

Matilda

NOVEMBER, 1940.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of meetings of the Executive Committee of the Girl Guides Association, Victoria, held at the Guide Office on 25th September and 3rd October, 1940:

25th September.—Present: Lady Chauvel, Mrs. Blackwood, Mrs. Edmondson, Mrs. Tate, Misses Coles, Lascelles, Moran, Harrison, Purnell, Ritchie, Russell and the Secretary.

Reported that 29,303 garments had been packed to send to England, 2,773 being for seamen. That a display in connection with the War Appeal had been arranged at the Royal Show at the Exhibition.

That forty Commissioners had attended the Commissioners' Conference, appreciation being expressed to Mrs. Swinburne for her kindness.

That Mrs. Lavarack had expressed the thanks of the A.I.F. Women's Association to the Guide Movement for help in connection with the party given to the Hong Kong Evacuees.

That Miss Purnell, Miss Ritchie, Miss Swinburne, were appointed as a sub-committee to prepare the Annual Report.

3rd October.—Present: Lady Chauvel, Mrs. Faulkner, Mrs. Edmondson, Mrs. Littlejohn, Misses Coles, Drury, Harrison, Moran, Purnell, Ritchie, Russell, Swinburne, and the Secretary.

Agreed that £500 of Guide House Endowment Fund should be invested. That (a) Guiders who are warranted by the Girl Guides Association may rent the Guide House, and may invite as their guests adults who are not members of the Guide Movement, on condition that the arrangements be considered provisional till fourteen days before the proposed date of arrival; (b) That parties of enrolled Committee members of Local Associations may rent the Guide House. Conditions may be ascertained from the Booking Secretary. Reported that Miss Russell had agreed to be Old Guide Recorder for a year.

Routine and financial business was transacted.

M. E. BUSH, State Secretary.

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The Annual Meeting of the Girl Guides Association, Victoria will be held at the Guide Office on Wednesday, 27th November, at 3 p.m. Lady Dugan will be present.

—M. E. BUSH.

BY-LAWS OF VICTORIAN GUIDERS' COMMITTEE.

(1) *Name.*—The Committee shall be called "The Victorian Guiders' Committee."

(2) *Membership.*—Only Guiders who hold or have held a Warrant within two years shall be eligible for election to the Committee. The Committee shall consist of one representative from each Division, and from Lones and Extensions, elected by its own Guiders, each Division to be free to decide its own method of election. Country Divisions may either elect as their representative, one of their own Guiders, or a Guider who lives in the Metropolitan area. Each Division shall also elect a "deputy" to represent them at meetings of the committee if the Division representative is unable to attend. The retiring committee shall elect two of its members for the following year, one of whom shall be a retiring office-bearer. These continuity members shall change annually. It is optional whether these two members represent their Divisions or whether new representatives be elected in addition.

(3) *Office-Bearers:* The Committee shall elect from among their number a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer. No Guiders may hold the same office on the Committee for more than two years in succession.

(4) *Guiders' Representative on Executive Committee.*—The Guiders' Committee shall nominate a Guider as Guiders' Representative to sit on the Executive Committee, such nomination to be subject to the approval of the Executive. If the Guider chosen is not a member of the Guiders' Committee, she shall become a member by virtue of her office.

(5) *Vacancies.*—Vacancies on the Committee shall be filled within two months of the previous representative resigning, or otherwise vacating her position on the Committee. The election shall be carried out by the Guiders of the Division concerned.

(6) *Powers of Committee.*—The Victorian Guiders' Committee shall be responsible for organising functions which concern the Guiders of the State, and are approved by the Executive. It may also undertake such other activities as

from time to time may be delegated to it by the Executive.

(7) *Meetings.*—The Victorian Guiders' Committee shall meet regularly at intervals to be decided by the current Committee or as requested by—

(a) Chairman

(b) Secretary

(c) Three members of the Committee on written requisition by Secretary.

Five (5) shall form a quorum. The new Committee to take office in November, or two months after Annual Conference.

(8) *Receipts and Expenditure.*—As the financial needs of the Guiders' Committee vary according to its activities, no specified subscription can be levied. The Committee shall have power to make itself self-supporting in as economical a manner as possible. The Treasurer shall receive all monies, issue receipts and pay out such sums as the Committee shall authorise, and shall present a statement of receipts and payment to the incoming committee, this statement to be published in "Matilda."

(9) *Alteration of By-laws.*—Any new by-law or alteration of any existing by-law or resolution having the effect of altering an existing by-law shall be passed by the committee, approved by the Executive Committee and by two-thirds of the numbers voting at the Annual Conference.

"AMBASSADORS OF EMPIRE."

Arrival of British Children.

In the August issue of "The Guider" appeared an article by the Countess of Clarendon (Overseas Commissioner) about the children of Britain who were being sent afar to safer lands; these children she called "Ambassadors of Empire."

This month we have had the very great pleasure of welcoming to Victoria some of these children. The first arrivals, numbering 477, of whom about half were girls, consisted of a large party going on to other States, and about 80 destined for Victoria. Arrangements for their reception and entertainment were in the hands of the Children's Welfare Department; two Guiders met the ship, and were greeted enthusiastically by Miss Eleanor Pearson, a Sea Ranger Captain from London, who had been running a Guide Company, numbering 53, on board. It was a happy surprise to find that her Lieutenant on the voyage had been Miss Mary Jolly, a Melbourne Guider.

The children who were going on to other States spent the day at the Zoo, with 15 Guiders helping with the meals and showing the sights. On three evenings following, Guiders and some Guides en-

tertained the Victorian girls' contingent at their quarters, with varied programmes.

The second arrivals numbered about 70; the boat arrived on a Sunday, and we had very short notice, but were able to muster a large number of helpers. Two Guides (chosen from the Company holding the Stradbroke Cup) and two Guiders met the children at the boat, and it was found that a number of the children had been Brownies or Guides at home, though there had been no organised Guide activities on board this ship. The Children's Welfare Department had arranged for buses in which the whole party—two buses full of girls and two full of boys—toured the city and suburbs. Wattle Park proved to be a very suitable spot for an interlude, which included gallons of milk and fruit drinks and ice cream, followed by fun on the slides and swings and roundabouts.

The boys then drove to Malvern, to be entertained by the Scouts, while the girls were taken to the Guide Hall at Canterbury. Here the grounds were found to be well populated with Guides and Guiders, and members of the Camberwell North Local Association, all keen to welcome the visitors. After making friends over some games in the grounds, there was tea in the Scout Gynyah on the adjoining property, kindly made available by the Group Scoutmaster.

After tea, the Deputy Chief of the children's escorts, Miss Wood, expressed the thanks of the visitors; Lady Chauvel, in responding said she hoped they would find much happiness with us here among the Guides and Brownies.

On Monday, the children who were staying in Victoria went to their new homes, while those going on to other States, both boys and girls, had another happy day arranged by the Children's Welfare Department, with the co-operation of Guiders. There was lunch at the Botanic Gardens, with the inevitable and ever-attractive feeding of the wildfowl; and then followed a visit to the Zoo, after which the children returned to the ship to proceed on the last stage of their long journey.

Owing to present conditions we had very short notice of the arrival of each ship, and for helpers had to rely very largely on Guiders who could be reached by telephone, and Commissioners who, through their Guiders, were able to collect a few Guides at less than 24 hours' notice. We particularly tried to arrange that members of as many Districts as possible should be given the opportunity to meet and play with the children from overseas.

We are also glad that these children have arrived here safely, and that Guiding was able to offer them friendship and happiness in this way. It was good to feel again what an immediate bond a Guide badge or uniform makes. Many of the girls were Guides either before embarking, or joined the Ship Company during the voyage, and are keen to be members of local Companies. Their names will be sent to the Commissioners of the areas in which they have gone to live, when addresses are received from the Children's Welfare Department; so very soon our Victorian Guides will be making the visitors feel "at home" in local Companies.

GUIDE WAR APPEAL.

During the past month, we have received more letters from Britain acknowledging our shipments of clothing. It appears that the flannel undershirts we are making for the men of His Majesty's mine-sweepers are the most acceptable of the various things we send.

So far only 485 of these shirts have been shipped, so let us make an extra effort to finish more before Christmas.

Other letters, from personal friends as well as from the Personal Service League, have stressed the urgent need for children's clothing, so don't just concentrate on the shirts, but redouble your efforts and let us send as much as we possibly can.

So far just over 32,000 garments have been sent and of these 3,317 went to the mine-sweeper crews.

Those of us who saw the evacuated British children on their arrival in Melbourne last month were most impressed. I know that we have worked harder since we met them . . . they seemed a far more definite link with Britain than any news service can be . . . and it seems that the best way we can help is by continuing our present work, so long as we have a halfpenny to buy materials with.

One Guide came in yesterday with over £2. She had a birthday last week and asked for money instead of presents. No doubt her relations thought she was a mercenary little wretch, but the Guide War Appeal got that money and three children in Britain will be kept warm with the flannel and wool that it buys.

Most companies are working harder and harder for the War Appeal, but to every Guider and everyone interested in Guiding, I would like to say, "Please give the Guide War Appeal a Christmas present."

P. M. RUSSELL.

DISTRICT EFFORT FOR WAR APPEAL.

To raise money for the Guide War Appeal, Richmond and East Melbourne District held a most successful Fete on October 3rd, at St. Stephen's Church Hall, Richmond, kindly lent for the occasion. The Fete was organised and run by the Patrol Leaders of the District, each Company being responsible for a stall, and judging by the variety of goods for sale, everyone must have worked very hard.

1st Richmond had a grocery and jumble stall; 2nd Richmond, afternoon tea, ice cream and drinks; 2nd Melbourne, a particularly nice sweet stall; 4th Melbourne, cakes and biscuits; 1st Eastern Hill, dolls and fancy goods. The Rangers helped with a most attractive flower stall, while the Brownies stocked and ran a "Lucky Dip" in the form of a fish pond.

Other attractions were a "Hoop-la," which caused lots of fun, and a Fortune-teller, complete with costume, in a mysterious small tent under

the trees, and a competition for the best dressed doll.

Tea was served in the Church grounds under the trees, and the shade of coloured umbrellas.

The Fete was opened by Mrs. Euan Littlejohn, convener of the War Appeal, who was introduced by the District Commissioner, Miss Dorothy Coles. Mrs. Littlejohn congratulated the Guides on their effort and told how acceptable the garments sent by the Guide Association were to the children and seamen in Britain, and urged everyone to work harder than ever. Mrs. Edmondson, Division Commissioner, was also present, and kindly judged the entries in the doll dressing competition.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the afternoon, judging by the noise, and business was most brisk, everything being sold by the end of the afternoon. At the final counting up, everyone was thrilled and delighted to find over £17 to send to the fund.

AIR AMBULANCE APPEAL.

Imperial Headquarters has sent us a number of attractive cards to be issued to the Companies and Packs which contributed to the Air Ambulance Appeal. The cards bear the words: "Guide Gift Week—Empire Week, May 19th-25th, 1940—Thank you—Lorna Atkinson," and a picture of two air ambulances in flight and a motor lifeboat.

To save postage, we ask that country Packs and companies entitled to one of these cards should ask for them to be sent with their next order, and that city Guiders should apply at the Equipment Depot for theirs. We would post cards if 1d. postage were enclosed.

—P. M. RUSSELL.

KNITTING COMPETITION.

We have been asked to draw the attention of Guides to the Junior Section of the Knitting Marathon to be held on Saturday, 16th November, at the Melbourne Town Hall, in aid of the National Council of Women's Branch of the Australian Comforts Fund.

The Junior Section will be in action from 10 a.m. till 12.30 p.m., and there are prizes. The National Council of Women's Branch provide all wool, needles, etc. All articles (finished or unfinished) remain the property of the Organising Committee for War Funds, and will go to the Comforts Fund. The Junior entry fee is 6d., which admits either as competitor or as onlooker in the balcony. Entry forms obtainable at N.C.W. office, or at 3DB, or at Town Hall on day of competition.

JUNIOR SECTION.

1. Under 12 years: Scarf—No. 5 needles, 50 stitches, plain knitting, 54 inches long.
2. 12-16 years: Scarf—No. 5 needles, 50 stitches, plain knitting, 54 inches long.
3. 12-16 years: Cap (to wear under tin hat)—

No. 9 needles (4); 96 stitches (32 on each needle); knit $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches, 2 plain, 2 purl; knit 2 inches plain knitting, decrease 1 every row at each end of each needle, until 2 stitches left on each needle; finish off.

4. Under 12 years: Relay race, Scarf—six in team; each knits 5 rows.
5. 12-16 years: Relay race, Scarf—six in team, each knits five rows.

Competitors will be disqualified for knotted wool—joins must be spliced.

SILVER PAPER.

Don't Forget The Children.

The Free Kindergarten Union is endeavouring to help children and needs your assistance. Under war conditions it is important to avoid waste. We can find a market for waste products, such as—

1. Used tooth paste tubes;
2. Lead tops from bottles, etc.;
3. Silver paper wrappings (cheese, cigarettes, tea and chocolate).

During Guide Week a special effort was made and it is hoped that Guides will make this their chance to follow it up. We must not forget our needy children, even in time of war. Parcels addressed to Free Kindergarten Union, Spencer Street Railway Station, and marked from Girl Guides will be carried free, or parcels can be left at Headquarters.—H. Littlejohn.

We are so glad that Mrs. Charles Littlejohn has acceded to the request of the Executive Committee to take charge of the collecting of silver paper, etc., by Guides. We do hope she will get a big response from both city and country Guides and Brownies.—M.E.B.

CALLED TO HIGHER SERVICE.

Guiders of the earlier years of Guiding in Victoria will hear with sadness and a sense of loss that Sister Lenna (Miss E. L. Button) was recently killed in an air-raid in England.

Miss Button came from Scottsdale, Tasmania, and was a mission sister at the North Melbourne Methodist Young People's Mission. In connection with this Mission she had a Brownie Pack, a Guide Company and a Ranger Company, for which she trained her older girls as Leaders.

My own memories of Miss Button are vivid. She attended those very early Guiders' Training Classes at the Y.W.C.A., and when doing her "nature" for second class stumped me properly with the glow worm as one of her "six life histories." As a trainee she was outstanding—a fine thinker and with a wonderful understanding of children and young growing folk. She was also a keen camper, and was the first person I knew who made a tent; her Company was very poor, so when camp was planned, Sister Lenna

collected oatmeal bags, boiled them, sewed them together and made a really effective store-tent which was the pride of the camp.

Some of us were privileged to meet Miss Button again as she passed through Melbourne on her way to England for a needed holiday, when she proposed "seeing England on a bicycle." She reached there in June, 1939, saw something of England, and was preparing to settle down and do a special course in social service at Selly Oak, Birmingham, when war broke out. One guesses how she would find dozens of ways to be busy and helpful then, and at the time of her death she was in the W.A.A.F.

The loneliness and sense of loss which the death of such a Sister Lenna leaves behind is less than the joy of our splendid memories of her.—F. V. Barfus.

HOW TO MAKE WOOLLY ANIMALS

The Guider, January, 1923.

Guiders who are looking out for a handcraft suitable for Rangers or Guides of any age cannot do better than start to make woolly animals. It is both interesting and profitable, and the outlay very small. I expect several of us in our childhood made woolly balls on cardboard circles, and the animals are made on the same principle.

A baby chick is perhaps the simplest one with which to start. You will require a ball of yellow Shetland floss (the cheaper quality gives better results), a length of fine covered wire, black beads for eyes, a length of orange wool, a steel crochet hook size O, a few postcards, a large darning or trussing needle.

Cut two circles from the postcards $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches across, cut a round hole in centre $\frac{1}{2}$ inch wide. This is the foundation of the body. Cut two smaller circles $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches, hole in centre $\frac{3}{8}$ inch; these are for the head. Wind off a length of wool, and using four strands at a time to commence to fill up the hole in the centre: it is done as follows: Take the two large circles, draw wool through the hole in centre and tie, then with the crochet hook draw the strands through, winding the wool carefully over and over the cardboard circles, join on more wool when required, until the hole in centre is filled up. When the hole is filled up and no more wool can be drawn through, take a sharp pair of scissors and cut the wool round the outside of the circle, until all the strands are cut through. Take two pieces of wool and tie firmly between the two circles of cardboard, which is then torn away and the body is complete. Do the head in the same way, only leave long ends on the wool with which you tie head. Thread a large needle with the ends of wool and attach the head to the body, sewing it quite firmly through both head and body, tie the ends to prevent them pulling through.

Take a length of wire, bend it into the shape of a chicken's foot, and don't forget the toe at the back, or your chicken will refuse to stand. With the orange wool cover the legs and the toes by winding it round the wire, finishing the toes by drawing the needle underneath the foot. With the large needle draw the wires through the body, in the correct position for it to stand, twist wires together, cut fairly short, and bend well into the body, so no ends are left to scratch tiny fingers. Sew in two black beads for eyes, and then only the beak remains to be added. Take a piece of red flannel and on to one side of it gum a piece of yellow material, cut a diamond shaped piece, the size of a chick's beak, and sew firmly into position. If you have wound your chick evenly it should not require clipping into shape.

For a duck three pairs of shapes are required, one pair oval and two pairs of circles. Measurements: oval, 4 inches x 2 inches, hole in centre, $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches x $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, circle for head, $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches, hole, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch; circle for neck, $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches, hole, $\frac{3}{8}$ inch. Wind the shapes in the same way as the chick and cut and tie in the same way, leaving long ends on the head. The body must be clipped until it resembles the shape of a duck. Thread the ends of wool, draw through the small ball which forms the neck and attach firmly to the body. A slightly thicker wire is required for the duck's feet; bend into the shape of a duck's foot, cover with orange wool, and don't forget a duck has webbed feet. The webbed effect is easily done by winding the wool over one toe and under the next. Draw the wires through the body, twist, cut and turn in as for the chick. The beak is made of the same material as the chick's beak, but is a different shape. Sew beak firmly in, also two beads for eyes, and your duck is finished.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

- November 9.—Ranger Conference (see Ranger Page).
- November 16.—Knitting Marathon (see Notice).
- November 16-17.—Working Bee, Guide House.
- November 23.—Penny Afternoon (see Notice).
- November 27.—Annual Meeting (see Notice).
- November 30.—St. Andrew's Day.

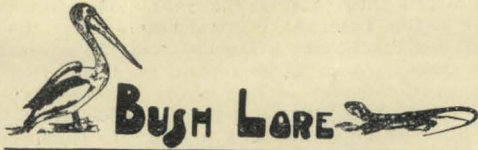
CORRESPONDENCE.

Dear Editor,

I am sorry that your correspondent should have misunderstood the implications in my article. I endeavoured to imply that the brave man is he who through his faith in God and in the righteousness of his cause, is sure of himself, and can therefore go forward with courage.

Yours, etc.,

ELAINE MORAN.



Acting Editor: INA WATSON

Gum Trees:

"These are my land's own sons, lean, straight and tall . . ." Gum trees hang down their leaves. If you take shelter under one in heavy rain you will soon know why the rain runs down and drops off the tips of the leaves very quickly. In this comparatively dry land of ours, it is necessary for all the moisture possible to be conserved so that it can percolate through the soil, absorb the mineral salts so necessary for the tree, and then be gathered up by the roots again. Consequently, our gum leaves are hairless, have "drip tips," and even the young leaves are covered by a waxy bloom that helps to send the precious water down to the earth.

Experiments with three varieties each of eucalypts and introduced pines showed that only 20 per cent. of rain did not reach the ground from the gum trees, while 68 per cent. was lost by the pines. A young gum makes a new set of leaves and twigs at the top every 10 days in the spring and summer, and each 18 days in the winter, so that a large amount of moisture is needed. For this reason they are very useful in drying up swampy ground.

Anyone interested in trees should read "Australia's Entail," by A. O. Barrett.

Wattle Scale:

The small brown and white balls clustered on the twig sent down by Joan Barton, of Bendigo, are the female insects of the Wattle Scale.

Their story is an interesting one. The males are small and have wings, and the females, after emerging from the eggs, are also active. However, when they settle down to producing eggs, they stick their "beak" into the wood to suck the sap, and then the body degenerates, losing the legs and its ordinary shape and just grows into a bag for the eggs. Each of the balls in the specimen were full of tiny eggs which would hatch out in the dead body of their mother and then emerge as young scale insects.

Blue Wren:

*"Azure cape and azure cap
Borrowed from a sunny sky."*

This was one of the first birds that the new arrivals in Australia described to the people at home in England—Surgeon White wrote about it in 1783.

When closely examined, the blue feathers on head and neck of the male look as if they were coated with enamel, and this helps to give them their brilliance. For a long while people seeing the little groups of brown birds accompanying him thought he had more than one mate, but it is now known to be the young ones, which are like the female until about the fifth month, when they have their first moult, after which the young males get light blue tails. It is another

five months, after the second moult, that they get their full plumage, and up until about three to four years, the male loses all the lovely colouring when he moults just after the breeding season.

Watch for the domed nest low to the ground in shrubs, etc. It is built by the female, of grasses, fibres, cobweb, etc., and lined with feathers or other soft material. They seem to like bits of grass growing through the nest. The eggs are flesh coloured, with tiny reddish brown spots, and they take fifteen days to hatch. The young birds' tails are short on leaving the nest, but grow to full length after a month, when they are able to catch food, though the parents do most of the work of feeding for four to six weeks.

Its call has been described as "rather like a musical alarm clock." What do you think it sounds like?

Butterflies and Moths:

Watch for these this month:—

Brown Butterfly—orange brown, black markings, eye in each wing blue circled with black.

Cabbage White—white with tiny black edge to wing. (Very common. Is a pest).

Dingy Swallowtail—black and white with misty red spots along edge of hind wing. Front wings pointed. About two inches across. Caterpillar is brownish black with heart-shaped yellow spots, interspersed with blue ones along sides. Found on orange trees. Pupa hangs by silken girdle from orange branch. Butterfly seen in summer and autumn.

Old Lady Moth. About two inches. Brown with large blue eyes. Seen on walls at night. Lives on grass.

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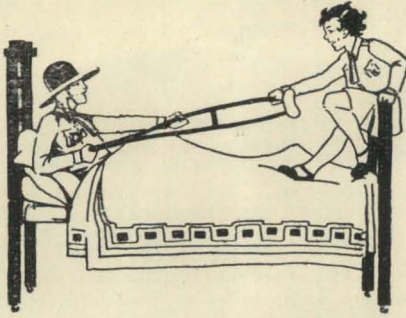
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What was well enough for yesterday is poor enough to-day—do it better:



Editor: SYDNEY FOOTT.

On Monday, 14th October, the Extension Guiders held their second conference this year—this time to discuss the questions dealt with at the main Guiders' Conference. The Extension delegate, Mrs. O'Donnell, reported on the various findings, and further discussion ensued. In the question as to how Guiders and Guides in open Companies can help Extension Guiding, it was suggested that there should be a delegate in each District (or Division) who would be responsible for the welfare of Extensions and Posts generally within her District, and with whom the Commissioner for Extensions would correspond. At the present time the Commissioner for Extensions writes to the District Commissioner concerned, but the suggestion at the Guiders' Conference was that if someone were appointed as "Extension Representative" she would be able to deal personally with each Post Guide or Brownie in the District, and would be able to report on any matters of interest to the Branch. If any District would like to consider this further, or if anyone has any questions to ask on this matter, would they please write to the Commissioner for Extensions, Miss Alston, who would be most interested to consider any suggestions which might help the District concerned, and, at the same time, benefit the Extension Branch.

A further question raised in connection with the Extension Branch was that some Companies have physically handicapped children in them who may, or may not, belong to the Extension Branch, and often the Guider concerned is uncertain just how much the child should be allowed to do. IN ALL CASES the Commissioner for Extensions should be consulted. If the child is already in a Post Guide Company she will presumably not be attending an open Company unless she has been "passed on" from the Extension Branch with a warning as to her physical limitations. If the girl is not a member of a Post Company, then the Commissioner for Extensions should be consulted. So please let us know, particularly in regard to any Guides still suffering from the effects of infantile paralysis, who are often liable to over-fatigue.

The Commissioner and Assistant Commissioner attended the third birthday party of the Janefield Company—a party given by the Preston Rangers. Four Guides were enrolled, and the Company now has twenty-three, all of them are enrolled. The Guides showed their skill in bandaging, knots and marching, and then made a charming presentation of flowers to all those who

had helped them during the year. The Guide spirit in this Company is unmistakable, and the difficulties the Guides overcome, and the efforts they make, are an example and an inspiration to open Companies. They really try to "live their Law" and to give it a place in their everyday life. There is no need to ask, "Is Guiding worth while?" when one visits Janefield.

On 19th October, in the Botanical Gardens, there was a most successful Post Brownie party, made possible largely by the efforts of Miss Grant, who had an earlier (and equally successful) A. A. Milne night which raised the necessary funds. We have also to thank the Victorian Society for Crippled Children, which again lent us their ambulance to help in the transport of the lucky fourteen Post Brownies who attended these joyous revels.

And to end this page (and possibly as an ending to your Post Budgets) here is an evening prayer, composed some three hundred years ago:

*Close thine eyes, and sleep secure
Thy soul is safe, thy body sure.
He that guards thee, He that keeps
Never slumbers, never sleeps.*

WARRANTS AND REGISTRATIONS.

District Commissioner: Colbinabbin, Mrs. C. Burge; Kyabram, Miss N. Finlay.

Brown Owl: 1st Beaconsfield Upper, Mrs. Hudson; 1st Toorak, Miss M. Monger; 2nd Footscray, Mrs. McGrath.

Guide Captain: 4th St. Kilda, Miss D. Hart; 1st Hopetoun, Mrs. Burdett; 1st Janefield, Miss L. Duff; 1st Port Melbourne, Miss G. M. Jeans.

Guide Lieutenant: 7th Malvern, Miss P. Bushnell; 3rd East Malvern, Miss D. M. Birch.

Packs: 1st Apollo Bay, 1a Mornington, 6a Camberwell.

Guide Companies: 3rd Essendon; 6th St. Kilda (St. Michael's).

Ranger Companies: Essendon District Rangers.
Cancellations—Guide Captain: 3rd Malvern, Miss N. White; 1st Dandenong, Miss L. Harris.

BROWNIE PAGE—(Continued.) AN IDEA FOR PRESENTING A SERVICE STAR

Put the Service Star in a box and wrap it up in layers and layers of paper each with a label attached such as "The Brownie with the Largest Smile," "The Brownie with the Longest Hair," etc. Each parcel is unwrapped and handed to the Brownie to whom the title best applies. Brown Owl should take care that the wrapping on the outside of the Service Star should bear some title that would apply to the Brownie that is to receive the Star so that there would be no likelihood of anybody else getting it.

This is really a variation of the parcel game and takes very much.—M.E.H.



(Editor: Margaret Heseltine.)

*Laugh in Misfortune's face—the beldam witch!
Say you'll be merry though you can't be rich.*

—Burns.

Brevities:

When inspecting Brownies, do you ever look at the backs of their brooches? Explain to them that it is just as important that the back should be as clean as the front.

Christmas will be here soon. Encourage your Brownies especially this year to think of other people. Particularly other children, preferably those suffering from the bombing raids in England. Most children can knit and there is any amount of simple knitting they can do.

St. Andrew's Day falls on the 30th November, so why not have a Scottish programme that day. St. Andrew is the Patron Saint of Scotland, so it would be most appropriate to celebrate his birthday in that way.

Scottish Programme for St. Andrew's Day

INSPECTION.—All the Clans have come together to greet Prince Charles. The Chieftain of each Clan arranges his men in line and as each is inspected by the Prince they salute him and give him gold for the Cause.

FAIRY RING.—Scottish kelpies, gnomes, etc., come out to dance amongst the heather and end up by doing Fairy Ring.

STALKING GAME.—The floor is chalked out into glens. Each Six in turn is a hunting party stalking deer, the rest of the Pack are deer. Whenever the leader of the deer hears a sound he cries out and the deer run away leaving the stalkers. Another Six then tries and the Six who can catch the most deer by stalking win the game.

FUN GAME.—Divide the Brownies into threes, these make circles. Each circle represents a loyal stronghold or castle, etc. Two Brownies are over. One is a follower of the Prince and he is being chased by an English spy. He runs into a stronghold and touches someone else who runs on. If the spy catches the Scot they go back to their places, and two others are chosen, the spy counting 1 point for each Scot he catches.

HANDICRAFT.—Cut an old piece of material into several strips like big button holes, leaving the ends uncut. Have numerous lengths of material in different colours. Brownies go into their sixes and weave a tartan plaid. Later they bring them to the Prince.

SINGING GAME.—There's a little Sandy Girl (traditional Scottish singing game), High Jock McCuddy or any other you like.

STORY.—There are numerous stories of Scottish Folk lore, the Brownies might also like one about Prince Charlie.

In Scotland there are a great number of fishing villages. Perhaps the Brownies would like to turn their hall into one of these.

They could be divided into families. And very early in the morning they would get up and the men would go out in their boats to fish. They could be with Brown Owl as the Master of the fishing fleet, and could learn flags, compass games, knots. For each test they pass Brown Owl could give them a little fish cut out of paper.

While the men are away the women folk clear up the house and tidy it, they then could, if possible, cook stewed apple for tea and perhaps make tea. Tawny could be at home with them. They could fold up the clothes, and then set the table. When the fisherfolk come home they could have tea together and tell one another what they have been doing all the day long.

If it happened to be a very nice day perhaps you could have your meeting outside, and the Brownies could go on a hunting excursion.

Everybody would set out together, taking the lunch? with you. When you arrive at the particular spot in the Church Grounds that suits you best you all stop. The ladies stay behind and say they will prepare the meal and will perhaps just go for a walk in the meantime.

The men go off and stalk their grouse or deer, any stalking games or observing games could be played.

The ladies could play games and when the hunting party comes back, dinner is ready. This as we know need only be biscuits or fruit, but eaten outside in a little bit of Scotland will taste quite different.

These are three suggestions for you for a Scottish programme; you will probably be able to make a very good adventure meeting for yourself, but do try and get outside and then all the world is waiting to be explored.

Here are some more suggestions for Christmas handicraft for your Brownies to make.

Hearth Brushes:

A decorative and handy hearth brush may be made very easily from a 2 feet length of very heavy rope, approximately 1 inch thick. This rope may be purchased from an ironmonger or from shops that stock raffia and other materials for craft work.

The rope is bound neatly with gaily coloured raffia to within 4 inches of each end, and then is bent to form a loop. The two thicknesses of rope are then bound tightly together to form the handle of the brush.

The ends of the rope are teased out, and trimmed off neatly. The whole of the raffia work is then given one or two coats of clear lacquer. This gives a good glossy finish to the brush.

Serviette Rings:

One of the simplest articles to make is a serviette ring. For this, one should cut a section of a postal tube, or cardboard container used for forwarding loose papers into rings 1½ inches deep. A strip of cardboard 6 inches long and 1½ inches wide, with the ends gummed together, should

serve just as well. Damp the raffia, and then wind the first layer round the ring, straightening it out as you proceed by holding each strand firmly in the left hand, and passing the thumb and finger of the right hand several times down its length until it is as flat as ribbon. One end of the strand should be dampened, so that it will cling to the cardboard long enough for it to be covered by successive windings. In the first layer, the strands of raffia should just touch each other without overlapping, and care should be taken to see that it is tight and even. When the strip is finished, a drop of gum put on the end will ensure that it is held firmly in place while the next strip is being prepared. In the second layer, the windings should overlap closely, giving a soft, cushioned thickness, and the end of the last strand should again be secured by a drop of gum.

An attractive finish may be lent to the ring either by a bow of ribbon or a strip of coloured raffia sewn on in the form of a flower or some other simple device.

Ash Trays:

Obtain some little glass dishes and cover the outside with paste, then stick pieces of coloured tinfoil (variagated is the best) all over the outside of the dish. When dry, paint over the tinfoil with gold or silver paint. Little finger bowls can be done the same, with deeper dishes. These can be bought at Coles very cheaply.

PENNY AFTERNOON for BROWNIES AND GUIDES.

On SATURDAY, 23rd NOVEMBER, at 2.30 p.m.,
at WATTLE PARK.

Take Wattle Park Tram in Batman Avenue.
Fare: ADULTS 6d.; CHILDREN 3d.
ADMISSION—1d.

Races for Guides and Brownies.

Entrance for each race, 1d. per head.

Skipping, Sack, Flag Races (team of 8). Competitors provide own ropes, sacks, flags, etc. Games and scavenging hunt.

Penny Drinks and Sweets to be sold.

Bring own food, mug, ground sheets.

Proceeds in aid of Brownie Cottage.

XMAS GIFT FOR THE COTTAGE.

Would you, your Pack or Company like to give the Cottage a Xmas gift?

The stools have all been donated—thank you!

A detailed list will appear in next month's issue.

Inexpensive gifts the Cottage would appreciate include Cutlery, Crockery. Our particular pattern can be donated from 9d. to 2/6 a piece.

Kettle Holders, even cloths, or attractive dusters. Gifts or money for the purchase of same may be sent to Miss J. ROBERTSON, 101 Mathoura Road, Toorak.

The Sign Post

Editor: Elizabeth Alfred.

"One of his disciples, Andrew . . . saith unto Him, 'There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?'" (John VI., 8-9).

St. Andrew's Day:

The Scene: 1st Shelbourne's Club Room. Captain, Lieut., 4 P.L.'s, and the Company Secretary at Court of Honour.

The minutes have been read, and Patrol reports presented. Routine business has been accomplished, and the programmes for the next few weeks are about to be discussed.

Captain: Now, what outstanding events take place this month?

Alma (P.L. of the Kookaburras): There's St. Andrew's Day on the 30th, Cap.

Joan (Thrushes): Couldn't we do something extra special for St. Andrew's Day this year, Cap?

Captain: Yes, rather. What ideas have you got?

Joan: What day of the week is the 30th? (looking up her diary). Oh, it's a Saturday, so it's not on our meeting night this year.

Lieut.: Well, never mind—couldn't we celebrate on two nights, the one before and the one after?

Chorus: How?

Lieut.: We could have the story at camp fire one week, and build a special meeting from the story for the next week.

Mary (Wrens): What a ripping idea! Do let's do that.

Captain: Yes, and I can add to that idea—what about one of you P.L.'s telling the story?

Alma: Oh, Cap, we couldn't possibly tell it—the Guides would giggle at us!

Captain: No they wouldn't—don't you remember how they enjoyed that meeting which you and Peggy ran last month? What do you think of this idea, Peggy? You have been very quiet so far!

Peggy (P.L. of the Magpies): I think it would be rather fun to have the story one week, and a special meeting the next. Joan could tell the story, Cap—she told a marvellous yarn at camp-fire, when the Thrushes had a hike with us last week.

Captain: Oh, good—will you tell it, Joan?

Joan: I don't know whether I could—it's one thing telling a yarn in the dark round a camp fire, and quite another telling St. Andrew's story at the company meeting!

Mary: Well, we could have the lights out, couldn't we, Cap? And build an invitation fire?

Captain: Yes, I think we could; now that is settled. Have you got that in the minutes, Pat?

Pat.: Yes—Joan to tell the story of St. Andrew at the meeting before the 30th.

Captain: Good. Now, for the following meeting. You thought of this marvellous idea, Lieut.—have you got any details?

Lieut.: No, but it won't take the leaders long to work it out at the rate they are going to-day.

Mary: Could it be an entirely Scottish night?

Alma: What about bringing fishing into it—wasn't St. Andrew a fisherman?

Joan: Oh yes, we could do something with ropes—have a special knot game—or what about a jumbled fish competition?

Peggy: And couldn't each Patrol act a scene from St. Andrew's life?

Captain: Here, hold on a minute—you're all talking at once and so quickly, I haven't sorted things out. Now where are we? A special Scottish night, something to do with fishing, and acting St. Andrew's life! You were certainly right about the P.L.'s ideas, Lieut.!

Lieut.: Have the Scots got any special way of doing drill?

Mary: I'm not sure, but we could find out about it, couldn't we?

Alma: Then straight after roll call, we could have the fish game, couldn't we? That would be rather quiet—and then could we have a knot game? You know the one called Australian Ports? We'd be fishermen, complete with boats, then.

Captain: Yes, that seems quite a good plan; then we could go on with the acting. How long will each Patrol need for its scene?

Joan: Not more than five minutes, Cap; we couldn't do more than that.

Captain: What do you others think; will five minutes each be enough?

Alma: Oh yes, easily.

Peggy: We'll need about ten minutes to get ready, then if each Patrol has five minutes to act, that takes half an hour altogether and then the judges will need some time to decide who wins—will there be time left for a sing-song?

Captain: Yes, I think so; are there any special songs you want?

Mary: Yes please! Could we have all Scots ones, like Loch Lomond, and Ye Banks and Braes?

Alma: And Annie Laurie and Afton Water?

Captain: Yes, I think we can have all Scots songs, and Peggy, you can find a suitable Scots verse or proverb to end with, as you're the Scots member of the company. Now that completes the business for to-day, so I declare this meeting closed.

Australian Ports:

This game is played in Patrols, each Patrol in line holding on to each other's belts to form a ship. Chairs are placed at appropriate spots in the room to represent the capital cities of Australia. The ships are cruising around the coast; when Captain calls the name of a knot and a port, the ships steam towards the port; the ship to finish first and correctly gains a point. After each knot, the skipper of the ship moves aft, and the second Guide then becomes Skipper. (To the uninitiated, "aft" is at the back of the ship!!) Any ship which travels across country is disqualified.

Rangers' Page

Editor: E. FAULKNER.

Notice Board:

Minutes of the Metropolitan Ranger Committee meeting held at Headquarters on 4th October, 1940. Present: Mrs. Faulkner in the chair, Rangers—Peggy Edmondson, Betty Newey, Myra Farley, Margaret Clarke, Win Cozens, Gwen Roberts and Betty Horsley.

Country Dance Party.—The convenor reported that, despite the very bad weather, thirty people attended, and £1/2/9 profit was made for the Guide War Appeal.

Sports.—The Convenor reported that thirteen companies had entered, and it was decided that an order on Headquarters for 7/6 should be awarded to the winners instead of a cup or pennant.

Conference.—This is to be held at the University on November 9th, from 2 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. The convenor reported that Miss Hayman was doubtful as to whether she would be able to speak at the Conference, but that if she were unable to, a speaker would be arranged for.

The next meeting will be at H.Q. on 8th November, at 6.45 p.m.

—Betty Horsley, Hon. Secretary.

Ranger Conference, 1940:

This will be held at the Melbourne University on November 9th. The afternoon session will be from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., with a break for afternoon tea, and the evening session will be from 7 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. Tea will be served at the University Cafeteria at a cost of not more than 1/6, or you can bring your own and have it in the grounds. Will company secretaries please forward the numbers of those requiring tea, and also a deposit of 6d. per person. A Conference Fee of 3d. per head will be charged to cover expenses.

The following are the subjects which will be discussed at the afternoon session:—

How Can Rangers encourage Guides to go on to Ranger Companies?

Is the Ranger Committee necessary?

Are Combined fixtures a good idea?

Rangers and War Service.

Could the Home Emergency Service be adapted to Australian conditions?

Ranger Sports Teams.

Co-operation with Rovers.

Are Rangers a Success?

In the evening the election of the 1941 Committee will take place (provided, of course, that it is decided to have one), and the fixtures will be decided upon. The result of the afternoon's discussions will be reported, and there will be a speaker on a subject of general interest.

Do YOU Want to be Represented on the 1941 Committee?—If so, read the following carefully:—

Under the new By-laws, which were approved at the 1939 Conference, and which will come into operation for this Conference, no Company can have more than two representatives on the Committee, but you can send in more than two

nominations. Companies can nominate Rangers from other Companies if they wish, but they must send the person's written consent in with the nomination. The duties of the Committee members will be to keep in touch with Metropolitan or Country Divisions allocated to them, and to run fixtures. As there will probably only be six fixtures, however, not everyone will have to run one. Committee meetings are usually held once a month. In the case of nominations for Secretary, the person nominated must have served one year on the Committee. The only Ranger standing for election from the 1940 Committee is Peggy Edmondson, 2nd Caulfield District Rangers.

Voting:

The By-law passed at the 1939 Conference stating that, "Ordinary members of the Committee shall be elected by preferential voting" has been found to be impracticable, as, if it is done properly, an enormous amount of time is required to count the votes. A motion to amend this By-law will therefore be put to the 1940 Conference.

Ranger Committee Week-end at Gipton.

The Ranger Committee which, for the greater part of the year, observes a dignified pose and strict and sober mien, felt that some outlet must be found for their naturally high spirits, so they spent the week-end of October 5th/6th, 1940, at Gipton.

On arrival at Frankston we pressed our noses against various shop windows weighing the merits of cauliflowers against beans, onions against cabbages, and tin-openers against home-cooking. We finally settled all these important matters and set off for Gipton with our dinner, breakfast, lunch and supper distributed in haversacks on our backs.

The Frankston country-side looked beautiful, the paddocks snowy with tea-tree blossom and the waxy "wedding bush." One of our number decided that she must be married at this time of the year and have tea-tree blossom and wedding bush in her bouquet, so she took home a bunch of them to make a start and now all she wants is a bridegroom. The smaller wild flowers were also very lovely and Betty N., our ardent botanist, was able to identify quite a number of good specimens.

We found Gipton looking very green and restful, pitched our tents and set about preparing tea. Win Cozens, who had spent the afternoon spruiking at the Richmond District Bazaar at St. Stephens, arrived in the midst of the preparations and was heartily welcomed (was it because she carried a delicious looking passionfruit sponge under one arm, and a box of sweets under the other?) After tea Myra entertained us with some very amusing stories. Have you heard the story of the car that stalled outside Air Force House at 11 o'clock one Sunday night? It is certainly worth hearing!

We retired to our tents at about 10.30 p.m. Myra discovered that her bed wouldn't hold her (it being the S.S.W. size, and her O.S.). Gwen and Betty H. obligingly undid it and made it up again around her, which procedure she thoroughly enjoyed until they stuck three blanket pins into her just to make sure that she was safely in. After her screams had died away there was almost complete calm until in the other

tent a mysterious wog bit Peggy's lip. The lip "kept on getting bigger and bigger all the time," so Win and Betty N. dug their nails into it for about 10 minutes with the idea of removing the sting. As there seemed to be no immediate danger of a fatality occurring from the bite of the unknown animal the two tents settled down for the night after singing "taps," and peace and quietness reigned.

Sunday dawned bright and fair and the camp was soon astir and everyone busy with her allotted duties (helped on by the sustaining early morning cup of tea served in bed by Win). A visit to the sand-pits was a high-light of the day. Here your committee was able to forget worries such as fixtures, finance, business arising etc., and thoroughly enjoy themselves ski-ing down the sandy slopes. Our Sunday lunch would have taken a prize at any Show. The salad was simply delightful, the meat cooked to perfection and the steamed pudding—ah!—it was so light that we were almost forced to sit Myra on it to stop it blowing away! Lunch spurred us on to greater things—mowing the lawn, nailing the flooring and mending sundry rents and tears in our clothing.

As all good things must come to an end, 7.30 p.m. found us once more on Frankston station en route for home. But the week-end has had its effect on us and we are now new beings full of vim and vigour. Rangers—bring your problems—the Committee is ready for them!!

—One of the Campers.

In Your Garden This Month:

Give plenty of water to Geraniums, Hydrangeas, Fuchsias, Rhododendrons and Azalea.

Sow seeds of Gourds, Coboea, and Mina.

Sow and plant out Salvia, Petunia, Aster, Zinnia, Phlox, Dahlia, Tithonia, Portulaca, Celosia, Balsam and Gaillardia.

And in the Vegetable Garden sow and plant out Tomato, Lettuce, Cress, Radish, Chokos, Cucumber, Pumpkin and Marrow, French and Runner Beans, Sweet Corn and Sweet Potatoes.

—Women's World.

Drought:

Morning digs up the sun like treasure
And shadows race to spread the news;
The fields are flushed as if with pleasure,
But rain is what they'd choose.

The skylark and the thrush forget
That well and spring are running dry;
The month is hopelessly in debt
And nothing can he buy.

In vain the woods put forth their waifs
Of leaves to beg with starveling hand;
The only cloud that heaven vouchsafes
Waits for a bold demand.

And rocky bones break through the skin
Of hills once green and beautiful,
Whose smile is tightened to the grin
Of an unconscious skull.

And winds, that nest in the world's eaves,
Come to no whistle, and the worm
Of thunder, deeply burrowing, heaves
No surface-mound of storm.

—Eisdell Tucker.

LONES.

The strength of any voluntary organisation lies in its facilities and abilities for co-operation. To me this is the backbone of the Guide Movement. All our jobs—whether Commissioner's Guide's, Secretary's, Local Association's or department's—dovetail together to make a composite whole. We are not so absorbed in our particular link that we cannot find time for, or have an interest in any of the others which form the chain in which lies our strength.

I can think of no better definition of "co-operation" than a combination of the Guide and Brownie mottoes: "Be Prepared to Lend a Hand."

Co-operation means working together, helping each other, sharing problems as well as triumphs. It does not mean dividing up into little sections, or placing ourselves in separate pigeonholes, and labelling ourselves neatly and decisively. I think I have spoken before about co-operation. I do not apologise for repeating myself. I think it cannot be too often emphasised, because only in this way can we reach the summit of our endeavours.

My reason for harping on the subject is because quite lately I have received some instances of this very co-operation without which the Lone Branch would be a very lonely affair.

One is an offer by Preston L.A. through Mrs. Higgs, who is representing that District on our Lones L.A. to finance a Lone to camp this season. Knowing the number of calls on everyone's purse at present this is a very generous offer, but the thing that pleases me most is that the Lones are already benefiting through the co-operation of their L.L.A. members with their own Districts.

Another instance of this is an invitation to the Lones in the Dandenong and Berwick District to attend a District sports meeting. This is so exactly the sort of thing I hoped for when I sent the names and addresses to Commissioners of the Lones in their areas, that it is like waking up to find a happy dream is true after all! You can imagine what it will mean to these children to meet "real" Guides, and to enter into the activities that by force of circumstances are usually denied them. Once again, Dandenong, my grateful thanks to you!

The third is even more gratifying, because it has overcome the great difficulty the Lone Branch has to face, an active enrolment. To achieve this, Miss Cawthorn, of Mildura, had to travel many miles and I am sure overcome many difficulties. Look Torrita up on the map and see where it lies in relation to Mildura, and I know you will join with me in grateful acknowledgment of her effort. On September 22nd she took a special trip to enroll two girls there, taking with her several Guides to form her Company. We who have experienced the thrill of an active enrolment, will realise what this must have meant to those out-back girls.

I quote Jean Seddon's description of that momentous outing, which I know will interest you as much as it did me. In thanking her for this I would point out that it is the *first* contribution to the Lone page I have received since

I made myself responsible for it a year ago! Does that touch the heart of anyone?

—M. R. Fairbairn.

Enrolment of Lones at Torrita:

We passed the Mildura Town Hall clock at 8.20 a.m. on 22nd September. Seated in the back of Miss Cawthorn's car, were Phyllis Beasy and Margaret Spalding, both of Orange Patrol. It was decided that Jean Seddon, of Lemon Patrol, should sit in the front with the Misses Cawthorn and Hooper, because of her supposed slimness, but it was soon discovered that she was not as slim as thought to be.

After speeding along for about 15 minutes, we arrived at Redcliffs Hotel. Here we exchanged cars for a heavier Buick, then picked up Fay Westhead, a P.L. of 1st Redcliffs.

To while the time away, we sang Guide songs, while passing many bushes of wild boronia in flower. The road was a series of switchbacks, passing through interesting country, and once we saw, in among some scrub, a large group of emus. We eventually arrived at Ouyen, where we left the Calder Highway for the Murrayville Road. Along this road we passed through two small townships, and very soon after arrived at Torrita. Here we enquired of the local post-mistress the direction. Our road was just a track through scrub, and the landmarks were dams, forest reserves, gates, etc. Most of the time, we had to follow the telephone wire. In due course, we arrived, and were met by Margaret Engleman, who was already a Lone Guide, her sister Helen, and Esme Gibson.

After some refreshments, we went outside and prepared for the enrolment. The only flag we had was a very tiny Union Jack, but with a bit of a struggle a tree was climbed, and it was tied to one of the branches. After marching into horse-shoe formation, the District Secretary read the prayer. Then Phyllis Beasy presented Helen Engleman, and Fay Westhead presented Esme Gibson to our Division Commissioner, and they were both enrolled. We then sang two Guide songs and the National Anthem, after which we congratulated the new Lones.

When the enrolment was over, we all got into the car, crossed a paddock, and stopped on a sandy patch among some trees for lunch. We grilled our chops on sticks. After lunch, we returned to the house in the buggy, thinking this mode of travelling far more exciting than the car.

Before we left we were shown several copies of the "Magnet," the Lones' monthly letter. On the return journey, we almost ran over a frilled-neck lizard, and later on passed five bob-tail blues (goannas). At 7.35 p.m. we returned to Mildura, after a very enjoyable day.

—Jean Seddon, 2nd Mildura.

The human race is divided into two classes: those who go ahead and do something, and those who sit and ask, "Why wasn't it done the other way?"—Holmes

CAMPING and TRAINING

Guiders' Training Week:

What happens at a Training Week? If you have never been to one before, you may be asking this question, wondering whether to apply or not. Well, first of all, you live in the Guide House or Cottage, sleeping on the verandah or indoors, as you prefer. When you arrive you join a Patrol and meet your Patrol Leader and the other members of the Patrol. Every morning before breakfast the colours are hoisted with ceremonial and this is followed by prayers. The Patrols take it in turn to provide the colour party. After breakfast there is a short time for tidying the house; the housework, washing-up, setting and waiting on tables is done by the Guiders, but not the cooking. Later come training sessions and discussions, hikes, adventure games and all the things you want to learn about in connection with your Pack or Company. There is swimming every day, and free time to wander round, talk to other Guiders, or pass tests. Every morning your Patrol will meet in council, and later your leader will bring your suggestions to court of honour. In the evenings there is singing or stunts or discussion round the camp-fire.

The next Training Week will be held at the Guide House from 27th December to 4th January. Guider-in-charge, Miss S. MacLeod. Fee, 30/-. Fare rail return Melbourne 5/9, bus return 1/3. Please send applications to Miss B. Macartney, at the Guide Office, 60 Market Street, Melbourne, C.1, with deposit of 5/- and 5/9 rail fare if ticket desired, not later than 15th November.

Pioneer Camp:

The Camping Committee would like to know the names of Companies which hope to be represented at the Pioneer Camp next Easter, and the approximate numbers. So, will you please write a note to Miss Harrison and tell her? There is still five months until the Camp, so if the Guides have not started to prepare there is still time if they start at once. The Camp is definitely planned for Guiders who have done some camping, or who have been practising specially the sections of the Pioneer Badge. If by chance you haven't read them, you will find some helpful notes in each Matilda since May.

Now that the warm weather is here, you will be out hiking on many a Saturday, and that is the chance to play some scouting games. There have been some lovely ones in THE GUIDER this year; ask Captain to lend you her copies. There is also a book, Tracks to Adventure (1/-) will give you some ideas from which you could invent games for your Patrol or Company; and Captain may have a copy of Wide Games (Gilcraft) which has lots to choose from—you can alter them to suit your own needs.—F.V.B.

Summer Camps:

Guiders' Campcraft Training.—Training in all branches of Campcraft. Testing Camp Adviser and Camper's Licence. We are hoping for a good attendance of Owls this year. Country Guiders will be specially welcome. The Camp will be held at the Guide House from 26th December to 3rd January. Fee (according to the number attending) 22/6 to 30/-. Fare rail return Melbourne 5/9, bus return 1/3. The Guider-in-charge will be Miss E. Moran. Late applications, accompanied by a deposit of 5/- and 5/9 for rail ticket (if desired) should be sent to Miss Harrison, 126 High Street, Glen Iris, S.E.6, at once.

Ranger Camp.—This camp is open to all members of Ranger Companies and to Guiders who will be going on to Rangers in 1941. An extension of time has been allowed for applications as Rangers have some difficulties in knowing the dates of their holidays. The fee will be 22/6. Fare rail return Melbourne 5/9, bus return 1/3. The Guider-in-charge will be Miss V. Harrison. Late applications, accompanied by a deposit of 5/- and 5/9 for rail ticket, should be sent to Miss Harrison, 126 High Street, Glen Iris, S.E.6, as soon as possible.

Guide Camps.—Two combined camps will be held at the Guide House. These were fully applied for by the date applications closed.

GUIDERS' CHALLENGE.

Such a tiny number of Guiders entered for the first set of the Challenge, that the committee decided to abandon it, and those Guiders may go on with it themselves if they wish. Now, why did not more Guiders take up the Challenge? Either they did not know anything about it because they do not read Matilda, or if they did, it did not appeal to them and there could be various reasons why it didn't. The committee are keen to know some of the reasons why more Guiders did not send in Set I, so will you please help them, by writing down your reasons NOW (don't put it off till another time) and sending them to Miss Macartney at the Guide Office. Perhaps we may have something instead next year and it would be helpful to have your ideas. Be quite frank in your suggestions.

Even if we can not accept a special Challenge such as this was, our Guiding in the Companies is itself a Challenge to all of us. What is our standard like? Do we expect the best of our Guiders? Could they rise to the emergencies that the Guiders in England are facing? How do we teach our Patrol Leaders to teach? Do we offer them a variety of methods and help them to develop their own ideas? Do we always realise what a far effect our Guiding with the children can have? This is a constant Challenge to every Guider—and each is bound to take it up.

—ELAINE MORAN.

Banking for Girls!

EVERY GIRL should aim to have her own Bank Account. The money you have to handle may not be much; but if you can establish early in life the habit of keeping yourself always in credit with a balance in the Bank, it will prove invaluable when greater responsibility comes to you later.

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tures; and illustrations of Camping Gadgets and general Camping.

Christmas Cards:

This year it has been impossible to obtain supplies from England in time for Christmas, so we have printed our own Australian Christmas cards and hope for good results. There will be three designs, one being specially for Brownies, and the price in each case will be 3d. plus postage. If you wish to do so you may send for samples before placing your order.

Book-Ends

These are a special feature for Christmas this year and are a most attractive design of the Guide Badge made into book-ends. As well as being most attractive in appearance, the price is also attractive, being 5/11, plus 1/3 postage.

Tie Woggles:

If you are campers you will find these exceptionally nice for use in camping and will make very good Christmas presents to any of your Guide Friends. They are decorated with a miniature Guide badge and will cost 1/6, plus 1d. postage.

Calendars:

This year we are featuring photos of the Guide House as Calendars. These photos will be a post-card size and are very artistic and beautiful designs. The price will be 1/3, plus 2d. postage.

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THE GUIDE HOUSE.

Did you know that the Guide House Committee had an exciting gift last month? Two donations of £50 each (from Mrs. Blackwood and Miss Moore) specially earmarked to start a fund for a caretaker's cottage.

For some time the Committee has been thinking about the necessity for separate quarters for the caretaker, and all who have ever stayed at the Guide House realise that this necessity is urgent. A separate cottage would give him a much-needed private place of his own, and release to us precious space in the Guide House for extra people.

We hold our Guide House as a trust for the children of to-day and the future. There come times when a definite needs must be met, and this is such a time now. Can we not make a special effort to meet this need?

With all the appeals for funds, we think it would be wrong to ask for outside help. We have been optimistic enough to choose a site and ascertain that a "small select residence" (as the agents put it) with bedroom, kitchen, bathroom and verandah complete would cost about £300. So it is a matter of raising £200; could we, do you think, raise this sum among ourselves, without appealing to the public, and give it to the Guide House as a Christmas present? It will be a present not only for our Guides now, but for all the future Guides who will visit it in years to come.

If you like the idea, and think we can do it in two months—send your Christmas present contribution to the Guide Office, addressed to—

M. L. DRURY.

Working Bees and the Guide House Garden and Grounds:

This is a reminder for the working bee on November 16th and 17th at the Guide House. The fee is 10/6, which includes train fare, bus fare and food. We want as many workers as the house and cottage will hold, so please make these dates available and apply at once. There is always plenty of work to do at the Guide House and it will gladden your heart to see how attractive everything looks as a result of the working bees in the past and it is hoped it will be an incentive for you to come again to working bees in the future. When making your application would you please enclose 5/9 in postal notes and this will pay for your concession ticket, which must be bought in advance.

GUIDE SHOP.

Girl Guide Diary 1941:

These will be available early in November, and the prices will be 1/3 with a pencil, and 1/- without, plus 1d. postage. The diary has special features this year, amongst them being—

The Morse Code completely revised in accordance with Military procedure. There have been several alterations as a result of this and they will appear in the diary for the first time in print.

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