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Have you remembered ?

OUR ANNUAL MEETING

TO BE HELD IN THE PRESENCE OF
LADY DELACOMBE, STATE PRESIDENT,
MONDAY, 20th OCTOBER, 1969

COME AND JOIN US ALL —
THE ST. KILDA TOWN HALL AT 8.00 p.m.
HEAR OUR INTERESTING SPEAKERS
AND MEET YOUR FRIENDS.

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- ☆ MISS M. SHAW, ACTING STATE COMMISSIONER, will present the Report.
- ☆ MR. R. E. GREGORY, HON. TREASURER, will present the Annual Financial Statements.
- ☆ THE RT. HON. ARTHUR CALWELL, M.P., will propose the Adoption of the Report.
- ☆ MRS. H. WESTMORELAND, PRESIDENT OF THE MELBOURNE Y.W.C.A., will second the Adoption of the Report.
- ☆ MISS. F. GROVE, BROWN OWL, will pass the vote of thanks to the Speakers.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Mrs. J. R. PRICE, O.B.E., Chief Commissioner for Australia



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L-R: Miss L. Mitchell, Australian Secretary; Lady Hasluck, Australian President; Mrs. J. R. Price, Chief Commissioner.

AUSTRALIAN CEREMONY AT HEADQUARTERS

An important ceremony was held at Headquarters on Friday, 29th August. This was the presentation of the Badge of Office to our National President, Lady Hasluck, wife of our Governor-General.

Lady Hasluck was greeted by a guard of honour of Guides and Brownies and escorted by Mrs. J. R. Price, Chief Commissioner for Australia, into Victorian Headquarters.

Mrs. Price introduced Lady Hasluck, who spoke to us, and we felt that those present

could tell that Lady Hasluck is genuinely interested in the activities of the Movement and its history.

After the presentation of the President's Badge, representatives of the States and Commonwealth Territories were presented to Lady Hasluck, and a Brownie, with a little speech, presented a posy to our President.

Then, as her first official duty, Lady Hasluck presented to Mrs. Price the Silver Fish,

an Award well deserved. Three rousing cheers were given for Mrs. Price and a Bravo sung. In a brief but moving speech, Mrs. Price thanked Lady Hasluck and those present for this honour.

Although quite short the morning ceremony was truly impressive, and we felt an even stronger link with the Movement throughout Australia as we watched, peeping behind the flags we held, the investing of the Australian President, Lady Hasluck.

—From the stories by Marilyn Cockroft, 2nd Moorabbin Coy., and Heather Cooper, Cadet.

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FOR AUSTRALIA . . .
A NEW PRESIDENT
FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER . . .
A SILVER FISH
FOR VICTORIA . . .
A GRAND OCCASION

Nature's colouring was reflected sunshine through the glorious golden plumage of the Bird of Paradise of Papua/New Guinea and on the yellow band across the tail feathers of the Black Cockatoo. They watched the Black Swan swim lazily by the Playpus, who had looked up to see what was going on. The Koala sat on his branch in the Q-tree above the red Waratah, and on the horizon could be seen the Southern Cross. The Black-Backed Magpie turned his head knowingly to one side and noted the "great excitement" that was going on . . . For, where were they? They were at Victoria's beautiful new Guide Headquarters on Friday morning, 29th August. These lovely Australian State Badges made simple and effective decorative background for a Grand Occasion. For this was an Australia-Level Day!

Never had the Guide Hall looked so dignified in its simplicity . . . the State Badges, its only decoration, with one beautiful bowl of sweet-scented "Rene Fairbairn" daffodils emphasising Spring and the Youth of our Movement.

A Horseshoe was formed by representatives from each State and from Papua/New Guinea, most of whom had flown in that very day. Behind them was a double line of Victorian State Executive members and adult members from Victorian Regions.

Two Brownies, Guides or Rangers from each Region, who had formed a guard of honour outside the building, filed into the hall between the State representatives and the Guiders — and then, preceded by perfectly-groomed and trained Colour Parties bearing the Australian Flag and the Standard of the Chief Commissioner of Australia, came Lady Hasluck, wife of the Governor-General of Australia, accompanied by the Chief Commissioner of Australia, Mrs. J. R. Price, O.B.E.

The National Anthem opened the proceedings, and then Mrs. Price told Lady Hasluck how happy we were to be welcoming Her Excellency as President of the Australian Council of the Girl Guides Association. She presented Lady Hasluck with her Badge of Office, to acclamation from the gathered throng. A Brownie presented our new President with a lovely bouquet of boronia and iris, and then Mrs. Price conducted Her Excellency around the Horseshoe of State representatives, presenting each to their new President, who showed much interest in that each had come so far to represent so many thousands of our Movement.

Lady Hasluck thanked those who had gathered for this momentous occasion and, to the extreme delight of all present, said she had the greatest pleasure to perform her first duty in her new appointment — that of bestowing the highest award in Guiding to our Chief Commissioner . . . the Silver Fish . . . which she placed around the neck of Mrs. Price.

There could be no doubt about the popularity of this Award, for Mrs. Price has given so freely of her time and talents to the girls of our community, through the Association. It is indeed a responsibility to be able and willing to represent our great continent of Australia in the eyes of the world.

After morning tea the Chief Commissioner presented the State Executive and Region representatives to Her Excellency. Our President then passed down the guard of honour — to where a smartly-turned-out Ranger held open the door of the Vice-Regal car, and waved her hand to the gathered crowd as she drove away. We were left with a "red-letter day" for all privileged to be present.

IMPLEMENTATION DAY— WERE YOU THERE?

At Lara when members from various Districts, with their parents, and guests, sat on cushions at a Japanese tea party whilst hostesses served them. Traditional songs and dances were performed, and the highlight of the evening was the arrival of the rickshaw laden with Handbooks.

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At 3rd Jordanville, where they planned a campfire to burn their old papers, and had to dodge the hailstorm. They welcomed Brownies coming into the Company and received their Handbooks from their Patrol leaders. Cap. issued a challenge to start the new ball rolling — each Guide to make a candle lantern, and then an outdoor meeting to be arranged to USE them. "Went home to read the Handbooks in bed."

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At the Camberwell Civic Centre with Camberwell North and South Divisions where a warm and friendly atmosphere prevailed over the wintry conditions outside. The Mayoress presented Handbooks to the Brownie Guides and the Mayor to the Guides. "We were pleased to have representatives from the Council and our local Members of Parliament. An introduction to the new programme was given by our Region Commissioner and then the audience enthusiastically joined in the singing of Campfire songs led by the Canterbury Guides."

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Joining in 1st Upwey's Mock Funeral—where with all persons appropriately dressed, the old programme was buried and two angels led Miss Macartney to the new Handbooks. Rangers, Guides and Brownie Guides took part, and there was a lot of humour in the presentation.

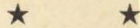
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Or perhaps at the wake for the Old Guard held by S.R.S. Brisbane, followed by a party for the new programme. The party, attended by Rangers from Nunawading, Laburnum, Kerrimuir, Booroondara, S.R.S. Brisbane and S.R.S. Swan II, included much feasting and merrymaking. Inclement weather forced the barbecue to become, on Implementation Day itself, an indoor sausage sizzle — all renewed their promise and were presented with their Handbooks.

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Or at H.Q., where after a toast to the New Programme, grace was sung before breakfast. "The tables were beautifully decorated with flowers and fresh fruit, and plates of egg and bacon pie, rolls and jam, orange juice and tea and coffee waited for us. After everyone had been welcomed a Guide and Ranger Guide, both of whom had worked in one of the Pilot Scheme areas, outlined the Eight Point programme and gave their thoughts on it. The Lady Mayoress, Mrs. Best, spoke to us and presented a handbook to a representative of the three sections of the Movement, then the girls present were invited to open

the attractively wrapped books in front of them and introduce the visitor next to them to the new programme. Leanne Borch thanked the Lady Mayoress for coming and guests and the press were thanked by a Brownie Guide from South Yarra. I am sure everyone who attended the breakfast enjoyed it and found it interesting and profitable."



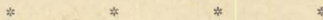
At long last, "I" for Implementation Day, had arrived and what better time to begin the new Eight Point Programme than early in the day with a celebration Breakfast. All Branches of the Movement were represented; members of the Sailing School Committee and the Ranger-Rover Council were our Ranger representatives on the day.

While Brownies, Guides and Rangers practised Grace upstairs, the official guests, including the Lady Mayoress, Mrs. Best, Lady Curtis, Mrs. A. Whalley and Mrs. E. Beaurepaire, together with numerous representatives of television and press, had toasted the new programme.

When the official guests located their seats and Grace had been sung, we all enjoyed the delightful breakfast which had been promised as an inducement for us to get up so early. As breakfast progressed Jill Couttie, a Guide from Hampton, and Marilyn Jones, a Ranger from S.R.S. Melbourne of Beaumaris gave a speech on the effect of the new programme in their respective companies, which have been under the new system for the last year.

The Lady Mayoress, Mrs. Best, then presented a Brownie Handbook, a Guide Handbook, and a Ranger Handbook and Sue Cooper received the handbook on behalf of the Ranger Branch. Miss Senior Guide, Leanne Borch proposed the vote of thanks to Mrs. Best. It is nice to note that Mrs. Best is also a Guide and thus was doubly pleased to be able to attend.

I feel that a vote of thanks and praise deserves to be given to all who were involved in the organisation of the great occasion, for the smooth running of the morning.



Or with the Guide who felt that Implementation Day was simply a jumble of letters scribbled across her calendar until she participated with many other members of the movement in the ceremony of receiving the handbooks and joining in the campfire songs with everyone who had gathered to celebrate the day. Particularly the Brownie Guides, who sat on the edges of their seats, with eyes and mouths wide as they watched the ceremony and listened to the singing. "I know I'm not the only one who thoroughly enjoyed herself."



In the Sea Scout hall at Mornington—right on the water's edge—watching the District Commissioner, an expert 'seawoman', row a dinghy laden with handbooks from the pier to the beach where a great chain of Brownies and Guides waited to hand the books up the living chain until they reached the Division Commissioner who distributed them. Campfire and a sausage sizzle completed an enjoyable evening.



Watching "Operation Air Drop" at Grovedale, Geelong, where a light aircraft, flying low, dropped parcels of Handbooks to the girls on the airfield beneath. Each unit found their books wrapped and suitably labelled.



Or with 2nd Balwyn Company, who recorded their farewell to the old programme in a special logbook and then 'lit up' the eight points of the new programme, made their Promise, and received their Handbooks. This was followed by a sit down dinner. Arranged by patrols, hot casseroles and pavlovas (with second helpings) had been brought to cater for the patrols and visitors. A special cake with an eight point programme badge was there too.

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FROM THE STATE COMMISSIONER

August brought several big occasions in addition to the routine affairs of the month.

The Ranger Section was certainly busy — with “folk and fun”, Mental Hygiene and Guiders’ Training weekends.

Public Relations ran another successful training day in Headquarters. This department, largely due to the efforts of Miss Wirth, organised a morning visit to the film, “My Side of the Mountain”, during the school holidays, and requests for tickets were so numerous that an additional day has been arranged.

The quarterly Advisers’ Meeting was held on a suitable date to enable me to be fully aware of happenings within the Sections and Departments when I attended the meeting of the Australian Executive. This took place in Sydney at Australian Headquarters and was of unusual importance, being the first in a new pattern. Following the advice of the Australian Association Development Committee, the number of meetings will be increased — to up to three a year — in an effort to speed decisions and eliminate much all-State letter writing.

Four new appointments have been made at Australian level and the result of the ballot by States was announced at the meeting:

Australian Section Director: Mrs. K. M. Gahan (S.A.).

Australian Brownie Guide Section Adviser: Miss Greta Roach (N.S.W.).

Australian Guide Section Adviser: Miss Yvonne James (Vic.).

Australian Ranger Guide Section Adviser: Miss Barbara Neill (N.S.W.).

With the expert help of the Australian Treasurer we planned to use Australian funds in the best possible way for the development of Guiding throughout the Commonwealth.

I have recently been very conscious of the need to “look wide”, not to stop at State borders — to take our place in the Australian and, indeed, the World Movement. Frequently, even Thinking Day contributions are listed as money donated to Headquarters — not, as they should be, to World Guiding.

Nearly 200 Commissioners attended the annual residential Commissioners’ Conference, held again this year at Monash University, and this number swelled to 240 for the Saturday sessions. The active Committee are to be congratulated upon an excellent job — the time passed all too quickly. We were fortunate that Mrs. Blythe, State Commissioner for Western Australia, was able to delay her return home after the Australian Executive and spend the weekend with us. Commissioners were most interested to hear of the problems encountered within that State because of the vast distances — making our most scattered areas seem almost suburban by contrast.

Our State Executive Committee had many decisions to make at the monthly meeting, foremost amongst these being receipt of the financial statements for 1968/69 and the budget for 1969/70. We had discussed these at the Finance Sub-Committee meeting on the previous day and, with the wonderful assistance of our Honorary Treasurer, Mr. Gregory, we were able to understand and assess the details. At this meeting the Executive Committee elected Miss Shaw to be Acting State Commissioner during my forthcoming absence from Australia.

I am sorry that I shall not be able to take part in some of the exciting happenings during the next weeks. In particular, I would like to have been present to welcome Her Excellency, Lady Hasluck, to Headquarters, where she has so graciously consented to attend the Badge Ceremony as the new Australian President. You will all be as thrilled as I am that on this occasion our beloved Chief Commissioner, Mrs. Price, receives the Award of the Silver Fish.

When 23rd September comes around I expect to be in England. I shall be thinking of you all and hoping that adults and children alike will enjoy a day of celebration and that this will mark the beginning of a happy and enthusiastic era of Guiding in Victoria.

Knowing that I leave my “family” in the capable hands of my Headquarters team I

look forward to returning to you refreshed with many new experiences to share.

Happy implementing!

Charlotte Renshaw Jones.



ACTING STATE COMMISSIONER

During the period Mrs. Renshaw Jones will be overseas, from 27th August to 27th November, Miss M. Shaw was appointed by the Executive Committee as Acting State Commissioner.

—Betty M. Macartney, State Secretary.

NEW AUSTRALIAN APPOINTMENTS

You will all be interested to learn that, by decision of the Australian Council, four new Australian appointments have been created as follows:—

Australian Section Director.

Australian Brownie Section Adviser.

Australian Guide Section Adviser.

Australian Ranger Section Adviser.

You will note that the terminology follows the pattern of the New Programme where the name "Branch" has changed to "Section".

I am sure that you will all be delighted to know that the new Australian Guide Section Adviser is Miss Y. James, a Diploma'd Guider, who has been the Guider-in-Charge of the Pilot Scheme on the New Programme in the Outer Southern Suburbs Division. She is well known in Victorian Guiding circles, and I am sure you would wish to join with me in congratulating her and wishing her a happy and rewarding term of office.

The people appointed to the other three positions are known to quite a number of Victorians and, for your interest, their names are given below—

Mrs. M. Gahan (from South Australia), Australian Section Director.

Miss G. Roach (from N.S.W., formerly of Victoria), Australian Brownie Section Adviser.

Miss B. Neill (from N.S.W.), Australian Ranger Section Adviser.

To these new Australian Office-Bearers, Victoria sends its best wishes and congratulations.

—Betty M. Macartney, State Secretary.

CHIEF COMMISSIONER FOR AUSTRALIA

You will all have been delighted to learn that Mrs. J. R. Price's outstanding services to the Guide Movement have been recognised by the Award of the Silver Fish. This was announced by Her Excellency Lady Hasluck, who presented the Award at the conclusion of the Special Ceremony at Victorian Headquarters on 29th August, when Lady Hasluck received from the Chief Commissioner her Badge of Office as President of the Girl Guides Association of Australia.

To Mrs Price, so well known in Guiding circles in Victoria, we convey our sincere congratulations on this well-deserved Award.



At the Commonwealth Chief Commissioners' Conference — (Left to right) Princess Margaret; Mrs. Freda Olivey, Bermuda; Mrs. J. R. Price, Australia; Mrs. Betty Clay (nee Baden-Powell), Deputy Chief Commissioner, England.

'Matilda' thanks EVERYONE who co-operated so splendidly by arranging to send in reports on Implementation Day activities with such speed.

Special stories came from—The Guides of 2nd Balwyn; Theresa Harney, 2nd Camberwell; Jill Coutie, 3rd Beaumaris; Mrs. Valda Usher, North Balwyn L.A.; Crew of S.R.S. Brisbane; Mrs. L. Reid; Mrs. F. Darby; Marilyn Simmons, S.R.S. Derwent; Mrs. M. Townsend; Guides of 3rd Jordanville.

THE LADY DELACOMBE CUP

The 5th Lady Delacombe Cup was held at Peninsula Country Golf Club on Monday, 8th September. This event had its origin during the year of our Building Appeal when Mrs. T. S. Carlyon, a member of the Appeal Committee, and now a member of State Council, was given the task of organising a Golf Competition. She came forward with the suggestion that our State President be invited to give her patronage to an event to be called The Lady Delacombe Cup. Lady Delacombe graciously consented, and the first day was so successful, Mrs. Carlyon and her Committee were very happy when Lady Delacombe agreed that the Cup be played for in perpetuity.

Each year one of our leading Golf Clubs has granted the use of their Club, and deep gratitude is felt to Kingston Heath, Yarra Yarra, Metropolitan and Peninsula (2) for the use of their very attractive Clubs and Courses.

The total sum raised in 5 years is \$2,841.00, but it is not only the fund raising which is important. The Competition brings together a lot of golfers, both from within and without the Movement, as well as a number of non-players who come along faithfully each year to help, and not forgetting all those wonderful people who provide beautiful home made goodies to sell on the Stalls. Golfers are usually busy people who just love to be able to purchase a delicious home made pie or cake to take home for dinner.

Guiding is indeed very fortunate to have this event at which there is always a happy atmosphere of friendship and goodwill. Lady Delacombe does much to help this by coming along, not only to present the trophies, but to mix and chat with the competitors and helpers.

Of course, none of this would be possible without Mrs. Carlyon and her Committee who put so much time and thought into the organising and running of the Lady Delacomb Cup.



A BROWNIE TRIP

We left Wangaratta on a "Venture Trip" to Beechworth, and on arrival there we made our first stop at the Guide Hall.

We were met at the door by five Guides, and they took us in to meet Brown Owl. As we entered the hall the Beechworth Brownies sang a very lovely "Welcome Song" and the hall was decorated for us with streamers and balloons. We all had a delicious morning tea and cream cakes.

We took part in the Brownie Ring and games and songs were exchanged by the Brownies.

The weather turned out to be miserable, so we all stayed at the hall for lunch and then left for a visit to the Museum. The Brownies were wide-eyed at all the interesting relics of the past.

The six Brownies and their Leaders left for the Old Peoples' Home, for they had knitted squares and made a lovely rug to be presented to a patient, Mrs. Watts, at the hospital. She was delighted to see the rug and the Brownies, and thanked them all.

We went back to Wangaratta after a most enjoyable outing.

—L. Evans, Brown Owl,
1st Wangaratta Pack.



WILDFLOWER SANCTUARIES

Guiders may be interested to know that in some of our country school grounds there are wildflower sanctuaries.

These are small plots of earth in their natural state, fenced round to keep off humans and animals.

This is the work of the Native Plants Preservation Society.

In many cases orchids have appeared again under this protection. Now the task is to keep these sanctuaries weeded and cared for. Readers in country districts may like to enquire whether there is a sanctuary in their area which they could visit.

None of these wildflowers may be picked.

A little book which would help identification is "Wildflowers of Victoria", by Celia Rosser. Further enquiries can be made to the Hon. Secretary of the Society at 29 5108.

—J.H.

NOTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING — AUGUST, 1969

Although Executive meetings are held monthly, the amount of material in the agendas never seems to get shorter . . . it is amazing just to look at the scope of questions to be discussed at this one meeting:

- Advisers — It was agreed that Miss Sims' appointment be extended for six months.
- State Council and Executive Committee — As the Annual Meeting approaches, it is necessary to think of those who retire in accord with our Victorian Constitution, and arrange for the necessary requirements to be complied with.
- The Annual Statements and the Budget for the next 12 months — This may be a "once-a-year" subject, but a long and involved one. We are grateful to our Hon. Treasurer for his care in making sure that everyone understood the accounts and budget.
- Lady Delacombe Cup — Final liasion for the Golf Day on 8th September was arranged. Proceeds from this day will go to the War Memorial Building Fund.
- Representation from outside organisations — Consideration has been given to the representation of outside organisations on our State Council, and a report from the Ad Hoc Committee set up to consider this was presented.
- Local Associations — The State L.A. Conference had overwhelmingly voted for a change of name, and various suggestions had been put forward. This will, of course, have to be discussed by the other States also, but meanwhile our L.A.'s are being asked to vote on the more popular names submitted.
- Camping Department — It was interesting to note that at least three interstate visits by Units are planned for the next few months.
- Property Sub-Committee—Much care and attention is given to this important matter by members of this Sub-Committee. At the moment much of its thought is being concentrated on Gipton, which is being subdivided ready for sale.
- New Commissioners and Boundaries Sub-Committee — This Sub-Committee looks after the work of seeing that Districts and Divisions are, in consultation with the Region Commissioner, adequately covered.

Should any Commissioners feel that their areas would be better served with different boundaries this is the Committee which deals with it — and their recommendations are always full of interest.

- Diocesan Scout and Guide Advisory Council — The question of Guide representation on this Council, which arranges the annual St. George's Day Service, was discussed.
- Awards — Recommendations from the Awards Sub-Committee were discussed. It is interesting to see that our awards now have an Australian "significance".
- A Functions Committee — A thought of interesting people outside the Movement who may not, for many reasons, be able to give actively to Guiding in a regular way, but would be pleased to help when they can.
- International Committee — A report from the international side of our Movement is always interesting, and particularly at present, when there are so many reports of generous giving by the Movement in Victoria to bring girls to Camp Southern Cross.
- No meeting seems to be able to get by without some items of "Any Other Business", and this one is no exception.
- In addition there are quite a few papers marked "For Information", so that members have a fair amount of homework to do to bring themselves up to date.
- Yes, a busy meeting covering a wide scope — and another one of the same kind already drawing near in September . . .

FANCY "MATILDA" DOWN IN THE MOUTH!

Those Guiders?

The verse was wrong, Eighth Law's the score—

With joyful song—get to the core!

You'll find them here,

You'll find them there—

You'll find Guide Leaders—everywhere!

They're former Brownies—former

Guides—

The best of Guiders—time decides.

Cheer up, D.C.—just try harder!

No mournful note will find a Guider!

—G.W.

WALTER DONALD ROSS PERPETUAL TROPHY

At the recent Australian Council Meeting the Chief Commissioner, Mrs. J. R. Price, presented to the State Commissioner for South Australia a Certificate from the World Association.

This Certificate commemorated the fact that Australia, on behalf of the North-Western Division of Adelaide, had been runner-up to Greece for the Walter Donald Ross Perpetual Trophy for 1968.

This trophy was given by Mr. Walter Donald Ross of Vancouver, Canada, in 1950. Impressed by the training for service in the Guide Movement he gave the trophy, to be awarded annually to any Guide or Ranger Company, or group of Companies, for service — either of sustained effort or outstanding achievement.

The Certificate to Australia — the first time such a Certificate has been awarded — is in recognition of the service given by the Guides of the North-Western Division of Adelaide, over a period of some seven years, in regular help and friendship for the patients in a Retarded Children's Ward: help given each Saturday afternoon in taking the children out, playing games with them, helping feed the young ones, and generally making friends with them.

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At the Australian Executive meeting, Mrs. Price gave to South Australia the doll (made by Finnish children) which had been presented to the World Conference delegates in Finland. She thought it suitable that it should be with the Walter Donald Ross Certificate.

To each man is given a day and his work for
the day,
And once, and no more, he is given to travel
this way.
Yes, the task that is given to each man no
other can do;
So YOUR work is awaiting: it has waited
through ages for you.

—Edwin Markham.



STAMPS

Good quality used stamps are still required to aid Guide funds. Books, etc., are needed for the Guiders' Library at our new Headquarters, so all money raised helps us.

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All sections of Guiding are requested to arrange for collections within their own Districts or Divisions, and to appoint someone to check these before final despatch. It is regretted that so much poorly prepared material is being posted, as at least a third of it is only fit for scrap. We cannot sell bent, crumpled, damaged, dirty, torn, etc., stamps, so if in doubt, throw out. See that all old gum is thoroughly washed off, and sort stamps into their different kinds. Poorly prepared stamps will be returned to donors or destroyed if no sender's name and address is enclosed.

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Please post or deliver packets to the undersigned at 12 Cowderoy St., St. Kilda, 3182.

—Lorna E. Cuzens,
Hon. Organiser for Stamps.

"Life is very sweet, brother,
There's night and day, brother,
Both sweet things;
Sun, moon and stars, brother,
All sweet things:
There's likewise a wind on the heath
Life is very sweet, brother."

—George Borrow.



2nd AITAPE GIRL GUIDE COMPANY

2nd Aitape Guide Company was started by Miss Margaret Brode in 1967 and the Company has been continued by Sister Divine Amoris of the Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood Sisters. Sister Divine Amoris has done a great deal to help the enthusiasm and the Guiding spirit in our Company. We have 15 girls in the Company and we have divided ourselves into three Patrols. They are the Hibiscus, Parrot and Waterlily Patrols.

During our school holidays we went camping at Pes in the bush, about 14 miles from the school where we are all boarders. Early on Monday morning, Sister came for us and we took our Guiding equipment and our bundle of clothes, a blanket, plates, pots, lots of food, and off we went. On our arrival we took one spade and a grassknife and walked to the bush near the little stream. Sister asked me, as I am from that place, to choose a good spot for camping. There some Guides and Sister cleared the bush and built two fireplaces and a table made out of bush material. While they were doing this the rest of us went and brought our belongings to the camping site.

In the evening on that day we built a small campfire and sat around it singing our songs until 8 o'clock at night, when we went to bed. Early in the morning straight after Mass we went to our camp and cooked breakfast. After that we did a special "good deed" for the Priest on the Mission Station. In the afternoon we went through the bush breaking the wood for the last campfire. When we had eaten our tea we left Sister and two of our girls with her lighting the fire, and we went and invited Father Leo and the other missionaries and the village people. While the girls were singing, Father taped our songs.

We were sad to leave the camp where we had had such enjoyable games and sing-songs. Before returning to Aitape we thanked Father Leo and the ladies for their kindness to us. Father, who was once a Scout Chaplain, spoke to us after Mass about our motto, "Be Prepared", and he said we Guides must know what our motto means! The Guides enjoyed themselves out there very much indeed and they look forward to camping out there again some day.

—Aquina Toron, Patrol Leader
(from "The Drum", Papua/New Guinea).

CONGRATULATIONS

CONGRATULATIONS to the recipients of the following Awards:—

Thanks Badges:

- Apex Club (Plaque), Daylesford.
- Mr. W. R. Ackroyd, Stawell.
- Mr. A. Grant, Stawell.
- Mr. E. J. Duxson, Wallaloo East.
- Mr. W. Cowling, Bendigo.
- Mr. K. F. Riordan, Mongan's Bridge via Wodonga.
- Mr. N. Gallpen, Murrumbena.
- Sgt. C. Connor, Parkdale.

Long Service (Uniformed Personnel):

- 15 year (White Ribbon)—
 - Mrs. J. K. Proudfoot, Surrey Hills.
 - Mrs. S. K. Pearce, Tawonga.
 - Mrs. R. Heydon, West Heidelberg.
 - Miss G. Buckland, Mornington.
 - Mrs. M. E. Hawkins, North Caulfield.
 - Mrs. C. Scott, Werribee.
 - Mrs. A. M. Morrall, Werribee.
 - Mrs. M. Barbour, Strathmore.
- 25 year (Silver Ribbon)—
 - Mrs. W. Whyte, East Brighton.
- 35 year (Gold Ribbon)—
 - Mrs. N. E. O'Donnell, South Yarra.

Long Service — Local Association:

- Mrs. M. Swanink, East Newborough.
- Mrs. N. Taylor, Heidelberg-Ivanhoe.
- Mrs. L. M. Clark, Lake Boga.
- Mrs. J. C. Wilkenson, Stawell.
- Mrs. J. K. Pearson, Middle Brighton.



SERVICE — from a Ranger Point of View

By the Adviser.

All Guiding is based on service.

Brownies lend a hand, Guides do a good turn every day, and Rangers promise at their investiture "to be of service in the community".

When a Ranger has promised to be of service in the community, this does not excuse her from "lending a hand" or "doing a good turn every day". These she continues to do because of her deeper understanding of the Promise. At the same time she is looking further afield for opportunities to serve in the community.

The word "serve" can mean, among many other things, to be useful or suitable. So, in giving service, a Ranger needs to fulfil these obligations.

To be useful, she needs to know how to do whatever service she is attempting, and her special skills learnt as a Ranger could help her, or she accepts a challenge and finds out how to do it herself before offering to help.

That the service be suitable is essential, or it isn't service at all. There is no service in visiting an elderly person who has loads of friends and relations who visit her, or doing the gardening for someone who prefers to do it herself, but there is service in cleaning out the spouting of an elderly person's home when they cannot climb a ladder, especially if they live in a "fire zone". (So long as the Ranger can climb a ladder and doesn't get giddy!)

Every year is a "service year" for the Ranger Guide Section, but because 1970 is Jubilee Year and the theme throughout is "Service", Rangers, along with every other member of the Movement, will be endeavouring to be more helpful in the community.

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By a Ranger Guider

Opportunities can arise in our locality, or we may have to go further afield and seek out the needs of those to whom we can TRY to render service.

I stress the word "try" — this being one of the basic principles of our Movement — to try to do something, not sit idly watching

the world go by and not contributing some small effort to make it a better place in which to live. We may not be wonderfully successful in our first attempt, or even our second or third, but practice will help — also, by our failures we can assess our limitations. We all have these, none of us being perfect, and whilst some Units or individual Rangers may excel in one particular field, they may be — well (not quite so good) in another.

This brings us to the point that the particular project in mind should be discussed by the girls and a decision reached by those willing and able to "try to do their best" for the specific job. It may be that those who are "not able" will be interested in training in this field. Thus a little more knowledge is gained for this "Treasure House" that we acquire throughout our Guiding lives.

Let us not be too ambitious — a little thing well done will give to the Ranger and the Guider a more rewarding result than the obviously too difficult task. I do not mean that we should ponder on difficulties and shrink from attempting to hurdle the obstacle, but a happy medium should be struck. In this regard the Ranger Guider can help. Knowing the age group of her girls and their various interests, these can be channelled into a useful capacity, because if a task is doing something that you enjoy — then it ceases to be a task at all, and so more and varied service jobs can be included in the Company's itinerary.

However, emergencies can arise when we are called upon to render service. In this instance, if the Ranger Guider is asked for girls to assist with, e.g., telephone messages during a bushfire emergency, she just has to disregard the "let's-talk-it-over" idea. Contact should be made with all available members of the Unit, then decide which particular person is most suited to each individual job. This does not always work in practice, as the theory could be that Rangers answer telephones, act as typists, messengers, etc., only to find that the equipment has not been installed at their particular location. They may find themselves packing food for fire-fighters, or even washing dishes instead; but

these are some of the many jobs involved, and so service has been rendered even if not in the capacity for which you had been called upon.

This may call for the "smile and sing under all difficulties" when the 300th packet of sandwiches have been wrapped, counted, packed, and despatched to the weary fire-fighters.

Unless local authorities know of our willingness and capabilities, we will sit and wait and never get called. It is the duty of the Ranger Guider to advise the appropriate organisations that they have only to ask and if at all possible the service shall be rendered to the utmost of our abilities. These may appear in some instances to be trivial little things we attempt, but to the recipients it can sometimes mean the ray of sunshine in a monotonous existence and to know that someone cares enough to want to help can mean such a lot to lonely people.

A Biblical quotation seems to be most appropriate in this instance, "It is more blessed to give than to receive". By rendering service we get the blessing of a sense of achievement, and as our Rangers mature and carry on this way of life into their adult — and later on their family lives — the reward for having had a tiny part in the moulding of their characters in this awareness of community service, is indeed the greatest satisfaction that any Ranger Guider can ask.

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By a Ranger

"It is intensely satisfying to 'serve'." This was a statement I recently spotted as I browsed through a Guiding magazine. To me it sums up all my thoughts and experiences of Ranger service in the community, and I know many other Rangers who find community service very satisfying, too.

Along with other members of my Ranger crew I am regularly assisting at the Brotherhood of St. Laurence Salvage Department in Fitzroy, and we find the work very rewarding. Clad in our oldest clothes we sort hundreds of toys in preparation for the Christmas toy sale. Many toys are beyond repair; others need repairing, washing or mending, and this work is done by the Rangers. We also clean and paint tricycles, scooters, bikes and prams. Recently a local Rover

Group joined in our project, and each night turns out a tremendous success. The Rovers repair many of the toys and assist the Rangers in painting them. Everyone works hard and experiences the fun and satisfaction of team work in community service.

Our work at the Brotherhood is "service behind the scenes" and is a contrast to service which actually deals with people. Visiting the sick and elderly is one type of service dealing directly with people — patients at Mont Park Psychiatric Hospital are regularly visited by Rangers, who sit down and chat with them, entertain them and lead them in playing simple games. All the patients look forward to the Rangers' visits and value their friendship. To the Rangers the work is often frustrating, and demands much patience, but it is also very rewarding, for joy and satisfaction is experienced in befriending these people who otherwise often feel abandoned by the community.

Another type of service adopted by many Rangers is Youth Leadership. Some assist in the Movement as Guide, Brownie and Cub Leaders, others are Sunday School teachers and leaders of Church Groups and Associations such as Rotaract Groups.

In considering to give regular community service the individual Ranger feels a need to help people less fortunate than herself, or, as in the case of leadership, to share her knowledge and skills with others. However, whatever the situation, there are sacrifices and the main one is the giving of time. The Ranger approaches her project with a mature outlook, keeping in mind her abilities and aims. She also draws on her experiences from her Guide and Brownie days when she first learnt the joy of "lending a hand". She realises there is a challenge which demands initiative and responsibility. But, greatest of all, she feels the satisfaction — perhaps in the thrill of teaching a young Brownie her first knots or feeling the appreciation of an old person she has befriended.

In every project undertaken there are unlimited opportunities for each Ranger to continue training and improving herself as she takes her Promise out into a wider world. I am sure that every Ranger taking part in community service will agree with me that "it is intensely satisfying to 'serve'."

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TRAINING PAGES



"TUNING-IN ON WORLD GUIDING"

By Mrs. J. R. Price at the
1969 Commissioners' Conference

On the way to the World Conference in Finland, Mrs. Price attended the Conference of Commonwealth Chief Commissioners at Foxlease, in Great Britain. While there, she was able to talk with the Chief Guide and give her the card from Australia which represented the amount we had collected for the Chief's 80th birthday gift, and pass on to her greetings from all Australia.

Mrs. Price told the Chief that Australia had had the idea (approved by the World Bureau and Commonwealth Headquarters) that this money should go to her own Hospitality Fund for Hampton Court. The Chief said, "You will never know how much this means to me just now, because the Icecream money is almost gone".

Commonwealth Conference

Thirty-eight countries were represented, and the main topic for discussion was the new programme. A speaker from the African Bureau spoke on the history of the British Commonwealth from the time when it was a collection of white colonies to the multi-racial assembly it is today. He said that if today's Commonwealth is to mean anything more than the requirements of trade we must prove that it can face the needs which are urgent in the world today: that we do something about uniting the races which are surging with ideas of independence, about the gap between plenty and starvation, about the population explosion. He gave us a great challenge — "If Guiding is precious to you, prove it is worthwhile".

There were officers from the Overseas Department, who talked about co-operation with other youth and women's organisations.

Mr. John Bowers spoke with great personal knowledge and experience on Comparative Religions within the Commonwealth and beyond, and said that surely in the future there could be such a broadened view of the spiritual factor so important in

our Promise that we will be able to respect the spiritual feeling even in people who are so-called atheists, that we will appreciate and be tolerant of other thinking.

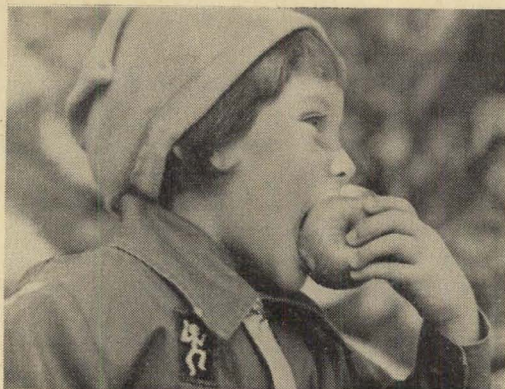
H.R.H. Princess Margaret paid a visit to the Conference — when Mrs. Price said how delighted our countries would be to know she had spared the time to come, she replied, "But I am a Guide".



I bring Thee hands, which blunder in Thy
service,
And feet that stumble in Thy holy way;
I bring Thee lips that fain would tell Thy
story,
Yet fail for lack of skill, and long delay.
I bring my heart, with all its restless striving
With good and evil always fighting there;
I bring my mind, with all its limitations—
My broken vows, and often failing prayer.

I bring Thee all I am and all I would be,
And all I can be, in Thy Spirit's might.
For Thou canst teach these hands Thy
perfect service,
And keep these feet more steadfast in the
right.
Oh! give me ears to hear Thy faintest
whisper,
And vision wide, far-reaching as Thy Word.
Oh! fill my heart with uttermost devotion,
And ever true obedience to my Lord!

—"Transfusion" from the New
Zealand Nurses' Paper.



We must realise that each one of us is different. Wouldn't the world be dull if everyone had exactly the same interests, abilities and potential? To do the best for, and to get the best from, each one of our girls, we must know and cater for her individual needs.

Well, that's fine, but what are her needs?

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After the basic human needs of food, air and shelter have been provided for, secondary needs such as recognition, achievement, sense of security, a feeling of belonging, and many others appear in each individual to a greater or lesser degree. The Guider must treat each child as an individual, catering for the child's particular needs, and providing a programme best fitted to her interest and capabilities.

A person who chooses to perform some particular action does so because the satisfaction derived is greater than the discomfort or inconvenience sustained. As we all have different needs, it only stands to reason that an activity that would be stimulating or rewarding to one person would be a plain drag to another.

The way an individual Brownie Guide will react to particular instructions or suggestions intended to motivate or enthuse her is unpredictable. Human attitudes and behaviour are not yet fully understood even by scientists who devote lifetimes to studying them, so we cannot hope to fully understand why each of our girls will react in a particular way. Family relationships, living arrangements, personal health, hobbies, religions and social life, aspirations and obligations all affect the individual's reaction to a

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certain set of circumstances. We can do little more than recognise the existence of these factors and acknowledge their importance.

What is important to bear in mind is the fact that each girl IS different from all others. For her Guiding career to be rewarding and successful, her path through Brownies, Guides and Rangers must be designed for (and by) her — the individual.

We all KNOW that people will react differently — so long as we can understand WHY, then we have done as much as we can do, because no one can predict precisely HOW another will react.

We do not want to produce a rubber-stamp product, but girls who have achieved to the best of their ability success in a programme designed to interest, enthuse and challenge them.

How well do you know your Brownies? Are you able to name each child from memory and give a brief outline of her background, e.g., her age . . . her religion . . . her hobbies and interests . . . her school class . . . how independent and self-reliant she is?

If you feel you do not know every member of the Pack well — what can you do about it?

More time needed? More help wanted in the Pack? Less Brownies in the Pack?

Time is indeed precious and it is difficult to squeeze in much more, but let us be sure to get the most from every minute. The more the Brownies contribute to the Pack Meetings, the more we will get to know about them — never find yourself doing something that can be done by a Brownie.

Think carefully before you speak or act. Remember that the Pack is an opportunity for the Brownies to try themselves out — to be themselves. See that there is freedom to do this and watch for the results.

The getting-to-know-you process begins when the child first comes to the Pack. She comes with only two or three others (it is unwise to take more), and she comes at a time chosen by the Guiders because they think they will have more time to spend with her on her Pre-Promise training. This is also a good time to get to know the parents and family background, by paying a friendly visit. The other side of the picture is, of course, that the Brownie-to-be and the parents get to know that you are a friendly, approachable person, out to do your best for the child.

Over a period of time the Brownie will change — she is growing up — watch for the signs, see that she is progressing to suit her development. You should see that the Journeys are challenging and extending the child — giving her greater satisfaction and confidence as well as ability.

Discuss the choice of the Journey with EACH INDIVIDUAL Brownie — advise her if necessary on the choice of challenges she is accepting. Remember it is not the badge that is important — it is the adventure and fun of the JOURNEY. ENCOURAGE her to learn and do as much as possible for herself. Stand back and watch — help only if necessary.

Brownies love feeling responsible — the Pack decisions, the Ceremonies, the Ventures are theirs. They might not produce perfect results as we would (?), but they will have fun getting there — whilst we will have our minds on “getting to know the participants”.

Can you see where some of the “extra” time is coming from? Hope so. It is based on the theory that the more people doing things, the less any one particular person has to do. You want teaching aids to help a Brownie on a Journey — why not get the Brownies to help make them? You would, of course, use your work-force carefully. There are some Brownies who can cut straight and some who are better at pasting or printing. And what about those skills the Brownies want to develop and you are hopeless with? There must be someone in

the community who would have this skill and would enjoy an hour or two helping the Brownie/s to develop it. The secret of finding these people is to let as many as possible know that you need help — and if you really sound helpless yourself the response will amaze you.

Whilst the Unit Helper is at work, you be an observer — it is so much easier to view the scenery objectively when you are not involved. To me, one of the joys of the new approach is that the Guider does not need all the technical know-how of the past — this must surely allow us to put more thought on the individual and cater for her needs — may we make good use of our opportunity.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES ?

UNIVERSAL CHILDREN'S DAY

This international day, promulgated to focus world attention on the plight of the majority of children in the developing countries, will be observed in Australia on the Wednesday of United Nations Week — this year, on 22nd October.

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An easy way in which anyone, anywhere in Australia, can help to strengthen support for UNICEF is by enrolling as a FRIEND OF UNICEF for an annual subscription of just \$1 a year.

WOMEN'S HALL OF RESIDENCE AT UNIVERSITY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Notice has been received of an appeal to raise funds to establish a hall of residence of women at the University of Papua/New Guinea at Port Moresby.

There are 34 women students this year and the number is increasing. It is hoped that the project could become a significant landmark in 1970, which has been designated by UNESCO as International Education Year.

If any individual member of the Movement feels that they would like to help, full details may be obtained from Mrs. J. G. Norris, 10 Winifred Crescent, Toorak, 3142.

20th WORLD CONFERENCE

The 20th World Conference is over — a wonderful, invigorating experience for the representatives of 73 countries present and the observers from eight International Organisations. Held in the new Conference Centre at Dipoli, itself a challenge to accepted forms of architecture, the delegates discussed items such as "The Challenge to Guiding", the "Promise and Law" of our Movement which form its basic tenets, "Unity and Understanding", a possible new structure for the World Association. What Member Countries do now must obviously be firmly based on the economic and social conditions prevailing in each case, but there emerged from the Conference an heightened awareness of the need for Guiding/Girl Scouting to play a fuller part in national development plans and to seek new ways of doing so.

There are now 87 members of the WAGGGS. The newcomers, to whom we extend a warm welcome, are the Girl Guides Associations of Barbados, Botswana, Dominican Republic, Guyana, Rhodesia and Swaziland.

The new Full Members, bringing the total to 50 out of 87 are: the Girls Guides Associations of Austria, Ghana, Guatemala, Iran, Spain, Tanzania and Trinidad and Tobago.

And your World Committee, headed by its new Chairman, Mrs. Charles U. Culmer of the U.S.A., now consists of: The Hon. Beryl Cozens-Hardy (U.K.) and Begum M.Z.B. Sherazee (Pakistan) (Vice-Chairmen); Miss E. O. Beatty (Ireland), Mlle. Aline Coutrot (France), Mrs. F. Hartoulari (Greece), Lady Jibowu (Nigeria), Mrs. C. Lodoli (Italy), Lakshmi Navaratnam (Malayasia), Miss Marta Norrman (Sweden), Mrs. N. G. de Pieres (Argentina), and Miss M. L. de Vasconcellos (Brazil).

—From "World Bureau Newsletter".

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Opportunity often comes disguised as hard work.



GUIDERAMA SIDNEY MYER MUSIC BOWL

Saturday, 21st February, 1970, at 7.30 p.m.

As you know, 1970 is our Jubilee Service Year, and I wonder how many Units are already thinking about what they can do as a service project in 1970. Some will want to tackle something small, near home perhaps, but some Units may wish to branch out into the international field.

During the recent school holidays many Guides from East Metropolitan Region attended a Region Round-Up planned on international lines. Companies from each District combined to send one Patrol of six girls, and these girls met each other and camped together beforehand to plan how they could portray the country which they had chosen to represent. Much research went into this planning, with the result that at the Round-Up there was valuable information to be shared and the girls learned a great deal of how people live in other lands, and how so many needed help.

It occurred to the Committee planning **GUIDERAMA** that here would be excellent material for a dramatic presentation, and so we asked that this be done for you on 21st February. Come along and be inspired. In the meantime, how about some solid thinking about the needs of others, here and overseas, and get your Guides and Brownies thinking, reading, talking, and acting, too.

NEXT MONTH, MORE NEWS of our plans.

BROWNIES

It's off to Brownies once again
With paper and a pen.
With uniforms pressed and neat,
And with brown shoes on our feet.
With our badges shining gold
And with our ties so neatly rolled.
Brown Owl's waiting at the door—
And here come Brownies, more and more.

—From Andrea McLean,
3rd Croydon Pack.

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Hardening of the heart ages people more quickly than hardening of the arteries.

WERE YOU THERE (continued from page 102)

At Dimboola where a special song was used—sung to the tune of “Waltzing Matilda” — the version on the latest Guide record —

“Once there lived a wise man
Dreaming dreams of happiness,
Dreaming of friendship all over the world.
He gave a game to play
With laws and promise bright,
He gave us friendship all over the world.

Chorus:

Loyal and helpful,
Polite and friendly,
A Guide is kind and she always obeys,
Courageous and useful, taking good care of things
A Guide’s self-controlled in all her ways.”

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Or on that chartered special train, filled to the brim with Guides and Brownie Guides and their leaders, chugging away to a Field Day and Brownie Revels.

Guides of McKay Division competed for the coveted McKay Division Field Day Shield whilst Brownie Guides became gypsies for the day.

Three enrolments were held during the day—what better way to promote the Eight Point Programme and to prove that **“GUIDING IS FUN.”**



FOR BUSY PEOPLE

A Japanese Christian has written this paraphrase of the Twenty-Third Psalm:

“The Lord is my pace-setter,
I shall not rush.
He makes me to stop and rest for quiet intervals,
He provides me with images of stillness
Which restore my serenity.
He leads me in ways of efficiency
Through calmness of mind,
And His guidance is peace.
Even though I have a great many things to accomplish each day,
I will not fret,
For His Presence is here,
His timelessness, His all-importance
Will keep me in balance.
He prepares renewal and refreshment in the midst of my activity
By anointing my mind with His oils of tranquillity;
My cup of joyous energy overflows,
Such harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruits of my hours,
For I shall move at the pace of my Lord,
And dwell in His house forever.”



BRITANNIA PARK

Gift from W.A.

Mrs. M. Blythe, the State Commissioner for Western Australia, who was a visitor at the Commissioners' Conference in August, presented to Victoria three W.A. native plants — two *Anigosanthos Flavida Purpurea* (Kangaroo Paws to you and me) and an *Eucalyptus Caesia*. These have been planted in the native gardens at Britannia Park, where we can all watch their progress and enjoy them. A lovely idea from Western Australia.

The native gardens, named Wombalano and Laburnum, are beginning to be very interesting. Some of the plants are flowering for the first time, and there was great excitement when the first "Running Postman" flowered. The Guides from 1st Upwey Coy. did a good turn in the school holidays when they put pine needles on the path and also a rustic border to the path. Mr. Bates is very kindly providing us with sawdust to cover this garden to help the plants through the approaching summer.

We would particularly like to thank the Guides of 1st East Reservoir Coy., who, after their Patrol Camp in the Cabin, presented us with six very pretty mugs and two lampshades for the Cabin. Thank you, Guides.

We have pleasure in announcing the first birth of quads on the property. The first two are named Brit and Tania and I think the other two may be Baden and Powell. They were born on our new campsite, Harrison. They have black, curly hair and are

gorgeous. For the benefit of those who know Kimball Gray, he is quite innocent. These pups are poodles.

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We would like to thank all those Guiders and their friends who refrained from taking cars on to the campsites during the August holidays. We did ask the Warden to try to police this, and we thank those who co-operated with him. We have now had built a cattle grid for the lower car park, and we hope that when the latter is levelled and metalled there will be one-way traffic — in the main gate and out the lower gate. The numbers of visitors to the property is increasing each year, and we are finding it very difficult to keep the campsites in the best condition.

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Camp bookings for December are very light so far. Also the period after the International Camp in January — 18th January until the children go back to school, in February. The Committee feels that Guiders should be informed of this, as quite often they are under the misapprehension that it is difficult to get a booking at Britannia Park.

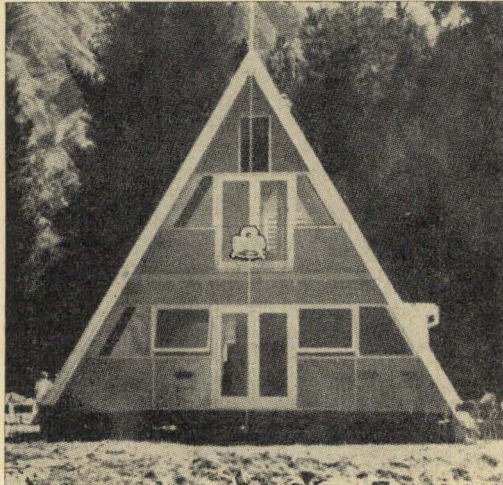
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The Maintenance Fund this month has been used to buy water-repellent paint for the verandah floors, to buy paint for the bedrooms and bathrooms, and, of course, to

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THE "THANK YOU" CHALET

This is what WE WANT.



Pat's Dream

A cosy little cottage where
Guiders can rest without a care.
A homely place — where all can laze
And on those lovely mountains gaze.
There'll be rest and welcome for all to find—
Their weariness they'll leave behind.

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Dollars and cents are all we need—
So let's towards this goal proceed.

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The response to this appeal has been most heartwarming, not only because of the amount received (\$750 in the first month), but because of the encouraging letters which have accompanied the contributions. Obviously, the donors think the idea a good one and are glad to have a way of showing their appreciation to others who have given so much to Guiding.

Many L.A.'s are busy raising money to send a child to Camp Southern Cross and we know that this is an unfortunate time to ask for help with the Chalet, but please plan to help next year, even if you can't this year. If we were to wait until you had no other calls on your purse, well . . .

I'm sorry I cannot yet tell what our target is: Our Hon. Architect, Mr. K. Bethell, ex-

pects to have a figure for us ready for the next edition of "Matilda". Still, I think we could safely say that \$750 will give us a foundation, AND where would we girls be without FOUNDATIONS? If you are up at Britannia Park, don't forget to ask the Warden to show you the spot we have chosen for your "Thank You" Chalet.

BRITANNIA PARK

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pay "Bill". What we would do without this help you give us, I really don't know. We would like to thank this month:

31st July to 5th August—Dandenong L.A.

1st—Richmond-East Melbourne L.A.

6th—Miss N. Young.

7th—Syndal L.A.

8th—1st Bonbeach Pack (for Mrs. J. R. Price).

9th—Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Crouch.

10th—1st North Melbourne Pack.

11th—Ashburton L.A.

13th—Chadstone L.A.

14th—Miss M. J. Tharle.

14th—Mrs. B. J. Turner.

16th—3rd East Malvern Rangers.

18th—Dingley-Springvale L.A.

22nd—2nd and 3rd East Brighton Coy.

24th—Glen Waverley L.A.

26th—Surrey L.A.

28th—2nd East Reservoir Pack.

29th—1st Mentone Pack.

30th—Oliver's Hill L.A.

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There is so much good in the worst of us and so much bad in the best of us that it's hard to tell which of us ought to reform the rest of us.

HUMOUR IN (GUIDE) UNIFORM

Shadowy figure armed with an axe lurking in the darkness of the countryside near Camperdown recently.

No malice aforesaid, though — simply a local Guider returning camp axe to Camp Adviser in the area.

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Small group of Guiders en route to Training travelling according to map directions. Strange feeling of disorientation.

Checked map — reading it upside down!
—A.F.

Q.M.'ING? . . .

Twenty-one-month-old elephant Lulu has a DAILY diet of — 75 bread rolls, 12 currant buns, 12 pints of milk, four apples and a portion of hay.

In addition she has two buckets of warmed water to prevent indigestion!

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Making a great sacrifice these days means going without things our parents never had.



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"LET'S TUNE-IN" — COMMISSIONER'S CONFERENCE, 1969

After months of planning, the 1969 Commissioners' Conference opened on the afternoon of 15th August at Monash University in the presence of 250 Commissioners from all over the State.

Having been welcomed by Committee members on her arrival, each Commissioner settled herself in her cosy, carpeted, centrally-heated room, then took her place in the Conference room for the official opening. Miss Edith Purnell developed the Conference theme of "Let's Tune In", by looking back over half a century of Guiding and looking forward to the New Programme.

Keeping in mind requests from Commissioners at our previous Conference to develop the idea of the Patrol system and use P.L.'s more, a special session was devoted to P.L.'s getting to know their Patrols and selecting topics for discussion in "Orbit With Your Patrol".

Meeting old friends and making new ones over pre-dinner drinks is always a relaxing and happy time, and this year was no exception. Friendliness and relaxation seemed to be the keynote.

Inviting our guest speaker for the Friday evening proved a successful innovation, and Mr. Don Chipp, M.P., was a good choice — his witty, thought-provoking talk on sophisticated modern youth challenged us to adapt our thought, speech and actions in an attempt to "Tune In" with young people today. We accepted his challenge, and the windows of our minds opened to absorb what we could at this vital Conference.

Training sessions extended throughout the weekend in all facets of Guiding, fundamentally and in relation to the Eight-Point Plan — the only adverse criticism was that Commissioners could only be in one place at one time (the same went for the Trainers, too, of course).

However, the Panel and Open Forum, in the capable hands of Peg Barr, did much to correct this aspect, giving everyone the opportunity to mark, learn and inwardly digest. "Orbital Mike" (Roving Mike in Pre-Lunar Parlance) gave Commissioners a chance to draw on the experience of others

by "swopping" ideas, sharing problems, and comparing country and city problems.

In lighter vein, the Dramatic (?) Interpretation — "You and the Eight Points" — on Saturday evening was enthusiastically received. The Committee has been approached by leading theatrical talent scouts for exclusive rights to sign up the little Brownies, Guides and Rangers who took leading parts in this production.

Among distinguished guests for the weekend we were fortunate to have charming West Australian State Commissioner, Mrs. Blythe, who joined in all our sessions and contributed greatly to our wider understanding of Guiding in the outback, by telling us a little of her work and problems in isolated areas of Western Australia. The story of an enrolment of a Brownie by radio, hundreds of miles from her Brown Owl, touched our hearts.

Monash Chapel was the setting for our "Guides' Own", and we were grateful for the opportunity of conducting our special service in a place of such beauty and simplicity. We felt akin to the aims and desires of students who worship there.

No report of the Conference would be complete without thanking the Warden and his staff for their co-operation and courtesy to the Committee throughout the weekend, nor would it be complete without mentioning the friendship and courtesy shown to Commissioners by those students still in residence.

As the Conference drew to a close we were conscious of a pervading atmosphere of confidence — confidence in the new scheme, confidence in the future and, most of all, confidence in the young people who are the ambassadors of the future — and what better ambassadors could we have than Guides of the calibre of Ann Lloyd who impressed us all by her confidence, poise and presentation in talking to us of impressions of the New Programme from the "receiving end".

Summing up — we as adults have a place in the scheme of things, but we must remember to "Lead From Behind".

—L. McRae.

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QUEEN'S GUIDE

The syllabus for Queen's Guide in the Eight-Point Programme, you will notice in the Handbook, is very similar to the present one.

Applications for this badge made before 23rd September will follow the present syllabus, but can, of course, substitute Interest Badges and Service Flash for appropriate sections.

Any candidate who will have her 16th birthday before 23rd September, 1970, will need to have passed her First Class, as no eight-point badge can be awarded before then.

If you have any queries at all, please contact me.

—H. Grandin, Guide Adviser.

VICTORIA'S FIRST GUIDE POSTMARK

The P.M.G. has given approval for a special postmark to be used at the forthcoming Australian International Camp. This is the first time Victoria has had a postmark for any Guide event, and the All-Australia Extension Camp, in conjunction with the Scout and Guide Stamp Society of Australia, is organising a special souvenir cover to mark their official opening day, 7th January. These covers will be taken from Camp Endeavour to Camp Southern Cross, and will receive the special postmark. The covers are offered for sale at 20 cents, serviced, and orders, accompanied by full remittance and extra postage for foreign places, should reach Miss P. D. Askew, 20 Gillman Street, Malvern, Victoria, 3145, no later than 1st December.

GUIDE CHOIR

To Local Association, Trefoil and all Uniformed Members,

We invite you to join the Guide Choir.

Rehearsals each Tuesday — 5.30 to 7 p.m., Training Room at H.Q.

For details, contact the Secretary, Mrs. Allen, 4 Court Street, Yarraville; 314 6620.

UNIFORM

Accessories

By decision of the Australian Council, the following accessories may be worn by adult members in uniform:—

EITHER brown, navy blue or black, provided that gloves, bag and shoes match.

Note: With the light blue summer dress, white gloves will be worn irrespective of the colour of bag and shoes.

Navy blue and black handbags for uniform wear are now available from the Guide Shop at \$5.35. Present style brown bags may still be purchased at \$5.50.

—Betty M. Macartney, State Secretary.

FRIENDS OF SANGAM

"Matilda's" readers will be familiar with our four World Homes — Our Chalet, Olave House, Our Cabana, and now Sangam.

However, not so many may be aware of the world-wide groups which promote and care for the well-being of these centres. These "back-benchers", the "Friends", come from many different walks of life, many different creeds and many cultures, but all are united in their interest and work for their "Homes" and in the happiness that they are able to spread throughout the world.

With Australia's continuing and increasing involvement in Asia — the Rangers' trip to Sangam and India — and the appointment of an Australian as the Assistant Guider-in-Charge of Sangam, "Friends of Sangam" has been formed here in Australia.

The Victorian Committee, most members of which have visited Sangam, receives news from Sangam and prints newsletters to let all "Friends" know current news. The Committee is active and welcomes all members most warmly.

Any individual—whether or not a Guide—and any Pack or Company is invited to become a "Friend of Sangam". —Judy Oliver.

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Any enquiries about the "Friends of Sangam" or any subscriptions to "Friends of Sangam, Victoria" — a minimum subscription of 50 cents — may be sent to—

Miss M. Callister, 68 Holmes Road, Moonee Ponds, 3039.

NOTICES

PRE-CAMP HOSPITALITY FOR OVERSEAS VISITORS TO CAMP SOUTHERN CROSS

All Overseas visitors will be in Melbourne for 3 or 4 days before Camp and they come here direct from their homes.

We need offers from families to hostess 1 or 2 Guides or Guiders for this period, preferably in the Metropolitan area. This is Melbourne's big opportunity. Full information will be given to intending hostesses before their guests arrive. A "Hints for Hostesses" evening will be held at Headquarters early in December. If you wish to help in this way please write or telephone to Mrs. J. Hutchinson, 8 Marshall Avenue, Kew — Phone 80 3820 — Convenor for Hospitality.

NETHERURD GUIDE TRAINING CENTRE, SCOTLAND

The Guider-in-charge of Netherurd House, Blyth Bridge, West Linton, Peebleshire, Scotland, would like to know whether any Australian Guiders holidaying in Great Britain would be interested in joining the staff at Netherurd? If so, the Guider-in-charge would be pleased to hear from them. Please advise State International Representative if you intend to apply.

S. Farrow,
State International Representative.

BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION — NEW WORLD BADGE

Initiated by the 21st World Conference, a common universal badge has now been adopted by all member organisations of the Boy Scouts World Bureau.

The badge will carry the World Emblem of the white fleur-de-lys surrounded by the white rope on a field of royal purple, all within a circle.

CAMPFIRE IN STAWELL

WHY: Forty years of Guiding.
WHEN: 1st November, 1969, 7 to 9.30 p.m.
WHERE: Caravan Park Oval.
ALL INTERESTED ARE INVITED.

DO YA HEAR THERE?

DO YA HEAR THERE?

AN INVITATION TO ALL RANGERS AND EX-RANGERS!

(Pass the word around)

AN INVITATION TO ALL RANGERS AND EX-RANGERS (pass the word around).

Those able to camp are invited to stay at BRITANNIA PARK — others, oldies with families, may drop in for a visit.

The REASON for all this is to CELEBRATE the FIRST 50 YEARS of Ranging. (Wonder how many of you will be at the centenary?)

Up to the moment this Easter Camp, 1970, has not received a name, but by the time "Matilda" reaches you, that will, we expect, be remedied.

Official opening will be at 2 p.m. on Friday, 27th March, 1970, ending on Monday, 30th March, 1970.

You may arrive any time on Good Friday prior to 2 p.m.

Camping will be lightweight, so start, IMMEDIATELY, assembling your camping gear.

To assist those EX-Rangers who may be a little hesitant about applying or even visiting (in case they are all miles out of age group), we have asked Mrs. Bell (phone 87 1322) to be our "Girl in Blue", where enquires may be made in this regard. She will be able to answer your queries about "who will be there from my old Unit, or my era?"

Rangers still in Units will get all further information from the monthly circular, so their queries will be through their Company.

But for everybody — LOOK AHEAD — plan your Easter holiday to fit in with our plans for you!



THIS IS THE LOCAL ASSOCIATION'S PAGE

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

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Next year, when Guiding celebrates its 60th birthday — complete with "Guiderama" birthday party — we will be hearing a lot about SERVICE.

Throughout the Movement, thoughts are turning towards ways and means of rendering service in the community.

Already Local Associations are writing to tell us of ways in which they are able to do something for other people. "But we are already helping the Commissioner and the Guiders, and the girls," you might say. "That's Service!"

And so it is, a most important part of Guiding. But we CAN do a little bit more. As enrolled adult members of the Movement we are part of the Guide family, and it is as members of a family that we remember our promise to be helpful to all.

Perhaps your L.A. has planned a special community project for Diamond Jubilee year? Please write and tell us about it. Not only will you be letting the outside world have a glimpse of what Guiding stands for, but you will also see what tremendous fun and satisfaction can be found by doing something for others.

An ideal wife is any woman who has an ideal husband.

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No woman can hope to control her child unless she has control of herself.

HOW TO ORGANISE A LAMINGTON DRIVE — KERRIMUIR L.A.

A large number of L.A.'s are probably quite familiar with the Lamington Drive as a means of fund raising, but there are possibly some who either have not heard of them or are unaware of the mechanics of running one. This is how Kerrimuir L.A. organised theirs:—

Three order forms are issued to each Brownie, Guide and Ranger stating the date of the drive and with space for the following information:—Name and address of customer, size of order, name of Brownie/Guide taking order, and requesting money to be returned with the order. We have also found it very time-saving to ask on the order form for a tin to be placed out for the lamingtons to prevent repeated delivery trips.

A couple of days before the drive three or four members meet and staple the order forms to paper bags, which are also arranged as much as possible in order for convenient delivery. We purchase these paper bags and also squares of cardboard similar to those used in cake shops.

On the day of the drive we assemble as many members as possible in our meeting hall and allot them to duties as follows:— Two members responsible for making icing, two members for packing, and others in pairs for the actual making. Each pair is equipped as follows:—Two carving forks for holding cake, two soup ladles for coating with icing, two Swiss roll tins covered with wire tray — the coated lamingtons are placed on these for a few minutes to set and the icing which drips through is returned to the icing makers to be re-heated and strained through a wire strainer for re-use.

One frypan with extension cord and two-way plug, one large saucepan which contains icing, and is kept warm on the frypan to keep icing at a workable consistency, one large baking dish to contain coconut.

An electric knife sharpener is a great asset to the cake cutter, and it is a help for each member to have a hand trowel for wiping sticky fingers. If there are sufficient volunteers (are there ever?), one member without a specific job can be of great value — collecting icing drippings, moving set lamingtons to the packers, replenishing supplies of icing and coconut, and relieving the other workers when necessary.

When all the lamingtons are made they are delivered by car to the customers, and we do try to have, as drivers, ladies who are unable to help in the morning — this shares the labour as fairly as possible. We also reimburse drivers for the petrol used.

In our experience we usually have orders for about 300 dozen lamingtons and, although we have managed with fewer, the ideal number of helpers for this size drive is 20.

And now the most important part — what to buy. Four dozen lamingtons can be cut from one double block of Susan Day sponge. To ice this requires 2 lbs. icing sugar, knob butter, 10½ oz. boiling water, and two level tablespoons cocoa. A little simple arithmetic can be used to work out the quantities required, allowing for the fact that working with large numbers of lamingtons does reduce these quantities somewhat. As an example, for our current drive we have orders for 316 dozen lamingtons and have purchased 79 double blocks of sponge, 40 lbs. coconut, 112 lbs. icing sugar, 4 to 5 lbs. cocoa and 2 lbs. butter.

Now, what's stopping you? — go to it!



FORTY YEARS OF GUIDING IN CROYDON

1st Croydon Company was registered at Headquarters on 9th August, 1929, with Miss Mackie its first Captain. Mrs. Cameron was the first District Commissioner and held the post until 1940.

Our 40th Anniversary was celebrated in the same Hall as that in which the original meeting was held. We were thrilled to have with us several past Guiders, including Mrs. Cameron, Mrs. Lewis, D.C. for 11 years and Captain for several more years.

Over the years the Company has attended the Scout Jamboree at Frankston, also the two Jamborees at Wonga Park. Representatives of the Company have been in guards of honour at Government House during Royal visits, also at Government House Garden Parties for the youth of Victoria. We have taken part in Rallies for Lord and Lady Baden-Powell and also other State functions. One girl attended the International Guide Camp held at Yarra Junction in 1959. Many Company hikes have been held, also some camping as a Company and in conjunction with other groups.

In 1957 we had our first First Class Guide and in 1963 our first Queen's Guide presentation, three awards all at once.

Our present D.C. opened the evening, then our Division Commissioner presented Patrol Leader stripes to the newly elected girls. After a game, slides of the previous Company activities and some of the Guide Hostels were shown, and the cake was cut after the Guides had blown out the 40 candles. Everyone enjoyed the delicious supper provided by members of the Croydon Local Association.

—J. Lewis and A. Taylor,
for Croydon District.



GUIDES TO THE RESCUE!

At the Wycheproof Hospital our Brown Owl was delivered of a little boy, nursing staff in attendance — the Guide Captain, assisted by the District Commissioner.

The doctor's comment — Guides do seem to help each other at all times!

—A. Durie.

GUIDES' OWN AT CONFERENCE

THE 1969 COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE — IMPRESSIONS

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The joy of renewing friendships made at the Training Weekend.

Seeing the names from the Guide Personnel Book come to life with warmth and humour, and the privilege of hearing the Chief Commissioner and the State Commissioner speak to us. Also, feeling the enthusiasm with which the New Programme was presented to us by the experts.

The fun and fellowship experienced at Peg Barr's campfires and the conviction that all members of the Movement were indeed working harmoniously.

The knowledge that most District Commissioners feel that they are imperfect, as I do, and the relief in knowing that we can help one another at Conferences such as this.

The serenity and sincerity I'm sure we all felt at the moving Guides' Own Service held in the beautiful Chapel.

Then, on our last day together, after we had been addressed by Guide Ann, I couldn't suppress a feeling of pride that I belonged to a Movement which contributed, perhaps only in a small way, to the development of character of girls like Ann.

My congratulations to the Conference Committee, which, I thought, did a magnificent job.

One of our Commissioners was talking to one of the doctors present at Monash at the Mental Hygiene Conference, and asked him what was his impression of the Guide Movement after the weekend. She thought he would probably mention the raised arms which so effectively gain silence.

However, his reply was: "I could not help thinking that we were just talking, but you Guides are DOING!"

—M.D.



It is not so much for holding services as for rendering services that the world is looking to the Church today.—Wilfred Grenfell.

LET US PRAISE GOD

For Mirth — That unites us with others and refreshes us for our work: may He help us to keep it kind and true.

For Good Friends — To rejoice with us in our joys, to cheer us in our troubles and to lighten our tasks: may He help us to repay them in fellowship and service.

For the Trees in Spring and the Fruit Blossoms — For the smell of the country after rain; for the green grass and the flowers: for the clouds and sun and hill and mountain streams; and for the joy of work attempted and achieved.

For the Gift of Wonder and the Joy of Discovery — For the everlasting freshness of experience; for the newness of life each day as we grow older.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

CAN I SAY THE LORD'S PRAYER?

Can I say OUR if I live in a water-tight spiritual compartment — if I think of a special place in Heaven is reserved for my denomination?

Can I say FATHER if I do not demonstrate the relationship in my daily life?

Can I say WHICH ART IN HEAVEN if I am so occupied with earth that I am laying up my treasure there?

Can I say HALLOWED BY THY NAME if I, who am called by His Name, am not holy?

Can I say THY KINGDOM COME if I am not doing all in my power to hasten its coming?

Can I say THY WILL BE DONE if I am questioning, resentful of, or disobedient to His will for me?

Can I say ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN if I am not prepared to devote all my life here to His service?

Can I say GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD if I am not prepared to face each day and its problems as they come?

Can I say FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES AS WE FORGIVE THEM THAT TRESPASS AGAINST US if I harbour a grudge against anyone?

Can I say LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION if I deliberately place myself, or remain in a position where I am likely to be tempted?

Can I say DELIVER US FROM EVIL if I am not prepared to fight it in a spiritual realm, with the weapons of prayer?

Can I say THINE IS THE KINGDOM if I do not accord the King the disciplined obedience of a loyal subject?

Can I say THINE IS THE POWER if I fear what men may do, or what my neighbours may think?

Can I say THINE IS THE GLORY if I am seeking glory for myself?

Can I say FOR EVER AND EVER if my horizon is bounded by the things of time?

Can I say AMEN if I do not add "cost what it may", for to say this prayer honestly will cost everything?

HYMN

(To the tune of "The Carnival Is Over").

May the Lord be with you always
May He be your help and guide,
May you feel His presence with you
Daily walking by your side.

When your life seems full of worry,
And your work seems all in vain,
Think of those who went before you,
Take their courage, rise again.

Talk with your friends and neighbours,
By your friendship, words and deeds,
Tell them love's the light that guides you
And will satisfy their needs.

Now together let us praise God
Ere we wend our homeward way,
To the Lord our hearts surrender,
Let Him guide us every day.

To the Lord our hearts surrender,
Let Him guide us every day.

—From Swan Hill Division.

PRAYER

O God our Father, who hast bidden us to live in fellowship with one another, keep us from everything which would make us difficult to live with today.

Help us never thoughtlessly or deliberately to speak in such a way that we would hurt another's feelings, or wound another's heart.

Keep us from all impatience, from all irritability, and from a temper which is too quick.

Keep us from eyes which are focussed to find fault, and from a tongue which is tuned to criticise.

Keep us from being touchy and quick to take offence, and slow to forget it.

Help us not to be stubborn and obstinate, and keep us from the selfishness which can see nothing but its own point of view, and which wants nothing but its own way.

Grant unto us all through this day something of Thy Grace and Beauty.

Hear this our Prayer, for Thy love's sake.
Amen.

THE CHALLENGE

"We are the present—and the future, too.
Remember, when we turn our eyes to you
to point the way,

That we must learn to walk those paths
ourselves against the day

When you no longer lead us by the hand
Teach us the **meaning** of the code we need
For soon, there will be those whom **we**
must lead

In ways which you have shown.
And, having taught us, **show** us that you are
not **afraid** for us to walk alone.

"The present is in your strong hands—
The future is in **ours**
Teach us, to love the beauty of our land
But help us, too, to reach . . . for stars!
To gather to ourselves the dreams that
beckoned once to you
Teach us those things we must know
To make your dream . . . our dream . . .
come true!"

—By Joan McEniry—from the Santa
Clara (U.S.A.) Girl Scout Leaflet.

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A warm welcome is extended to the following:—

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—Beth Chamberlain, Ranger Adviser.

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FROM THE RANGER GUIDES
AT THE ANNUAL MEETING**

THE CHIEF'S 80th BIRTHDAY

"Dear ALL of you in AUSTRALIA,

Here I am, far away from you, sharing the 20th World Guide Conference, with hundreds of Finnish Guides, and hundreds of Guide Leaders from all over the world; and the "slogan" for this great gathering is that we shall "CLASP OUR HANDS TOGETHER".

AND FROM this far-away country I am, in mind, CLASPING YOUR HANDS, warmly and in a specially firm, eager, loving way, in gratitude for this wonderful surprise gift, that was handed to me at a Commonwealth Conference in England, by your own Australian Guide "Chief".

I am overwhelmed! I cannot get over it! I am so touched and so grateful that you, in your generosity, have added to that delightful and helpful "Ice Cream Fund" which started in 1959, and has been added to already twice before, with a "Hampers Fund."*

How good of you all to want to help Guiding in various places and different ways through me in this charming, lovely, extra way, and all over and above what you have subscribed for other great projects for our Movement elsewhere.

Your gift has enabled me to do little rather "unofficial" good turns already — first as "Ice Creams into BOOKS", then as "Ice Creams into DOORS", and now — NO! — I have not taken any decision on any ONE project, but will CHERISH your dear, lovely HAMPERS gift fund, and use it carefully and — I hope wisely — some of it for Guide doings and happenings, plans and progress when and how and where it will be most greatly appreciated.

Possibly there might be a gift of a window to some Guide Centre as a symbol that friends within will look out of it towards Australia and send a wave of thoughts of goodwill to you, and it will open wide to let in the light of love for all "fellow-Guides".

I now send to each and all of you my most affectionate thanks for this sweet, generous, unexpected "present" — and my very treasured remembrances of your marvellous welcomes when I was with you during that un-forget-able tour just over two years ago!"

Olave Baden-Powell

*Hampton Court Palace (the Chief Guides home) is commonly known as "Hampers."

WARRANTS (continued from page 126)

Mrs. S. M. Bruce, 2nd Surrey Hills; Miss P. C. Rodda, 3rd Brighton; Mrs. W. Shelton, 1st Pakenham.

Brown Owls:

Mrs. H. Rands, 1st Timboon; Miss B. Jamieson, 1st Kilsyth; Mrs. D. R. Feather, 2nd Mt. Waverley; Mrs. O. Frost, 2nd Belmont; Mrs. S. T. Yields, 1st West Croydon; Mrs. F. L. Hinterding, 1st South Croydon; Miss H. I. Marchant, 2nd West Coburg; Mrs. J. A. Short, 3rd West Reservoir; Mrs. W. M. Curtis, 5th Glen Waverley; Mrs. W. Fechner, 1st Dimboola; Mrs. P. B. Wootton, 9th Bendigo; Mrs. N. Phillips, 2nd Sydal; Mrs. T. A. McGillivray, 3rd Box Hill; Miss L. Hurley, 3rd Moorabbin South; Mrs. D. Scouller, 2nd Benteleigh;

Mrs. P. Manning, 1st Maryknoll; Mrs. D. A. Brown, 3rd East Brighton; Mrs. B. Phillips, 1st Wentworth; Mrs. M. M. Matthews, 3rd Aberfeldie; Mrs. C. M. Henderson, 2nd Surrey Hills.

Tawny Owls:

Mrs. D. Johns, 1st Grantville; Mrs. A. W. Linton, 1st Heyfield; Mrs. L. J. Brick, 2nd Cranbourne; Mrs. Y. T. Fisher, 1st Koonung Heights; Miss M. Deverall, 1st Reservoir West; Miss M. Westaway, 3rd Ballarat; Mrs. G. F. Cusworth, 2nd East Doncaster; Mrs. T. Brown, 2nd Glen Waverley; Mrs. M. Lagerberg, 1st Glen Waverley; Miss R. Sparkes, 1st Oak Park; Mrs. J. M. Cowan, 3rd Doncaster; Mrs. S. Peachey, 1st Maryvale; Miss F. Brooks, 1st Rainbow; Mrs. J. Knight, 1st Ashburton.