

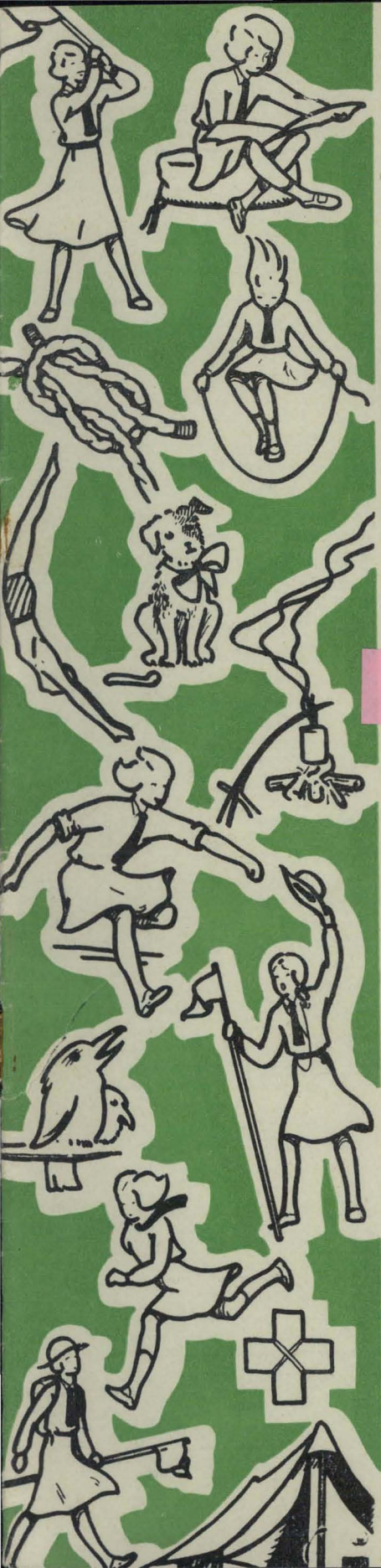
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# Matilda

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SEPTEMBER, 1940.



## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of meetings of the Executive Committee of the Girl Guides' Association, Victoria, held at the Guide Office on 17th July and 1st August, 1940:—

### 17th July.

Present.—Lady Chauvel, Mesdames Faulkner, Edmondson, Littlejohn and Tate, and Misses Harrison, Moran, Ritchie, Russell and the Secretary.

Agreed, that Mrs. Faulkner should be our representative on the Y.W.C.A. War-Time Appeal Committee, and that we should put a notice in "Matilda" expressing our sympathy with the appeal.

That Thanks Badges would be granted to Mrs. Welsh, Nyah West, and to Mr. Boothroyd, of Waubra.

That £5 of Miss Wilson's gift should be given to the Guide War Appeal, and £5 to endow a day in Miss Wilson's name for the Guide House.

That we should join the Youth Hostel Association, as a Group Member.

Reported that plans were being made for the concert to be given by the Ladies' Blue Symphonic Orchestra.

That Miss Campbell had agreed to take leave of absence for six months, and that Miss J. Alston had accepted the position of Acting Commissioner for Extensions for six months.

That the Executive Committee had paid a visit of inspection to the Guide House.

That 22,100 garments for the War Appeal had been packed to date.

That Mrs. Fairbairn, Mrs. MacDonald and Mrs. Pearson had agreed to be on the Committee to arrange the Commissioners' Conference.

### 1st August.

Present.—Lady Chauvel, Mesdames Blackwood and Tate, and Misses Coles, Drury, Lascelles, Moran, Purnell, Ritchie, Russell and the Secretary.

Agreed, that in order to give more members of the Movement an opportunity to take a more active interest in the Guide House, a third of the members of the Guide House Committee and of its sub-committees should retire annually, and should not be eligible for re-election for 12 months.

That the revised leaflet of alterations to

P.O.R. as recommended by the sub-committee should be accepted, and the leaflet printed for insertion in P.O.R. and "Matilda."

That Lady Chauvel and Mrs. Faulkner should be the trustees for the Guide Association War Savings Group.

Reported that 23,118 garments had been packed for the war appeal up to 31st July, of which 1425 were for seamen.

That £499 was amount in hand for the War Fund, and that an anonymous donation of £500 had been received.

That Mrs. Littlejohn was to broadcast on 25th August in connection with the war appeal.

That the total amount for the Air Ambulance Appeal was £48,000, of which Australia contributed £2132. Two Air Ambulances had cost £7500 each, Lifeboat £5000. A sum of £11,000 had been given to the Royal Navy for motor ambulances, £10,000 to the Army for rest rooms, and £5000 to the Y.M.C.A.

That a letter had been received from Mr. Pittard thanking the Association for its offer to staff and conduct clearing houses in connection with the overseas children's scheme.

That the Commissioners' Conference would be held at 41 Kinkora rd., Hawthorn, through the courtesy of Mrs. Swinburne.

That Mrs. Tate had attended the meeting in connection with the training of playground leaders.

That the result of bringing the Women's Voluntary Register up to date had been very satisfactory.

That Mrs. Fairbairn formed a Local Association for the Lone Branch.

—M. E. Bush, State Secretary.

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## GUIDE GIFT WEEK.

WE'VE DONE IT!  
WE'VE DOUBLED IT!

**£46,216.**

### A Message from H.M. The Queen.

A letter from Her Majesty's Lady-in-Waiting to the Chief Commissioner:

"I am commanded to tell you that Her Majesty thinks the result of the Guide Gift Scheme is simply wonderful, and no praise is too great for those responsible for launching it, or for the spirit of those Guiders who were quite sure they were going to get the amount needed."

### A Message from H.R.H. The Princess Royal.

The Chief Commissioner has received a letter from Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal as follows:

"May I ask you to convey my warmest congratulations and thanks to all those who have worked so hard to make the Guide Gift Week such a success. I am so proud and gratified at the magnificent response of one and all in more than doubling the £20,000."

### Cable from Nyeri.

"Tremendous congratulations to all Guides everywhere on valiant efforts with consequent immensely successful achievement. Extremely proud that your willing work and self-sacrifice has brought grand unexpectedly large amount for providing valuable gifts towards helping suffering people. Best wishes and may your future efforts continue to bring solace to others whilst giving you satisfaction through knowing you are carrying out your Guide Promise nobly and well."

—Baden-Powell.

## ISAIAH XLIII., 1:

"Fear not for I have redeemed thee.  
I have called thee by thy name, thou art mine."

We have said that we knew our cause was God's. But! That momentary sinking feeling, that horrible vision of defeat when things went wrong! It was that which gave us away. We were not really trusting God, or even believing much in Him.

Yet, the history of this age tells us that our challenge is to make a new world, nothing else will do. A change of heart throughout mankind! Humanity bound together by the conviction of Comradeship as the secret of life, and listen! A new world made out of the material you and I are made of; and the whole vast miracle wrought in one generation.

This is not just another war, nor is it like any other war. It is the supreme clash between good and evil, between civilisation and savage chaos, between brute force and Christianity.

But keep steady! Hold your balance! There is more to come.

We, of the British Commonwealth of Nations, are the champions. Do not dare to shrink from that challenge. It does not come to us because we are better than our neighbours, but because we were taught first. That Commonwealth, founded with no human vision beyond that of a narrow patriotism, taught us, in its building and its growth, the secret of community life, and, whether we practise them or not, British standards of honour, justice, freedom are a by-word all over the globe; and woe to us if we do not recognise our challenge, our divine commission to lead the way.

The sands are running out. God help us, they have run out, through the years while the few who pleaded did not warn loud enough, and the many did not take the trouble to hear. Again, woe be to us if we do not recognise

our challenge and our divine commission, for nothing else will open our eyes to our unreadiness, and our unfitness.

Who can fail to hear the challenge and commission, echoing as they do to-day from this God-made group of "area Schools" scattered all over the world to teach; echoing as they do from that equally God-made youth movement of Scout and Guide which has blazed the endless trail of comradeship, starting from our land?

Who can fail to see our unreadiness? Where is the massed Inspiration which knows no limitations and which counts no cost? Where is the blazing conviction of the secret of life? Where is the revulsion from the old picture of religion which was selfish, and is now torn to shreds? Where indeed! But the only reason why these thoughts are not terrifying, paralysing, is that they do not leave us helpless.

There is something to be done. The challenge rings. "The kingdom of God is within you." Character is the ultimate force of humanity. What you can do, what you can be, that is what God calls for. Grip this and the lacking fire will come. This and nothing else will be the forerunner of Victory, a surging Inspiration, its fire lighting the eyes of all you meet, permeating, not only you and those around you, not only Christendom as we see it but all the world, the voice of humanity, made in God's image, a voice of triumph—"We are called by Thy Name. We are Thine."—(Preached in a country church on 26th May; sent to "Matilda" by Post Box Secretary for England.)

### HAVE WE COURAGE ?

There is a great temptation in times of trouble to give way before the forces of depression and apprehension and a sense of futility. We must fight against the temptation, for these things are not only wrong—they are a waste of energy, and we need all our energy for courage to work and fight for the future.

Much has been written and sung about courage—what is it but faith? Faith in God—in one's cause—in oneself. Faith in the future.

Youth Leaders and Teachers have a great and honourable responsibility in helping to train the minds and characters of young people in a time when character is going to mean infinitely much to the individual and to the community of the next two, three, four decades.

They have a cause—they must face the future with faith and courage. They can only point the way when they know it for themselves.

Before this war broke out, we heard much about education for recreation. Now there is no time for recreation, but a great need for recreation. Webster defines recreation as "refreshment of the strength and spirits after toil." Let us see that we grasp every opportunity for spiritual recreation. Let us make use of every minute that would otherwise be wasted in worrying—when walking along the road, or waiting for a bus—to look round for something to be pleased about, something simple and fine and in its way beautiful; and let us say a prayer of thanks. There are other ways, too, of using the passing moment. This will refresh the spirit. This will give us courage.

The brave is he who has faced up to the thought of the worst that can happen and is ready for it. He is prepared to do his best when the time comes. Inwardly, he is serene because he is sure of himself; sure that he will be true to himself. Therefore he can go forward with courage, leaving apprehension and self-pity behind.

Emerson wrote: "Self-trust is the essence of heroism. It persists; it is of an undaunted boldness, and of a fortitude not to be wearied out."

—E.E.M.

### GUIDE WAR APPEAL.

Approval has been given for parcels of material consigned to country districts to be made into clothing for evacuated and refugee children in England to travel free of charge. These goods when returned to Headquarters will be freight-free also. All parcels must bear the Association's label, which may be obtained from the War Appeal room on the Fourth Floor, at 60 Market st.

To 12th August, 1940, 24,982 garments have been sent to England. Of these, 1848 were knitted comforts for the sailors. The Guide War Appeal Committee wishes to thank Miss Purnell for her help in editing the War Appeal Report.—M.L.

### WAR SAVINGS GROUP.

The Executive Committee has approved the forming of a War Savings Group within the Movement, and operated from the Guide Office.

The Trustees are Lady Chauvel and Mrs. Faulkner, and the joint Secretaries, Misses Bush and Barfus.

Any member of the Guide Movement may link up with this Headquarters Group.

### RED CROSS NOTES.

The Committee and members of the Girl Guide Red Cross Emergency Company wish to thank the friends who so kindly forwarded gifts for their stall on 16th August, and those who came and bought from them. We had an excellent collection of goods and we made £36. Thank you all very much.—M. Moore, Superintendent.

### GUIDE WAR WORK.

#### District News.

About two months ago, we decided to work for a small sale of gifts to aid the refugee and evacuated children in Britain. Two days ago we held the sale and a dance at night, and our profits of £13/11/3 exceeded anything we had hoped for. Each of our two Patrols contains four Guides, and under the Patrol Leaders a scheme of making a certain number of articles a week was carried out. The third stall was run by the Guiders, though we did quite a lot of exchanging. For instance, both Patrols gave us the produce they had collected, and we gave them the sweets we made. I can imagine that most of the mothers did quite an amount of helping and many friends gave produce. We enjoyed decorating the stalls, and had several anxious moments over the security of the decorated uprights when they threatened to come down, decorations and all.

One of our ideas was to celebrate our birthday, for we as a Company are exactly one year old to-day.—Ettie Whyte, Capt., 1st Ultima.



The Ranger Captain, Miss Lory, helped by her Rangers and the Guide Company, 1st Marnoo, ran a dance on 14th June and made £18/10/- clear. This was given to the local Red Cross and Comforts Funds, and used for wool for knitting.—Wallaloo South, Stawell.

### GOODBYE TO MR. AND MRS. BOOTHROYD, OF WAUBRA.

On Tuesday last, at the invitation of Mrs. J. Coutts, Vice-president of the Waubra Girl Guides' Local Association, members and friends met at her home, "Eildon," Waubra, to bid farewell to Mrs. Boothroyd, former Captain of the Guide Company, who has left the district to reside in Ballarat.

After welcoming the guests, Mrs. Coutts called upon Mrs. Goldsmith, President of the Association, who spoke in glowing terms of Mrs. Boothroyd's work in the district, and asked her, on behalf of those present, to accept a small gift.

Mrs. Troup, Divisional Commissioner, then presented to Mr. Boothroyd, the thanks badge (which is the highest award given by the Guide Movement to a non-member) for the wonderful service he had rendered the local authority over the past nine years.

Both guests of honour responded suitably, and said that with deep regret they were obliged to give up their activities in the district. They would, however, always be interested in Guiding, and be ever willing to lend a hand if needed.

### YOUTH HOSTELS IN VICTORIA.

For full details of 3rd Melbourne Rangers' recent hike from Tunstall to Eltham, any of the 10 hikers should be consulted in person.

They will tell you of sunlit stretches of deserted country road of hills stretching fold on fold into a blue distance and of tall gums etched against a rose and golden sunset.

Of a night spent at the Youth Hostel at Warrandyte and a hazardous journey across the river by boat. Its designer, in some distant past, perhaps took as his inspiration a match box, and enlarging it, made it JUST fit two people—but, as for bicycles!

Of a midday meal by the roadside when we proved the proverb that a watched pot never boils, especially if supported by rocks of a high explosive variety (see Cap's finger).

Of sharing the carriage home from Eltham with the spectre of a reveller's crayfish.

But as I said you must ask the Rangers. I set out to talk of Youth Hostels. These are now established at Warrandyte, Christmas Hills, Kinglake, Launching Place, Healesville, St. Andrew's North, Toolangi, Cowes and Nar-

bethong. They provide members with a roof over their head, a bed, blankets, cooking equipment and washing facilities. In every case, sheet sleeping bags must be taken. The pattern for these may be obtained from the Youth Hostels Association, or a limited number may be hired at the rate of a 9d. a night. In some cases hot meals will be provided at a moderate charge if arrangements are made beforehand.

The Guide Association has joined as a Group Member, this allows parties of Guides (Juniors) in charge of a full member to use the Hostels at half fees. Any Ranger Company may join as a group. This means that provided there is one full member of the Y.H.A. with a party of Rangers all members of the Company are able to make use of the Hostels. For those over 16 the usual night charge of 1/6 per head is made.

To both Rangers and Guides the Youth Hostel Association offers something that should prove of ever-increasing value, particularly at such a time as this when physical and mental fitness have become a national duty, as well as a personal privilege.

To those unused to long distances, I would advise starting at Warrantdyte, the Hostel is only two miles from Warrantdyte itself, or seven from Tunstall, eight from Ringwood and 9½ from Eltham, while for the tougher a three-day tour may be taken—Warrantdyte to Christmas Hills 18 miles, Christmas Hills-St. Andrews North 12 miles, St. Andrews North to Kinglake (two alternative routes) eight to five miles respectively.

So why not—

"Pack up your dinner in your haversack  
And Hike, Hike, Hike?"

#### Youth Hostel Association Membership Fees.

Group membership	.. ..	5/-	per year
Full Junior, 14-21 years	.. ..	2/6	per year
Over 21 years	.. ..	5/-	per year
Life membership	.. ..	63/-	

—J. U. Boyes, Guide Representative,  
Y.H.A.

### FOR RANGER GUIDERS.

A limited number of copies of a series of five leaflets on Food and Nutrition have been made available by the courtesy of Dr. Rowan, of the Public Health Department. These will be specially helpful for Ranger Guiders in connection with the Ranger Star Test. Ranger Guiders who would like a set are asked to leave their names with Miss Barfus.—M. Moore, Commissioner for Tests and Badges.

### A BIKE HIKE.

Had you been outside Heidelberg station at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 6, you would have seen three Guiders with bicycles intently studying a map, and had you been interested enough to inquire you would have discovered that they were the advance party of a Guiders' week-end "Bike Hike" to Panton Hill.

The morning was perfect, the country was at its best, and the road sufficiently full of "ups and downs" to make the journey interesting—in fact, everything was so near to perfection that the advance party found the ride to Eltham all too short.

A visit to the butcher's for the week-end supplies, a hearty meal in Eltham Park, and then off to the station to meet the rest of the party, who had come by train.

Six Guiders, all mounted on their faithful iron steeds, set off for Panton Hill. The road through Reservoir to Kangaroo Ground was practically all up hill, but as we hiked along we consoled ourselves by remarking every few yards—"What goes up must come down"—and we certainly had reason to believe that later, as we tore down a hill at such terrific speed that will for ever make the Big Dipper seem tame.

Refreshed with afternoon tea of oranges at Kangaroo Ground, off we rode once more; the rest of the ride passing uneventfully, except for one optimistic Guider who insisted on stopping halfway to look for a first aid outfit which she had lost somewhere about there when on a hike 12 months before—needless to say her search proved fruitless.

Eventually we arrived at "Venta," and as we made ourselves at home, opening windows, lighting fires and unpacking luggage, each was busy with thoughts of many other happy hours spent in that delightful spot.

Tea, which was a grand affair of three courses, was a most unusual meal, lasting for about two hours—there being at least half an hour between each course.

Our stay at Venta, until we left late next morning, was packed with a hundred and one little incidents that go towards the making of a perfect week-end.

Returning home, we followed the road through Watson's Creek—the road was extremely rough but very pretty—in parts very much like the road to the Guide Mouse—to the Kangaroo Ground lookout. The first part of this run was all down hill, in fact we went for exactly 2½ miles without having to pedal—

this sounds very pleasant, but unfortunately about every 100 yards or so the road took a right angled turn which made it necessary to keep the brake on most of the time; it was at one of these bends that the Guider with the fixed wheel bike skidded and had rather a nasty fall. From then on she walked down as well as up the hills.

Lunch (a delicious meal of lamb chops and "honeyed spuds") at the lookout, and then down hill almost all the way back to Eltham. A toast to "Adventure" in malted milks, and then we parted—some to catch the train, and those who still had enough energy and felt they could still trust their bikes to carry them a little further, to ride on to Heidelberg, where they arrived at dusk—worn, but full of the joy of the road. "FLEETFOOT."

### IN MEMORY OF MILDRED KENT.

Mention was made recently in the press of the gift of £1000 to the new Royal Melbourne Hospital Fund to build a six-bed ward "in memory of Mildred Kent and in honour of the Girl Guide Movement."

Mildred Kent was a Ranger in 3rd East Malvern Ranger Company when it was formed about nine years ago. She was a very keen Ranger; for a time she was Tawny Owl, and then a Lieutenant at 1st Gardiner. She was still a Ranger when she went on a trip to England with her family. There she became ill and later died. During her period in hospital she was marvellously cheerful and helpful, and every night sang to the other patients. She had a very good contralto voice, and was studying singing.

Mildred's father, Mr. A. F. Kent, has always been interested in Guides since she joined, and has been helpful in the past in many ways. We appreciate very much the honour he has done the Guide Movement in joining the name of Guiding to his generous gift in memory of his daughter.—F.V.B.

### PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

- "Adventuring," South Australia.  
 "Canadian Guider."  
 "Te Rama," New Zealand.  
 "The Girl Guide Courier," West Australia.  
 "Waratah," New South Wales.

### FROM W. SOMERSET MAUGHAM'S "FRANCE AT WAR."

(From New Zealand G.G. Magazine,  
Te Rama.)

"The evacuation of half a million people from Alsace and Lorraine was a distressing necessity, and its attendant hardships would have been scarcely tolerable without the willing aid given by the Girl Guides. They helped families to pack the few things that they could take with them, and on train journeys that might well take three or four days they exerted themselves to comfort those frightened and unhappy people, herded sometimes in cattle trucks, and mitigate their discomforts. Day and night the Girl Guides were at the wayside stations to give what help and refreshment possible to the refugees. They met them in Paris, fed them, encouraged them, and conveyed them across the city to the station from which they were to entrain for their destination. There again the Girl Guides met them, interpreted for them, acted as intermediaries between them and the population which was obliged, somewhat unwillingly, to receive them, distributed clothes among them, provided them with books, and, in short, did everything that human kindness could do to ease the tragic lot of these strangers in a land strange to them.

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### FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

- Sept. 1.—Guiders' Own, Central Hall.  
 Sept. 14.—Outdoor Training (see Camping and Training).  
 Sept. 14.—"A. A. Milne" Night (see Extension Guide Notes).  
 Sept. 19-20.—Commissioners' Conference.  
 Sept. 20.—Annual Meeting, Brownie Branch.  
 Sept. 21.—Country Dance Party (see Ranger Page).

### GUIDE SHOP.

#### BELTS.

The next few weeks will see the end of our supply of old style buckles for belts, and the only ones available will be the new style in the future, so if your order should contain new style buckles instead of the old style which you ordered, would you please then understand that there are no old style ones available. We are having difficulty with swivels on the belts, and at present we are reduced to the state of not being able to put any on them. We hope

to be able to improvise in the future, but for the time being we can do nothing about it. Those sold without swivels will sell for 2/3 instead of 2/6.

#### STOCKINGS.

In future the stockings which have previously been sold at 2/6 will be 2/11. We have been able to obtain a larger size in this cheaper stocking—this will be size 8 for a 4½-5 shoe.

#### HAVERSACKS.

Will be 4/- in future, because of the better material in them. This material is the only one available, so we must be content with a better article, even at a greater cost.

#### PATROL ROLL BOOKS.

Will be 4d.

### EMBLEMS AND CHRISTMAS CARDS

In May "Matilda" I asked for Companies to send in to me their choice of the most popular Australian animals, the six most popular birds and flowers in Australia. The results are now to hand, and here below is the result.

Animals: Koala, kangaroo, platypus.

Birds: Kookaburra, lyre bird, blue wren, magpie, galah, emu.

Flowers: Wattle, flowering gum, boronia, heath, waratah, orchid.

Some Companies who sent in as one of their choice the lyre bird expressed the doubt if Patrols would follow up with their full names, and it would end up being "liars." This would not at all be agreeable, but I would like to suggest that rather than omit this lovely bird as one of our Patrol Emblems we might call this bird by its classical name, which is "Menura." This is really rather a good name, and Companies might like to use it.

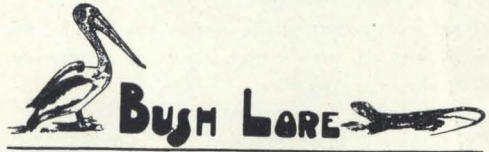
Especially in birds and flowers there was a wide range of choice, and some of them I am afraid were not Australian wild flowers, but since it was the choice of the Guides it could not be avoided.

These selections must now go to our Federal Secretary to be judged against the choice of the other States, so I hope to be able to print the final choice as decided by Australia.

Not many people sent in designs for Christmas cards, but those that were will be sent to the Federal Secretary to choose from, and results will be known later.

Thank you very much for sending in this information.

CLARA BROADHURST.



#### "Sleep is a Preparation."

And this month, September, all the bushland is showing the result of the winter storing up of food and energy in the blossoming and singing of flowers and birds.

These notes are being written in the middle of August, while on a short visit to Portland, and the heathlands are a garden of flowers. To look casually there is only the usual blue green of coastal shrubs and bracken, but a second glance shows colour everywhere—heath, pink, red and white, the white of the bearded heaths, and pinky mauve of the wild boronia just breaking into bloom. Here and there are bunches of a little blue creeper, and glimpses of gold of the guinea flower and "eggs and bacon."

#### Orchids.

September and October are the best months for our spring orchids. Many of them are difficult to see at first, but after finding the first one, and knowing just what to look for, it becomes easier.

With many of the smaller orchids—such as the Helmets and Gnats, it is easier to look for the leaves, which grow flat on the ground. Once these are found, it is not hard to look round for a plant bearing blooms, whereas it would be very difficult to distinguish the insignificant flowers by themselves.

Have you a list of the orchids found in your district? Who knows whether you may not be lucky enough to find a new species—there were several new ones named during the last year.

An excellent reference book for orchids is "Gems of the Bush," one of the series of Nature Books (No. 5) brought out by the "Sun" a few years ago. These are now out of print, but someone in your Company may still have one. Sold originally for 6d. a copy, in good order will now bring from 2/6 to 5/-.

#### BY THE WAY—

Which cuckoo returns first to your District, and what is the earliest date you have heard it?

Most of us know the Flame Robins go down to the plains in the winter, but return to the

hills to nest in the spring. If you live in the hills, watch out for their return and first signs of nesting.

Get your Guides to watch the trees, particularly the European ones. Most of them will be well in flower in September—do the Guides know what the flowers of the elm, oak and plane look like, for instance? This is an old question, but does give an opportunity for observation to town Guides which is often not used. Get them to notice how the network of the branches has thickened gradually with the swelling of the buds.

Did you know that although the Helmet, the Gnat and the Mosquito and Mayfly orchids all have much the same shaped leaves, the two latter can be distinguished by being deep purplish colour beneath? All bloom in the early spring, and this year, anyway, the Mosquito orchid seems to have been well ahead of the others.

## WARRANTS AND REGISTRATIONS.

### District Commissioner.

Castlemaine: Mrs. Parkinson.

Hopetoun: Mrs. J. Roberts.

### Brown Owl.

1st Birchip Pack: Miss I. M. Gooding.

### Guide Captains.

1st Maryborough: Miss D. Vickers.

1st Benalla: Mrs. Moss.

2nd Benalla: Miss J. d'Helin.

1st Yarek: Miss J. McPherson.

1st Elsternwick: Miss B. Meads.

### Guide Lieutenants.

1st Ellerslie: Miss I. Alford.

1st Yarek: Miss P. Cullis.

## REGISTRATIONS.

### Packs.

1st Bairnsdale Pack.

1st Kingsville Pack.

1st Learmonth Pack.

1st Northcote Pack.

1st Gardenvale Pack.

### Companies.

1st East Malvern, Korowa Company.

7th Hawthorn, Tintern C.E.G.G.S. Company.

1st Strath Creek Company.

2nd Heidelberg Company.

1st Gardenvale Company.

### Old Guide Group.

Kew.

### Local Association.

Waubra and Learmonth.

## CANCELLATIONS.

### Brown Owl.

4th St. Kilda: Miss B. Caspar.

### Captain.

8th Geelong: Miss E. Wright.

### Lieutenant.

2nd St. Kilda: Miss M. Monger.

1st Dimboola: Miss B. Stubbs.

## LONES.

Dear Lones,—

You may not believe it, but the Lones' Local Association is now an accomplished fact! Which shows that if you stick to a thing, you eventually achieve it. I first started the wheels of this particular endeavour moving on 27th October last year when I sent a circular letter to all Commissioners asking for their interest and support. My aim is to have one member from each Local Association all over Victoria, who will be the Lones representative in her district, to co-operate with us in all matters concerning Lones. I aimed to form an Executive from the metropolitan members, and decided that when I had 14 I would call the inauguration meeting. That was achieved on 23rd July when we met at Headquarters and elected office-bearers.

I am indebted to Miss Bush who gave me moral support, and to Miss Barfus who so ably took the minutes and explained the financial position of the Branch.

I am particularly grateful to Mrs. Roberts for agreeing to act as Secretary. Mrs. Roberts, as you know, was Commissioner for Lones until her marriage two years ago, and her experience and help to me will be invaluable. Miss Hooper has consented to be Treasurer, for which I am also grateful. Accounts have always been my "pons assinorum," and I have profound admiration for anyone who will tackle and can control money affairs! Mrs. Howatson is to be equipment officer, and will be of very useful assistance in dealing with the badges, belts and stars that have hitherto been an added burden to the Guiders' lot.

It was a great thrill to me to find 16 people at the meeting, and to know that they are willing to give the extra time to help the cause of the Lones.

But that is not all. We have altogether 43 members representing 23 districts. You will realise how much this will mean to the Lones

to have contacts in these areas. For it is the more or less personal contact they can bring what is going to be the most helpful part of their job. For instance, a Guider writes saying, "Mary Jones doesn't answer my letters I don't know whether to keep her on my list or to conclude she has just given up." I can then write to the Lones' member of her district asking if she can find out the reason for the girl's "non-attendance." Perhaps she has moved to another address, in which case we can probably trace her, perhaps she has been ill, or if she has lost interest at least we know where we are, and can put another girl in the Company to replace her.

If the Local Associations know there are Lones in their districts, and if the Lones' member has undertaken to interest herself on their behalf, it is going to make a tremendous difference to the otherwise isolated children in the country. It will make Guiding so much more real and exciting to them if occasionally they are able to attend an active meeting nearby, or if they feel there is someone particularly interested in them should they happen to visit their nearest town.

Enrolments in an active Company, too, might be achieved through this co-operation between Lone and Active Local Associations.

Everyone of us who has felt the thrill and interest of an enrolment will realise what this means to a recruit. Enrolment by post is at best a poor substitute for the exaltation and enthusiasm with which she receives her Tenderfoot Badge in the Company of her fellow Guides.

Practical testing may be arranged, too, and local examiners for the various badges as the requests come along.

The metropolitan members can help by attending the bi-monthly meetings, by giving names of Guilders and Guides who have left their districts to go to country areas and who may wish to continue as Lones; by giving hospitality to Lones visiting the city or passing through; by suggesting and discussing ways of furthering the Branch generally.

With thanks to those who have responded to my appeal, I give the names and districts of our members. At the same time, I draw attention to the fact that we still have many districts not yet represented, and I would be very grateful if Commissioners would take note and hasten to appoint a member if they have not already done so.

The following is the list of our members, and the districts they represent:—

#### Personnel of Lones' Local Association.

President: Mrs. M. R. Fairbairn, 236 Koo-yong Road, Toorak.  
 Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Eric Roberts, Wirraway, 86 Argyle Street, Kew.  
 Hon. Treasurer: Miss L. Hooper, 8 Albany Road, Toorak.  
 Equipment Officer: Mrs. Howartson, 19 Barkley Street, Hawthorn.

#### Town Members Representing Districts.

Miss MacWilliams, Armadale.  
 Mrs. Jardine, Camberwell North.  
 Mrs. Cornall, Caulfield.  
 Mrs. Hughes, East Malvern.  
 Miss Black, Fitzroy.  
 Mrs. Keble, Malvern.  
 Miss Ingram, Murrumbeena.  
 Mrs. Smith, Parkville.  
 Mrs. Higgs, Preston.  
 Mrs. Harley, Northcote.

#### Individual Town Members.

Miss D. Norton.  
 Miss Andrews.  
 Mrs. Fink.  
 Mrs. Swinburne.  
 Mrs. N. Welsh.  
 Miss Anderson.  
 Miss Broadhurst.  
 Miss Weppner.  
 Mrs. McNaughton.  
 Miss Howell.  
 Miss Bunning.  
 Miss Paling.  
 Miss Moran.

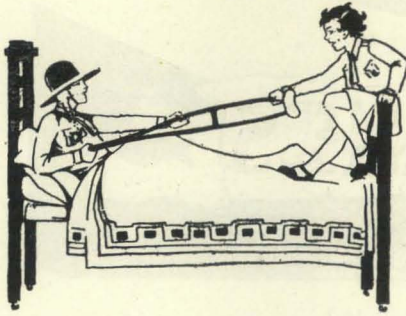
#### Country Members Representing Districts.

Mrs. Ramsay, Birregurra.  
 Mrs. Zwar, Broadford.  
 Miss Cummings, Curlwaa.  
 Mrs. Roden, Dareton.  
 Mrs. Bennett, Dimboola.  
 Mrs. Huffam, Geelong.  
 Mrs. Stapleton, Hamilton.  
 Mrs. Fields, Lang Lang.  
 Mrs. Hayles, Merbein.  
 Mrs. Henshall, Mildura.  
 Mrs. Strong, Morwell.  
 Mrs. Cooke, Redcliffs.  
 Mrs. O'Shea, Seymour.

Mrs. Stride, Yarck.

#### Individual Country Members.

Mrs. Graham, Annuello.  
 Miss Powney, Horsham.



Editor: Sydney Foott.

There will not be a big camp this year, so far as Extensions are concerned—small Company camps, yes, but nothing to which anyone in the Branch can come. Probably it will be rather like the paper shortage which we discussed—though there are disadvantages, yet there will be all sorts of compensation, not the least exciting of which being the chance of having all (or nearly all) your Company together for a joyous week—even if it's only a week-end. Any Extension Guider who wants to run a Company camp should let us know as soon as possible, with the approximate numbers and whether the majority want "house" or "tent." Then we will do our best find a licensed Guider and a trained nurse, and you will have to look about for a Q.M. and a Life-saver. One last thing about camp—the Extension Fund is unfortunately not in a position to pay the expenses of any Post Guide for camp this year. However, we hope there will be a good stock of uniforms at 41 Spring Street—uniforms seem to have been the only articles of clothing not collected and sold in the recent jumble sale epidemic. (Incidentally, some Guiders are alleged to have been so swept clean by the jumble sale broom that they are now forced to buy new articles of clothing to replace those sold for "threepence the lot, and a real bargain.")

The state of our funds leads on to the sale of Christmas cards. . . . Perhaps you feel that this year will not be a year for presents and yet you still want people to know that you are thinking of them. Well, the Extension Branch will undertake to make hand-painted parchment cards, to order, for 6d. each or 5/- a dozen. These will take the form of Australian birds or flowers, Christmas scenes, koalas, nursery rhymes, and/or anything else that your inventive mind can demand. (The maker reserves the right to put up the price

if you ask for anything TOO elaborate—for instance, a picture of the Guide House by moonlight, with bush fire scene in the background!) Please send your orders to "Christmas Cards," c/o Miss Joan Alston, 5 Struan st., Toorak.

You know how in fairy tales the youngest daughter (or the youngest son) always "draws up her little three-legged stool to the fire while she listens to" someone or other . . . well, we are to have three-legged stools at the Guide Cottage (some literal-minded person will probably tell me they have four legs—the extra leg is thrown in free!), and it is suggested that Post Companies might each like to own one. They will cost nine shillings each, and can be painted in any colour your fancy dictates and underneath is a name-plate with the name of your Company on it. So will you put this to your Company, and if they like the idea ask what colour it shall be painted.

In a recent paper there was an account of a Post Guide in England (or rather Post Ranger) who had profited by her Guiding. She had learnt first aid from her Company budget and when her mother was hurt in an air raid she dropped her crutches and hobbled to attend to her injured mother, making good use of her first aid kit. Her name is Ethel Shoutt, and she has been in hospital 14 times since she was 10. "It takes more than bombs to frighten anyone who has been in and out of hospital as often as I have," she said.

### AN "A. A. MILNE" NIGHT.

Miss Grant, a Tawny Owl in the Post Brownie Pack, is arranging an "A. A. Milne" night on 14th September at 8 p.m.

Through the kindness of Miss Swinburne, it will be held at 41 Kinkora road, Hawthorn, which runs west off Glenferrie road and is the second street south Barkers road.

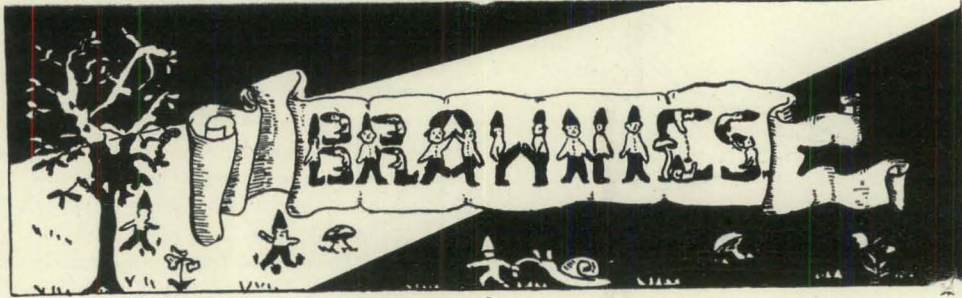
The evening promises to be a very interesting one, and as there is accommodation for 100 we hope you will come and bring your friends, male and female.

The charge will be 1/3, which includes supper. Will those who intend coming, please notify Miss Grant, 64 Foley st., E.4—Hawthorn 6115—in order to facilitate the supper arrangements.

Proceeds go to pay expenses of a picnic for Post Brownies in the Gardens at the end of September.

**Do come and help fill the seats!**

—Aimee Stevens, Post Brown Owl.



(Editor: Margaret Haseltine.)

## A SPRING MEETING.

### Do Make It An Outdoor One.

Opening.—Fairy Ring. "Nature Circle" Brownies each bring a leaf or twig and form a circle with them around the Toadstool. Pennies can also be put with leaves. Brown Owl then says "Fairy," the Pack answer "Ring." All are quiet listening to stray Boggarts. They then sing Fairy Ring.

Game.—Seasons. Have pieces of paper in a pile in centre of Brownie circle. Blue—summer; yellow—autumn; brown—winter; green—spring. Brown Owl asks questions such as "Which season of the year do we see the sky the most?" The Brownies run and pick up the colour they think. Everyone with the right colour keeps theirs, others put them back. See who has most paper in the end.

Pow Wow.—This could be about Spring. What the Brownies have noticed about it.

Game.—Bear and the Honey Pot. Brownies form a circle, one sits in centre, eyes closed with honey pot beside her. Circle dance round and sing:

"Isn't it funny that bears like honey.  
I wonder if this does,  
Buzz, buzz, buzz."

Then all stand still and Brown Owl points to one Brownie who creeps in and takes the pot, and then creeps back. The bear points if she hears a sound. If the Brownie gets back to her place with the honey pot, she becomes the bear.

Handicraft.—Give each Six pieces of paper; each Six has a different colour. Each Brownie is to cut a small aeroplane from her piece and pin it on to her. These are to be used in the next game.

Game.—"Airmail" (A Compass Game). The eight points of the compass are marked by green cards with a white border (landing grounds) with compass point on the under side. If out of doors, circles can be marked

on the ground, but in either case they should be a good way apart. Each Six is a fleet of aeroplanes and wear their paper aeroplanes of their fleet colour. Having looked at a compass to verify the compass directions, they line up ready to fetch and deliver the air mail which consists of from 12 to 20 labels or tags of the colour of their fleet, addressed to a compass point, e.g., S.W., N.E., etc, all of which are in heaps in the middle. The Brownies go up in turn to take one at a time of their own colour and deliver it at the right place. It is better not played as a race, but the Six with most correctly delivered wins.

Story.—"Apple Blossom and the Boggart."  
(See below.)

Closing. — Everything is cleaned up. Brownies in circle. Brown Owl vanishes each Brownie, who in turn picks up her leaf or twig and scatters it, so no one will know they have been there.—L.N.

## \* APPLE BLOSSOM AND THE BOGGART.

Once upon a time, in the middle of an old garden, grew a beautiful apple tree. In the spring it was covered with pink blossom, and in the autumn the juicy red apples were the admiration of everyone who passed by, and the joy of the children who lived in the house. A little fairy called Apple Blossom lived in the tree, and she was a very busy little fairy indeed. For, besides helping the buds to open in the spring, and looking after the baby green apples until they grew ripe and rosy, she was always being called to help with little birds, who would not obey their busy mothers, and to rescue spiders and other insects who fell into the water.

Now, in the shrubbery close by, under an old laurel, lived a Boggart. He was a very ugly and wicked little creature, covered with greeny-black hair, like pond-weed, and his

hands and his nails were black because he never, never washed. He was very nimble, and he used to catch all kinds of insects and throw them into the pond, just to watch them struggling; and he hated Apple Blossom because, whenever she could, she came down and rescued them.

One day the Boggart saw a butterfly on the pansies. He crept up very quietly and caught it by the wings, and dragged it to the edge of the pond and pushed it in!

Apple Blossom was very busy opening the buds on her tree, but she saw the beautiful thing struggling in the water and flew down at once to help.

She was a very tiny fairy, and the butterfly was much bigger than herself, and too heavy for her to lift; so she fetched a big leaf and pushed it into the water in front of the butterfly. But, alas, he was heavy, and as he crawled on to it the leaf tipped, and poor Apple Blossom was drenched with water. Now fairies cannot fly with wet wings, so the Boggart danced with joy because now his enemy, who was always spoiling his fun, was at his mercy. He dragged the leaf ashore, and seizing the frightened fairy, took her to his dirty home under the laurel. He got an old spider's web and tied her wings tightly to her back, so that even when they got dry, she would not be able to fly, and he said:

"Now, then, you have always spoiled my fun by saving my victims. I shall keep you here, to clean my house and cook my food; and all the time I'm away, you will know that I am drowning everything that I can catch!"

Poor Apple Blossom was very sad; however, she determined to make the best of things, and having made an overall of dead leaves, she set to work and cleared up the hole.

Now, when she did not come back, the trees and the birds got very worried. The buds could not open without her help and there was no one to teach the baby birds to be good. They asked the Sun and the Raindrops, but they had not seen her; so when the Breeze came along, they told him she had disappeared, and he said:

"Wherever I go, I will call Apple Blossom by name, and some day she will hear me and answer. Then we shall find some way to rescue her."

So the Breeze went away, and wherever he travelled, he sighed out, "Apple Blossom—Apple Blossom."

And one day, as he went through the shrubbery, the Boggart was at home, and so the

door being open, Apple Blossom heard the sigh of the Breeze, and she cried:

"Oh, Breeze, I am here in Boggart's hole! Is there anyone who will save me?"

The Boggart was furious. He slammed the door and scolded Apple Blossom, and said:

"If you dare try and escape, I'll push you into the pond, and I will stand and laugh while you drown!"

The Breeze had gone to the tree, and he told them all where the fairy was. A Rabbit, who was passing, said:

"I will tell the Brownies in the fields, and they and I together will rescue Apple Blossom."

So the Rabbit and the Brownies went to the laurel. And when the Boggart left the hole, the Rabbit started digging, while the Brownies kept watch. Presently they heard the Boggart coming back: one Brownie jumped into the pond, and pretended he could not swim. The Boggart was awfully pleased, and laughed and clapped his hands, and danced for joy.

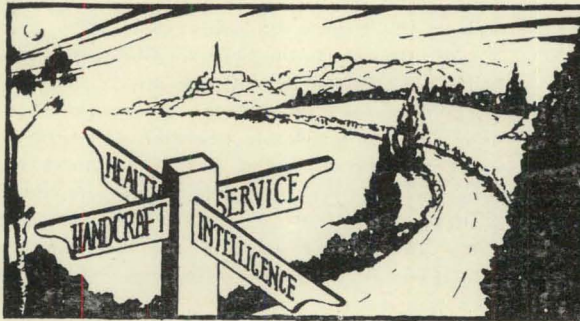
Meanwhile, the Rabbit had opened the tunnel down to the hole, and the Brownies rushed in and helped Apple Blossom to climb out. They crept very quietly away from the shrubs, till they got away into the sunshine. Then they carefully untied the cobwebs from her wings, and after thanking them she flew back to her tree. And weren't the Buds and the Birds pleased to see her again!

The Brownies crept back to the pond, where the Boggart was still laughing at the Brownie in the water. Suddenly they all rushed on the Boggart, and gave him the first bath he had ever had! They brushed and combed his hair, which was quite a pretty green now it was no longer dirty, and took him away to the sunny fields where they lived. And, do you know, that when he was clean and out in the sunshine, he forgot all his wickedness and has been kind and good and useful ever since! People now call him a Sprite, and have quite forgotten that he once lived in the dark and the dirt, and was called a Boggart.—(The Guide).

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### BROWNIE BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Brownie Branch will be held on 20th September, at 8 o'clock, at the Girl Guide Headquarters, 60 Market st., Melbourne. The business consists of election of office-bearers, reports from delegates and conference session.—V. Tate, Commissioner for Brownies.



# THE SIGN POST

*Editor: Elizabeth Alfred.*

The loveliest flowers the closest cling to earth,  
And they first feel the sun: so violets blue;  
So the soft star-like primrose—drenched in  
dew—  
The happiest of spring's happy, fragrant  
birth. —Keble.

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## HOW AN AMERICAN GIRL SCOUTER Measures Her Troop Over A Period of Three Months.

The following are points used to measure up her Troop by a Scout Leader in U.S.A. Supposing we compare it with the running of our Companies? Does your Company accomplish as much in three months?

- 1.—Enrolment of at least 12 girls.
- 2.—At least 75 per cent. attendance at each meeting.
- 3.—One good song learned well.
- 4.—Passed at least one requirement of a badge.
- 5.—Some constructive bit of Scout publicity achieved.
- 6.—At least one hike including one meal outside, at least one Patrol attending.
- 7.—At least one visitor to the Troop who can contribute something constructive.
- 8.—A thrift plan worked out by the Troop, earning, spending and saving Troop money.
- 9.—One good game or dramatisation done well so that a Girl Scout can teach it.
- 10.—At least a-quarter of the Troop reading "The American Girl," and the Leader and Lieutenant reading "The Girl Scout Leader."
- 11.—At least 24 hours of home service and five hours of community service by Patrols.
- 12.—At least one party with entertainment as main objective—money spent secondary. Maybe invite boys and have social dancing.
- 13.—Familiarity on the part of the Leader

with the health condition of the Scout, through the school nurse.

- 14.—Inspirational—at least one formal ceremony.

Score 10 points for each of the above, with the exception of the last, which gains 15.

If you score 90 to 100, you are considered a good Company. IF YOU DO NOT USE PATROL SYSTEM AND COURT OF HONOUR, SUBTRACT 75 PER CENT. FROM YOUR TOTAL!

(Note.—"The American Girl" and "The Girl Scout Leader" correspond to "The Guide" and "Matilda" and/or "The Guider").

—Contributed by M. Nicholson, adopted from an American Girl Scout publication.

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## A SPORTS EVENING AT THE COMPANY MEETING.

These events are placed on the notice boards and Guides enter for them:—

The Hundred.—Two players. One should be neat with her fingers, the other a complete ass.

Putting the Weight.—One player. Neither brains nor strength essential.

The Quarter.—One player. Preferably with large hands.

The Furlong.—One player. This is a catch.

Long Jump.—One player. This is more or less what it says.

The Half.—One player. She must be in uniform, wearing some sort of overcoat and shoes—not boots.

Obstacle Race.—One player. She should be hungry and able to tie her knots.

The Mile.—The whole Patrol will take part.

Note.—Each P.L. will, before the races begin, detail players for each event, taking into account the hints given on the programme. No player may perform twice until the whole of the Patrol has performed once. In the

last event, the Patrol will arrange to run six Guides, some standing out or running twice as necessary.

Instructions for running the events:—

**The Hundred.**—One Guide has to cut 100 inches of narrow tape in half, lengthwise, with a pair of small nail scissors. The other Guide is allowed to hold one end of the tap. Any player cutting the edge of the tape is disqualified.

**Putting the Weight.**—Consists of throwing a slightly weighted feather as far as possible. As the feather is very bent, it is not very easy to make it go even a few feet, and, in fact, it often flies in the wrong direction.

**The Quarter.**—Each player has to convey  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. of haricot beans, piled in a heap on the floor, from one end of the room to the other, and using only one hand. Every bean dropped must be picked up with the same hand before she can proceed. (Our Q.M. does not really do this between the store tent and the kitchen in camp!)

**The Furlong** is a real "have"—it means "long fur." The competitor whose hair most needs cutting is placed last and the others accordingly.

**Long Jump.**—An ordinary long jump, except that the players jump from a position with heels against the wall.

**The Half-past 8 a.m.** — Players put to bed, having removed shoes, belt, hats, ties, coats. Piled in centre of room. Have to dress in own belongings, and pass strict inspection at barrier.

**Obstacle Race.**—Getting over and under chairs, etc., eating a very large cracknel biscuit and tying a bowline around another Guide.

**The Mile.**—Each player in turn imagines she is running a lap in 30 seconds. Leaves Patrol and wanders around the room for what she estimates is half a minute, then returns to next player. The Patrol finishing nearest to three minutes wins.—M.N.

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## SIGNALLING GAMES.

**Pictures.**—Give each Guide some cards and ask her to draw and colour pictures starting with certain letters of the alphabet. When you have a complete alphabet in pictures put the morse at the top and the letter at the foot of the picture. One of your Guides might make the whole set as a useful article for the Patrol. Make up a list of short words and

write them on different slips of paper. To Play: Place cards round room. Guides come up to you and get a word and they have to look for different pictures for the various letters in the word and memorise the morse. For instance, if the word was "THEN" they might find pictures for (1) Towel, (2) Hen, (3) Eel and (4) Nail. You see the idea? When a Guide has memorised the letters she signals the word to you, and if she is correct she gets a point and another word, and so on. This is a grand game for recruits.

**Jumbled Pictures.**—Divide into two teams, each in different part of room. You signal a noun but you jumble the letters up. The teams read the letters, arrange them in proper order, then draw what you have signalled. Award points. The drawings are sometimes most amusing?

**Tap Tap.**—Divide into two teams. Place paper and pencil in front of each team. Guides stand with backs to you, all except Leaders who run up, get a letter from you, run down and tap the letter on the back of the next guide—finger for dot, flat hand for dash. This message is passed down the line to the end and the last Guide runs up and writes down the letter. She then runs up to you for the second letter and so on. Guides continue till they receive the whole message. You can use International signalling instead of tapping, but if so, warn them it is accuracy that counts and do not allow them to flap their arms wildly in their excitement!

**Station Signalling.**—Choose several of your best signallers and station them some distance from each other out of doors. Guides work singly or in couples. They all stand at a starting point and the first signaller signals a word. Those who read it run to a point beyond the signaller when the second signaller signals two words. The third signaller sends three words, and so on. If a Guide fails to read the word at any station she remains behind, and the signaller repeats it. She goes on repeating until all Guides have given the "message received" signal. This gives all Guides lots of practice. A Guide who does not know the whole alphabet may refer to a code. Make it a rule that no speaking is allowed and that the special signals—"call up," "end of message," etc.—are used. If you make your message exciting, such as "Hurry up, Captain in burning room. Rescue her," it adds to the fun and usefulness of the game.

# THE RANGERS' PAGE

Editor—E. FAULKNER.

Dear Rangers,—

I am afraid this will be a scrappy page, as I have spent the month either nursing or having German measles and a Puckapunyal throat, and suddenly find it is time for "Matilda" copy.

There is quite a lot on the notice board. I have printed the whole of the sports notice in case someone has not received their circular. Do note that the country dance evening is for money for the Guide War Appeal. I know that most of you knit or sew for it, but we want to help towards funds for buying the wool and flannel, too, so interest everyone you can in it.

You will also find on the board more about the Ranger Reserve, a group between Active Rangers and Old Guides, which is being tried in England. You can be thinking about it, too, it might be a good idea to get permission to try it here, too. Then there is the new Proficiency Badge which is in use in England, and soon will be here. As so many of you I know have been doing A.R.P. courses, you may find it a very suitable one to work for.

I was reading about Poland and their scheme for girls of 16-18 years. It is very interesting to know what other countries do, so I am printing part of it below. Poor Poland—it is sad to think of her scattered people now! It is only a year ago that I was in camp with so many of them at Pax Ting. I made particular friends with them one day when we all sailed down the Danube for 5½ hours together on a little steamer. We sang songs to each other. They sang so beautifully, mostly part songs. We spent a long time teaching them "My Bonny Lies Over the Ocean," as their Leader had heard it once before, and sang us the tune—it had evidently pleased her and remained in her memory. I expect you all know that their great Guide Leader, Madame Malkouska, managed to reach England, and has started a school there, and is writing every month for "The Guider." I do hope that you are sometimes able to read her interesting articles.

Thank you all who sent in designs for the Ranger Page. The block is being made and we soon will have it. We want some more designs for registration cards, please. Simple and striking, if possible.

Ranger greetings.

E. FAULKNER.

## NOTICE BOARD.

Minutes of the Metropolitan Ranger Committee meeting held on 2nd August, 1940.

Present.— Mrs. Faulkner; Rangers Win. Cozens, Gwen Roberts, Margaret Clarke, Peggy Edmondson, Betty Newey, Myra Farley and Betty Horsley.

An apology was received from Laurie Wright.

Ranger Dinner.—The Convener reported that 88 Rangers were present for the dinner, and 98 for the camp fire which followed.

September Fixture.—As the visit to the Sir Colin McKenzie Sanctuary would be very expensive owing to the petrol restrictions and high rail fares, it was decided to cancel it and hold a Country Dance Party in aid of the Guide War Appeal instead. The date was fixed for Saturday, 21st September.

Designs for Registration Cards.—As only two designs had been received, it was decided to wait and see if any more were sent in.

Conference.—It was decided to send out a circular asking for subjects for discussion.

Sports.—It was decided to apply for the University Sports Ground again, and to send out a circular as early as possible giving full details.

The next meeting will be on Friday, 6th September, at H.Q. at 6.45.

BETTY HORSLEY, Hon. Sec.

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## PROPOSED NEW PROFICIENCY BADGE.

### HOME DEFENCE.

#### Personal Protection.

1. Understand the care and use of gas masks.
2. Understand the care and use of babies' respirators (if available).
3. Show how to behave during an air-raid, indoors and out.

#### Protection of the Home.

1. Understand about the making and use of a simple gas-proof room.
2. Know the principles of dealing with fires, incendiary bombs, and methods of rescue from smoke-filled rooms; or hold the Fire Brigade Badge and know how to deal with incendiary bombs.
3. Make up a simple First-aid Box and understand its use; or hold Ambulance Badge
4. Know three occupations which would

keep children interested and less frightened during an air raid.

#### General Knowledge.

1. Know what air-raid precautions and casualty services exist in her locality.
2. Know the position of taps of main gas and water supplies in her own home, and how to use them.
3. (a) Send and receive messages by telephone; (b) give concise and accurate information (verbally and in writing) about any unusual occurrence; (c) deliver in person a verbal message one mile away.

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### THE POLISH "EXPLORER'S" BADGE.

One can get many ideas in Poland's "Explorer's" Badge for girls 16-18. They are called "Wayfarers." They make mental and social hikes—observing everything, and trying to find reasons (and, if possible, solutions) for the problems they meet in life. The aim of the programme is that a girl should know something of life before she chooses her calling. She must ask herself, "What do I want to do, to be?" and then, after observing, she must choose her direction herself.

The details of the Wayfarer programme are:—

- (1) A Wayfarer should do everything in her power to gather knowledge and strengthen her character.
- (2) She hikes in summer and winter, in town and country, to get to know life.
- (3) She must win three badges in her own branch of work, i.e., the calling she has chosen to follow after her first few months. (It must be understood that she chooses to study a subject which interests her—she is not obliged to adopt the calling she has chosen to study—the object of the programme being to give her an opportunity of knowing something about it before she definitely decides.)
- (4) She must make a diary for a year, noting all she has observed and learnt and also everything about her own subject.
- (5) She must read three books on the subject she has chosen.
- (6) Wherever she goes and whatever she does, she must do HER part of the job specially well as a Guide.

After a few months of observation and of discussions, she chooses the subject she wishes to study; then when her subject has been

chosen she is given a special task for each month.

Service Part of the Programme.—They have special service badges for different classes of girls, i.e., student will have a different one from labourer.

At the end of the year they give their diary to the Leader, who reads it and discusses it with the girl who must also show that she has earned her three badges.

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### BEING TRIED IN ENGLAND.

#### The Ranger Reserve (from The Guider)

In many Ranger Companies which have been running for a number of years, the older Rangers find that their time is getting more and more fully occupied. This is only natural and right, because through Rangering we should all become increasingly useful people, finding new outlets for service all the time. But many such people are still proud to be Rangers, still keen to keep in touch with the Company, and even if they can't attend meetings often, want to join in Company activities from time to time and so maintain the old feeling of good fellowship and share the inspiration of the Company spirit.

That is why the formation of a Ranger Reserve has been proposed, and Companies of old standing are asked to experiment with it and report whether it meets with the approval of older and younger members alike.

The fundamental principles on which such a Reserve should be built up are these:—

Membership of the Reserve should never become a refuge for the half-hearted. It should be an honour attained only by those who have proved by their keenness that they deserve it.

No one under 21 can join the Reserve, nor can anyone who has not had at least three years ordinary membership of the Company, with good attendance. The three years are essential, whether they take place before or after the Ranger has reached the age of 21.

To maintain touch with the Company those in the Reserve must attend at least six meetings in the year, but they must not attend more often than once a month unless specially invited.

Finally, they must really be "in reserve"—that is to say, they must be ready as far as possible to take their share in any special activity for which the Company may require their help.—W. Lander, Commissioner for Rangers.

# CAMPING and TRAINING

## PIONEER CAMP.

How is your camp cooking progressing? Get a Scottish grandmother to tell you the best way to make porridge: remember that a stew must be cooked long and very slowly—a Guide's stew is not just "stew," but a tasty and nourishing dish. It takes an artist to make good dumplings, so practise to achieve this art; you can have dumplings cooked on top of the stew, or dumplings served as a sweet—those cooked in a syrup of golden syrup and water are delicious, and as light as a feather (if cooked by one who knows). To fry bacon well needs care, and not too hot a fire; when cooked, put it in a small billy near the fire to keep hot.—F.V.B.

Are your Guides preparing for the Pioneer Camp next Easter? It is going to be real Adventure. "Matilda," for the last few months, has been giving hints in this column for preparing for this Camp, and the Pioneer Badge. Please let us know if some of your Guides are proposing to come, and be sure to show them the hints contained here each month.

## SUMMER CAMPS AT GUIDE HOUSE.

### Guiders' Campercraft Training.

For Camp Adviser and Camper's Licence tests, and for general campercraft training—26th December to 3rd January, inclusive. Fee, 22/6 to 30/-, according to numbers.

### Ranger Combined Camp.

For all Rangers in Victoria, from 26th December to 2nd January, inclusive. Fee, 22/6.

### Two Guide Combined Camps.

For Guides under 15 years on 1st January, 1941. Should have one year's Guide service, and preference will be given to Second-class Guides. Six Guides or five Guides and one Guider may apply from any one Company. Applications must be made on the special application form obtainable from Miss Harrison. Fee, 22/6. Dates: 3rd-10th January inclusive, and 11th-18th January inclusive.

Fares.—Return fares to the Guide House by rail if not less than six are travelling: From country stations, under 16 years, two-thirds single fare; 16 years and over, single fare.

From Melbourne, under 16 years, 3/10; 16 years and over, 5/9. Bus from Wesburn to the Guide House, 1/3 return, including luggage.

Applications.—Applications for the above Camps must reach MISS HARRISON, Hon. Camping Secretary, 126 High st., Glen Iris, S.E. 6, not later than 16th October, 1940. Five shillings deposit must be sent with each application; this deposit will not be refunded if withdrawal is made later than one month before the commencement of the Camp. If rail tickets from Melbourne are required, fares must be sent with deposits. In the case of a party of six or more Guides travelling from the same country station, a special concession form will be sent to person in charge.

## BUNGARRA CAMP SITE OCEAN GROVE.

Geelong District permanent Camp site is available for hire any time during the summer except the third week in January. Rate of hire is 2/- per head per week, and this includes equipment (enough for about 30 campers). For further particulars, apply to Miss E. M. Leigh, Valley rd., Highton, Geelong. Phone, Geelong 2287.

## TRAININGS.

The following classes have been arranged, and will be held at the Guide Office unless otherwise stated:—

### Brownie Classes.

Wednesday evening, 8 p.m., commencing 25th September, for six classes. Field Day, 26th October. Guider-in-Charge, Miss A. Searle.

### Guide Classes.

Tuesday evenings, 8 p.m., 10th September-29th October. Field Day, 21st September. Guider-in-Charge, Miss M. Hoffmeyer.

These two classes are for elementary training. Sandshoes must be brought. Guiders are asked to be punctual as classes must end punctually. Guiders who have not previously attended Headquarters Training must bring signed nomination forms from District Commissioners. Fee, 3d. per class.

# Victoria Alterations to P.O.R.

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## FOREIGN GUIDES. Page 9, Rule 2 (e).

Any Guider wishing to admit a foreigner into her Company should send all particulars about her (name, address, age, nationality, length of residence in Australia) to her District Commissioner. The District Commissioner should make enquiries as to the suitability of the girl, and submit the information to the International Sub-Committee at Victorian Headquarters for approval.

Foreign girls wishing to be enrolled in Victoria should make the First Promise as follows:

"I promise on my honour that I will do my best:

To do my duty to God, to my own country, and to the country in which I am a guest."

Refugee children unable to live in their own country and not wishing to promise loyalty to its Government, make the First Promise as follows:

"I promise on my honour that I will do my best:

To do my duty to God and to the country in which I am a guest."

In both these cases the second and third clauses of the Promise are the same as for British girls.

A foreigner who has already been enrolled as a Guide or Girl Scout in her own country should not be re-enrolled in Victoria.

Warrants to Guiders and others who are not British subjects cannot be granted without the special permission of the Executive Committee.

## TESTS.

### BROWNIES, page 27, para. 9

"Tell a story to children of Brownie age, so as to hold their attention for at least ten minutes" should be amended:

"Tell a story to children of Brownie age, so as to hold their attention for from five to seven minutes."

### BROWNIES, SWIMMER BADGE, page 37, clause 1.

"Swim 25 yards, breast stroke" should be amended:

"Swim 25 yards, breast stroke or crawl."

### FIRST-CLASS GUIDE, page 43, section III, clause 3.

"Swim 50 yards and throw a life-line to reach a person 20 yards away" should be amended:

"Swim 50 yards and throw a life-line to reach a person 15 yards away with regularity."

### EMERGENCY HELPER, page 57, footnote.

"This badge must be tested by a qualified doctor or nurse" should be amended:

"This badge must be tested by a qualified doctor or nurse; where difficulty is experienced in obtaining the services of either of these, the District Commissioner may approach a suitable Red Cross or other qualified official."

### SWIMMER, page 73 clause 1.

"Throw a life-line to reach a person 20 yards away" should be amended:

"Throw a life-line to reach a person 15 yards away with regularity."

### SAMARITAN, page 112.

Footnote should be inserted:

"See note at foot of Emergency Helper Badge."

### THE GOLD CORD AWARD, page 147.

"Sick Nurse or Emergency Helper.

Probationer or Samaritan" should be amended:

"Sick Nurse, or Emergency Helper, or Probationer, or Samaritan."

## War Time Alterations and Additions

### GUIDE SECOND CLASS TEST.

#### IV. Service.

2. Make some article useful to others.

## Proficiency Badge

### HOME DEFENCE.

#### Personal Protection.

1. Understand the care and use of gas masks.
2. Understand the care and use of babies' respirators (if available).
3. Show how to behave during an air-raid, indoors and out.

#### Protection of the Home.

1. Understand about the making and use of a simple gas-proof room.
2. Know the principles of dealing with fires, incendiary bombs, and methods of rescue from smoke-filled rooms; or hold the Fire Brigade Badge and know how to deal with incendiary bombs.
3. Make up a simple First-Aid Box and understand its use; or hold Ambulance Badge.
4. Know three occupations which would keep children interested and less frightened during an air-raid.

#### General Knowledge.

1. Know what air-raid precautions and casualty services exist in her locality.
2. Know the position of taps of main gas and water supplies in her own home, and how to use them.
3. (a) Send and receive messages by telephone.  
(b) Give concise and accurate information (verbally and in writing) about any unusual occurrence.  
(c) Deliver in person a verbal message one mile away.

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SUPPLEMENT TO MATILDA, September 1940.

GIRL GUIDE RED CROSS COMPANY.

CHILD WELFARE COURSE.

A Child Welfare Class has been arranged, and will start on Wednesday, September 18th, at 7.45 p.m. at a room at the Baptist Church, Willis Street, Camberwell Junction. This class is open to all members of the Girl Guide Red Cross Company, and to other Guiders on payment of the 2/- Red Cross Membership Fee.

Members who have already sent their names in, please note time and place. Others wishing to join please notify me.

M. Moore,  
Superintendent.

CAMPING AND TRAINING - addition.

OPEN WEEK-ENDS at THE GUIDE HOUSE. Usually on the first and third week-end of each month, except when these clash with public holidays or school vacations. There is a Guider in Charge, and Captains or Lieutenants, with the Commissioner's permission, may take a party of their own Guides. Rangers, Guiders and Commissioners may apply singly or make up parties. The week-ends are run on the lines of those at Our Chalet in Switzerland. Cooking and the work of the house is shared by all those present. Certain set times, such as meals, prayers, colours etc., are observed by all; the rest of the time is free, and Guiders bringing Guides will be responsible for their programme. Provision is made for hike meals.

Fee from Friday evening to Sunday evening is 6/-, including return bus fare from Wesburn; part time in proportion. Rail fare, in addition to camp fee: from Melbourne, 16 and over, 5/9 return, under 16, 3/10.

Applications, accompanied by 2/6 deposit, should be made to the Camping Secretary, Miss Harrison, 126 High Street, Glen Iris, S.E.6, as follows:-

For week-end	4th-5th	October	- applications by	20th	September.
"	"	18th-19th	"	"	4th October.
"	"	8th-9th	November	"	25th October
"	"	22nd-23rd	Nov.	"	8th November.

Please state which week-end is applied for, and by which train it is proposed to travel (Friday evening, Saturday morning, midday or evening).

Deposits will not be refunded if withdrawal is made less than one week before the camp date.

E. E. Moran,  
Commissioner for Camping.

**Outdoor Training.**

September 14, at Blackburn. Guiders will catch 2 p.m. train, or, if this is altered, the nearest train to this time. The programme will consist of First Class Hiking. Distances, Heights.

October 12.—The place and details will be printed in October "Matilda." The programme will consist of refresher training in Stalking, Tracking and Adventure Games.

Guiders who wish to attend the Outdoor Trainings are asked to notify Miss B. Macartney at the Guide Office, 60 Market st., Melbourne, C.1, not later than a week beforehand.

**Refresher Week-end.**

"Gipton," Frankston, under canvas, 5th-6th October, 1940. Fee, 3/6. Rail fare, 3/- return. Applications, accompanied by 2/- deposit, should reach Miss Harrison, 126 High st., Glen Iris, S.E.6, before 14th September, 1940. The programme will include Wide Games and general refresher training for Guiders who have not attended a training for some time.

**SUMMER TRAINING WEEK.**

A Training Week will be held at the Guide House from 27th December to 4th January. Programme will include general Guide and Brownie training and is aimed to help particularly Guiders training by correspondence. Commissioners are asked to make sure that all new Guiders know about this week. Fee, 3/- plus fares. Guider-in-Charge, Miss S. MacLeod. Applications should reach the Hon. Sec., Miss B. Macartney, at the Guide Office, 60 Market st., Melbourne, by 15th November, 1940. Five shillings deposit and rail fare (if desired) should be sent with each application. Deposits will not be refunded if withdrawal is made later than 1st December, 1940.

**LICENSED GUIDERS' WEEK-END.**

Will Guiders PLEASE let Miss Harrison know whether they think it is a good idea to have a week-end hike camp instead of the usual camp at "Gipton" or the Guide House at Cup week-end. We know of a very good spot if the majority are in favour of it. All Guiders holding a Camper's Licence are asked to consider this and send in an opinion.

**NEW CAMPERS.**

Special week-ends for Guiders who are new to camping will be held at "Gipton," Frankston, 28th-29th September and 26th-27th October. Fee, for each week-end, 3/6 plus rail fare 3/-. Please apply to Miss Harrison for the first week-end, not later than 7th September, and send 2/- deposit. Deposit will not be refunded if withdrawal is made after 14th September.

—Elaine Moran.

**THE GUIDE HOUSE.****DEPOSIT REFUNDS.**

Would people who book the Guide House or Brownie Cottage, and are unable to use them, please apply to Miss Drury for refunds of their deposits? If you give sufficient notice, you are entitled to a refund.

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"Oven-crisp" **BISCUITS**

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**WORKING BEES.**

Are you joining the Gardening Working Bee on 21st-22nd September? A path has to be made through the orchard, the brick steps leading from the main path to the tool shed door and thence to the wooden steps at the Guide House are going to be extended and carried right to the edge of the wooden steps. The reason for this is that people are so impatient! You see, they will take flying steps—sorry, I mean leaps from the the wooden stairs to the main path, instead of going along to the brick steps. The result being horrible worn patches on the grass bank where the leaps have misfired. So we thought we should remove temptation by extending the steps. So all the bricklayers can step forward for this job. Then the fireplaces are going to be marked on the Camp Site. You know this sad story, I think, but I will whisper it again—people have lit fires all over the Camp Sites, some even lit them on tree roots (THEY couldn't have been Guides), others have killed grass and left black bare patches—so certain places on the Camp Sites are going to be marked—and fires are to be lit on them and nowhere else, to give the grass and trees a fair chance. Couldn't we all practise lighting fires and removing the

traces so that even the sharpest eyes could not detect where they have been, instead of advertising them by burnt black spots to all and sundry? How about a fire-hiding competition?

Working Bee applicants apply to Miss Broadhurst, 60 Market st., Melbourne. The cost of week-end will not exceed 10/- including fare.

**THE BROWNIE COTTAGE.**

The Brownie Cottage is looking delightfully fresh with new folk-weave curtains and bedspreads; one room is in pink and fawn colouring, another is blue and grey, and the other two are in gold and brown tonings.

The Brownie Committee's latest news tells of stout wooden stools painted in gay colours, to be used instead of chairs at the Brownie Cottage. Rather exciting, they sound. It is hoped each Pack will provide a stool, the colour they can choose, and their name will be put on it. They will be solid enough to hold hefty grown-ups as well as small Brownies, and will cost 9/- each. If every Pack in Victoria provided one, I wonder how many there would be? ?

—M.B.F.

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