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ITINERARY FOR CHIEF GUIDE'S VISIT TO VICTORIA, 1947

Saturday, 22nd November:

- 2.15 p.m.—Arrive Showgrounds or M.C.C. (possibility of M.C.C. for Rally, but not confirmed).
- Till 2.45 p.m.—Meet Extension Guides.
- 2.45 p.m.—Combined Rally of Guides and Scouts.

Sunday, 23rd November:

- 3 p.m.—Guides' Own, Independent Church, Collins Street.

Monday, 24th November:

- 12 noon—Reception by Lady Mayoress.
- 2.30 p.m.—Local Association Meeting, St. Kilda Town Hall.
- 8 p.m.—Commissioners, Guiders and Scouters' Meeting.

Tuesday, 25th November:

- 8.30 a.m.—Depart by air for Mildura.
- 11 a.m.—Arrive at Mildura Aerodrome. Civic Reception, followed by Luncheon. Afternoon—Brownie Revels.
- 6 p.m.—Board Showboat "Avoca" and travel downstream through the Lock to Chaffey's Bend, where Tea and Camp-fire will be held.

Wednesday, 26th November:

- Lunch, Commissioners and Presidents of L.A.'s.

- 3 p.m.—Combined Meeting of L.A.'s., to which public are invited.
- 7 p.m.—Guiders and Scouters' Dinner.

Friday, 28th November:

- Evening, 8 p.m.—Public Meeting, Assembly Hall.

Saturday, 29th November:

- 12 noon—Arrive for Lunch at Field Day, Montmorency.

Sunday, 30th November:

- Pleasant Sunday Afternoon, Wesley Church, 3 p.m.

Monday, 1st December:

- 8 p.m.—Parents' Meeting, Assembly Hall.

Tuesday, 2nd December:

- 3 p.m.—Guide Headquarters to meet State Council, ex Guide people and others.

Wednesday, 3rd December:

- Lunch, Rotary Club.

Thursday, 4th December:

- To Bendigo.

Friday, 5th December:

- To Ballarat. Annual Meeting.

Saturday, 6th December:

- To Geelong.

Monday, 8th December:

- To Warrnambool and Koroit.

Wednesday, 10th December:

- To Port Fairy and Portland.

Thursday, 11th December:

- To Hamilton.

Friday, 12th December:

- To Ararat.

The Chief Guide at the Guide House



At Lunch on the Verandah.

Lady Baden-Powell visited the Guide House on 30th August, after landing the previous day from the "New Zealand Star." These photographs were taken during her visit, and the two Guiders responsible, Miss Margaret Burr and Miss Gwen Roberts, have very kindly permitted "Matilda" to publish them.



Lady Baden-Powell talks to the Guides of 1st Gardiner Company.



The Chief Guide planted a Purple Birch in the Garden.



READ and DIGEST!

All Guides, Rangers and Brownies will be interested to know that a letter has been received from Messrs. McVitie & Price, Harlesden, London, N.W.10, saying:—

“Further to our letter of 29th August, we are pleased to inform you that the seven cases of ingredients for the wedding cake of H.R.H. the Princess Elizabeth have now reached us, and the contents are all in splendid condition.”

Victoria has agreed to pay one-sixth of the total cost of the ingredients, licences and customs, which amounted to the moderate sum of £30/4/10. One-sixth of that amount is £5/0/10, and we are sure that all Guides, Rangers and Brownies would like to have even a small share in the cost of Princess Elizabeth's wedding cake.

Any money collected can be sent direct to Headquarters, 60 Market Street, Melbourne.

GUIDES' OWN

SUNDAY, 23rd NOVEMBER, at 3 p.m.,

At the Independent Church, Collins Street.

Companies are asked to be seated by 2.50 p.m.

Colour-bearers (no escorts) will assemble in the Church Hall, on the eastern side of the Church, not later than 2.30 p.m.

Each Company may bring two colours if desired.

The whole Order of Service, including hymns, will be found in the Souvenir Rally Programme, which Guides are asked to bring with them to the service.

Lady Baden Powell will be present, and will speak during the service.

It was not possible to obtain the use of a larger building, but arrangements have been made to relay the service to the Church Hall if necessary. Guides attending this relayed service will have an opportunity to see the Chief Guide, as she will visit the Hall for a few minutes after the service.

Guides are reminded that they do not salute in Church—neither for the National Anthem nor the passage of the Colours.

Guiders are asked to discuss the disposition of Colours for the service with their Divisional Guider, and pass the information on to their Colour-bearers, who should, if possible, be experienced Guides.

ANN F. RYLAH, Convener.

RALLY NEWS

Has your Company or Pack received its quota of buttons for the Chief's visit? We do hope you are selling them all, and asking for more. Will you send your cash and any buttons you have over to Mrs. Barclay, 29 George Street, East Melbourne, by Thursday, 20th November. Country Guiders, your Guides will want to wear a button whether they can or cannot come to the Rally. Send your orders and cash to Miss E. Tobin, 7 Fordham Road, Hawthorn.

Souvenir Programmes are now ready for sale at H.Q. or from your Rally divisional Guider. They are attractive, full of interest and information. Every Guider will need one for—

- (1) The Rally Programme.
- (2) Field Day information.
- (3) A diary of events during the Chief's visit.
- (4) The order of service for the Guides' Own.

Every Guide and Guider will want one because of—

- (1) The history of Guiding and Scouting in Victoria.
- (2) The photos of prominent Guide and Scout people.

The Guide House has a page, too, and the Chief's Standard is explained—all for 1/-. A lot of work and thought has been put into these programmes, and we do hope to sell them all.

Don't forget your parcels for the Pageant! Follow the instructions sent out in your last Rally circular very carefully.

A misprint in September's "Matilda" on the subject of stockings and socks! Here is the correction. Guiders must wear stockings. Rangers and Guiders must wear fawn socks. If the Company wears black shoes, then they are uniform.

Please read all circulars carefully, and keep them for reference.

JEAN BROWN, Convener of Rally.

BILLETING

To those Guiders who have replied so promptly to our request in September "Matilda" we send our thanks.

To those Guiders who have not yet had an opportunity to reply we would remind them that 8th November is the closing date for details to be forwarded to the Billeting Committee.

To ensure the success of this Rally, very many more hostesses are needed. Will you see what you can do?

IRENE A. WALLACE.

COLOUR PARTIES

A rehearsal for Colour Parties will be held on Saturday, 15th November, at 2.30 p.m., on the vacant block next to Miss MacLeod's home, 40 Albany Road, Toorak. Take Toorak tram in Swanston Street to Kooyong Road, walk south (uphill) and take first turn to left. Vacant block is next to No. 40.

Uniform will be inspected, and Colour Parties will be chosen to carry the Chief Guide's Standard at the Rally, also Colour Parties to lead the March Past.

LOST FROM THE GUIDERS' LIBRARY

CAMPCRAFT	Library No. 390
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STORY OF THE GIRL GUIDES	Library No. 242
TENDERFOOTS' A.B.C.	Library No. 276
THE QUARTERMASTER IN CAMP	Library No. 106
PATROL SYSTEM	Library No. 225
SKYE BOAT SONG	Library No. M48
COUNTRY DANCE MUSIC	Library No. CD2

These are all missing from the Guiders' Library, and there are no entries in the Record Book to say who has taken them. This means that Guiders wanting to read these books cannot get them, and the Library Committee does not know where to ask for their return.

The rule of the Library is that NO book can be taken unless entered in the Record Book, so will you be careful always to do this?

If you are responsible for a missing book, please send it back as quickly as possible.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

STAMPS !!

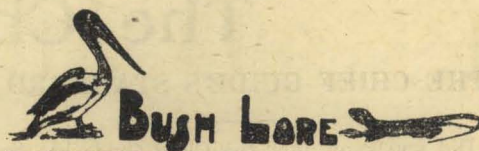
We wish to acknowledge the receipt of packets of stamps from the following:—

Miss R. Benton, Heidelberg Hospital.
1st Ararat Company.
4th South Yarra Company.
An anonymous donor (mostly overseas and early Australian).
Headquarters (a large collection).

Thank you. Keep sending.

N.B.—Please put your name, or name of Company, on all packets, so we can acknowledge their receipts in these pages.

—L. E. Cuzens.



WHILE THE BILLY BOILS

After a long hike through wonderful forest country, on the Lamington Plateau, a luncheon respite is well earned, and when food is eaten in such delightful surroundings appetites are better than usual, and the packs are lightened of their weight.

The day we took the Border Walk—so called because the track follows the outline of the range which is actually the border line between Queensland and New South Wales—the sun shone warmly, and when we reached the point named Wanungra we lit a fire and boiled our billy. The picnic spot was well sheltered, and on the surrounding Antarctic Beeches we were thrilled to see the Beech Orchid (*Dendrobium falcorostrum*) in bloom. This orchid is a very lovely species, and it is always happiest when growing on Beech trees—hence its name—but it is also sometimes found on tree fern trunks and other trees, and I have seen it in a private garden in Brisbane. The flowers are borne in clusters and are white or a rich cream, with purplish markings on the inside, and a touch of orange on the throat. The word "falcorostrum" in its botanical name refers to the shape of the lip, which resembles a falcon's bill.

While we sat and enjoyed our lunch, we noticed, on one limb of a Beech tree, the Beech orchid in all its stages of growth, from a well-grown group of plants all in flower to other groups, some putting forth their first flower buds, others just venturing out with their first leaves, and then various yellow, bulb-like swellings on the limb, showing the promise of orchids for future seasons. All this wonder of growth because the Beech orchid seeds fall or are wafted by the breezes to crannies in the bark of the tree, and there they germinate.

A family of noisy currawongs decided to join our luncheon party, and with much hilarity they made us realise they would be quite pleased to eat some bread or beef, and, after many false alarms, two of the birds ventured within a few feet of our fire, and, after hurriedly snatching a crust or a piece of meat, off they flew to share their gains with other members of the family, all the time keeping up a continuous chatter.

While the billy boils, what more could one want than a lovely view over the Tweed Valley, with Mount Warning in the distance, orchids to be seen almost within reach, and a happy family of birds filling the air with ringing calls?

M.D.

The Chief Guide

THE CHIEF GUIDE'S STANDARD

Did you know that the Chief Guide has her own Standard, which is carried before her on official occasions, and takes up its position just behind her when she is on the dais at a Rally or some such similar function? We do not have these Standards here, but in England the Princess Royal and County Commissioners also use their own Standards. The Chief's Standard was made for her by English County and Overseas County Commissioners, and is a really beautiful piece of work. We are sure you will want to know what to look for on it and what is the meaning of the design.

We will not see it in Victoria until the end of November, but here is a description that was published in "Matilda" at the time of the Chief's last visit to Australia: "On the hoist is the trefoil in gold on blue. Next come the blue sea and silver waves and dolphins, with three ships sailing forth into the ends of the earth to carry Guiding overseas. This refers to the overseas work of the Chief Guide. In the midst of the sea is the gold fish, which she alone wears. Then there are red motto bands—the red for cheerfulness—and the mottos are, on the one side, "Be Prepared," and on the other the Powell motto in Welsh, which means "Where there is a Powell there is safety." Between the motto bands there is a space of green and white triangles, and they are the tents of our camps on the green grass, referring to the outdoor side of our Guide life. In the fly there are two fine lions, and these are the Baden and Powell crests."

CAMP AT HATFIELD PARK, HERTFORDSHIRE, ENGLAND

JULY, 1946.

The day before, the Guider-in-Charge had told us the Chief Guide was coming to visit our camp. When she arrived I was neither standing with a beaming smile nor shyly fading myself into the background. I was frying sausages.

Our outposts of Guides had signalled a car coming, and the Guides rushed to pre-arranged posts behind trees. I was being truly self-sacrificing (hence the sausages!) until our "Queen" Q.M. appeared and insisted on taking over.

But I heard the Chief before I saw her, and I wouldn't have had it otherwise. As her car drew up the Guides rushed from ambush and shouted a welcome. I heard the Chief's voice raised in reply. By the time

I'd brushed those wretched tears from my eyes I saw two lines of smiling, laughing Guides—and there she was, shaking hands with each one, and talking to each one. "This is the Chief Guide," my heart said. It need not have told me so clearly—I knew.

We, as Guiders, stood off until the Chief had met every one of the Guides. Then she came to us, and eventually I met her, shook hands with her—and she spoke to me, too.

We had lunch sitting in a square, with the Chief and the members of staff facing downhill. She was about four people away on my right. Everyone was happy. There were dainty, delicate harebells blowing in the grass in front of us.

The sun was hot, and so was the pudding, and the Chief had two helpings!—of the most successful part, I admit. Somehow one pudding boiled dry and wasn't exactly perfect! But I like to think she would have had two helpings even of the not-so-good effort—just as a gesture of goodwill and fellowship in suffering!

She had to leave us—oh, far too soon—but before she said good-bye we all sat under an oak tree in a circle, while she stood leaning against its trunk and told us her adventures "around the world." I found she holds the power to make one laugh one minute and cry the next. That is sincerity and understanding and love, I think.

She wouldn't sit down—patted the tree-trunk and said she'd rather lean against it. Eyes were ever intent on her face.

There was a carton of chocolate slabs which had been sent to England from a more fortunate country. We'd saved them for such an occasion, and asked the Chief would she give them out. She did so, with great joy on both sides—and I noticed how carefully some of those wrappers were folded and put away afterwards. I'm sure they hold honoured positions in many log books of the camp.

She left us, and her car drove slowly down the unmade road, Guides running beside it as it gathered speed.

I felt a great desire to give her something as she was leaving. I remembered looking in the grass for an unusual flower I'd discovered earlier—but I could find none, and she was gone. As soon as her car was out of sight I went to my tent and sat for a few moments—recovering! When you've experienced something you've dreamed about so much and for so long you need a little time to collect your breath afterwards. I couldn't get her out of my mind for the rest of that day.

"MAROMBI."



A WEEK-END AT FOXLEASE

In July, 1946, while I was in England, an opportunity came to visit Foxlease for a week-end. I didn't have to be asked twice!—and as we drove down through Surrey and Hampshire I kept saying to myself: "I'm going to FOXLEASE—I'm going to see FOXLEASE."

At Winchester we stopped and had a peep (only a peep) at the Cathedral. It's the kind of place you can't digest at one meal; you must browse for a day, and then not see and understand everything. A long time ago Winchester was the capital city of England, and the bones of the first six kings are sitting in six wooden caskets in one part of the Cathedral.

Winchester itself has very narrow streets, and there are lots and lots of people and cars and bicycles. Walking along you find yourself mostly in the gutter and on the road—the footpaths are too narrow to hold everyone. You dodge out of the way as cars, etc., come to meet you!

At Alresford we saw a real gypsy caravan. It was painted red and yellow and blue, and a tiny, fair-haired boy was peeping out of the back window. He just LOOKED mischief! The man and woman were walking along beside the horse. They and their caravan were the gypsies you think of when you're thinking of gypsies!

At Romsey we had "tea" and found time to take another peep—at the Abbey this time. It is altogether Norman, and I want to go back there to browse one day. The trouble is that I want to return to all the places I've visited, as well as to visit so many more!

As we drove into the Foxlease drive on Saturday late-afternoon, I glimpsed the white between trees—and then we were there. It is so much smaller, at first glance, than I had expected that I almost looked around to see if "Foxlease" was further on. But no, this was it, exactly as the photographs show. However, to me the photos have made the house look like a barracks in front—very big—so I was surprised at its apparent smallness. I'm not sure that I wasn't a bit disappointed! Before you begin to think me far too critical I will tell you what I discovered about Foxlease while I was there. Foxlease IS Guiding. It lives and breathes it.

During that week-end there were more than 60 Guiders there, each with a similar ideal, in a house filled with gifts from many parts of the world.

At 6.30 p.m. on the Saturday there was a "house tour," when Miss Newnham, the Commissioner for Training, took a group of interested Guiders (including me) around most of the rooms, telling us who gave the many and varied things and giving us a history of the different parts. We were 40 minutes going around, and then we did not see everything!

On the Sunday I collected a haversack from the hike shed, lunch from the kitchen table, raincoat, jumper, map, money, and compass and set out to "discover" the New Forest.

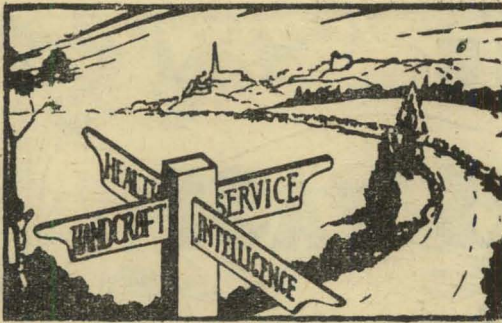
My first aim was a "pine wood" which was only twenty minutes' walk. I came to an open stretch and saw the neat wood on the other side. I half-turned to look at a couple of forest ponies which were grazing on my left—and saw (between me and the ponies) heather, short and purple and "English." When I looked back towards the pines I found heather everywhere. In the distance it had no real colour, but one knew it was there because the ground wasn't the green of grass: it became a misty no-colour. Down at my feet and a little way away it was purple.

When I started to walk on again I found the wind. Whether it was there before I was not sure; as soon as I held heather in my hand I became conscious of it.

If you have a map of the New Forest—which you haven't—you could see where I went: Foxlease, south two miles to Queen's Bower, N.W. to Holiday's Hill, and on to Cole Bridge, back to Millyford Bridge—couldn't find my way to DEADMAN'S MOOR, which sounds delightfully dreary, so, as it was getting latish, I kept to the roads and walked back through Emery Down and Lyndhurst.

At about 3 o'clock, when I'd left Queen's Bower a few yards behind, I met a group of Guiders from "Fox," all of whom inquired "wasn't I coming back for tea?" No, I wasn't; I thought I'd skip tea (which they count an indispensable meal, it seems) and go on walking until "supper time"—7.15 p.m. It

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THE SIGN POST

GIRLS' CLUB OR GUIDE COMPANY?

"The Patrol System is not one method in which Scouting and Guiding may be carried out, but it is the only method."

How often have we heard and read this and similar statements? But how sure are we, each one of us, that we really understand what the words Patrol System mean? And, having understood, that we really use this method of training?

Before reading any further just get a pencil and paper and scribble down a definition of what Patrol System means to you. What does it mean? Several times lately I have been told—by Commissioners and Guiders alike—that it is the division of the Company into any small permanent groups of six to eight girls, each under a Leader chosen by themselves, such groups being the teams used for all games and competitions in the Company. Do you agree? Do you really think it would be such a marvellous form of training as it has proved to be when properly used, if there was no more to it than this?

No, there is, of course, a great deal more to it. Used properly, it means that every single Guide in the Company accepts her share of responsibility, and has an opportunity of contributing to the running of the Company. Such a thing is only possible in the Company where Leaders' Training, Patrols in Council and Court of Honour take place regularly. All of these are equally important, and all essential if the Company meeting is to be a meeting of a Guide Company and not a girls' club.

First of all, Leaders' Training. Guides who are elected as Patrol Leaders do not automatically become good leaders and teachers without regular help and training from their Captain. They need to know how to run their Patrols in Council, to draw out the shy and subdue the noisy Guide; new methods of teaching Tenderfoot and Second Class; ideas for games and activities for Patrol Time; help with their own test work to keep them ahead of the other Guides; how to represent their Patrols at Court of Honour; and many other similar things.

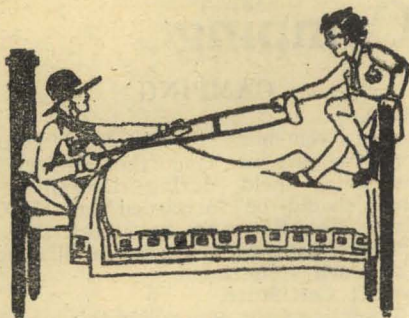
Patrol in Council.—This is the meeting of the Patrol where all matters relating to the Company are discussed. The P.L. must learn how to collect ideas to take from her Patrol to the Court of Honour, and how to bring back from it the decisions and suggestions made.

Court of Honour.—Here Captain and Lieutenant meet with the P.L.'s. to make the final decisions and arrangements in all things concerning the Company. The P.L.'s. must remember that they are speaking for their Patrols and not as individuals, and Captain that it is not her Company, but the Guides'. It is their right to decide what shall, or shall not, be done. If the P.L.'s. are seeing only one side of any question, the wise Captain will give them an alternative view, but always remembering that it is their right, not Captain's, to make the final decision.

We have been thinking here of the Court of Honour and Patrols in Council purely from the Company point of view, but it is the same system which we find all through the Guide Movement. The Captains bring the point of view of the Company Courts of Honour to the District Court of Honour run by the District Commissioner. Then we go on to the Division Courts of Honour, where the Division Commissioner meets her District Commissioners, and finally to the State Commissioner meeting her Division Commissioners. The same system works throughout.

The Patrol System is one of the most important things to look for in a Guide Company; and yet, quite often, one of the most lacking! And I do not know of a single Company where it could not, with advantage, be used more fully than it is. Why I wonder? Lack of time? Eagerness to get quick results? The desire on the Guider's part for a Company which may, on the surface, appear better? Lack of time, mainly, I think; and also lack of realisation of what the Patrol System really means. I have heard of several Companies recently in which no Court of Honour has been held for many months—even when the Captain has been a warranted Guider—and of one Guide who had been a member of three Companies and never even heard of Court of Honour! Without a Court of Honour the whole framework of the Guide Company collapses. Court of Honour is useless without Patrols in Council; and, vice versa, neither they nor the Company Meeting can possibly function without Leaders' Training. They all hang the one upon the other, and are useless on their own. I do sympathise with the busy Guider, but it is quite possible to cancel a Company Meeting a month if necessary and hold Court of Honour and Leaders' Training instead. "Where there's a will there's a way," and why try to be Guiders if we are not willing to conform to the fundamental method of training used?

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AN URGENT APPEAL! UNIFORMS! UNIFORMS!

Brownie Guiders! are your Brownies getting new uniforms for the Chief Guide's visit?

Has your Pack any secondhand uniforms to spare?

The Post Brownie Packs are urgently in need of Brownie overalls before the Rally on the 22nd November. Could your Brownies help by giving—or selling—them to the Extension Branch?

If your Pack can help in this way, will you get in touch with Miss Alston, 5 Struan Street, Toorak, S.E.2 (BJ 2194), as she is the Extension Secretary for the Chief's visit?

Please help us to have the Post Brownies in uniform for this great occasion.

EXTENSION GUIDERS

Will any Extension Guiders who have not already done so please let Miss Alston know the number of Guides or Brownies who will be attending the Rally and Field Day—also their transport needs?

THIS IS URGENT!

ALTERNATIVE TESTS FOR EXTENSIONS

The new syllabus of Alternative Tests for Extensions is now available. These Tests have been worked out for the new Tenderfoot, 2nd Class and 1st Class Tests.

These Alternative Tests are for use when it is not possible for an Extension to do the ordinary Tests owing to her physical handicap.

ACTIVE GUIDERS, this concerns you, too! If you have an Extension in your Company—or attached to your Company—please use these Tests. Miss Shaw, 23 Wakefield Street, Hawthorn, E.2, has copies of them.

The Extension Branch makes a point of giving Extensions a complete Test. If she cannot do the ordinary Test, then she does an Alternative, which incorporates the skill needed in the original Test, but which is

within her capabilities. For instance, if the ordinary Test includes timing, then the Alternative will also do so, or if it is "service for others," then the Alternative will also include that.

Extensions do not like to feel they are "being let off easily." Besides, that would do away with half the benefits they get from Guiding. So often Extensions, owing to their handicap, have to have so much done for them, and they also miss doing a number of things that active children do. Guiding gives them something to do for themselves, and the fact that they have to overcome something quite difficult to pass their Tests gives them a sense of achievement and of "being the same as other children."

So, Guiders, please consult the Extension Alternative Tests.

"JUST FOR FUN" GAMES

(From Queensland)

Are you having a Christmas party or an "End of Year" party? Here are some games that might be fun.

Remembering People (a good game to play with a visiting Company):

A visitor sits opposite each Guide. They talk together for two minutes. Then they turn their backs on each other. Captain calls out questions, which they have to answer about each other. These can be answered verbally in turn, or written down by everyone at once.

Examples—What colour were her eyes? What Patrol did she belong to?

Hat and Sticks:

Patrols must be even in numbers. At the whistle the Patrol Leader, who has a hat on the ruler she holds, transfers the hat from her ruler to the ruler of her neighbour. The hat is thus passed up and down on the rulers. Three times.

Cornflakes (guaranteed to "break the ice" at any party!):

Guides sit in pairs facing each other. One has a small dish of cornflakes and a spoon. At the whistle she starts to feed her partner. First finished wins.

THE SIGNPOST PAGE

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No Commissioner will warrant a Guider until she is sure that Guider has an understanding of the Patrol System and really uses it in her Company, and this, of necessity, involves regular meetings of Court of Honour, regular Patrols in Council, and regular Leaders' Trainings. Once the Guider is warranted, she has signed a form promising to "adhere to the rules laid down by the Girl Guides Association." The Patrol System is one of these "rules," so what choice have we got? "A Guide's honour is to be trusted!"

SHEILA M. MACLEOD.

Training and Camping

TRAINING

MISS COBHAM'S VISIT

Commissioners' Residential Training:

6th-9th January, at Korowa Church of England Girls' Grammar School. Details have been sent to all Commissioners. Anyone wishing to make a late application to attend should get in touch with the Commissioner for Training immediately.

Field Day and Camp Fire:

Saturday, 10th January, at Cheltenham, for Commissioners and Guiders. This will be held in the grounds around the Scout Hall, opposite the Cheltenham station, commencing at 3 p.m. Tea will be at 6 p.m., and there will be a break to enable individual Guiders to meet Miss Cobham. This will be followed by a campfire. Guiders should bring ground-sheets, afternoon tea if required, and their evening meal. No cooking can be done by Guiders, but tea will be provided for the evening meal for those who bring their tea ration. Guiders should provide their own cup, milk and sugar. Those wishing to attend should notify Miss D. Cooper, 179 Point Nepean Road, Aspendale, by 3rd January. Fee for the day, 6d.

Guide and Brownie Guiders' Training at the Guide House.

13th-22nd January. Special application forms are available for this week, and may be obtained from the Hon. Training Secretary or from the Girl Guide Shop. These forms should be returned to the Hon. Training Secretary, c/o Girl Guide Office, 60 Market Street, Melbourne, not later than 10th November. Fee for week, 35/- plus fares.

Ranger Guiders' Week-end at the Guide House:

23rd to 26th January. Fee, 12/6, plus fares. Applications, accompanied by 10/- deposit, which will not be returned if withdrawal is made after 20th December, should reach the Commissioner for Rangers (Miss E. E. Moran, 2 Wilks Avenue, Malvern) not later than 10th November.

Brownie Guiders' Training Night:

Wednesday, 28th January.

Guide Guiders' Training Night:

Friday, 30th January. Commissioners welcome at either of these trainings. They will both be held at Christ Church Hall (corner of Punt Road and Toorak Road), South Yarra. Catch Toorak tram (No. 8) to Punt Road, or electric train to South Yarra station, and walk west along Toorak Road to Punt Road, or travel by Clifton Hill-Point Ormond bus to Toorak Road. Trainings will be from 8 to 10 p.m.; fee, 6d. per night. Names of those wishing to attend should be sent to Miss Howgate, 9 Church Street, Toorak, not later than 12th January.

CAMPING

Campers.

You will remember that in July "Matilda" a special request was made that all forms for camps being held during December and January should be forwarded to the Commissioner for Camping not later than 1st December. Your co-operation in this matter will be much appreciated.

Campercraft Certificate.

Full details of the course for this certificate were published last month, and the training will commence during the first week in March, 1948. Rangers and Guiders are reminded that applications should be sent to Miss M. McDonald, 46 Snowden Avenue, Caulfield, S.E.8, before 30th November.

This certificate is necessary if you wish later to gain a Ranger Camp Permit or a Guider's Camp Permit.

Mt. Morton.

A 6 x 8 tent has been donated to this camp site, and is very much appreciated. There are now enough tents for 12 campers and sufficient other equipment for 14 in all, so, if your camp numbers 14, only hike tents for the extra two will be necessary.

Miss W. Cozens, who is Convener of the Sub-Committee for this site, is available by 'phone at JA 6976, and will give you any help or further details. If you have not yet camped at Mt. Morton with your Guides or Rangers, you are missing something really worth while. We are indeed indebted to Mr. Whitlam for allowing us to use his property.

Pioneer Badge Test Camp.

This camp is being arranged from 13th to 20th January at the Guide House. The Guider in charge will be Miss Broadhurst, and the Guides who attended the preliminary test day will be tested for the badge. Several Guides from the country will also be included in the camp and the test.

Recipe for Camp.

Chocolate Blanc Mange (for 30 people).— 16 tablespoons cornflour (1 lb.), 6 pints of milk, 2 pints water, 12 tablespoons sugar, 8-10 tablespoons cocoa. Mix cornflour and cocoa with little milk. Bring rest of milk to boiling point, then add to cornflour. Return to fire and boil for five minutes, stirring all the time; then add sugar. Pour into wet basin. (Use double dixie.)

CONGRATULATIONS TO . . .

Camp First Aid Certificate:

Miss M. E. Cawthorn, Sunraysia Division.
Miss A. Hooper, Mildura District.

Indoor Camp Certificate:

Miss H. Sampson, 1st Footscray.
Miss M. Shaw, 4th East Malvern.
Miss H. Bell, 1st Hawksburn.
Miss J. Morris, 5th Caulfield.
Miss P. Barrett, 7th Prahran.
Mrs. J. Philp, 1st Carnegie.

Quartermaster Certificate:

Miss M. Shaw, 4th East Malvern.

Campcraft Certificate:

Miss M. Crang, 1st Wentworth.

Joan Wilkinson, Sandringham District Rangers.

Miss R. Magnus, 4th St. Kilda.

Joan Drew, Mildura Rangers.

Swimming (Bronze Medallion and Endurance Test):

Nanette Neville, Kew District Rangers.

Betty Haigh, Kew District Rangers.

Muriel Haigh, Malvern District Rangers.

Marie Eastman, 3rd East Malvern Rangers.



VICTORIAN BROWNIE GUIDERS' CONFERENCE, 1947

The Conference was held on Saturday, 27th September, at Lauriston Girls' School, Malvern. As each Guider arrived she was given a small card of her Group colour, on which to write her name and Pack. At 3 o'clock Miss Holtz opened the Conference by welcoming the guests and those Guiders who had come from the country.

The minutes of last year's Conference were read and confirmed, after which came the reports. The Brownie Cottage report and financial statement; quite a number of improvements have taken place at the cottage during the year. A report of the Brownie Guiders' Library at Headquarters was also read. Mrs. Miller was elected as the new Brownie representative on the Guide House Committee.

At 3.30 the Guiders divided into groups for discussion. The questions discussed were:—

- (1) Do Brownie Guiders approve of the berets now on sale at Headquarters? Do they think Brownies should go out in summer sunshine in caps (or berets) or should some type of hat which could be obtained be approved?
- (2) Do you consider it should be a matter for Brown Owl to decide when a Brownie is ready for the Guide Company?

There was a good deal of discussion on the question about berets, both in groups and after the summing up, and finally a vote was taken. Only one Guider really liked the berets. Seven voted for felt hats to be worn all the year round (the cost of these was estimated at 6/6) and 25 Guiders preferred to carry on as at present until the cotton hats are available again. (This may not be for several years.) The Headquarters shop does the best it can to provide uniform for Brownies, and just at present it is a case of berets or nothing. If any country Guiders have any helpful suggestions to make on this subject, they can write to Miss Thurgood at the Guide Shop.

On the second question it was decided that Guiders should keep to the rule in Policy Organisation and Rules, but that in special cases Brown Owl should discuss the matter with the Guide Captain.

Guiders then went out to the grounds for training sessions, Nature and ball games and semaphore. On returning to the hall each Guider was given slips of paper with questions on, which she had to answer, much thought and consideration being put into this, after which the papers were collected and the Guiders once more went outside to practise the Grand Salute and games for the Rally in November.

Then came tea and free time. During this time Miss Kelly, the Commissioner for Post Box, came along with the names and addresses of several foreign and British Guiders who wanted pen friends in Australia.

The evening session began with Miss Holtz reading out the questions and the answers given by Brownie Guiders on their papers in the afternoon. After each had been read other Guiders gave their views. This completed, the speaker for the evening, Mrs. Charrod, had arrived, and was introduced by the chairman. Mrs. Charrod gave a most interesting talk on Child Psychology, which was enjoyed by all those present, and will prove most helpful in their work with the Brownie Packs. Later Miss Martin showed films of the Guide Gymkhana and the Government House Rally.

Votes of thanks to the speaker and the film operator were then tendered by Miss Paterson and Mrs. Miller, and the speaker was presented with a beautiful spray of flowers.

It was decided that a series of evenings for Brownie Guiders should be arranged for next year, the following Guiders being chosen for the committee:—Miss G. King, Miss J. Paterson, Miss J. Thomas, and Miss L. Willcocks.

The Conference then closed with Brownie Taps.

J.T.

RALLY, 22nd NOVEMBER, 1947 A REMINDER TO ALL BROWNIE GUIDERS.

Have you read all about the Brownie part of the Rally in the last two numbers of "Matilda"? Read the other Rally News in "Matilda" too.

By now the Packs who are coming to the Rally should have done the following:—

1. Spruced up all the uniforms, Brownie and Guiders, too.
2. Learnt the Grand Salute and the three Singing Games.
3. Country Owls should have written to Miss A. Cockerell, 37 Walker St., Northcote, to tell her approximately how many Brownies they are bringing to the Rally.

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Guide International Service

BRITISH G.I.S. SAYS "THANK YOU"

British G.I.S. Volunteers in Germany have sent a message to us through Miss Hayman saying "Thank you, Australia, for all the wonderful help you have given us."

Miss Hayman has just completed a tour of all the G.I.S. teams in Germany, and the Australians asked her to say that they were all happy. "They are doing a grand job," she writes, "and it is very worthwhile sending them. It was lovely to be able to meet them, and I know they liked having somebody from home to visit them."

One important observation she made as a result of her visit, however, was that future Volunteers should be able to speak German and be capable of driving a heavy truck.

"They all have to go from 20 to 50 miles each day to work," writes Miss Hayman, "and it means taking with them a driver and interpreter. Both are paid for, and, what is more important, fed by G.I.S. All the English drive themselves."

Extracts from Miss Hayman's report are: RS/159 Bochum team has no Australian Volunteers, and consequently no Australian parcels. I would suggest that, if States could divert to this team one parcel from the ones they send their Volunteers, it would be a good idea. Remember, all our Volunteers visit them and enjoy their hospitality. They are short of soap.

"The team works with German refugees in the Ruhr, housed under what we would consider appalling conditions, with 80 to 100 people in one large hut. These people have to put all their possessions on their beds—they have nowhere else at all. The team is doing a grand job. . . ."

In RS/107 Vlotho there are two Australians—Lysbeth Thomas (Vic.) and Desma Cohen (W.A.), who are working with D.P.'s. West Australia should be proud of Miss Cohen, who has been appointed Second after only six months' service.

The RS/136 Hanover team lives in a magnificent Schloss, with a banqueting hall, marble bathroom (but no water), cocktail bar (no cocktails) and swimming pool (empty). Gwen Hasketh (Leader) has been asked to continue for six months after her two years' contract. Barbara Godson is in charge of the stores, which her Leader says she does well.

IS IT CUPBOARD LOVE?

Among the many appreciative letters acknowledging parcels is one from Miss Cohen (July), who writes:

"We are never quite sure whether we Australians are appreciated in the Teams more for ourselves or for the parcels kind friends

send us. The Teams tease us that it is the latter!

"There is a host of problems here, and we are grateful that, in a small way, we can help. It does not go unappreciated by the people or by the authorities.

"I have been thrilled to find clothing from G.G.A., Vic., among the stores, apparently sent for air rail victims and then diverted. There are some nice sets of skirts, jumpers and pants for girls. . . ."

Miss Tucker says: "Will you please convey my thanks . . . parcels are a welcome sight, and often get the Q.M. out of a tight corner, and provide a delicacy as well. Food in this country is a major problem, and I doubt whether we could survive on the low ration of the Germans. Survive, maybe, but get desperately hungry!"

MISS FORD SMITH FINDS A FAWN

In August Miss Ford Smith found time in a hectically busy period to write:

"At the moment I am very busy getting people away to Brazil, and during last week I have been flying between Hanover, Diepholz, Bremen and Bremerhafen.

"Among other things, I had to get 100 people into the transit camp 50 miles away at 24 hours' notice. I was billeted in a transit mess, where we had tea for breakfast only. How I longed for one when I came home, hot and tired! Next time that tin of coffee and milk from one of the parcels comes with me.

"Some week-ends I spend in the Harz mountains. We go for long walks and find wild strawberries, raspberries and blueberries. One day we played hide and seek with a fawn."

Miss Kemp has been helping to run a home for T.B. Roumanian children. "It was great," she writes, "but now the D.P.'s. run it themselves.

"Einbeck is the dearest little town, with a very old stone wall, moat and towers. We visited the Guide International Camp at Hamelin, of Pied Piper fame, a beautiful campsite on a hill under lovely trees. I have seen the mountain where the Piper led the children!"

MISS BARFUS ADVISES . . .

Hints from Miss Barfus to future Volunteers: Take your own Enos, or something, to combat prickly heat in the tropics, and be vaccinated NOW. "Every week helps," she writes, "and I wouldn't like anyone to go through my last two days!"

Plans have been made for Miss Barfus to work in Miss Hesketh's team. She is taking a few Australian sheepskins and some leather with her to be made into wool-lined boots by the D.P.'s.

TWO SAY "THANK YOU"

"Wiston," 45 Homefield Road,
Worthing, Sussex.

My Dear Sister Guides,

I had a lovely surprise last week in the shape of a gift parcel from you. It was a great thrill to open it and picture in my mind the Guides who sent it. Apart from the delicious and dainty food it contained, the parcel was very welcome because it represented the friendly thought of Guides so far away to us over here.

We always think of Guides everywhere as sisters, but it strengthens the bond when something tangible passes from one to the other.

I tried to imagine, as I undid the parcel, what the Guides in Australia were doing. It is winter for you now, I suppose, and you are busy with winter sports and games, and possibly dramatics and other indoor activities in your Company H.Q.'s.

Here in England we have been greeting Guides from many countries, and watching them do their national folk dances. Luckily the weather is glorious, so the outdoor shows were not spoilt at all.

I am sending you a copy of the "Guider" which I received a few days ago, and which will tell you something about what we Guides are doing and thinking over here.

Thanking you very much for your friendly thought and very generous gift,

Yours most sincerely,

3/8/47.

IDA CHURCH.

Dorking, 24th August, 1947.

Dear Guiders,

Before leaving Switzerland, for several weeks I got your parcel. I thank you now from here very, very much for this parcel. It arrived a few days after the end of our camp. I am glad to know that your thoughts were with us. After my return to Switzerland I will give the foodstuffs to my Guides. My address in Switzerland will be the same as before (Bergstr 3, Zurich 44, Switzerland). But do you know that we are still rationed in our country, but nobody must be hungry, as in other countries, in our neighbourhood. We have just invited several Guiders from these countries, and I could give them a part of your nice parcel, with your greetings and your wishes.

Please excuse all my faults in this letter. We have not much experience in writing English. I am specially here in England to learn this language, which is rather hard to learn for us.

After my return my Companies will be pleased to hear from you, and I will bring

them your greetings when we all meet for a Rally.

With the warmest thanks from the Swiss Guides and my kindest regards,

—Yours sincerely,

GERTRUD FUCHENSTEIN,
County Commissioner for Zurich.

FIELD DAY.

SATURDAY, 29th NOVEMBER, 1947

The Field Day is being held on the Glengarriff Estate, Montmorency, to enable the Chief Guide to meet the Guides. Each Division will be allotted an approximate area, marked with a colour similar to that used at the Rally. During the day the Chief Guide will visit each Division in turn. No combined activities are being arranged, therefore the Guiders of each Division are responsible for the entertainment of their Guides. Your Divisional representatives will have suggestions for suitable activities.

Transport Arrangements.

The field is bordered by Sherbourne Road, Mountain View Road and Price Avenue, Montmorency, and may be reached by rail or road. Those intending to go by rail take the train to Montmorency and then five minutes walking brings them to the site. The route from the station will be plainly marked.

Trains leave Princes Bridge for Montmorency at 9.15 a.m., 10.15 a.m., 11.30 a.m., 12.20 p.m., 12.48 p.m., 1.20 p.m., 2.15 p.m. Trains leave Montmorency for Melbourne at 4.8 p.m., 5.8 p.m., 6.2 p.m., 6.41 p.m.

Road Traffic.

Take the Greensborough Road, past Watsonia Station, to Greensborough township. Do not cross the railway bridge at Greensborough, but turn right to Montmorency. Follow the road along, then turn left over the railway, and continue up the hill past the timber mill. Keep straight on, and at the cross roads a Guider will be on duty directing traffic to suitable parking areas. From the Montmorency turn-off at Greensborough watch for Guide signs.

Important.

NO FIRES.—As it is the closed season for open fires, Guides will not be permitted to light fires. Hot water for tea, and pure, cold drinking water will be supplied, and Guides are asked to provide own dioxies and billies for carrying the water.

NO WILD FLOWERS, GUM or GADGET WOOD must be picked or taken from the field.

THE FIELD IS PRIVATE PROPERTY, and Guides are asked to remember the 5th Law.

HEADQUARTERS' NOTES

MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Held at the Guide Office on 28th August, 4th and 18th September, 1947.

Present:

Lady Chauvel (chair) (2), Miss Cameron (3), Mesdames Black (1), Eddy (1), Orr (1), Rylah (1), Searby (2), Misses Campbell (1), Cooper (1), Gross (3), Holtz (2), Howgate (1), McLeod (1), Mitchell (2), Moran (2).

Reported:

That a celluloid button to commemorate the Chief Guide's visit had been ordered. This button would admit people to the Rally.

That a picture night should take place at the Athenaeum Theatre on Saturday, 8th November, when the Chief Guide would be present. The cost of the tickets would be as follows:—Dress circle, 12/6; back stalls, 7/6; and front stalls, 4/6—the booking to be preferential.

That the State Commissioner had written a message from the Guide Association for the Friendship Book to be presented to Lady Dugan by the National Council of Women of Victoria.

That Helen Adair, of Ballarat, had won the Queen's Guide Award.

That the Deputy State Commissioner had attended Government House to see the presentation of the Award of Merit to Shirley Campbell for life-saving. Shirley is a Guide in 2nd Parkville Company.

That arrangements for the visit of the Chief Guide were going ahead. The Salvation Army Guards would be taking part in the Rally on 22nd November.

That Miss M. E. Roper, Principal of the Melbourne University Women's College, would be the speaker at the annual meeting on 7th October.

That Mrs. Dann and Mrs. Blakeborough had accepted appointment to the State Council.

That the B.B.C. had broadcast the arrival of the wedding cake ingredients for Princess Elizabeth on the 17th September.

That Mrs. McDonald had accepted the appointment of District Commissioner for Red Cliffs.

Agreed:

That the Guides should take part in the Youth Rally at the Showgrounds on Saturday, 27th September.

That in future the Thinking Day money should be brought up to the equivalent of one penny per Guide per year.

That a Thanks Badge should be presented to Mr. Nicholson, of Burns, Philp and Co. in recognition of his splendid help to the Association.

That we should do something for a group of children from Dr. Barnardo's Home on their arrival in Melbourne in November.

That Miss Mitchell's resignation from the Finance Sub-Committee be received with regret.

WARRANTS AND REGISTRATIONS

Brown Owls.

5th Hawthorn Pack—Mrs. Lesley Palmer.
1st Mornington Pack—Miss Margaret Stott.

Captains.

1st Mildura Ranger Company—Miss Anne Hooper.
2nd Fitzroy Company — Miss Hebe M. Martin.

Lieutenants.

1st East Malvern Company—Miss Norma Elizabeth Wright.
13th Malvern Company—Miss Pat Day.

Registrations.

3rd Hamilton Company.
1st Shepparton East-Orrvale Company.

CANCELLATIONS

Division Commissioner:

North-Eastern Suburbs—Miss K. Beresford Richard.

Brown Owl:

1st Casterton Pack — Miss Margery McRobert.

Lieutenant:

2nd Preston Company—Miss Lorna Jacobs.

CONGRATULATIONS

Queen's Guide Award: Helen Adair, 10th Ballarat Company.

3AW BROADCASTS

Would you like your Company or Pack to take part in one of our sessions? If so, write to Guide Headquarters and arrangements will be made for you.

HEADQUARTERS CONTRIBUTIONS. FOR SEPTEMBER, 1947.

From Companies: 1st Castlemaine, 5/-; 2nd Hamilton, 10/-; 9th Hawthorn, £1; Heidelberg Rangers, 14/-; 1st Nathalia, 6/7. Total, £2/15/7.

Donations:

From Local Associations: Camberwell North, £1/1/-; Merbein, 10/-; Ouyen, 10/6; Rutherglen, £1; Swan Hill, £1; Swan Hill Country Development, 10/6. Total, £4/12/-.

Other Donations: Miss L. M. Andrews, Miss M. Angliss, Mrs. Buchanan, Messrs. Foy and Gibsons Ltd., Walter and Eliza Hall Trust, Lady Syme. Total, £33/14/-.

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was obvious that they thought me slightly unhinged. Five minutes later I met a group of three, who were also heading back for tea. Why was I all by myself? Wasn't I going to have any tea? Supposed I was used to the "wide open spaces"!!!

I thought of our Guide House and its associations while I was at Foxlease. It seemed at once so very far away and yet so very near.

LARROL.

EQUIPMENT DEPARTMENT

IMPORTANT !!

Country Guiders, please send your Rally Orders not later than 15th November. We cannot guarantee delivery after that date.

Please make Money Orders and Postal Notes payable at Market Street Post Office to Girl Guides Association, and not individual members of the staff.

State clearly if the goods are to be charged to the Local Association, Company or Pack, and PLEASE INCLUDE POSTAGE.

We regret that there is no possibility of obtaining the following emblems for the Rally:—Elves, Fairies, Pixies, Gnomes, State Badges (cloth), Blue Wren, Kookaburra, Kingfisher, Magpie, Rosella, Robin, Swallow.

Hats:

Guide	£0 6 6
Guider	0 13 0

Overalls:

29 in., 31 in., 32 in., 34 in. bust	1 6 0
36 in., 38 in., 40 in. bust	1 10 0

Overalls, Guider:

All sizes	1 10 0
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Stockings:

Sizes 9, 9½, 10	0 6 10
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We are unable to stock fawn sockettes; these will have to be purchased locally.

Hike Groundsheets, 18 in. x 18 in. 0 1 9

Army Haversacks 0 4 0

Guide Blue Haversacks 0 7 6

Guiding in Pictures:

Sets "A," "B," "C," "D" . . . each 0 2 0
Very attractive pictures of the history of the Guide Movement for scrap books.

Adventure of Guiding 0 0 6

A very attractive little booklet, well illustrated, showing various Guide activities.

Singing Together 0 2 0

Nine songs of many nations.

Fireside Songs in Two Parts 0 2 6

For other details see October "Matilda."

Guide Belts are sold only to Local Association Secretary or Captain—must not be owned by individual members. Equipment, including hats, will not be sold without a written order from Captain or Brown Owl.

CONGRATULATIONS.

Little House Emblem:

Mina Gallie, 10th Ballarat.
Georgina Matheson, 2nd Benalla.

Guide First Class:

Georgina Matheson, 2nd Benalla.

SPORTS MEETING

On the 20th September the Brunswick and Coburg Guides held their sports meeting on the Coburg City Oval. It was a lovely day, and the Coburg Central Band played for the March Past, and also rendered items during the afternoon. The salute was taken by the Divisional Commissioner, Mrs. Foster.

After the official opening by the Mayor of Coburg, an interesting programme was followed—sack races, egg and spoon races, obstacle and team games, etc.

The Mayor of Brunswick presented the shield to the winning Company, 1st Coburg (Trinity).

The ground was gay with flags, and the Guides, with their various coloured ties, made a festive scene. The only after-effects were stiff legs and weary bones. Next year we hope there will be a larger number of spectators.

BROWNIES

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4. There is to be a choir of Brownies to help with the singing. Choose two of the Brownies to be in the choir.
5. Have provided a small groundsheet for each Brownie to put in her pocket or hang on her belt.
6. If your Pack would like to bring a food parcel to be sent away from the Rally, see that it is packed according to the directions in the circular sent out to all Guiders, and choose one Brownie who will take a parcel into the arena at the allotted time. This will be after the Brownies have left the ground and gone into the stand.

D. HOLTZ.

PATROL LEADERS' PAGE

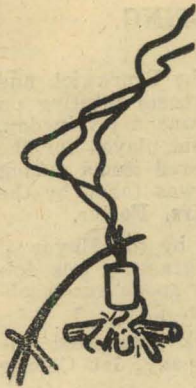
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I am afraid he is often forgotten in the preparations for Christmas and holidays.

Are you thinking: "But this is all Tenderfoot and 2nd Class? Well, you are right, it is! Training for 2nd Class is the same thing as training for camp, and training for camp is training to be a good Guide, and training to be a good Guide is training to be a useful and helpful type of person, at all times—it is just like the game we used to play at school called "Stacks on the Mill," when one thing just built on top of another.

Would your Patrol stand up to the test of camp? Now is the time to start doing something about it. Good luck to you all.

GAYARDAREE.



PATROL LEADERS' PAGE

Camp, camp, camp's the place for learning;
Camp, camp, camp's the place for fun;
Be the weather wet or fine,
We shall have a jolly time,
And be sorry when our camping days are done.

Are you preparing for summer camp? Here is November upon us, and with all the excitement this month with the Chief's visit to Victoria, I know you are finding your days far too short for all the things you wish to do.

But November, December, January! And January usually means camping time. Maybe you cannot camp this summer. Well, that doesn't mean that your Patrol aren't interested in camping matters, and all they learn this year will be very useful in the future.

Did I hear you say you haven't camped? Well, of course, you cannot be expected to pass on knowledge which you do not possess, but you can try to find out by asking Captain or other Guides who have camped, and by looking through some of your Company library books—Girl Guiding and Philippa, P.L., for instance.

If members of your Patrol have camped, then your work will be very much easier, as they will be able to assist in training the uninitiated.

Have you ever been to "camp for a day" on one of your Patrol hikes? If not, try it. Plan your hike on similar lines to a day in camp, commencing after breakfast. You can erect a flagpole and hoist Colours. Does your Patrol know the necessary knots and where to use them? Your menu may be planned at the previous meeting, and also your orderly duties; and, whilst the cooks are preparing dinner, the wood and water patrol can be collecting suitable gadget wood. If you have had the necessary training yourself, you may perhaps show them how to use a tomahawk and pass on hints on use and care of both the tomahawk and their knife—be it penknife or sheath knife.

After lunch, when mess patrol have tidied up, then you may make gadgets. Can your Guides square lash firmly and well? If so, start them on diagonal lashing, which is fully

explained in your diary. Award points for the best gadget—but set a time limit or you'll find some taking all afternoon!

Now a Wide Game, involving stalking, tracking, nature, compass, morse, or, in fact, any part of your test work. This will keep them keen, especially if you keep the game a secret until time to play it, and also help you to discover their strength or weaknesses.

If you are fortunate enough to be able to stay out for tea, have a new cook patrol, and so give practice to your Guides who are training for their 1st Class Hike or Cooking, and, whilst they are busy, the remainder may prepare your campfire.

Maybe, you do not wish to light a separate fire for a short campfire. Very well, keep your fire on which tea was cooked burning brightly, and you can all gather around that for your "end of a day in camp."

Fires.—Are your fires all they should be? Do they light easily and quickly? Are they bright and strong or do they smoulder and smoke? Are they a sensible size or miniature bonfires? Every 2nd Class Guide should be capable of lighting a good cooking fire, no matter what the circumstances, but I am sorry to say that this is not always so.

This idea of "camping on a hike" is only a suggestion, and you will have to adapt it to suit your own Patrol. Some who have a few experienced campers will cover all the activities mentioned in one hike, but a new Patrol, or one of Guides who have not camped, may take two or even three hikes; but don't let that worry you. If each Guide takes home one new piece of knowledge from each hike, then you are accomplishing something worth while.

You Patrol time, too, can be a fine foundation for camp. Knotting, fires, care of knives and axes, health and first aid can all be discussed and studied indoors; but take your Patrol out of doors as much as possible, and with the longer days coming this will be possible, because it is out of doors they will camp, and the more realistic you make their training the more they will remember. Does your Patrol remember the history of their flag and the correct way to fly it? Colours is one of the most important times of the day in camp, but it will carry little meaning to the Guide who has forgotten what the flag means, or who doesn't know when it is upside down! And, in addition to the Union Jack and Australian Flag, do they know anything of our own World Flag? Make enquiries, and then remedy their lack of knowledge in any of these points.

And, whilst I am talking of flags, have you realised that St. Andrew's Day falls on the 30th of this month? Be sure to remind your Patrol of this. St. Andrew's Day is so far away from St. George's and St. Patrick's Days, which are both early in the year, and

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