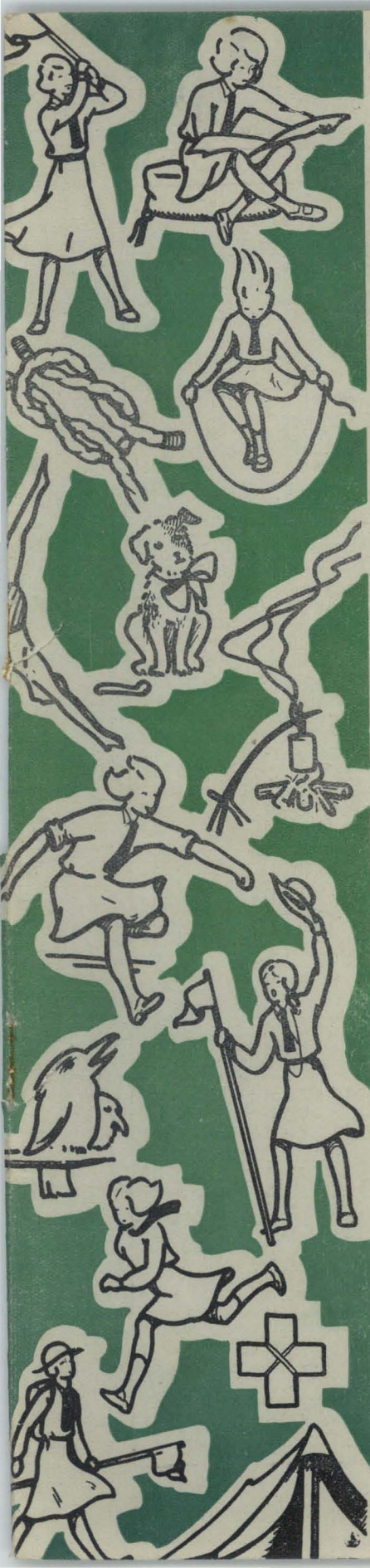


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## GUIDE WEEK, 1941.

Guide Week celebrations this year were rather in the nature of a culmination after weeks of hard work, and the special gathering in each District generally took the form of a ceremony at which the badges, which had been worked for in preparation for Guide Week were presented. In most Districts the aims suggested by the Committee were enthusiastically carried out, and judging by the lists of badges, much hard work must have been done by Guides and Guiders alike, and many Guides, Rangers and Brownies must now really feel more "prepared" and more able to "lend a hand" if called on. Many and varied were the activities in town and country, and everyone seems to have enjoyed working out their own ideas as the following brief accounts show:—

Guide Week was officially opened on Saturday, 10th May, by a very helpful and inspiring broadcast by our State President (Lady Dugan), and all were grateful to her for her message. A window in the city, kindly lent by Messrs. Hicks Atkinson & Co., displayed in a most attractive way a selection of garments from the Guide War Appeal, while posters and various badges and emblems gave the public an idea of our aims and ideals.

KEW DISTRICT had a particularly well-planned and successful week. On Saturday, May 10, they commenced with a Physical Fitness afternoon, and on Sunday, May 11, a Guides' Own was held at "Ruyton." An exhibition of Guide work and a sale of goods were held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the Red Cross Opportunity Shop, and resulted in the sum of £22/10/- being handed to the Kew Red Cross. Members of the L.A. and Blywood Sewing Circle were in charge of the shop.

On Monday, May 12, the Opportunity Shop was visited by Lady Chauvel, Mrs. R. G. Menzies, Mrs. W. Kent Hughes, Mrs. Edmondson, the Mayor and Mayoress of Kew, and many other interested Kew residents. A guard of honour was provided by District Guides, and the World Flag flew over the little building. Later, all present were entertained at Blywood, where Lady Syme kindly invited all to afternoon tea.

The week's celebrations were concluded with an Emergencies' Afternoon and presentation of badges at the home of the Commissioner, at which 16 badges were presented.

In HAWTHORN the main celebration was an outdoor secret order afternoon. This provided great fun and showed that Guides

really could work and carry out orders. Two Brownie Packs held bazaars and two Packs won Pack handcraft badges.

Eighteen Pioneers of Hawthorn attended the special Guide Week celebration, and the Brownies signalled "welcome" to them.

Special cards were presented to Brownies who had done Guide Week jobs prepared by Guides, and special pale blue trefoil cards were awarded to Guides. Two Guides won Little House Emblems.

The District Guides' Own Service for Guides and Brownies was held on Thursday evening.

In SOUTH YARRA District the whole window of Bookcraft, Toorak Road, was given over to the Girl Guide War Appeal for Guide Week. In the window were two childish figures, one wearing skirt and jumper and the other green pyjamas. In the centre was a picture showing a group of evacuee children dressed in garments from Victoria, and a poster saying, "Coins from you mean clothes for us." The poster was soon banked up with coins. At the back of the window was a figure representing a mine sweeper clad in Jersey, balaclava, spiral stockings, string gloves, etc.

Members of the South Yarra L.A. were in charge of the exhibition during the week.

A service for South Yarra Guides was held on Monday, May 19, and marked the end of Guide Week for the District.

MALVERN District began their Guide Week celebrations with a rally and camp fire at Cheltenham on May 10. Then a picture night with Guide films shown by Miss Broadhurst on Wednesday, May 14, and a District Guides' Own on Sunday, May 18.

EAST MALVERN planned a Brownies' lunch picnic at Glen Waverley on Saturday, May 17, with a Guide hike and camp fire on the same day.

Malvern and East Malvern combined and held a stall outside the Malvern Town Hall all day on Friday, May 16, proceeds in aid of the Wool Fund.

RICHMOND AND EAST MELBOURNE began Guide Week with the first Guides' Own to be held in the District for many years. This was held at P.L.C., and was very well attended, and it was very nice to have there also the boarders from the school.

Companies and Packs held special meetings during the week and on Saturday, May 17, a District outing to the lovely garden of Mrs. Bull at Surrey Hills, at which badges were presented and the result of the thrift campaign handed in.

The special object for the District thrift this year was the Berry Street Babies' Home.

**BALLARAT** District commenced with a Church Parade on Sunday, May 11, and through the week held special Company meetings, an evening at Mrs. Fairbairn's home, and a fancy dress frolic.

A very special effort was made by the Ballarat Orphanage Company, which resulted in the sum of 5/- being sent to the war appeal.

The District celebrations concluded with a Guides' Own on May 18.

**BENALLA** Guides began Guide Week with Church Parades on Sunday, May 11. During the week a social evening and display of war work was held.

The Brownies paid a visit to a former Brown Owl living seven miles out of Benalla, and the week concluded with a Guides' Own held at a camp for leaders.

**KERANG** conducted a most exciting "penny drive" in the town on Sale Day, and the response of the public was so great that £51 was raised for the war effort.

For weeks before at Company meetings, Guides had been helping to make hundreds of little red, white and blue emblems on pins, boxes covered in red, white and blue, and large "flags" with stakes attached.

On the morning of the drive they borrowed a tennis marker with which they put a white line along the footpath on both sides of the street. In a prominent spot was a display of garments ready to be despatched to Headquarters for the war appeal, and members of the Committee on duty to explain about the Guide War Appeal and the need for money.

The pennies were placed along the white lines, and whenever £1 was reached the pennies were gathered up and a large flag displayed. Everyone donating 1/- or more received one of the small "flags" to wear. Excitement was intense as the number of large "flags" on the table grew and grew, and everyone was very thrilled at the end of the day to find more than double the amount collected last year.

During the rest of Guide Week, Kerang and Cohuna held very successful Mothers' Socials, a morse trail and camp fire, a Guides' "hike" on bicycles, at which two Guides who had attended the Pioneer Camp cooked the dinner most successfully in tins, Church parades and a Brownies' hike picnic.

**SWAN HILL** Guide Week activities included a visit to the public baths, a reunion of Old Guides, a picture night organised by the L.A. for the war appeal, and a Brownie bazaar.

The Thanksgiving Fund raised £2/9/1 as a donation from District Guides, Brownies and L.A. towards the Guide War Appeal.

**TONGALA** Brownies and Guides held a fancy dress frolic in Guide Week and divided the proceeds between the Guide House and Comforts Fund.

#### OUTER EASTERN DIVISION GUIDE WEEK.

As a beginning to Guide Week, a Division P.L.'s training was held on the Saturday. Only one Company was not represented, and most had a full attendance. An appropriate ending on the Monday was our first Division Guiders' Training. Miss Macleod took both of these trainings, and they were much appreciated.

Two Church Parades were held after Sunday School, on the first Sunday—one at Canterbury for Box Hill and Camberwell North, the other at Camberwell for Burwood and Camberwell South. Miss A. Brown, an ex-Guider of the District, gave the talk at Canterbury and Miss E. Alfred at Camberwell.

Mrs. Houston, a pioneer of Skipton Guide Company, told them of the early days; Miss H. Brown, first Brown Owl for Box Hill, visited the Pack and talked to and played with the Brownies.

For the final Saturday evening a camp fire was planned, but in the end everyone was thankful to be seated round an indoor fire. There was a programme of songs and rounds, and two Companies gave stunts, one the International Song in Costume, and the other a realistic tragedy of a lady on the tower, with gesture only.

No actual badges were presented, but lists of the badges entered for and tests, and sections of tests passed, were read out.

Besides the collections taken on the Sunday for the Guide War Appeal, one Company had collected 16/- from waste products for the same purpose.

#### ANNUAL GUIDERS' CONFERENCE.

The Victorian Guiders' Committee is becoming Conference-minded! Are YOU?

As the ideal Conference has apparently not yet been achieved (although we did think the delegate idea last year was a success), we are considering the advisability of making some changes—both in location and procedure. Could we create a more informal social atmosphere by "conferring" in the afternoon, bringing our own evening meal, chatting together while we eat, then spending the evening with country dancing, discussions or in any other way you desire?

Regarding the date. Must it be during school holidays? It would be more convenient in many ways to wait till late September or early October.

Last year we had 22 subjects sent in for discussion. So far this year we have one! Where are the other 21, plus all the ideas which must have accumulated during this momentous year?

Please send in at once subjects and suggestions re date and activities through your Divisional representatives.

Let us try and have one happy and helpful Guiders' re-union this year, while we are living in such strenuous times.—O. G. M. KNIGHT, Chairman.

### GUIDE WAR APPEAL.

We were so glad to welcome Mrs. Littlejohn back to the Executive Committee this month. She has, however, asked for an extension of leave from the Guide War Appeal, so I am still carrying on for her, with Mrs. Pearson's help.

The rationing of wool and woollen materials has been a matter for consideration this month. We hope to be able to carry on, with care, until the mills are again able to manufacture for civilians. It, of course, somewhat depends on how long that is! But as a first step we have decided not to make any more seamen's shirts for the present, as the material used for those will cut more advantageously into children's sets. White flannel vests for little children are no longer available, either. But we badly want to maintain the output of skirts, bloomers and jumpers as that type of outfit supplies the main essentials of woollen clothing that a child needs.

About wool, it has always been more economical for Districts to get their wool through the Guide War Appeal, but for the next few months I would suggest that where it is possible for Districts or individuals to buy some of their wool locally, it would be a help towards making our supply of wool last longer.

The sizes in jumpers most needed this month are 2, 4, 10, and 12. And here is a warning—don't start a new jumper with one or two skeins which are left over—make sure first that we still have the same colour available!

I have also been asked to say, will anyone knitting a jumper by a pattern not one of ours, make sure that it is high enough in the neck to cover the top of the flannel bodice of the set.

—SIBYL CHAUVEL.

### WOMEN'S PART IN RECONSTRUCTION.

#### Appointment of Australian Authoress.

(From the Department of Information)

Appointment of Miss Flora Eldershaw to the Reconstruction Division of the Department of Labour and National Service was announced recently by the Minister for Labour and National Service (Mr. Holt).

Miss Eldershaw has taken up her duties at Canberra.

Mr. Holt said that Miss Eldershaw will be largely concerned with reconstruction work of special interest to women's organisations and the women of Australia generally.

"Miss Eldershaw's appointment will be welcomed," said Mr. Holt, "as a recognition of the constructive part which Australian writers have to play in assisting in the planning of the country's future, and the solution of the difficulties with which peace will confront us. Readers of 'Australia' and 'A House Is Built', which were written by Miss Eldershaw in collaboration with Miss Marjorie Barnard, will appreciate Miss Elder-

shaw's wide and sympathetic knowledge of the country and its problems. She has the imaginative writer's gift of seeing these problems in human terms and not as mere abstraction."

### LITTLE HOUSE EMBLEM BADGES.

With the inauguration of the Little House Emblem, Guides are naturally going to be very interested in the badges that must be gained to obtain this emblem. We will all want, I am sure, both the work and the testing to be of as even and high standard as possible.

For help in preparing and testing for these badges, it should be noted that articles are appearing in The Guider each month on ALL the badges required for Little House Emblem. The first articles are on the Cook's Badge, and started in the November issue. In regard the following suggestions may be helpful:—

The biggest part of this test is naturally the practical part; method and ability both needing to be taken into account. Time will obviously not allow for something to be cooked from each section of the required syllabus, so, though not definitely stated in the syllabus, a two-course meal is in most cases the best method of finding out the capacities of ing Guide and of covering requirements.

But, and I think this is not always realised, in addition to the practical, there should also be an oral test, where simple questions can be asked on the practical sections, not covered in the actual cooking, and on food values, and menus. The Guide should really in the beginning learn these from the Health Rules of the Second Class Test, and it should not then be difficult for her to apply them.

The article in the December Guider says on this point: "To-day we believe in simplicity, and we deal with foodstuffs under three simple headings: Body building foods; body warming foods—the energy foods; body protecting foods—two groups, and we say, 'choose something from each group every day'. What could be easier."

Then follows a list of foods arranged under the three headings.

England has of necessity become very food-value conscious. We may not have the same vital need of rationing and care; but an adequate knowledge of food values, cooking, and how to buy food is the foundation of a nation's health, and it is up to us to see that our Guides have this knowledge and can use it.

—M.M.

### DOMESTIC SERVICE BADGE.

Guiders and Badge Secretaries are reminded that notice of withdrawal of this badge was given in the December issue of The Guider, and in the April number of Matilda.

Following our usual custom after this month, July, there can be no test for this badge, nor will the badge be obtainable at Headquarters.

Its place is taken by the revised Home-

maker Badge, which is one of the badges included in the Little House Emblem. (See article above and in April issue of Matilda.)  
—M.M.

#### GUIDE HOUSE GROUNDS AND GARDEN WORKING BEES.

Future working bees will take place on the following dates:—

July—12th and 13th.

August—9th and 10th.

September—13th and 14th.

The last two will be small, as we are only able to get the cottage on this date. Digging is the main activity for this month, and it is a marvellous opportunity to keep warm.

All those applying are asked to send their train fare (5/9) plus 2/6 deposit for food. The 2/6 will not be refunded after orders have been sent. Applications should be made in writing to Miss C. Broadhurst, Girl Guides' Association. As well as enclosing the fare and deposit, they are asked to state the time and date they will be travelling.

#### CARETAKERS' COTTAGE.

We have £248 in hand and need £52 more to complete this fund. Could we raise it by the end of this month, do you think? Building has started, and the framework of the cottage is up. Mr. Manson is very thrilled with it, and we found him hovering round it lovingly several times during a recent week-end.

There are 10,000 members of the Movement in Victoria, and we only want 1000 shillings—surely we can do it between us!

#### DISTRICT NEWS.

##### 1st Nagambie Pack Birthday Party.

The evening started at 7.30 on May 21 in St. John's Parish Hall, Nagambie, amidst very much excitement on behalf of the Brownies. The Guides were invited and each Brownie took under her wing a Guide, and was true to her motto, "Lend a hand." Games filled in the most part of the evening. At the end of supper our birthday cake was produced. It looked beautiful with the one candle on top. The President of the Local Association blew out the candle and cut the cake. After each child and mother had a piece of cake, we concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

Some very tired but happy Brownies went home feeling how lovely it is to be a Brownie.

##### COMING OF AGE PARTY OF 1st SKIPTON COMPANY OF GIRL GUIDES.

A happy and unique gathering took place at Russell Hall on Saturday, May 24, when past and present members of the 1st Skipton Company of Girl Guides assembled to celebrate the 21st anniversary of the formation of the Company. Some of the former Guides had travelled long distances to attend

the function, while telegrams and letters were received from others who were unable to attend through various causes. Visitors present included the local committee. The enrolment of three Tenderfoots which was performed by Mrs. E. D. MacKinnon, opened the proceedings. Mrs. Yencken, formerly Miss Joyce Russell, who was the first leader, then gave an interesting account of the early events connected with the formation of the Company, which, incidentally, is the oldest in Victoria. Although it was the second to register, it was the first to form up. Obstacles that were met with and surmounted were enumerated by the speaker. In due course, a lot of material was purchased from the proceeds of a concert, which was a financial success. Much assistance was received from a French governess, then at Langi Willi, in designing and making of uniforms and hats, etc. The original Company, some members of which were present on Saturday, was very proud of their new uniforms, and although only eight in strength they made a big impression and their numbers soon grew. Tea was served by the members of the present Company, and a beautifully decorated birthday cake made by a former Guide, Miss Daisy Alexander, and to which all of the present Guides had contributed a share of the ingredients, was then cut by Mrs. Yencken. The girls had formed a circle and each lit a candle, and then with a united effort extinguished them.

The National Anthem brought a pleasant afternoon to a close. A collection in aid of the Girl Guide Red Cross Fund realised £2/6/8.

#### THE OPEN EYE.

By R. H. CROLL.

I wonder if I shall shock you by suggesting that **looking** and **seeing** may be two quite different things. In actual every-day life they very commonly are. Looking is a mere mechanical action; seeing implies that you give some thought to what you are looking at. A difference between looking and seeing is that in one case you are not specially interested and in the other you are. You probably did not note the particulars of a fine sunset which coloured all the west for you, though, of course, you glanced at it. But it's a million to a gooseberry you did not miss a single detail of the match your fellows played against Scotch.

Mind, I am not suggesting that you, as youths, are worse than the rest of us. We are all in the same box, worse luck! Ask the citizen who walks Swanston Street every day if he can name any ten of the shops in their order. We had a game for grown-ups one evening—the problem was to supply a list, in order, of the twelve shops going northward from the corner of Flinders Street. Most of us failed badly, although each one of us passed along that footpath at least once a day all the year round. We had looked, but had not seen.

I stood with a friend at the Melbourne Town Hall corner recently. It is a favourite place from which to view the Flying Mercury which is on the top of the Age office. I said so to my friend. "What statue? Where?" he asked blankly. He had lived most of his life in Melbourne and had never noticed this striking monument. By the way, how many of you have done so? Have a look next time you are passing. It may add to your interest to know that it was made by Douglas Richardson, an artist who lived most of his life in Melbourne. The design follows the very well-known "Mercury" by John of Bologna in the National Museum at Florence, Italy.

Civilisation has given us many advantages, but it has dealt very hardly with our powers of observation. In ages past we had to take notice; if we didn't, we died. Our aboriginal represents a certain stage in the development of the human race. He is far behind us in evolution, he has none of our acquired advantages, he cultivates no vegetable foods, he has no domestic animals. How does he live? The answer is, by **observation**.

He truly has the open eye, the eye that is trained from infancy really to see.

We white people could probably do as well if we were trained as the native youngsters are trained. Their education consists largely of lessons in tracking. The men show the small boys the tracks made by the animals—the kangaroo, the emu, the snake, the lizard, the dingo—everything that creeps or crawls or hops or runs. Long practice makes observation part of the native's very nature. His eye misses nothing. Professor Baldwin Spencer said: "Not only does the native know the track of every beast and bird, but after examining a burrow he will tell by the look of the tracks whether the animal is there or not."

It is the fashion to despise the Australian native, but in this respect, at least, we could all learn much from him. Think what the world must be like when you notice things so keenly that you can tell whose dog has gone by just by looking at its footprints. Does that sound a tall order? Well, a woman who spent many years with the natives in the north-west of Australia told me of men there who not only knew the footprints of all the men, women and children of that countryside, but those of the dogs, too.

I mention all this just to stress the fact that the aboriginal learns to **observe**, that is, to see the things he looks at, and that we could do the same if we cared to.

What do you get out of a walk in the bush? If it is only the exercise, then I'm sorry for you. I am sorry because you are missing so much. Don't be afraid of a **little** knowledge. When Pope wrote that "a little learning is a dangerous thing," he was not referring to what Wordsworth named "the harvest of a quiet eye." Take in all you can, of course, and be as thorough as possible,

but don't worry because you don't know **all** about a subject. Nobody does. That's the wonder and joy of this world: you never come to the end of knowledge. When you flush a bird from the grass try to see what it is—it must surely add to your interest to be able to identify it. It may be the Pipit (the Groundlark) and it may be that you were on the flat lands about Melbourne when you saw it. Next time, as I actually did, you may have it rise at your feet from the topmost height in Victoria—the summit of Mount Bogong. Identification must add much to such an experience; so, see the bird as it rises and note what it does. The next one will seem like an old friend to you.

Dusty roads and sandy beaches can be books if you have eyes to read them. The smudgy track of a snake, always twisty, the tiny feet marks of a lizard, a dog's pad, the close-up dents made by a rabbit's soft paw, a magpie's sharply-defined prints—all these, and many others, may be noted within a very few miles of Melbourne, and I have seen, on the far beaches of Gippsland, a veritable page in the history of a pack of dingoes—the joining up of the group, the racing along in harmony, the quarrel over a toothsome scrap of food, and the departure into the scrub again. All that was written clearly on the sand.

Come back to your own city for a few minutes. You all know, I suppose, the post office clock at the corner of Elizabeth and Bourke Streets? I mean the big clock in the tower, the clock that thinks it plays tunes at certain times. You know, too, of course, that the hours on these large time-keepers are usually shown in Roman numerals—have you noticed how they are indicated on this particular clock? Will it surprise you to learn that it has no figures on its face at all? The hours are merely black blobs—you tell the time by knowing their relative positions.

There's at least one other tricky clock within easy observation. How does Bryant and May's big time-piece near the Yarra at Richmond tell you the time? Possibly you have noticed that each hour is a letter and that the whole dozen spell the name of the firm.

I ask these questions as tests of your attention to fairly obvious things which you must almost necessarily have looked at at some time—did you also see them?

In clearer words, I suggest that you should occasionally watch the skylines of the city streets as well as the shop windows. Ridges and roof-tops have a population all their own, which adds interest to the really astonishing variations in the architecture of such a thoroughfare as, say, Collins Street. There must be many thousands of pigeons nesting and thriving about the buildings—look up and you will see them strutting about the ledges and window sills or floating gracefully from building to building. Indian Mynas and sparrows, too . . . and last week there were two crimson Rosellas fighting on

the ledge of the parapet of the Bank of Adelaide!

But see the footpaths, too. Have you noticed the words let in to the pavement in Flinders Street, near the Customs House? They record that it was near there that John Batman made the famous entry in his diary: "This will be the place for a village," just over one hundred years ago. More perhaps in your customary walks is another inscription, also set in the footpath. It is in Swanston Street, near the Queen's Walk, and it reminds you, if you see it, that the first Y.M.C.A. was founded about that spot.

Observe! Observe! Observe! The habit of observing will serve you well in more important matters than any of those I have listed.

Train your ears as well as your eyes. You should be able to identify the wild call which drops to you from a moonlit night as the honk! of the black swan flying to inland waters, and your inward eye should show you the V-shaped flight with the leader at the apex trumpeting to keep his flock together. Perhaps, though, you may have wondered at a strange whistling passing overhead in the darkness. That is possibly a flight of Sea Curlew—surely it stirs your imagination to reflect that those birds are going all the way to Siberia, half across the world, to nest.

The Pallid Cuckoo is calling as I write. Do you know his plaintive note? He runs up the scale with "I-don't-know-what's-the-matter-with-me!" When you hear him you should be aware, too, that the air is sweet with the scent of our lovely native shrub, the white-flowering Pittosporum.

I have gone further than "the open eye," but good observation embraces all the senses. Let me finish with this saying by the American philosopher, Emerson:

"The difference between landscape and landscape is small, but there is great difference in the beholders."—(Reprinted by permission from "The Open Eye," a series of essays for senior boys and girls; Ramsay Ware Publishing Pty., Ltd.)

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- "Adventuring," South Australia.
- "Girl Guide Courier," Western Australia.
- "Le Trefle Rouge et Blanc," Switzerland.
- "The Girl Scout Leader," U.S.A.
- "The Trail Maker," U.S.A.
- "The Waratah," N.S.W.

#### THROWING A LIFE-LINE.

(From The Guider, March, 1941).

Life-lines can be thrown in several ways, and all Guides should experiment to see which way suits them best.

There are a few points that should be noted whatever method is used.

1. Be sure to attach one end of the life-

line to something on the shore so that it is firmly anchored. If there is a convenient tree, post or fence, tie it to this. It may, however, sometimes be necessary to attach it to oneself. If you do this, you must be certain that you can very quickly remove yourself from the end just in case of the rope getting caught or the current proving too strong for you; after all, it is better to have one corpse than two! If you tie it to your belt, be sure you can get out of it quickly—one good way is to make a small loop through which you can put your left hand; have the loop large enough to slip out of quickly, but not so large that it comes off by itself.

2. If a forehand method of throwing is used, see that the left foot is in front (reverse if you are left-handed); if a backhand method, see that the right foot is in front.



3. Be sure not to get stuck on your feet; be ready to move and to use the whole body as well as the arms.

4. Practise so that you do not need a great deal of space when throwing. If you were throwing from the bank of a river you might be surrounded by bushes, and would then be unable to use the over-arm method or the method when the life-line is swung in circles.

5. Coiling the rope is a very important part of the test, as the success of the throw very much depends on this. When you have attached one end of the rope to your left hand, start to coil the rope on to this hand; make the loops fairly large, and, when you have coiled about half the rope, put one finger up and then go on coiling over the others. You will find that without any further fuss you can hold the first part of the coil in your left hand, and the other part in your right hand, with one strand of the rope only going from one coil to the other. It is important to start coiling from the fixed end,

as then any twists or kinks in the rope will be able to unwind themselves.

6. To make any type of throw go as far as possible, the rope should leave the right hand at an angle exactly between vertical and horizontal.

7. Having practised the throw, practise also the "pull-in." This should be steady hand-over-hand pull, letting the rope fall to the ground just beside your yeet. Just as in the throw, do not keep your feet together; be



prepared to move and have one foot in front of the other. Practise with a weight or person at the end of the rope. Best of all, practise pulling someone through the water.

#### Methods of Throwing.

(a) Having coiled the rope, hold the right hand slightly below shoulder level and behind the body, standing with left foot forward. To make the throw, swing the right arm straight through to a forward position where the hand is just above head level. Then let the left hand swing forward from the side with the remainder of the rope, and at the same time let the right foot come forward.

(b) The right hand is held lower than in (a), and an ordinary under-arm throw is made by the right arm swinging forward and upward, followed as before by the left hand. There is a danger of throwing the rope too high in this method.

(c) Backhand throws seem to be easier for some people, and are made as follows:—Coil the rope as before, stand with right foot forward, left hand by side, right hand slightly forward. With a swing of the right hand, fling the rope, getting the weight on to the right foot, and then letting the rope go from the left hand.

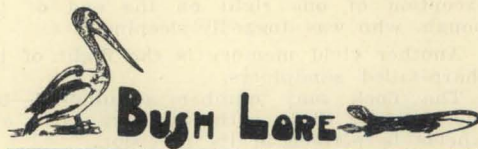
If you are, by any chance, anywhere near a fisherman or a sailor, watch and see how he throws his ropes. He will probably use one of these three methods.

## COMING OF AGE OF GUIDING IN VICTORIA.

### Pioneers' Celebration.

Over 100 Pioneers of Guiding in Victoria are meeting at a re-union on Saturday, June 28, at the Union House, Melbourne University. About 90 are meeting at tea at 6 p.m. and more are coming later in time for the Company meeting at 7.30 p.m. All enrolled members of the Guide Movement before December, 1925, are Pioneers, and many old friends will be met in the Violet, Robin, Pansy, and Rose Patrols of long ago.

Miss Moran is Captain for the evening. The Captain of 1st Skipton, Mrs. Yencken, and the Lieutenant of 1st Heidelberg, Mrs. Linton, will tell of the early days, round the camp fire, and the old songs will be sung. Snapshots and early pictures will be shown during the meeting, and perhaps a few games played. The recent events and development of Guiding throughout the world will be discussed in Patrols, perhaps suggestions and ideas for the future will be made—we hope so. For a milestone has been reached in Guiding in Victoria. She is 21 years old this year. A troubled year to reach her majority certainly, but what opportunities for her to grasp in her new womanhood, the very time to show her worth. And from this reunion of older Commissioners and Guiders of the early Companies and their younger Guides grown up will surely come some added strength and wisdom and purpose for the future.—E. FAULKNER.



Editor: Ina Watson.

### BIRD FLOCKS.

Have you noticed on any of your winter walks the way in which the birds are "flocking"? This is specially noticeable with magpies and magpie-larks.

Winter is the time when they are free from the cares of nest building and family rearing, so that they have more time to be sociable. It is no uncommon sight to see eight or ten magpies sitting on the top of a dead tree, their carol ringing out cheerfully, one catching up the song as the previous one finishes.

(This winter flocking of species which are more or less stationary is distinct from the gathering of swallows and other migrants preparatory to their flights away for the winter months.)

That they belong. No blanket method of introducing girls will make each one happy.

At night, too, you will see the birds flying in from the plains to the shelter of the trees, and there must be keen competition for the warmest perches these winter nights.

Some varieties stay in small flocks for feeding all the year round, e.g., the white-naped, and brown-headed honey-eaters, and the sitellas.

I remember lying on the ground looking up into a tree in, I think, the Bendigo district some years ago. It was spring time, and there were a number of the little black-capped sitellas who had paired off and were sitting happily together on the branches. Further up in the tree was a trio, consisting of a hen bird and two males, both of whom were doing their best to persuade the lady to make up her mind. The three were huddled as closely together as possible: one of the males would suddenly fly off the branch and force his way between the other bird and the hen, to whom he would then pay exaggerated attention. The gentleman, who had as a consequence been forced out of the picture, would either fly round to the other side of the lady, or repeating the manoeuvre just described lever his rival out into the cold. We had to leave before the matter was finalised.

Again, in the early autumn of last year at Frankston, a constant chattering called for investigation. It proved to be the youngsters of two, or perhaps more, families of brown-headed honey-eaters. They had left the care of their parents, but were evidently glad of company. Eight of them were perched very closely together on two small branches, five on one, three on the other. All were trying to preen themselves, with the exception of one right on the end of the bough, who was doggedly sleeping.

Another vivid memory is the flight of the sharp-tailed sandpipers.

The flock may number a hundred—but their zig-zag flight with its sharp turns and wheels is perfect in its precision.

"If winter comes—"

From all the signs we can look for spring early this year. Green coreas and apple berry were well in bloom in the beginning of June, and buds on other plants were well advanced.

#### Watch for—

"The bare trees are like empty wine glasses, waiting to be filled with the wine of spring."

It is not too soon to suggest to your Guides that they watch how the outlines of the introduced trees thicken gradually.

Make sure this year that your Guides watch for and know the flowers of the trees, such as elm, plane and oak, which are planted along the streets.

#### Did You Know?

That many shell fish, other than oysters, can grow pearls? Among the jewels in the Queen's crown is a pink pearl, which was found in a fresh water mussel in Scotland.

## BROWNIES.

### Believe It Or Not.

Silence falls as the small stranger comes towards the Fairy Ring. Holding out her hand the little girl offers a penny, and murmurs, "Here's a penny, I want to be a Brownie."

"I'm so sorry but the Pack is quite full up."

More firmly comes the reply:

"I'll give you tuppence."

### Transformation.

We all remember the interest with which we gazed at the newly-acquired property at Britannia Creek and tried to visualise the full possibilities of it all. Committees were speedily arranged to deal with every side of the work and just as speedily set to work.

At the first State conference following this, some Brownie Guiders brought a proposal to make the small cottage their especial care and to raise money to improve it in every possible way. A Committee was formed at once. It sent an appeal to all Packs to endeavour to raise a pound by the end of the year. It arranged jumble sales, picture night and concerts. As a result of bank balance at the end of the year reached the hundred pounds. A large part of this was spent on urgent repairs and paint. Slowly but surely money was continued to be collected and carefully spent. Speedily and surely the working bees tackle the many jobs. Up to date a great deal has been completed. The cottage, once dark, is now light. Shaky parts are now firm, neatness and order prevail.

The Committee has further plans in hand, so that before long the cottage will be transformed like another Cinderella, except that this time the change is permanent. Brownie Guiders eager to help on the work need to read Matilda each month, and they will see announcements about the activities for raising money, and the times of working bees at the cottage.

—V.A.T.

### BROWNIES' BATHROOM BALLAD.

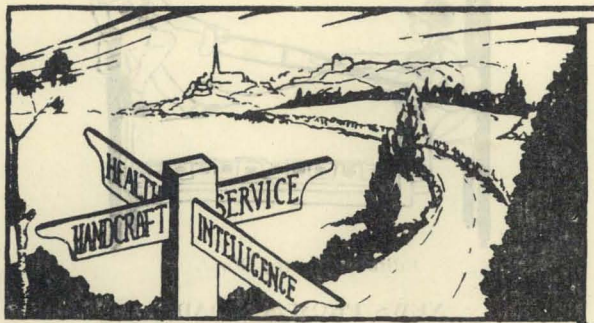
A competition will be held for all Brownies in Victoria. Brownies are asked to make up a rhyme, with or without illustrations, describing a new bathroom at the Brownie Cottage. A prize will be awarded for first and second. Sixpence per entry.

Proceeds from this will go to furnishing the bathroom. Packs may send more than one entry. Entries to be in by Saturday, August 16, to Miss D. Veitch, 10 Durham Street, Heidelberg, N.22.

Our colour scheme for the bathroom is as follows, white bath built in with new green bath-heater and shower screen, towel rails, hand-basin and bath mats, new paint for walls.

This is a splendid opportunity for Country Packs to L.A.H.

## The Sign Post



*Editor: Marjorie Nicholson.*

Peace, thou richest and most beautiful of the happy gods, the envy of all, why dost thou loiter?  
—Euripides.

REPRINTED FROM INTERMEDIATE PROGRAMME GUIDE FOR GIRL SCOUT LEADERS.

### How to Handle Individual Differences in a Group.

It is not enough to know causes of differences and to be able to recognise and judge them. The test for the leader comes in her ability to weave all these varying personalities into a group and give each child a programme that will help her develop into a happy, poised person. How can such ends be accomplished? Unfortunately, there is no magic formula. General means to an end may be suggested, but each leader must work out her own problems.

As a point of departure the leader gets acquainted with each of her girls. She plans time for those casual yet important conversations before and after meetings. So much is learned in this way of a young girl's hopes, joys, and sorrows. The girls may also be observed in the streets, on the school playground. Which are leaders? Which get along well with their friends? What are their chief delights in play when left to their own devices? Helpful suggestions also come from parents.

Some leaders find it helpful to keep records. A file is started, and kept confidential, of course. Whenever any behaviour or ability of the girl seems outstanding, it is jotted down and filed. Perusing these re-

ords a few weeks hence, the leader will discover which girls she is aware of and which are completely escaping her attention.

In ways such as these the leader learns as much as she can about her girls. Next, she examines herself and her relationship with the girls. Which girl does she like best and which least? Why does she feel that way? Is she maintaining a warm, friendly attitude toward all her girls without becoming too personal?

The leader next examines the programme planned for her Girl Scouts. Perhaps the interpretation put on it has been too narrow. If badges are interpreted as hobby interests, they may become real fun. Hikes, entertainments for younger children, community service plans, can be so organised that each girl, with her special talents, may find a vital place in the activity. If Patrols are truly emphasised as small, democratic groups for planning, the girl's own wishes for fun will be better expressed. The girls who actually plan their programmes and do things of vital interest to themselves do not get into mischief or become bored. They are too busy doing something positive.

Perhaps, in the past, too little time has been spent on free, informal discussion in the group as a whole. The courtesy and behaviour of the leader in such a discussion set a good example for the girls. When the leader questions the wisdom of proposals made she is really helping her girls think wisely and consider consequences. When she asks them if they can afford a certain expense she is helping them get a better conception of thrift and money values. As community needs are discussed the leader points out opportunities for service and problems of their own town.

Through all the above steps, the leader learns more about the characteristics of girls and how to manage her particular group. She learns what are normal interests and what are normal outbursts of behaviour. The leader, by thoughtfully observing girls, actually grows in wisdom and tackles her job of leadership with more intelligence. Meanwhile the girls have more fun, and the leader as well, for she has the satisfaction of knowing she is "getting somewhere" with them.

This general approach to the problems of group leadership may not necessarily get at the cause of every annoyance. It may be necessary to break up cliques by a diplomatic changing of Patrol members. It may be necessary to make sure that activities are planned on the basis of interests. If the age range is too wide, transfers to other Troops may be suggested.

Sometimes, when there is trouble afoot, it is necessary to find the ringleader, discover what satisfaction she gets in leading her group in the wrong direction, and then try to give her the satisfactions of leadership that is for the interest of Troop unity.

New members in Girl Scout Troops should be introduced as individuals and made to feel

This is particularly true of the Brownie entering a Girl Scout Troop. If her new Patrol leader visits the Pack and knows the talents of the Scout-to-be, the ten-year-old will not feel so lost.

A trouble-making girl should be dealt with privately. She needs to be approached in a positive, helpful way rather than in an accusatory manner. This singling out must be accomplished without the awareness of others in the group. Get her opinion about the difficulty. Try to understand why she behaved as she did.

Generally speaking, the leader plans never to be "shocked" by any manifestation in the group. She may be surprised at a lack of good judgment, but never outwardly disturbed. If a difficulty is due to a need for information, she gives such information. If a difficulty relates to unpleasant surroundings for the meeting and to the lack of equipment, the Troop committee may be approached for a solution of the problem. As a general rule, it is better to suggest and to raise a question rather than to dictate to the girls. "What do you think?" or, "If I were you, I believe I should do such and such—" suggest a friendly attitude. Girls are most responsive to such approaches. They measure up to kindness and fair play.

Girls, then, will be girls and behave as the result of past experiences and present opportunities. Seen as an individual in a Troop, each girl can be given opportunities that will help her reach a high level of accomplishment. With such an aim, the leader receives a keener sense of satisfaction in work accomplished. The community, seeing individual girls develop under the guidance of Girl Scouting, becomes aware of the vast possibilities for good in such a recreational movement. Important as these immediate values are, the remote values are perhaps just as great; for as a result of careful individual guidance one sees emerging a desire to live up to one's highest possibilities.

#### RANGER DINNER.

One of the most popular fixtures during the past two years has been the Ranger dinner. The evenings have been so happy and enjoyable that Rangers asked for a dinner to be held again this year.

Will you come along at 6.15 p.m. on Saturday, July 26, to the United Services Cafe, on the Block, 98 Elizabeth Street?

Dinner will be 2/6 per head and will be followed by a jolly programme, including a camp fire and sing-song—so come prepared to sing heartily after you have dined!

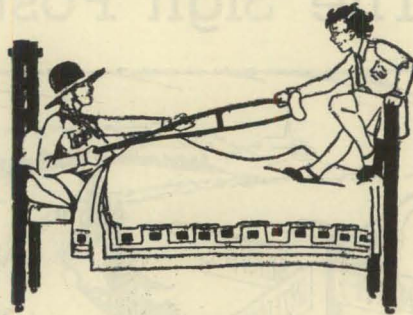
Applications, accompanied by a deposit of 1/- per head, must reach me by Thursday, July 17.—BERYL McNEE, Convener, 481 George St., Fitzroy, N.6.

#### HELP FOR POST GUIDERS.

When a Post Ranger is visiting Melbourne, her Captain is always keen for her to attend an active Company meeting. If we can ob-

tain a list of Company meeting nights and situations of meeting halls it will help Post Guiders to put their Rangers into touch with the Company nearest to where she is staying.

Will Company Secretaries please send this information to the Secretary, Ranger Committee, Peggy Edmondson, 18 Griffiths St., Caulfield, S.E.8.



Editor: Sydney Foot.

#### NEWS FROM ABROAD.

All members of the Extension Branch, as well as her many friends in the Guide Movement, will be interested to hear something of Miss Campbell, who is at present "in the Middle East."

After an interesting time "up the line" where her knowledge of knots and camping stood her in good stead in erecting clotheslines and improvising a massage room, she is now back again in Palestine. She says of it:

"Palestine is a lovely country and every village and every street almost has a biblical name or reference. I have been to Bethlehem and Nazareth and Jericho, and had a swim in the Dead Sea and lunch by the Sea of Galilee under some shady trees, sitting on an old bit of black marble which had once been a bit of the Synagogue of Capernaum where Christ taught—do you remember the prophecy that one stone would not be left on another?"

"Galilee is the most beautiful place in the world—the calm still waters of the lake surrounded by silent hills, with the Lebanons topped with snow behind—and Nazareth is very lovely, too, on a high hill with a wide view away across plains, Esdralon and Jezreel.

"Mine is a very comfortable tent, and, my word, the times I have been glad I am a Guide are just without number. Scouts in Alexandria and a Guider in Ismailia and Scouts in Gaza and Jerusalem have all befriended me."

#### News from Guide Week.

3rd Post Rangers collected 15/- in Guide Week, which they sent along to the Berry Street Foundling Home for groceries. Some of the Rangers also knitted singlets, bonnets, and socks.

Other members of this Company are busy working for proficiency badges—two are being tested for knitter's badge, and one is working for her health badge.

#### Old Guide Circle (Posts).

An Old Guide Circle has been started, principally for Post Rangers, and Miss Nettie Senter, who has been a Post Guide and a Post Ranger and who now belongs to 3rd Melbourne Ranger Company, has become the Leader of the Circle. Nettie is well known to Extension and active Rangers, being the possessor, among other badges, of her Ranger Star, All Round Cords, and Pioneer's Badge.

Any Guiders knowing of Post Rangers who would care to join the Circle are asked to write either to the Commissioner for Extension or to Miss N. Senter, 142 Donald St., N.10.

#### Joke.

A postcard received by a Guider from one of her evacuated Guides. "My new Captain is just like you, only pretty. Let me know, please, when you get bombed."

#### LONES.

The Lones gathering for which we have been working for the last two months was held at Guide House during the King's birthday week-end. In fact, as I write, we have just returned from it. I hope I am not looking through rose-coloured glasses when I say it was an unqualified success.

Everything went so well; there were no hitches anywhere. The staff was very helpful, the girls willing and eager. No one missed the trains either going or returning. Even the programme was docile and did not need alteration at the last moment. The weather could not have been more glorious. Everyone seemed to enjoy it; I know I did.

There were 19 of us—not counting Pop-eye the Peke, who, though the smallest, was certainly the most important, in amusement value, anyway. His ability to get directly under anyone's feet at any given moment was amazing. He escaped annihilation several times. There were seven Guides, four Rangers, four Guiders, the Trainer—Miss Nicholson—Q.M. Secretary, and myself. The Districts they came from were Gowanford, Bellbrae, Stanhope, Monomeith, Clayton South, Milltown, Wandin, Harcourt and Anglesea.

They all arrived in uniform, for which we have to thank the Lones L.A., who had undertaken to provide one for each girl attending. Measurements had been sent of the sizes required, and to show how carefully they had been studied each girl looked as if her uniform might really have been hers. It was interesting that one, covered with imposing looking badges, was worn by a girl who showed so much initiative that it might easily be taken as an indication of her future achievements.

There were several practical tests passed. This is tremendously valuable to Lones who so often have to wait months before getting the opportunity in the ordinary course of events. Three were passed in all sections of the Tenderfoot, three in bedmaking, one in fire-lighting, snakebite, and in portions of first aid and knots.

Sunday was spent around the Guide property. While Miss Nicholson took the Guides and Rangers for a treasure hunt, the Guiders held a conference session, when all sorts of knotty questions were discussed and many useful suggestions and ideas gleaned which should help us all. One of the Rangers undertook to cook the mid-day meal as part of her Cook's Badge, so Q.M. was out of a job for the time being, and regretted that she had not brought her knitting!

The highlight of Monday was an enrolment, following an all-day hike. This was a special thrill for me because it was the first enrolment I have taken since joining the Lones. It was a perfect setting. Miss Nicholson and Miss Fowler constructed a flag pole from an old tent pole found on the site, and we hoisted the Colour which we had brought with us. We practised horse-shoe formation a couple of times, as it was new to practically everyone, then the three recruits were brought up by their Leaders. The scene could not have been more in keeping for Lones. The sun shone on the clearing where we stood; a knot of young wattle trees stood behind us, around us were the hills and above us the sky. In the distance was the sound of running water.

Directly after the enrolment we had to return home, as we were due to leave the Guide House at 4.40. Here we found Q.M. had prepared an enormous pile of sandwiches and scones for the train journey, and regaled us with a last hot cup of cocoa before we left by the bus.

Our grateful thanks are due to the L.L.A., who besides producing uniforms for those who needed them, also provided hospitality for the girls who had no friends or relations with whom to stay the nights before and after camp. Besides these arrangements, without which it may have been impossible for some of the girls to have come at all, the L.L.A. assisted financially where asked towards individual expenses. Their co-operation in any way that was possible was the main factor in the success of the gathering. My Guiders have asked me to express their appreciation and thanks for their help.

The next meeting of the L.L.A. to be held at Headquarters on Tuesday, July 8, at 2 p.m. will be the annual one, and I would like to remind those Commissioners who have not already appointed a member from their own L.A.'s to represent their District on our L.A. that this is the opportunity to do so. Metropolitan members are invited to be the Executive and attend the by-monthly meetings, and all members will receive the minutes, so as to keep in touch with our activities. We hope for a good attendance on July 8.

—M.R.F.

## Camping and Training

*Editor: Elaine Moran.*

### WINTER PREPARATIONS FOR CAMP.

Now is the time for systematic overhaul of the Company or District camping kit. Take one section each month—tents, kitchen-ware, screening, tools, poles, pegs, etc.—and go over it thoroughly. Cast out all that is worn out, so as to avoid that awful accumulation of old useless gear. Give you kitchen tins and jar tops a coat of lacquer. Check over the guys and brailings and splice on new ones where necessary. The tents should have been repaired after the last camp, but in case they were not go over them now with an eagle eye, and patch and mend any weak spots. If the screening looks a bit jaded, give it a dip in the dye. Check the poles and give them a fresh coat of paint. Count the pegs and put the right number for a tent and fly in each bag, after sharpening the points. Label everything clearly. Do a little every week at Company meetings. The Guides enjoy looking after their own kit: they gain much satisfaction from being responsible for it and keeping it in good order; it adds greatly to the joy and appreciation of camp itself, if you love and cherish and regard it as almost personal property, each home-made, home-spliced, home-painted piece of camp gear.

### GOLD CORD TEST.

The Victorian Executive Committee decided recently to adopt for this State a by-law in connection with Gold Cord tests, similar to that used in Scotland. There is an article on this in *The Guider*, September, 1940, page 238, "On the Gold Standard." When a Gold Cord application is received, instead of the candidate being sent a written paper, a practical test will be arranged.

"On receipt of these particulars a practical test will be arranged by a Diploma'd Guider. The purpose of this test is to ensure that the candidate has not only got a thorough understanding of the aims and ideals of the Movement, but that the badges have been obtained on a high standard, and that the candidate has maintained her interest in the work, and is endeavouring to put her knowledge to practical use. . . ."

"These tests are rather like a First Class one of the more exciting variety, and the Guide concerned is expected to be able to do anything from the Tenderfoot, Second and First Class tests, and any of the work covered by her badges. . . ."

We can find out "whether she can really do the things for which she has a badge, and can show adaptability and initiative when working with strange materials in strange surroundings. And—most important—does she seem to use the Guide Law in this way, too?"

Please read P.O.R., rule 54, and the article in *The Guider*.

### TRAINING COURSES.

#### Guiders' Training Week-end.

If applications warrant it, a Guiders' Training Week-end will be held at the Guide House from Friday, August 29, to Sunday, August 31 inclusive. The fee will depend on the number attending, and will be between 7/6 and 10/-, plus fares. Applications, accompanied by deposit of 3/- and 5/9 rail fare if desired, should reach Miss Macartney at the Guide Office by August 8. Deposit will not be refunded if withdrawal is made later than August 22.

#### Woodcraft Week.

This camp for Guiders will give training in all branches of Woodcraft—hiking, Scouting games, etc.

Dates: August 30 to September 6.

Under canvas. Fee between 22/6 and 30/-, depending on number attending. Fare from Melbourne, including bus, 7/-. Applications, accompanied by deposit of 5/-, plus 5/9 for rail ticket (if required) should reach Miss Macartney at the Guide Office, by August 1. Deposit will not be refunded if withdrawal is made later than August 15.

#### Camp First Aid Test.

The syllabus is being posted to all those who sent in their names.

#### Campers' Licence.

Miss B. Jackson, Captain, 5th Ballarat, has passed the tests for Camper's Licence.

#### Open Week-ends.

July 18-20; August 1-3, 15-17; September 19-21; October 3-5, 17-19; November 7-9, 21-23.

### GUIDE SHOP.

#### Material.

For those who wish to have a better overall material than the standard one supplied at Guide Headquarters, we have been able to procure from Guide Headquarters, London, a small supply of "Duro-fabric" which is a guaranteed dye, and of a finer quality—the price being 3/6 per yard, plus postage.

We have also imported a woollen "Viyel'a fabric" that can be used for the winter months. It is light-weight, but much warmer than cotton; this is 8/- a yard, plus postage. The width in both these materials is 36in. This supply is necessarily limited.

#### Guide Blue Pullovers.

There are a limited number of Guide blue pullovers in small sizes in stock. These are being offered at a special price of 9/11, which is remarkably good value for these times.

SUPPLEMENT TO MATILDA  
JULY 1941

CAMOUFLAGE NETS  
FOR THE DEFENCE DEPARTMENT

Classes have been held twice a week recently, at Girl Guide Headquarters, Melbourne, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. 73 Guiders, Rangers, Old Guides and Local Association members have had instruction and many are competent netters, some having been passed as instructors.

In future, evening instruction will be given on Monday and Thursday evenings from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. beginning on 14th July.

A special afternoon class will be held on Wednesday afternoons from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. beginning on 16th July. It is thought that Commissioners and members of Local Associations might find this time more convenient than in the evening. It is not necessary to attend the whole time, but just to come in for an hour or so as convenient.

At her first lesson the new netter learns how to "cast on" and make a net with string. Then, at home, she makes a practice net which must conform to a certain standard. If this passes the test she goes on to "real" netting at her second lesson, and after some experience may be appointed an instructor.

It is expected that in some Districts, Commissioners will form netting groups, when Local Association members, Guiders, Rangers, and older Guides may all take part.

M.R.Fairbairn.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**

Minutes of meetings of the Executive Committee of the Girl Guides' Association, Victoria, held the Guide Office on May 21 and June 5:—

**MAY 21.**

Present.—Lady Chauvel, Mrs. Faulkner, Mrs. Blackwood, Mrs. Bakewell, Mrs. Edmondson, Mrs. Pearson, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Tate, Misses Butt, Moran, Russell and the Secretary.

**Agreed.**

That a new duplicator should be purchased.

That the appointment of Miss Daintry Gillett as Camp Adviser be approved.

That we should adopt the Scottish by-law relating to the Gold Cord Test.

That the Association should continue as a member of the National Theatre Movement.

**Reported.**

That 2000 yards of overall material had arrived from England.

That a meeting had been held to consider the possibility of testing for the Little House Badge at the Guide House and that suggestions for training and testing were being printed in "Matilda."

That work on the Caretaker's Cottage had been delayed, as timber had been commandeered by the Government; that Guiders and Rangers had painted the Guide House.

That a telegram of good wishes on the twenty-first birthday of Victorian Guiding had been received from the Guide Association of Western Australia.

That the "Pioneers' Party" would be held

on June 28 at the Union House, University of Melbourne.

That Miss Lummis was willing to take charge of arranging the roster of helpers for the "Ware" Kindergarten Holiday Home.

That 13 applications had been received to date for the A.R.P. Class.

**JUNE 25.**

Present.—Lady Chauvel, Mrs. Faulkner, Mrs. Blair, Mrs. Edmondson, Mrs. Fairbairn, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Tate, Misses Butt, Cameron, Drury, Moran, Purnell, Ross, Russell, and Swinburne.

**Agreed.**

That a resume of Guide Week activities should be published in "Matilda."

That there should be a group for Camouflage Netting at Headquarters for members of the Guide Association; that Lady Chauvel, Mrs. M. R. Fairbairn, Misses Andrews, Moran and Ross should be asked to be members of a sub-committee to arrange details.

That a Thanks Badge should be granted to Mrs. Kirkham, Warrnambool.

That Miss Ross should represent Lady Chauvel at the Rotary Club luncheon during Youth Week.

That we should suggest that Australian songs sent to the Imperial Commissioner for Training should be sent through the Federal Secretary.

**Reported.**

That the roof of the Guide House was being painted.

That some members of the 1st Skipton Company, which had recently celebrated its twenty-first birthday, would attend the Pioneers' Party on June 28.

That 54,430 garments had been packed for

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the Guide War Appeal, 46,295 being for children and 8,135 for seamen.

That owing to the small number of applicants, the A.R.P. class would not be held at Headquarters, but the applicants would join a class at Shell House.

That as it did not seem possible to hold the Federal Council meeting this year, States had been asked to send any suggestions or requests by post.

Routine and financial business was transacted.

—M. E. BUSH.

### WARRANTS AND REGISTRATIONS.

**District Commissioner.**—Nhill: Mrs. E. G. Dahlenburg.

**Division Secretary.**—Barwon Division: Miss M. B. Freeman, 19 Laurel Bank pde., Newtown, Geelong. **District Secretary.**—Geelong District I: Mrs. M. J. Birdsey. **Brown Owl.**—1st Moe Pack: Miss E. L. Saxton. **Captain.**—1st Dimboola: Miss L. Fechner; 2nd Heidelberg (Austin Hospital), Miss I. Low; 1st Pakenham, Miss J. McAfee; 3rd Sandringham, Miss D. Latham. **Lieutenant.**—1st Pakenham, Miss A. McAfee; 1st Sandringham, Miss D. Mack. **Companies.**—1st Flinders, 1st Rosebud.

#### Cancellations.

**District Secretary.**—Geelong, Miss M. B. Freeman.

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