout songs. Miss Kerstin Bene gave a short speech during the ceremony.

“The Scouts Association is the largest youth organisation in the country, and the new and re-organised set-up has given it a great boost. It has tremendous support of both parents and the public, as Scout training is becoming synonymous with good and responsible citizenship training for the future.”

—From “World Bureau Newsletter”.

A QUOTE FROM THE WORLD CHIEF GUIDE — at the 19th World Conference in Tokyo, Japan, 1966

Look BACK in GRATITUDE:

The first Conference was held in 1920, and each succeeding Conference stresses Friendship; a World Conference is a tool of entirety, simplicity, enthusiasm.

Look ROUND with CONFIDENCE:

Think of our task like that of a weighing machine — on one side is (d)evil and on the other is go(o)d. Think positively — we have no problems, only opportunities!

Look FORWARD with CONVICTION:

Keep a challenging vision — Guides and Guiders should be stirred, stimulated and encouraged.

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As the Chief Guide brought this message to the World Associations meeting together, she was celebrating her 50th birthday in Guiding.



WALES AND HER PRINCE . . .

You will all have read much in the papers of the investiture in July of Prince Charles as Prince of Wales . . . a title formally bestowed for the first time in 1301.

Perhaps too little is known about this delightful little country — its beauty, its songs and dances, national costume and language — the terrific industries of the south: coal mines, rolling mills, etc.

And its flags? The cross of St. David (patron saint of Wales) is a black horizontal cross on a yellow ground, and the national flag of Wales is white and green, divided in half horizontally, with a “garter” surrounding a red griffen (a winged dragon), surmounted by a crown — the latter being given to the people of Wales at the Cardiff Commonwealth Games.

12th JAMBOREE-ON-THE-AIR 18th and 19th October, 1969

The world's most unusual and shortest Jamboree, and by far the largest annual gathering of Scouts and Guides anywhere, will commence on 18th October at 10 a.m. and continue for 48 hours.

It is the 12th Jamboree-on-the-Air, sponsored by the World Scout Bureau, in which more than 72 countries and tens of thousands of Scouts and Guides are expected to take part. It is an activity which gives Scouts and Guides an opportunity to exchange personal greetings and chat with their opposite numbers throughout Australia — perhaps even all over the world.

It began in a small way in 1958 at the Sutton Coalfield Jamboree and was originated by a Scouter radio amateur, who thought that it would be fun for Scouts taking part in the Jamboree to try and contact each other each year on a fixed date by means of amateur radio. It was not until 1960 that Victorian Scouts took part, and in that year 46 groups operated from 35 amateur stations. It is interesting to note that Guides had been unofficially joining in on this activity for some time on an ever-increasing scale. So in 1965 in Victoria, the Scouts agreed to officially invite their sister Movement to participate, with the result that last year 179 Victorian amateur radio operators opened their homes to 276 Scout Groups and Guide Units within Victoria.

If your Unit wishes to participate, they will be linked with a local Scout Group who will welcome you and include you in the activities of the weekend.

If Guides are to get as much as possible out of the activity, some preliminary training really should be arranged. Training with a definite object adds realism to the programme and makes it much more interesting to the girl. Here are some suggestions:

1. Enlist the help of an adult who has had previous experience with Jamboree-on-the-Air and ask him to speak to the Guides on basic radio principles and operation of an amateur radio station.
2. Practice talking into a microphone using radio-telephone procedure — a tape recorder would help enormously. Many

Guides (and Guiders, too) seem to become tongue-tied when confronted with a microphone for the first time.

3. Make sure you know what you are going to say on the air. Each Guide should, of course, introduce herself — name, rank, Patrol and Company — and then go on to say something of herself, her town, her Company, where it meets, Patrol names, Company activities, school, hobbies, weather, family, etc. Of course, not every Guide should say the same thing. Let each Guide pick two or three subjects; a palm card is helpful to jog the memory on things to be said on a particular subject.

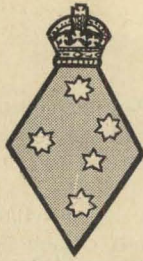
This activity has two main objects — to make the fourth Guide Law live, and to open new fields of interest. Although Guides are not perhaps as interested in the workings of radio itself as Scouts are, it may encourage further interest in badges such as Signallers or Radio Announcers. Guides could prove to be radio-minded, for there are lady amateur radio operators registered.

Thousands of Scouts and Guides have experienced the thrill of taking part in Jamboree-on-the-Air. It is a truly magnificent way to spread general international goodwill and understanding, for quite often non-Scouts will answer your call. Will we hear you and your Unit this year?

For further information and arrangements for participation, please contact the Liaison Guider, Mrs. L. De Marchi, 2 Keogh Street, Burwood, 3125. Phone: 288 5870.



ONE SELF-CONTAINED UNIT (bed-sitting room, kitchenette, shower and toilet) at "Friendsholm" (Society of Friends), Lambert Road, Toorak, for person over 60 years. Ingoing donation \$3000 — weekly maintenance \$3.25. Further details from Miss L. Hooper, 1/13 Belmont Avenue, Glen Iris, 3146. Phone: 25 5312.



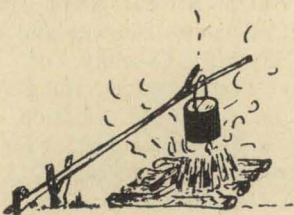
CAMP SOUTHERN CROSS VICTORIAN SPONSORSHIP SCHEME

It is thrilling to know that so many Rangers, Guides, Brownies, Guiders and Local Associations in Victoria are participating in this scheme to bring Guides to our camp from overseas. These visitors would not otherwise be able to join in the fun and we hope that they will get as much enjoyment out of being with us as we shall in having them and, indeed, in preparing to have them.

Amongst other things, Brownies have presented concerts, cleaned shoes; Guiders are having lamington drives, talent quests, international evenings — you name it, they're doing it!

The result is that, so far we have been able to invite one Guide from Tonga, one Guide from Hong Kong, one Guide from the Gilbert and Ellice Islands, one Guide from Malaysia, one Guide from Ceylon, one Guide from Pakistan, one Guide from India, one Guide and one Guider from Thailand, and five Guides from Papua/New Guinea. There will be approximately 20 in the contingent from Papua, and these girls will spend a week in Port Moresby in preparation for the camp, as many of them will have to travel long distances to Port Moresby from mission stations and highland areas.

It is wonderful that almost every Division in our State is participating in some way, either by financial help or by making plate bags in our special Guide material for the overseas visitors.



CAMP SOUTHERN CROSS

How it can be done! A report on raising funds to sponsor a Guide from overseas to attend Camp Southern Cross.

"Would we be interested in raising funds to sponsor a Guide to Camp Southern Cross—perhaps on a Division basis?" Our District Commissioner posed this interesting question at a District meeting last year.

Court of Honour reply: "Would we? Oh, ye-es! But could we raise the finance in the District?" So the foundation was laid for our District Fund.

A Guide from Papua was our choice and a target of \$200 was set.

Firstly, "Guide" pens were bought and sold by each Unit and our L.A.'s. Then we had to set about raising the remainder of our "share".

Court of Honour again: "Fete? Oh, but there are so many on from now until Christmas." "A Mannequin Parade?" "Great!" The decision was unanimous, and once again the wheels were in motion.

"Where?" Our beautiful Civic Hall (given at a VERY reduced rate).

"Clothes?" Our local dress-cum-haber-dashery shop. The owner was terrific — special buying trips to Melbourne — fittings — taking up hems, etc. — so much of her time given to us cheerfully and enthusiastically.

"The Models?" Several of the Guides, six lovely local ladies and one mini-model were recruited and fitted out.

"The supper?" You guessed! Our wonderful L.A. ladies with Guide help.

"The advertising, the decorations, the ushers, the dressers?" For all of these important details Court of Honour appointed Committees. Everyone — and I mean everyone — had a "job" to do.

Tickets were sold. Prices kept to a minimum — \$2 a family of two adults and four children; 75 cents an adult; 25 cents for any school child — these prices included the supper.

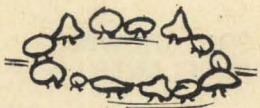
The Big Day! Four of the "model" Guides were given free "hair-dos" (their first — what a thrill!) by a local haidresser. We all gathered at the Hall and the Decorating "Committee" set us all a task — chairs to be put out and cleaned; beautiful creeper and flowers, gold cones and paper flowers arranged on either side of the carpet (our

cat-walk); floral arrangements and a large replica of the World Badge on the stage; our Company Flag displayed in the foyer; little flower centrepieces on the supper tables — all was ready. Home again for an afternoon nap — much needed; we all had the “jitters” — who, if anyone, was coming?

The Big Hour! Models beside themselves; “dressers” busily arranging clothes and calming the models whilst checking lists; “ushers” happily carrying out their duties — we were all busy and excited. Everyone did their job so well. The Hall was filled and, to top it off, those who were unable to attend sent along donations. The whole “show” was a great success; our compere — her first effort — was wonderful. Supper was delicious, and we were fortunate to have, as our guest of honour, a Papuan girl (Dara), her husband and baby daughter. Dara’s bright and friendly personality helped to make our night an even greater success. Then the money — Oh, no! We couldn’t have — \$116 and clear of expenses!

Now, with still time to spare, the District has raised its target, and we hope to sponsor two Papuan Guides. We hope this report will help and inspire others to join in the excitement of Camp Southern Cross in a practical way.

—1st Rye Guide Company,
Rye/Sorrento District B.S.



FOXLEASE

Many members who have travelled to England have visited “Foxlease”, Guide Training Centre in the South of England, and perhaps some have even slept in the room known as the “Australia” room.

Perhaps not many of you are aware that Australia is responsible for the upkeep of this room. Not many months ago it was agreed by the Girl Guides Association of Australia that this room should be given a “new look” with all States having a share in

the expense. Now the work of completely re-decorating OUR room is almost completed.

Mrs. J. R. Price, Chief Commissioner for Australia, who was attending a Chief Commissioners’ Conference “Foxlease” in June, will be able to give us first-hand reports of the room on her return, but in the meantime we thought you might like to read the following letter, which has been received from the Acting Guider-in-Charge, Miss Beryl Gibson:—

“The Australia Room is now almost completed, and we would like to thank the Australian Girl Guides Association very, very much indeed. We are delighted with the result, and it is being much admired by all who visit the house. Mr. Climas and his daughter have chosen a most attractive colour scheme.

“When you enter the room it looks gay and warm and welcoming. First to catch the eye are the bedspreads. Their background colour is red and there are large floral sprays evenly spread so that they almost appear to be in squares. The curtains are gold velvet, picking up one of the colours in the bedspread. There is a new gold chair, and there are covers in which to put pillows during the day, in red and two greens, to scatter on the beds to make the room more of a bed-sitter. There are light green rugs — these were there before, but seemed in such good condition that it would have been a pity not to keep them. There are new beds — very comfortable — and new modern dressing-tables and reading-lamps (matching desk still to come). When the room was decorated a large wardrobe was built in which provides very good hanging space. When anyone from Australia visits Foxlease now, they will be able to feel very proud of their room.

“Once more, very many thanks to all who helped.”



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STAMPS

The Australian Post Office will, from 1st July, 1969, be selling stamps from Western Samoa. These will cost a little more than their face value, but would prove a colourful addition to a collector's album. A set commemorating the 75th anniversary of Robert Louis Stevenson's death show on an open book scene a scene from "Treasure Island", 3 sene; from "Kidnapped", 7 sene; from "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde", 20 sene; and from "Weir of Hermiston", 22 sene. The ordinary issues show birds of Samoa.

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Collectors and donors of used Australian stamps are asked to see that they are not damaged in any way, free from all old gum, and sorted into different kinds. We cannot offer second-rate stamps for sale.

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Post or deliver packets to the undersigned at 12 Cowderoy Street, St. Kilda, 3182; NOT to Guide Headquarters.

—Lorna E. Cuzens.



GUIDING IN PAKISTAN

The article on Guiding in Pakistan, and Karachi in particular, which appeared on page 20 of the July issue of "Matilda" was written by Mrs. W. L. Larbey, Division Commissioner for Eastern Suburbs.

F.A.O. COIN ALBUMS

So far more than 20 countries have signified their interest in issuing coins with designs and inscriptions promoting higher food production and international development co-operation. Albums containing the new coins are being put on sale by the F.A.O.

In developing countries the coins — with an average life of 25 years — will stress the importance of increasing food production over the next generation. In the developed countries, the emphasis will be on international co-operation for progress in the fight against hunger and want.

Through the ages coins have depicted agricultural scenes, but this is the first time a group of nations has in one and the same year deliberately used their coinage as an educational means for raising agricultural production.

Since food has been a preoccupation of man since the dawn of time, it is not surprising that coins through the ages have been embellished with scenes of sowing, ploughing, harvesting and fishing. The ancient Greeks frequently paid tribute, in coin designs, to Demeter, the goddess of the grain harvest.

The cover and first two pages of each album cost \$U.S.25 and can be ordered from the Commissary Manager, F.A.O., 00100 Rome, Italy.

—From "World Bureau Newsletter".

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SOCIETY FOR GROWING AUSTRALIAN PLANTS

DISPLAY IN LOWER MELBOURNE TOWN HALL, 1st to 3rd SEPTEMBER — garden-grown native flowers — blooms from all parts of the Commonwealth.

Field Naturalists' Club of Victoria will concentrate on fungi, lichens, fossils, reptiles, etc.

Hawthorn and Preston Junior F.N.C. will each stage separate displays and the Bird Observers' Club will arrange the feature exhibits.

NATURE FILMS . . . PUBLICATIONS . . .

Adults, 25c; Children, 10c.

TRAINING PAGES



OF COURSE YOUR PATROL IS GOING TO CAMP . . .

7 — ODDS AND ENDS. WHAT SHALL WE DO NOW?

OF COURSE, ONE COULD GO on talking about camp for ages, and much that has not been dealt with in these articles you will discover for yourselves by experience, as well as different and quite possibly better ways of doing things. I want to go back for a moment to gadgets, and first those for stores and kitchen.

You will not want, for a weekend camp, very large quantities of stores, and probably one good-sized box, with a few tins, will hold them all; although it will be handy to have a second box for plates, bowls, jugs, cooking spoons, and so on. Four stout forked sticks that will stand 6in. to 8in. off the ground when they have been firmly banged in, and two strong, straight poles about 4ft. to 5ft. long will make a good stand for boxes; make sure the forked sticks are not too wide apart or your boxes may fall through or tip up. This rack should hold two boxes on their sides, with space in the middle to stow a bread tray and larger basins. The point of standing the boxes on their sides is that you can then stand cups, tins, etc., on top. If using boxes in this way you will require a large piece of plastic weighted at the corners to put over them at night. If the weather is wet, you can use a shelter fly, which would protect your stores and give you a place to have your meals. Dry stores can also be put into large plastic bags tied at the top with a rubber band and slipped through a twisted line, strung between two trees. Vegetables and fruit can be hung in string bags — make certain that they are hung well clear of tree trunks or the possums will eat the lot. All cooking pots will be on their own rack. It might suit you to have a small box on a rack in which to keep cleaning materials, dry paper, matches, etc., and, if not in bags, you could keep your table cutlery and crocks on top. If you have a fire shelter, you could keep this box under it, but

well away from possible drips, and the matches should be in a small waterproof tin. Think out very carefully before camp what equipment will be absolutely necessary, and take just that. There could be a small crossbar on the back pole, from which to hang a bag of clean tea-cloths, the bag for the Colours, possibly a string bag, and a small camp holdall with the first aid box in it, a card with names, etc., of the doctors and any other telephone numbers that might be needed in an emergency. These are not much use if they are buried at the bottom of P.L.'s kitbag, particularly if she is the one needing help!

If you are wise you will keep your table sugar and salt in a jar or tin with a lid, and have a flyproof cover for all jam, marmalade, etc.

The pot rack outside would be similar to the box rack; or you could combine it with a table. However, be careful to put billies upside down on the rack or they may get full of rain water or washing-up water. Ladders have already been discussed. A small, forked stick near the fire will hold pot-lifters. If you twist two ropes fairly tightly together as a clothesline, you will not need clothes-pegs. But if anyone yearns to make clothes-pegs, cut short pieces of easily split-able wood. Bind each piece very firmly for an inch or so one end, and then with your knife split down the middle of the other end about 1½in. to 2in., and scrape the inside of the split to a fairly thin edge on the end.

How about the arrangement of your sleeping tent? You may have invented a movable rack to hold the bedding in the daytime, but you will need something permanent for kitbags, also for spare shoes. If the tent has three upright poles, you could perhaps devise a kit-rack round the middle pole. Otherwise it will probably have to go along one side of the tent, or at one end, and you must

fit your beds in as best you can. One Patrol Camp I visited had been able to borrow a very small tent, in which they kept all their gear except their bedding, just having a coat hanger or so in the sleeping tent to hold their macs. Gumboots can be hung outside, upside down on sticks tall enough to keep them off the ground. Think what you will do with the clothes you take off at night; if you just shove them loose under your pillow they will probably be on the damp ground or even outside the tent by morning. How about hanging them up in plastic bags, or folding them neatly in a plastic bag and putting it under your pillow? Your night clothes could go in this bag in the daytime. They won't get very well-aired this way, but at least they will keep dry.

Just a word about the most boring subject, tidiness! There is little enough room in a tent with five or six of you, but if you leave things about there will be even less, and that is when things get mislaid. Your badge, for instance! "I just took it off and put it on my pillow" — your neighbour is looking for the top of her pyjamas, and Sally opposite is sure she put her hairbrush in her kitbag. And in the morning, when it always seems to be a scramble to get ready in time for Colours — where did you put your hat? A little forethought would save time for more amusing and profitable occupations!

If you are taking it in turns to get up and "do" the breakfast, put the early getter-up's bed by the door, so that she need not climb over all of you to get out. This brings me to other little camp courtesies. Remember at meals that, though you don't take salt or want jam or another piece of bread, someone else may; and it is pleasanter for you to offer it, rather than for her to ask for it or stretch across you to get it. In a Company camp, try not to pass close in front of other people's tents just when they are dressing, changing, etc. If you want to ask a question of the Guider or another Guide, don't bellow across the camp or expect her to come to you. Visitors, whether known or not, should be greeted with politeness. Always shut again any door or gate you have opened to go through, and respect the owner's requests with regard to going over

certain fields, feeding dogs, shouting and so on.

I need not remind you that it is unwise to try to thumb a lift or to accept offers of lifts from anyone you do not know. Try to remember that your behaviour in public becomes more noticeable when you are wearing uniform or are known to be Guides, and not only you, but the whole Movement, may be criticised for thoughtless or conspicuous acts. Good manners cost nothing and oil many wheels.

Don't wait till you get to camp, plan beforehand some of the things it might be fun to do if there is time. Even in two days you may be able to fit in some of them. Take with you one or two "under-cover" ploys, in case of wet weather, cards, puzzles, quizzes, etc. Study the map, and perhaps a local guide book if you are camping away from known neighbourhoods; your host or hostess might be able to give you some guidance. Exploring is great fun, more so if you do it incidental to visiting some well-known church, wishing-well, cheese factory; follow a stream up or down, climb to the top of the hill. If one of the Patrol has a camera, don't let her limit her efforts to taking a picture of you standing on your head — suggest snapping groups of sheep, a lovely view, that tame chaffinch that shares your meals. City Guides might enjoy seeing round a farm (with the permission of the farmer, of course!). The little "I Spy" book of the country is full of ideas for observation. How about a good turn for your host or hostess? Or, making a pictorial map of your neighbourhood? You will probably want to go to church if you are camping over a Sunday, but not necessarily the nearest one — bundle your tidy shoes and socks or stockings with a comb and a clothes brush into a haversack, and discover another church to go to. Cater for taking at least one meal out with you, and if you cannot find any very exciting-looking place on the map, try taking alternate right and left turns, but take careful notes of signposts or easily-remembered landmarks, and if possible follow your map, or you may find you have to walk farther than you reckoned on. Take some money with you, so that if the worst comes to the worst you may be

able to get a bus that will take you back to somewhere near camp. Make sure you have 5 cents, etc., so that you can telephone; remember, your host is to some extent responsible for you, and it is not fair to give him or her any anxiety on your behalf. Don't waste a lovely day lying in your tent reading comics or gossiping idly — you can do that at home. And do try to keep to some sort of time-table — it is most depressing if dinner is so late that you will still be washing up when it's nearly tea-time. Scouting games are rather difficult to organise with only five or six of you, but you could perhaps have a "lentil" trail, a treasure hunt, or a scavenge. Stars are easier to recognise at night in the country, because you can see so much more sky than is visible in town.

Unless you have a grown-up friend locally who will be willing and qualified to act as life-saver, bathing will not be possible, as you will realise when you have read bathing rules and thought of the risks involved. But maybe your host will be able to tell you of a shallow stream where you could paddle (no bathing suits and "I slipped in by mistake").

Well, I must say goodbye, good luck, good camping! And go on discovering new and better ways of doing things, more exciting things to do, and fresh fields to camp in.

—By Elizabeth Pleydell-Bouverie
(from the "Guide").



TAKING THE GAME

Even when you've gathered together a good collection of games, all fun, and of all varieties, and even when you've chosen with the greatest care the ones suited to your needs, still something goes wrong sometimes, and what should have been the highlight of your programme falls flat. That is when you are tempted to think something is wrong with the Guides; they are dull and unresponsive. Maybe, though, it is only that we have explained badly, or made some mistake in taking the game.

First, think what makes a game successful for your Guides. They must understand exactly what they have to do, and equally what they may not do. So be quite sure of the rules of your game, and that you can

put them into words clearly. With some games the explanations get over better if given to the P.L.'s first. Simple team games, that can be explained quite quickly, are best given to the whole Company, but do be sure before you begin to speak that everyone is quiet and listening. Complete silence is worth waiting for—and give the Guides a chance to ask questions when you're done.

More complicated games, and those where quite a bit of organization depends on the leaders, should always be explained to them first, again with a chance for them to ask questions. If the Guides are inclined to get restless while they're waiting, give them something quick and simple to do; challenges of the "Can you do this?" type are suitable.

The Guides also need to be sure you will see the winner, not to be left to tell who was first, so give them a clear sign to make when they are finished. They want, as far as possible, all to be taking an active part all the time. For instance, if your game is the type where a question has to be answered by one member of the patrol, do give the question first, and then, after a pause, the number of the Guide who is to give the answer so that they will all be kept on their toes every time.

I wonder if you've ever been left standing after explaining a game beautifully, with the Company all agog to start, and then found yourself without some vital equipment. If so, you'll never again put a game down on your programme without listing the equipment it needs, and checking that you've got it.

Have you ever sent the company out for a game, and suddenly realized you have set no time for them to come back? Even if you have got a time, they're not always very good at sticking to it, so make it part of the game if you can. If they are Space Men, for instance, they'll obviously need breathing apparatus in our atmosphere, and will only be able to carry enough gas for a limited time, so that if they overstay their limit, they're dead and all they've done is of no avail. They'll all be back on time that day.

May all your games go well, all your Guides enjoy them, and may ideas never fail you.

Questions Girls Ask

CAN I BELIEVE THE BIBLE?

To most boys and girls the Bible remains a puzzle. Much of it is of obvious worth but much is frankly bewildering. What sense can we make of such stories as the snake in the garden, Noah's Ark, or the tale of the talking donkey? What value can there be in the bloodthirsty passages in the Psalms and in the Books of Kings? Can we really believe that the Red Sea parted in two or that Elijah went up to Heaven in a chariot of fire? The New Testament is easier to understand. The story of Jesus makes a more immediate appeal, but even here there are difficulties. Did the miracles really happen? How reliable is the evidence of the Gospels? Much in the Epistles is difficult to understand in the world of today.

How can we help young people to come to terms with this book which in all Christian traditions is fundamental to an understanding of the faith? What do we think we mean when we call this strange collection of writings the Word of God?

To some people the answer is simple. The Bible writers were inspired by God in such a way that however obscure, however puzzling, every verse of every book must be accepted as true. Many who take this literalist view have Bibles well thumbed and underlined, indicating that it is their constant companion. Such devotion cannot other than be respected. Yet to most young people such a "simple" view does not carry great conviction.

More helpful is the "critical" approach. Here is a collection of writings from many authors and periods of history. Legends and folk stories are freely mixed up with passages of more obvious historical accuracy. The writers were men of their own time, reflecting contemporary scientific, political and social attitudes. Some of the books (such as Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy) consist of codes of laws created for a particular moment in the nation's history. Much of the historical record (as in the books of Kings) is frankly biased in favour of the Jewish people. Some of the books which look like history (Ruth, Jonah) are obviously propaganda pamphlets designed to promote a particular point of view. The Psalms and

much of the writings in the Prophets are poetry and their poetic licence must be taken fully into account if we are to begin to understand them. Due allowance must be made for the fact that our English versions of the Bible are translations from manuscripts which, though ancient, are not the original documents in which the books first appeared.

All this is to examine the Bible writings with an intelligent and critical eye. What is the result? There emerges an impressive record of the experience of one nation in search of God. Here is a people who believed, through many hundreds of years of turbulent history, that God was active and alive in the world which He has created. In the lives of individuals, and in the ups and downs of the nation's own story, everything could be interpreted in terms of the mercy and judgment of God.

Such a God-created view of men and affairs can be seen in the Psalmist's approach to the problem of the suffering of the innocent, and in the Prophet's understanding of the political and social situation of his own day.

No one can sensibly believe that every verse in the Bible is of equal worth. Nor can it be denied that there is much that is primitive and childish.

It is the conviction that God can be known and obeyed in the context of real life experience which gives the Bible its unique value, and it is this conviction, arising out of the Biblical interpretation of personal and social experience, which enables us to say that the Bible is true.

—By Edward Patey, Dean of Liverpool;
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CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Brown Owl Retires

Parents and friends joined with Brownies past and present of 1st Canterbury Brownie Pack in saying "goodbye" to Miss Dorothea Holtz on the occasion of her retirement from active association with the Brownies.

Miss Holtz has been Brown Owl of 1st Canterbury Brownies since 1926 — a period of 43 years.

The District Commissioner thanked Miss Holtz for all she had done for the Guide Movement in the district and presented her with a travelling alarm clock from the Guiders.

Mrs. J. Lambeth and Miss Heather Alford spoke on behalf of the Brownies, and Miss Holtz was presented with a sheaf of flowers and an electric drink heater by two Brownies.

The Brownies then served morning tea.

—A. Brown, Publicity Secretary.

LANG LANG'S FIRST QUEEN'S GUIDE

Judith Louttit of 1st Lang Lang Guide Coy. became Lang Lang's first Queen's Guide.

1st Lang Lang Guide Coy. commenced in February, 1938, meeting in the upstairs portion of a shearing shed. It closed down during the war years, and it wasn't until 1952 that it began again, this time in a Guide-Scout Hall.

The presentation was made in our Guide-Scout Hall by the District Commissioner and guests included the Cranbourne Shire President, the Region Commissioner, Division Commissioner and many past Guiders and Guides.





CONSERVATION . . . KEEP AUSTRALIA BEAUTIFUL

You will have read of the campaign to Keep Australia Beautiful. . .

It is interesting that the United States of America has recently issued a block of four

stamps on the subject of the "Beautification of America", and we are indebted to the "Australian Stamp Monthly" and Horticultural Press Pty. Ltd. for permission to print the accompanying pictures.



SONGS FOR "GUIDERAMA"

International Camp Song } Sheet Music.
World Song }

The Chief — "Centenary Song Book".

No Man Is An Island—In "Matilda", December, 1963.

Let Us Go Walking Together—In "Matilda", March, 1967.

My Boat Is Rocking—In "Matilda", September, 1964.

In My Father's House — In "Matilda", December, 1965.

Boy Scout Hymn — In "Matilda", June, 1967.

Kum Ba Yah.

TREES

When out walking on a winter's day, look around to see the different kinds of leafless trees that you pass. In my own road I was surprised at the variety.

One that excites admiration is the ash, the first tree to flower. It has such a neat and orderly array of buds. In the golden ash the buds are more black. The dainty drooping sprays of silver birch have unripe catkins with their tiny buds. Elms with rounded branches make a halo of twigs against the sky. There are also the gnarled oaks; sturdy liquid-ambers still carrying last Autumn's fruits; and the town loving plan trees.

Almond buds are swelling now and will be one of the first blossom trees to come out. The green leaves quickly follow.

—J.H.



A GUIDE MEETING IN PAPUA/NEW GUINEA

The Guides had been told previously to be at Mrs. Birrell's home at 3.30 p.m. and to bring with them a tin to put a pot plant in. Mrs. Birrell is the District Commissioner, and Mrs. Ormsby, with whom we stayed, the Assistant Territory Commissioner of Papua and New Guinea. Mrs. Ormsby, Barbara and I arrived at Mrs. Birrell's home at the appointed time, but the first Guide did not arrive until 4 o'clock. By 4.15 the rest of the Guides had arrived, explaining that they thought it was too hot to walk before then.

Barbara and I began the meeting by arranging the Guides into four Patrols of about three in each. The eldest in each Patrol was appointed Patrol Leader. The Patrol Leaders came to learn to tie a sheet bend, and then each Patrol Leader was given sufficient rope and returned to her Patrol to teach the others. Barbara and I visited each Patrol in turn to explain the uses of the knot.

When all the Guides could tie the knot we formed into a circle to discuss the Ranger and Guide uniforms. We were invited by Mrs. Birrell to look round her garden. While we walked she named many of the plants to us and gave each of the Guides cuttings to plant around their homes.

To end a most enjoyable meeting we had a sing-sing, when the Guides sang songs in Pidgin as well as a few well-known Guide songs. Having thanked Mrs. Birrell for showing them round her garden, the Guides sang Taps with us. The meeting broke up soon after 5 o'clock, and all the Guides went home with a large bunch of flowers and cuttings.

—Elizabeth Hamilton.



August, 1969

SKIRTS

While staying with Mrs. Ormsby, Barbara and I — helped by two European Brownies and a New Guinea Guide — threaded elastic into numerous skirts sent to help raise money for the Guide Movement in Lae. Skirts were made by the Geelong Land Rangers and Local Associations in Geelong, Melbourne, Tasmania, South Australia and New Zealand. These skirts are straight pieces of material joined at the side with a hem at the top to take elastic.

The first sale of skirts was at Finschaven airstrip. The most popular price range was 20 cent baby skirts to 50 cent skirts to fit girls. The highest-priced skirts were large skirts to fit the mothers, and skirts with zips and buttons. The next sale in the Finschaven native market met a high demand. Together the sales raised over \$10 for the Lae Guide Association to buy equipment for the local Companies.



GUIDING IN PAPUA/NEW GUINEA

Did you know that there is a booklet now available on the story of Guiding in Papua/New Guinea?

Called "The History of the Territory of Papua/New Guinea", it is available in Papua/New Guinea for 20 cents, plus postage.



WITH APOLOGIES TO "THE SCARLET PIMPERNEL"

I seek them here

I seek them there

I seek Guide Leaders everywhere . . .

Are they on Venus? Or maybe on Mars?

They certainly aren't on **my** Universe!

—A Despairing District Commissioner,
Ararat.

**MESSAGE OF LOYALTY FROM THE
QUEEN'S GUIDES OF VICTORIA**

Buckingham Palace,
3rd June, 1969.

You will remember that the Queen's Guides of Victoria sent a message of loyalty — this year written by Elizabeth Haigh of la Mildura Company and read at Government House by Suzanne Hill of 4th Hawthorn — to H.M. the Queen.

DEAR MRS. RENSHAW JONES,

I have received the message of loyalty and devotion you have sent to the Queen on behalf of the Queen's Guides of Victoria.

Acknowledgement has been received from Buckingham Palace and the message from the Queen's Private Secretary is printed here.

I have laid this before the Queen who has commanded me to ask you to convey an expression of Her Majesty's sincere thanks and warm appreciation for the terms of your message.



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TREFOIL GUILD PAGE

GOOD — Trip, glorious countryside and weather.

BETTER — The warm welcome of Barree Region awaiting us at Wodonga Scout/Guide Hall.

BEST — The formation of a new Trefoil Guild for the Region, with 21 foundation members.

The State Recorder, Mrs. J. May, had been invited to meet the members of Barree Region with a view to establishing a Trefoil Guild. Miss Dorothy Cooper, Secretary of Eastern Suburbs Guild, accompanied her.

A sumptuous lunch was provided by the L.A., and we all felt like old friends — that's the spirit of Guiding.

Mr. I. Mitchell, M.P. for the area, attended the luncheon, and told us of a combined Scout/Guide site, including a lagoon, developed at Corryong. The extreme point is named Olave Point; one area is Nyeri, after the last home of Lord Baden-Powell in Kenya, Africa; and the bridge is Chauvel Bridge, after our much-loved former State Commissioner. (Mr. Mitchell married Lady Chauvel's daughter, Elyne, authoress of "Silver Brumby", etc.).

Then the meeting proper commenced, with Mrs. D. H. Hamilton, Region Commissioner, in the chair.

Mrs. May spoke of the work of the Trefoil Guild, including service within and without the Guide Movement, stressing the all-important points of people with the same ideals still serving the community in various ways, both as a Guild and personally.

Miss Cooper described some of the projects undertaken by Guilds already formed.

Then came the big moment: "Shall we form a Guild?" and the unanimous "yes".

It was most heartening to know of the Guiding flame which continues to burn in ex-Guides!

Office-bearers elected are:—

President: Mrs. Schlapp of Myrtleford.
Vice-President: Mrs. Whitehead of Corryong,
Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Webb of Whorouly.
Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. Thompson of Beechworth.

At the close of the meeting a spoon with the crest of the Region was presented to each of the visitors. The crest shows mountain, river and forest in a delightful design.

As the members belong to such a widely scattered region the Guild plans to meet, as a whole, only twice a year.

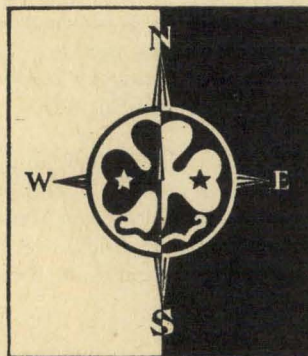
Some were interested in a correspondence membership, and we may look forward to welcoming some new members of Southern Cross.

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Trefoil members are especially interested in a plan to form a Guild for younger ex-Guides who have left home for training or jobs, most of them in Melbourne. There is a very interesting possibility for a Guild of a new type through which these people could keep in touch with one another, with former companions and with wider Guiding in general.

It is a stimulating idea for every Trefoil member to notice former Guides, especially those from the country living away from home; if their names are sent to Mrs. May it might be possible for several near to one another to meet as a group from time to time; one or two might be invited individually to the homes of members.

Let us all work up, according to our circumstances, some ways of getting to know about one another that could be explored.



NOTICES

BRITANNIA PARK—LOST PROPERTY

The following lost property is with Miss D. Holtz (phone 82 4661) and anything not claimed within one month of this notice will be given to the Trefoil Opportunity Shop, 317 Racecourse Road, Newmarket.

1. One watch with nickel band found near Glendinning Hut during June.
2. Two torches, marked R. Haig and L. Scorbie.
3. Treasure Annual (Virginia Wayne).
4. One brown waterproof (Joy Wilding).
5. One brown cardigan (Pryde).
6. Three pillowslips (one multi-stripe—unmarked; one white with lace trim (Hildebrand); one white (Rosemary Abbott).
7. Two hand towels (one green and one gold and white stripes).

In future all lost property will be disposed of after one month.



"MATILDA" ADVERTISEMENTS

In view of the volume of interesting material of service to Guiders, and the limited space available, but realising that insertion of notices, etc., could be of service also, it has been agreed that this facility be provided as under—

"Matilda" will accept small advertisements, notices, etc., which may be submitted from ANY source.

Cost will be 5 cents per word, and this should be sent with the copy.

Telephone numbers, uniform measurements, dates, etc., count as one word.

The Editor reserves the right to refuse any advertisement, and no responsibility can be accepted for information given in any advertisement.

NOTE: Notices of local annual meetings (e.g., for Regions, etc.) and similar functions will be advertised without charge up to 30 words (five lines). Any additional words will be charged at the normal rate of 5 cents per word.

BROWNIE GUIDERS' CONFERENCE

"The Eight-Point Programme"

DATE — 11th October, 1969.

TIME — 10 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

PLACE — South Melbourne Town Hall, Bank Street, South Melbourne.

Light luncheons will be available.

Here is a wonderful opportunity to meet and confer with Guiders throughout the State on the New Programme.

Come and share your views.

To help prepare interesting and satisfying discussion send in your questions now to—

Convener,

Miss J. Rowe,

42 Doynton Parade,

Mount Waverley, 3149.



PACK HOLIDAY TRAINING

(Applicants please note change of dates.)

A Pack Holiday Training Course has been arranged comprising of four Tuesday nights, the dates being 30th September, 7th, 14th and 21st October. The course will be held at Headquarters from 6 to 8 p.m.

Trainer: Miss J. McGahy.

This course will be limited, so early application is advisable. Application on blue training form, together with 50 cents training fee, to be sent to Mrs. B. D. McNally, Camping Secretary, Girl Guides Association, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne.



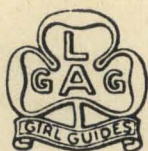
"LINGBOGAL"

Mrs. N. E. McBain, Convener, is on six months' leave of absence — from 1st July to 30th November. Bookings can be made through—

Mrs. J. Ince,

202 Howitt Street,

Ballarat, 3350.



THIS IS THE LOCAL ASSOCIATION'S PAGE

Please send all material for this page to Mrs. J. M. KIRKMAN, 161 Charman Road, MENTONE, 3194.

LOCAL ASSOCIATION CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Our Central Conference was a great success. Over 800 of our Local Association people came along to the Moorabbin Town Hall on 9th June, to participate in their biennial Conference. We were very thrilled to see so many people, all keen to learn a little more about the "parent-and-friend" aspect of Guiding, and to take back to their own area what they had learnt. Minutes will be sent to each L.A. so that all Districts will have a record of what took place.

It was wonderful to have Lady Delacombe to open the Conference. She is a charming Governor's Lady and so very interested in all we do. Incidentally, I quite agree with the people who expressed the opinion that it was too quiet when the official party was leaving. There should have been music playing.

A lot of you commented about the way we conducted "Roll Call". Now that the Conference is so large, this has become unwieldy and before 1971 we shall try to improve it. This also applies to the system of distributing name tags.

Wasn't the Panel Discussion with Miss Barr and the Advisers good? They told us so much that we didn't know about the New Programme.

Discussion Groups and Question Box were as popular as always, with so many people saying, "Can't we have longer at these?" We did give you a lot longer with these this year, but it still does not seem to be long enough. I am developing a plan for next time, in which Question Box and Discussion Groups will be practically the whole Conference.

Beaumaris Local Association worked hard

to make the Conference a success. They enjoyed it all and found the task very rewarding. Mrs. Austin made a wonderful Convener, and Mrs. Grutzner, a member of the Local Association, was a tremendous success as Chairman. Glen Waverley L.A., Balwyn L.A., and South Yarra-Toorak L.A.'s played their parts to comfort the inner man. Without all these willing people we could not have had so many pleasant, congratulatory remarks about the day.

After your overwhelming vote to change the name, "Local Association", we are sending a recommendation to the Executive Committee to this effect. If the Executive agrees, the recommendation would have to be sent to all States for their vote. Therefore, any decision will take some time.

Thank you all for creating such a successful 1969 Local Association Conference.

AN INTERESTING MONTHLY MEETING

For their monthly meeting, DONCASTER L.A. gave themselves the pleasure of a day's outing at the Cultural Centre, where they had a conducted tour.

Afterwards they walked across St. Kilda Road, sat on the grass and ate their lunch. Then the usual monthly meeting was held.

FUND RAISING

Honey bottling sounds a good idea for a novel fund-raising effort. Mr. R. FOX, MORACK ROAD, VERMONT, supplies top quality yellow box honey in 60 lb. tins at prices of \$7 to \$9 per tin. He also makes a honey urn available for the bottling night.

This sounds like profitable fun for Local Associations as well as Guide Companies.

KERRIMUIR Local Association have a hostess system which works extremely well for morning coffees, annual meetings, etc. Volunteers become hostesses to supply a card table, attractive cloth, small vase of flowers, five paper plates, sugar and bowl,

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—Photograph and block by courtesy of Pan Pix Studios and the "Wangaratta Chronicle".

A GUIDE AND SCOUT PROJECT

Those who read with interest the story of the Wangaratta Guide and Scout Project on page 23 of the July issue of "Matilda" will be interested to see this picture of the Guides in action serving dinner during that busy day.

DAFFODIL

It is wonderful to watch a daffodil, or any bulb, begin to put out the first green leaves. The old stem looks so apparently dead. But this is one of the miracles of nature. All through the cold weather the leaves and stems will quietly grow until one August day we see a golden daffodil unfolding. I am sure Brownies know all about this.

—J.H.



BRITANNIA PARK

PLEASE . . .

This is a special plea to Guiders who are going up to stay at Britannia Park — either in the House, Cottage or Cabin. Could you please give the Warden (Mr. Gard) some notification of the sort of time you may expect to arrive. Mr. and Mrs. Gard are most conscientious about their duties — they also have a great admiration for the work that Guiders do, and they like to help in making their arrival as comfortable as possible. The House and Cottage have to be opened beforehand, the fire lit at the Cottage and the boiler at the House, and, if it is night time, a light left on. More than once these things have been done and no one has turned up. Their Phone No. is Wesburn 279 and they would appreciate your co-operation . . . so would the Committee. WE pay for the Warden's time AND for the fuel not used!

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The Committee was very happy to entertain several members of the Executive Committee to luncheon on Saturday, 7th June. The weather was kind and the property looked very lovely. We were most gratified to see so many people there to help at Miss Barr's monthly working bee, and it gave us a great thrill to present to our State Commissioner these working bee people who show their appreciation of Guiding in such a practical way.

It is good to note how much more the Cabin is being used these days, and I was particularly interested to see it booked for two weekends in July for a Patrol weekend. Speaking as a parent, I think it's a splendid idea for a qualified Patrol Leader to give her Patrol a weekend there in the winter. They are safe, warm and dry — near enough to other people and yet independent of them.

Guiders will be interested to know that the hot shower attached to the Cabin has been overhauled and will be in proper working order for the August camping. This is a facility available, during daylight hours, to all Guiders camping anywhere on the property. It costs 5 cents a time, but if you're nippy two people can shower for that amount of money.

In future all the rooms at Brownie Cottage will have a name — a bird's name. A set of lovely little plaques has been painted by Miss Petera Clamp of Ballarat. We are most grateful to her, and I'm sure you will all be as thrilled with them as I am.

The site of the old Chapel is now ready for use again. The cedar wattles planted there by Miss Broadhurst about four years ago are ready to be sat under! This place is to be known as "The Quiet Place" (Mrs. Cuthbert is at present doing a nameboard for it), and it will be for the use of small groups for discussions or Pow-wows, or for small religious services for those who do not wish to use the Chapel. We hope very

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A QUEEN'S GUIDE PRESENTATION CEREMONY

Those who followed through the section — on page 360 of the June issue of "Matilda" — giving the steps to a Queen's Guide Badge presentation should put the following introduction, omitted in the June issue, with it.

This will then give the complete picture — and the 11 steps are: Golden Bar; Golden Hand; Brownie Wings; Second Class; Cooking; Sewing and First Aid; First Class; Little House; Bushcraft; Camp Permit; All Round Cords; Queen's Guide.

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The Company sit in pairs, legs outstretched and feet touching, to make a ladder with 11 steps — 22 Guides. Alongside each step stands another Guide, each holding a large replica of some badge gained on the way to becoming a Queen's Guide. As the Queen's Guide reaches each step of the ladder she is handed the badge there and she carries them all on up the ladder to the top where a large Queen's Badge is waiting and where Captain or Commissioner stands waiting to present the actual badge.

The following rhyme is spoken as the Queen's Guide climbs the ladder. Guides holding the badges at the steps speak their own section.

When as a Brownie you began
Already you had made a plan
To climb and climb and not to stop
Until you'd reached the very top.
GOLDEN BAR and GOLDEN HAND
Began the climb in Brownie Land,
Giving you your BROWNIE WINGS
To fly you on to higher things:



BRITANNIA PARK

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much that Guides and Brownies using this place will be careful not to break down the bush surrounding it. Because of the destruction to the bush around the Tartandi Chapel we are having to put a temporary fence around the Chapel to try to encourage the bush to grow again, to help give us that feeling of nearness to God and to nature which seems to come to us in the Tartandi Chapel.

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And the Maintenance Fund . . . What are we doing with that? It is a source of continual wonder and gratitude that you keep this fund going as you do. Well, lately we have bought some new blankets and some new pillows; renewed the glass in three broken windows; renewed spouting in both houses; had the floor of the vernadach mended; bought new lino for one of the bathrooms; and, last, but not least, we've bought a "boot for Little Toot". In more prosaic terms, we've bought a trailer for the little tractor mower — we call it "Little Toot's Boot". This latest acquisition is the greatest help to Mr. Gard, and already is saving him a lot of time and a lot of energy.

This month we are happy and grateful to acknowledge the following contributions to the Maintenance Fund during the month of June:—

- 2nd—Lakes Entrance L.A.
- 4th—1st Morwell Coy.
- 5th—Pyramid Hill L.A.
- 8th—Tawonga L.A.
- 9th—Deepdene L.A.
- 10th—Koonung Division.
- 11th—2nd Koonung Heights Coy.
- 12th—Marcia Wood in memory of Lady Rylah
- 14th—Heidelberg-Ivanhoe L.A.
- 15th—Caulfield L.A.
- 16th—South Morang L.A.
- 18th—Caulfield L.A.
- 19th—North Kew L.A.
- 27th—South Morang L.A.
- 29th—Nunawading L.A.
- 30th—Nhill L.A.

Omitted last time:

- 30th May—Waverley North Pack.

WARRANTS

A warm welcome is extended to the following:—

Region Commissioner:

Mrs. S. H. Thiele, Dandenong.

Division Commissioners:

Mrs. F. C. Peterson, Diamond Valley; Mrs. M. C. Candy, South-Western; Mrs. W. Neely, Springvale; Mrs. J. C. Morphet, Moorabbin East; Mrs. R. A. Marks, Assistant, Port Phillip.

District Commissioners:

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WARRANTS RETURNED

We acknowledge with gratitude the service given by the following, whose Warrants have been returned:—

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Mrs. E. Reveleigh, Dandenong.

Division Commissioner:

Mrs. A. L. Wilson, South-Western.

District Commissioners:

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Brown Owls:

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CONGRATULATIONS to Lynda Whiteley of S.R.S. "Invincible" for obtaining her Full Ranger Service Star.

—BETH CHAMBERLAIN,
Ranger Adviser.

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CONGRATULATIONS to the recipients of the following Awards:—

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plate of sandwiches and a cake. Cups, saucers and spoons are kept at the hall.

Tickets are typed and each hostess takes four tickets to sell to friends and neighbours. Some of these tickets are sold to other members as soon as they are issued. Tables are arranged around the hall with the six chairs in a semi-circle facing towards the front and, when set, look most attractive. The members supplying the food, etc., do not pay for a ticket. Some members sell more than their four tickets for their table, so they bring a little extra food. Tickets are paid for before the function, as people usually go if they have paid for a ticket.

The L.A. supplies the coffee and milk and also cordial and biscuits for the pre-schoolers, who never seem to be any bother.

With this system, if one hostess becomes ill or for some reason cannot attend, it does not interrupt proceedings unduly, as her guests can be placed at other tables. Supply an interesting speaker, and you can't go wrong.

GUIDES AND SCOUTS IN ISRAEL

In 1949 a hundred Boy and Girl Scouts from Haifa, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, average age 18, established the kibbutz of Tel Katzir on the eastern shore of the Sea of Galilee overshadowed by the Syrian hills. It was the first group sponsored by "NAHAL", the army agricultural pioneers, who today have some six Scout kibbutzim to their credit. They were reinforced by more pioneers in 1952 and today, in addition to its adult membership, the kibbutz has 26 children up to the age of 10 whose village school is shared by two other nearby kibbutzim.

Life goes on quite normally in spite of the village's exposed position. Laughter rises in the children's houses and in the dining-hall behind its bullet-proof walls. Older children go to school, mothers wash and sew and cook, fathers plough and reap, visitors come and go. The flowers bloom; grapefruit, bananas and grapes ripen round the season and are sent to market; the wheat is stacked, the eggs collected and the cows are milked, while the members of the kibbutz raise their families in the wild lush scenery of the Jordan Valley.

Tel Katzir has played host to various youth groups throughout the years. Younger Scouts and Guides from town come in the summer holidays to help with the harvest; youth groups from America have also visited the kibbutz to give and to learn.

The members of Tel Katzir take their responsibilities very seriously. Anyone who knows how short-handed farms are in Israel, especially in the summer, will realise how difficult it is to release working members for jobs in the Movement; and yet Tel Katzir has always risen to the challenge.

The Commandant of the Israel National Scout Jamboree held in August, 1965, for the Scouts and Guides of Israel and their visitors from abroad was Gideon, a member of Tel Katzir. He was released for six months to take on the job of organising the Jamboree of 6,000 Scouts. Previously, in 1962, he had been sent to India to the World Assembly of Youth as Israel Scout representative, and had also been "lent" as Scout leader to a town Troop for a year. Another Tel Kat-

zir member is Israel, a tractor driver when not working for the Movement, who has been General Secretary of our Scout and Guide Headquarters for the last two years. He also had a leading role at the Jamboree and did his stint as a leader to a town Troop a few years ago.

Beside Gideon and Israel there are many other young men and women, members of Tel Katzir who have answered the call for work among youth. Five members are out at present leading Troops in different parts of the country. Two are running the local Troops in Tiberias on the other side of the Sea of Galilee. This summer two members of the kibbutz worked in a camp for wayward youngsters sponsored by the police of Tiberias. Tel Katzir had its share of representatives in the Israel delegation to the World Jamboree at Marathon in 1963. Today two members of the kibbutz teach in a school for new immigrant children in Tiberias.

One thing is sure, if you want a job done apply to Tel Katzir. The spirit of service learnt by both boys and girls while youngsters in the Scouts has remained with them and has found its expression in the many challenges both spiritual and physical met so splendidly by the young people of Tel Katzir.

The village is an example of what can be done today in this world of distractions. Israel Scouts and Guides are proud of their kibbutz.

—From "Council Fire".



THRUSH AND BLACKBIRD

I had a happy surprise the other evening. I heard the first English song thrush singing from the top of a bare tree—

"With glee, with glee, with glee,
Cheer up, cheer up, cheer up."

It was such a joyous outpouring of song. Unfortunately, it is getting all too rare in this area, in the city. The thrush will sing throughout the cold weather. August, ushers in the first notes of the blackbird — a more serene and mellow song that carries with it the promise of Spring.

—J.H.