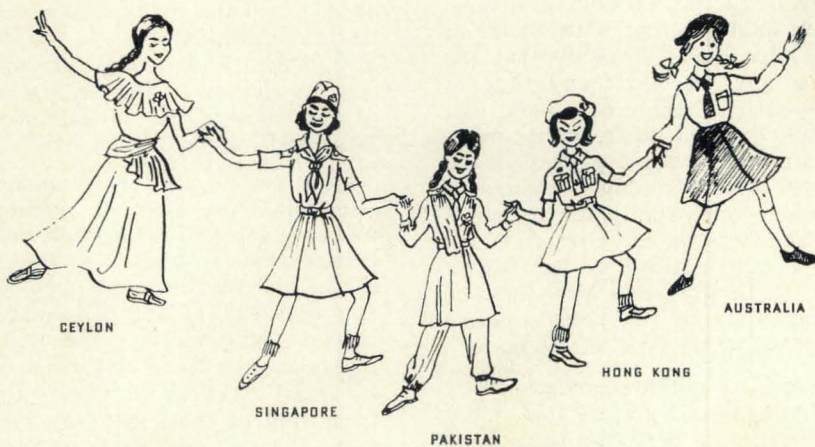


# MATILDA



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## FROM THE STATE COMMISSIONER

These last weeks of my term of office have been generously starred with occasions that will always be precious memories to my Assistants and myself. Our warmest thanks to all of you who have so kindly chosen to thank us for filling as best we could these particular places in the team. Please know how much it is a matter of mutual gratitude—our contribution has been dependent upon yours.

There has been a working background behind the festivities as we have endeavoured to pass over our responsibilities as tidily as possible; but at every "last meeting" for us, as well as at the social gatherings, we have been aware of that blend of emotions that is life—sadness mingled with happiness, reluctance with relief, tears behind the laughter, the lump in the throat along with the smile in the eye. But predominantly we have been conscious of the friendships gained through Guiding that do not cease with one's particular task of happiness in the certainty that our Association will gain strength from new leadership, just as we as individuals are refreshed by well-considered change, and in the equal certainty that we will all continue to serve the Movement in whatever capacity we are able.

We shall never forget the delightful dinner party given us by the Region Commissioners, following our final meeting with them, at the home of Mrs. Stuart McKay—that the Advisers, past and present, found time to lunch with us at the Lyceum Club—and that the State Council ended its December meeting with an afternoon tea party for us at the Commonwealth Society's rooms, giving the most pleasurable opportunity for members to mingle. This was an ideal occasion for me to announce the award of the Beaver to both Mrs. R. E. Gray and Mrs. Osborne Shave, adding the joy of congratulating them to an already very special afternoon.

The Executive Committee members kindly reversed the "thank-you" gesture that it has been our pleasure to make to them each year by inviting us to a dinner party arranged at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Renshaw Jones, and likewise this year we were guests of the Staff at a gay Christmas barbecue held at Miss Peg Barr's home.

His Excellency the Governor, at the ceremony at Government House for the presen-

tation of Royal Certificates to Queen's Guides and Scouts, referred kindly to the fact that Mr. McKellar for the Victorian Boy Scouts Association as well as I for the Girl Guides would have concluded our terms before the next similar occasion. While expressing gratitude, I should like to say again how fortunate we have been in the support given us by His Excellency in his Vice Regal capacity as well as in his position of Chief Scout for Victoria, and in the sincere and active interest of Lady Delacombe, our State President.

This being one of the prestige occasions on which the Boy Scouts and Girl Guide Associations show themselves as two parts of the one Movement, I should like to relate to it also an expression of gratitude to the Chief Commissioner and members of the Boy Scouts Association throughout Victoria for the happy, courteous, day-by-day collaboration that it has been my and your pleasure to experience.

Along with the pride in presenting our Queen's Guides that one always feels, together with the Guide Adviser and the leaders responsible for their training, and the memory that it freshened of the previous occasion when the Chief Guide was with us, I was enjoying the nice secret that for Mrs. Gray and Mrs. Shave this would certainly not be the last Queen's ceremony, as they will receive their Beavers at the annual presentation of adult awards next May. Miss Marjorie Binns, of Ballarat, will receive a similar award, as I was privileged to announce at the annual meeting of the Ballarat Division Council.

As I review the cross section of other events in these last two months—the final meetings for 1967 with Division and Region Commissioners, with the Executive Committee and its sub-committees—the pleasure and privilege of receiving mayoral receptions at Maryborough and Ballarat beside my colleagues there and given on the basis of their excellent service—the fun and friendship of the Extension Section Christmas party—the final gathering of the Rangers going to the All India Jamboree with their leader, Miss Margaret Callister, and their parents, under the guidance and hospitable roof of our State International Representative, Mrs. Farrow—I am aware of the many aspects of strength and happi-

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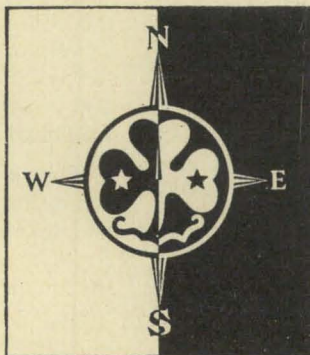
## THINKING DAY

Chain reactions have always been unpredictable and a little scary . . . but nonetheless interesting. Scientists are fascinated by the tremendous power created by one tiny atom setting off another tiny atom in a fabulous release of energy. But with this new knowledge comes caution. And with caution come long years of research and experiment to control this power.

In Girl Scouting we also have a certain kind of chain reaction, but one that IS controlled and of which we have no fear. It is a chain reaction that will be set off on 22nd February when we mark another Thinking Day in the history of Guiding and Girl Scouting, when the very atmosphere will crackle and hum with wishes of goodwill, peace, understanding and unity. Wishes that will be set off by Guides in Australia, the Philippines, Pakistan . . . to be joined by the wishes of Guides in Egypt, Denmark, England . . . will spread out across the water

to Girl Scouts in Brazil, Haiti, the United States . . . and so on until the millions of members are united by "that magic thread which links the youth of the world together."

These critical times make us more aware than ever of the need to expand our international programme. Conferences have been inspired by Lord Baden-Powell's words, "Look wide and, when you think you are looking wide, look wider still." Through our international programme we are able to help the children under our guidance to learn about their neighbours' traditions, festivals, folk ceremonies, and, more important, to feel they are welcome to join in their celebrations. Our international encampments are invaluable in helping girls learn world friendship at first hand. Like the ripples that form and set off a circle of widening ripples when a pebble is tossed into the water, so the circle of international understanding broadens.





## A BEGINNING PERHAPS . . . BUT NEVER AN ENDING

With our system of a "five-year term" it is hard to decide where the sphere of influence of a State Commissioner begins or ends, because some scheme that comes to resounding fruition during her term of office may have been initiated much earlier, while another project of which she has laid the foundations brick by laborious brick and steered through many vicissitudes may only achieve full recognition long after her retirement. Mrs. Price would be the first to insist—and in fact often HAS insisted—that she was only the head of an immense team of workers whose full co-operation was essential before any major developmental project could be got off the ground, and in a democratic movement like ours this is of course perfectly true.

Looking back over the almost startling development of the Guide Movement in Victoria in the past five years, every Guider, every Commissioner, every Trainer, every Adviser, every L.A. member (and how many more) can say, "I had a finger in that! I contributed a part to the whole," but this only heightens our appreciation of the part played by what we can call our "team manager." It is always much easier to manage a dictatorship than a democracy where everyone has a say and tends to keep on saying it—and in the Guide Movement we have at least our fair share of rugged individualists—but the past five years have been marked not only by progress but by happiness as well. For a team that size to pull well together calls for a light hand on the reins but a firm one, a driver who is vigilant, understanding . . . and well-nigh indefatigable. This we have had.

In some ways I would like to speak of the work of our two retiring Assistant State Commissioners, Mrs. Gray and Mrs. Shave, but I know they would prefer to be regarded as just two more members of the team, like you and me; perhaps if we pursue the simile we could refer to them as the two lead horses. Certainly the coach of Guiding has travelled fast and far in the past five years!

Speaking to the State Council at Mrs. Price's last meeting with them, Mrs. Fairbairn said that when she tried to think of a phrase to describe the influence Joyce Price

had had on Guiding in Victoria she found she need look no further than the 4th Guide Law, and I found myself thinking: "That's it, of course! That's it!" Friendliness and a warm humanity have characterized the administration of our retiring State Commissioner. For the job she has done she has been admired, but for this she has been loved.



## STATE COUNCIL MEETING

Four times a year the State Council of the Victorian Girl Guides Association meets to hear reports, to discuss plans or policy. Once a year they vote for members of the Executive Committee and they elect new members to the Council. There were some essential differences about the meeting held on 4th December, 1967. Firstly, our building at 20 Russell Street was in the hands of Whelan the Wrecker. Therefore it had been decided to hold the meeting at the Royal Commonwealth Society. Secondly, this was the last meeting of the Council which would be chaired by Mrs. J. G. Price during her term of office as State Commissioner. Furthermore, this was the occasion when Mrs. C. O. Fairbairn, Mrs. F. S. Catomore, Mrs. R. E. Gregory and Mrs. Stuart McKay expressed, on behalf of the State Council members, a very heartfelt "thank you" to the State Commissioner and her Assistants for all they have done for the Movement in Victoria and in wider fields of Guiding during their term of office.

Mrs. Price reported to the meeting that the architects for our new headquarters had called for and finally accepted a tender for the building, and members of the Building Committee were confident that construction would go ahead in the coming year.

In proposing the vote of thanks to Mrs. Price, Mrs. Fairbairn told members that it had taken a great deal of persuasion to get Joyce to accept the fact that she possessed the qualities needed by the Movement in a State Commissioner, and if Joyce is still unconvinced all Victorian Guides and Guiders



have long been convinced that the "persuaders" were right. Victoria has been fortunate in having had a wonderful leader in these past five years, and also one who could so ably lead the Australian delegation to the World Conference in 1966. Mrs. Catomore seconded the tribute paid by Mrs. Fairbairn, but stressed the individual friendship which Joyce had been able to give to the many members who came in contact with her. Mrs. Catomore also paid tribute to Dr. Price and each member of the family for Joyce's time which we have borrowed from them. The enthusiasm with which the members of the Council greeted all these tributes would have convinced Mrs. Price's family that, though they may have sacrificed much of her attention during recent years, their sacrifice has been appreciated by the Movement which Joyce has been able to enrich.

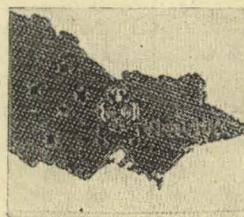
In replying, Mrs. Price spoke of the great help and support she had received from the Assistant State Commissioners — first, Mrs. Catomore, who was, unfortunately, forced to resign after some months of office; Mrs. C. E. Richardson, who also had to resign owing to the difficulty of attending meetings from the country; and finally Mrs. R. E. Gray and Mrs. C. Osbourn Shave, to whom she presented Beaver awards in recognition of the devotion they have both given as very important members of the State Commissioners' team. Mrs. Stuart McKay and Mrs. Gregory paid tribute to the work done by the Assistant State Commissioners, particularly all that Mrs. Gray has done for Britannia Park, and the organisation of Commissioner training for which Mrs. Shave has worked so tirelessly.

Before the close of the meeting the State Commissioner-Designate, Mrs. R. Renshaw Jones, told members that she looked forward to working with them in the coming year, and took the opportunity to announce that she had appointed Miss Margaret Shaw as her Assistant State Commissioner, whose wide experience in Guiding, as Editor of "Matilda" and as an observer at the 1966 World Conference, would be a great strength to her as a new State Commissioner.

So in many ways this was a memorable State Council meeting. Over afternoon tea

members had the opportunity to make their personal congratulations to Mrs. Gray and Mrs. Osbourn Shave on their Beaver awards and to offer best wishes to Mrs. Price and Mrs. Renshaw Jones.

This was the way that State Council members said "well done" and "thank you" to the 1963-68 team. Welcome and good luck to the new team.



### CHRISTMAS PRESENT TO THE BUILDING FUND

We wish you could see the letter which came to Headquarters with the donation for the Building Fund; written so carefully by one of the Brownies, the text read:—

"We Brownies thought that since we had quite a lot of money in fees we should give some to you for the help you have given us. We have decided you deserve \$20 of it.

Many thanks again.

THE 4th SOUTH YARRA PACK."



Lord of Life; open wide the windows of our spirits and fill us full of light; open wide the door of our hearts that we may receive Thee. May the grace of courage, gaiety and the quiet mind be ours, to the praise of the Father who ever liveth and reigneth. Amen.



**FROM THE STATE COMMISSIONER**

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ness that, on 1st February, at Britannia Park, it will be my privilege to symbolically pass on to your new State Commissioner, Mrs. Renshaw Jones, as I give her in all confidence the warrant badge that I in my turn received through my beloved predecessor, Mrs. Fairbairn, from the whole line of Victorian State Commissioners. As our Honorary Treasurer so truly says, the greatest asset that we from our term can pass on to her and her Assistant, Miss Margaret Shaw, is you, our 46,000 or so members.

**Please accept our love and blessing as together you continue to work for the Brownies, Guides and Rangers as wonderfully and as happily as you have with us.**

*Joyce E. Price*

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During recent weeks it has been most pleasing to contact so many of you for the privilege of receiving donations for a presentation which you wish to make to Mrs. Price, Mrs. Gray and Mrs. Osbourn Shave when their terms of office expire. I am proud that you have allowed me to take part in this gesture of your goodwill and I shall be delighted to pass on your many messages of thanks and congratulations to them. It would be difficult not to observe the great warmth of affection and admiration which you undoubtedly have for "the team."

As I write this I look forward to Thursday, 1st February, when I hope that many members of all sections of the Movement will enjoy a day with Mrs. Price and her Assistants "at home" at our own Britannia Park. When you read this I hope that it will be a day of very happy memories.

Although the task of succeeding her is no easy one, the quiet assurance of Mrs. Price that I am capable of adopting her "baby" gives me confidence to take her place in the "nursery." During the last six months

she has been a wonderful teacher—showing me what is to be done, said, or left unsaid, but never directing my thoughts or actions—truly a remarkable gift! Although I shall miss her friendly, wise counsel, I am glad to know that she is planning to take a holiday with Dr. Price shortly and I am sure you join with me in wishing them a full, interesting and enjoyable trip.

My thanks to the many people who included good wishes to me in their letters. I know that we shall enjoy Guiding together and I send you warmest good wishes for a happy and successful year both in the Movement and in the spheres of your homes, families and professions.

*Charlotte Renshaw Jones.*



**Mrs. R. Renshaw Jones, State Commissioner,  
Victoria, 1/2/1968.**

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**THANK YOU!**

Will all the individuals, units and areas who so kindly sent greetings and messages at Christmas time to Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Shave and myself please allow us, through "Matilda," to say our sincere and personal thanks?



# WORK PARTY

Early in December members of the Work Party and the Study Groups got down to work with a week-end of listening, talking, debating and talking again.

The answers to the questionnaires you have sent in, the material we have gathered from various meetings, the information from the background reading we have tried to fit in, etc., etc.—all this was sieved through by members working in different, but interlocking groups.

We were pleased to have with us some of the people who would be attending the Diploma'd Guiders gathering in January, and hope they gained some idea of the trend of thinking.

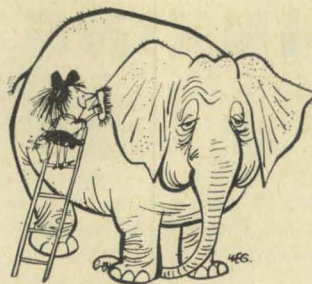
It was good to have over twenty people with us, when you consider how close it was to Christmas, and the Work Party does thank everyone who participated.

## ARE WE "GUIDES"?

It was interesting to see in many of the questionnaires returned that if a question said "Do your GUIDES . . ." the Brownie and Ranger people did not often answer it. In fact, sometimes the question had written against it: "As a Brownie Guider this is not my concern," or similar comments.

I am sure you will realize that to write each time "Brownie/Guide/Ranger" takes up too much room when we are trying to keep the questions concise—and in any case we are ALL members of the GUIDE Movement, aren't we?

Let us not keep ourselves in water-tight compartments, but try for that "flowing on" and continuity which will help to make our programmes so much more worthwhile and so much more fun.



## DEAR "MATILDA",

I have this week read "All Things Uncertain" — the story of Guide International Service teams working in post-war Europe and Malaya. These women worked under many difficulties, so abandoned the use of Red Tape. Instead, they used Red Elastic, which enabled them to stretch their supplies and comforts to reach more people. Could we not permanently adopt the use of Red Elastic in Guiding, which would enable all Guiders and Commissioners to use their discretion when this was warranted? I think newly trained personnel would feel safer to stay with their new training for a while, but the experienced person would learn to stretch the Red Elastic here and there, and adapt the rules of Guiding to meet the current situation.

Yours sincerely,  
"Tolerant Commissioner".



Our age is proud of machines that think, and suspicious of people who try to.—  
(Howard Mumford-Jones).

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Give us grace

"To turn the vision into the deed,  
To turn the ideal into the real,  
To turn the dream into the action,  
And to do that which we already know  
we ought to do."



# THINKING DAY 1968

Have you been depressed by the news headlines in 1967? If so, you are not unique. In spite of everybody's desire for peace, whichever way one turns one is reminded of war, riots, or political troubles, in each instance causing human suffering.

But Guiding continues to develop, thanks to Member countries of the World Association, and that means YOU!

It is your money generously contributed to the Thinking Day Fund that makes it possible.

It is the countries who lend their Trainers and Advisers for work outside their homeland who make it possible.

It is the enthusiasm of the children and their leaders within every country who make it possible.

Is this not a hopeful sign in a troubled world? And is it not an encouraging thought that each one of us can do something to help build a better, more peaceful world by supporting Guiding in every way we can?

To build a better world—this is a long-term project. Our "celestial city" will not be completed to-morrow, but if we do nothing even the first bricks will never be laid.

But what are we saying? The first bricks are being laid right now.

Let us tell you, as an example, about two Trainers who have been laying bricks recently. One, who left her work for a while as Training Adviser in Uganda to act as a World Association Trainer, and the other the National Trainer for Congo Kinshasa. Helped by Thinking Day contributions, they set out together on a training tour of Congo Kinshasa.

The first necessity was a car, because the places they were visiting are un-get-at-able by any other means. They themselves bought a Renault 4L, hoping to get the money back by selling it after they had finished their mission.

So on 1st December they loaded up with food, minimum camp equipment and other bare necessities and set off. "The road to Matadi is good," wrote Marie-Josèphe, "but in some places there are many holes. The car is fine, but the rubber on the back tyres is almost worn through and no chance of replacing them. Luckily we did not have a puncture before reaching Matadi."

They stopped many times on the way at missions where it was hoped to start

Guiding, or where it had already begun, or where for lack of a leader it had ceased temporarily.

Matadi at last! Training all day for two days with leaders and Patrol leaders. Only an inch of shade in the corner of a playground, sitting on concrete blocks with an ever-increasing audience of small children, but great enthusiasm from the trainees.

Then en route again with only a few provisions this time; bread is a rare commodity here, but one can live on fruit. Crossing a river by ferry was a hazardous operation. The first boat was swept downstream in the turbulent waters. It could not make the opposite shore and eventually managed to return to unload 200 passengers and start again. Then a man fell overboard and was swept away, but after many anxious moments was finally rescued. Meanwhile they sat in the blazing sun, waiting their turn.

On another occasion torrential rain delayed their departure. Happily they were not already on the road, for they would have been completely bogged down. But every difficulty and discomfort on the journey was more than worthwhile for the excitement and enthusiasm that greeted them.

This is just one story of a training tour, and similar ones can be told from different parts of the world. Think of it as you put your money into the "Thinking Day Bucket" and say a little prayer of thanks to God for Guiding and for the people who go out into the wilds to bring this great Movement of ours to children all over the world.

Congo Kinshasa was only one of several countries which received Advisers/Trainers through the World Association with Thinking Day money. All parts of the world were covered, from Singapore and Vietnam to Tunisia and Ethiopia, from Honduras and El Salvador to Portugal and Turkey, to name only a few, and, again thanks to the money received at the World Bureau every Thinking Day, Guiding has been and is being offered to more and more children.

Besides visits to individual countries, leadership training is also given through special events organized or sponsored by the World Association. Travel grants have been granted to allow Trainers to attend such gatherings as the East and Central Africa Gathering held in Kenya last August and



the Training Conferences on the Senior Guide/Scout Programme in Uruguay and Colombia.

Of course, before any of this can take place there is a lot of letter-writing to be done to fix dates, duration of visits, places for the gatherings, and so on, convenient to all.

In 1968 it is hoped that all the countries which have asked for help will receive assistance, either by welcoming a World Association Adviser/Trainer in their midst, or by sending a Trainer to another country to gain knowledge or to attend a World Association event when the opportunity for sharing experiences is given.

The problem is:

- Can we fulfil the requests?
- Can we find the Advisers/Trainers?
- Can you play your part?

**THIS IS THE CHALLENGE!**

22nd February, 1968, is the day you can prove you are a member of the World Association—

- By thinking of;
- By praying for;
- By helping

your sister Guides all over the world.

(From the "Council Fire.")



Miss S. Dreijer, Secretary, World Bureau.

## THINKING DAY IN THE PACK

Thinking Day conjures up all sorts of pictures in the mind—games from overseas, food, maps, flags, dressing-up, pictures, badges, etc. There is such a wealth of international material at our disposal that we don't know what to include and what to leave out.

Thinking Day should be a special occasion in the Pack, but not an "isolated" occasion. With the long Summer break, February 22nd is upon us about a fortnight after we recommence Pack meetings, and therefore there is no time for elaborate planning. So Thinking Day should be the culmination of a year's international activities—or the start, and should be different from the usual meetings where we include something international. The Brownies should help with the planning and preparation.

In Pow-Wow the Brownies will decide the sort of meeting they would like—whether guests are to be invited, and who; the ceremonies for sending greetings and collecting Thinking Day Cents; and the sort of activities they would like included in the programme.

If your Brownies choose a world trip with visits to different lands, vary the activities. Tickets and passports can be made with badges or pictures, and bought with subs. Bring in a well-known game, rather than have everything new—there is a limit as to how much new material a child can absorb, and an old favourite takes on a new impetus when played in a different setting. Stories, a simple craft, something to eat, or a greeting in another language, can all be included.

If the Brownies choose to have a cake and candles, how about making this the focal point of the meeting? Call at the different countries to collect the ingredients for a cake and play a game there—e.g., U.S.A.—meet a Brownie Scout in uniform by her flag, waiting to welcome us and help Brown Owl to teach us one of her games, such as Dollar Dollar—we then receive the flour. Once all the ingredients are collected, they can be put in a tin and popped in the "oven" to cook, while the Brownies find the countries they've visited on a map of the world, and perhaps put their Thinking Day money there. The proper cake can then be produced, and the Brownies may like to light candles for each of the places they've



visited and remember Brownies there, perhaps sing "Happy Birthday" to the Chief Guide, before cutting the cake and eating it. The meeting could finish with a prayer for Brownies of the world, and Brownie Bells. The Brownies could prepare for this by choosing the countries that produce the given ingredients, colour and cut out the Brownies and flags and make stands for them. It's amazing how many other souvenirs they can produce from home to enhance their corners, too.

Or we can visit countries with badges like ours, or whose Brownies wear brown uniforms, too, or countries on the way to the World Bureau. The Brownies might like to make a trail with their cents across the map, or make flags or cut out a Brownie figure to stand on the country, and find an activity as we go past. The Brownies could be told something about the World Bureau and the uses for their Thinking Day money ("Council Fire" has many examples) as an ending.

If we have a visitor, can they tell or teach us something to bring them in, and could our Brownies give as well as receive? International friendship starts at home, with neighbours, school, work. There are many overseas people in Victoria, migrants and students of all kinds, and this could be an opening.

And if we make Thinking Day a start, can we make our trail of cents cross 11 countries, and learn more about one of them each month? Our information need not always be about Guiding.

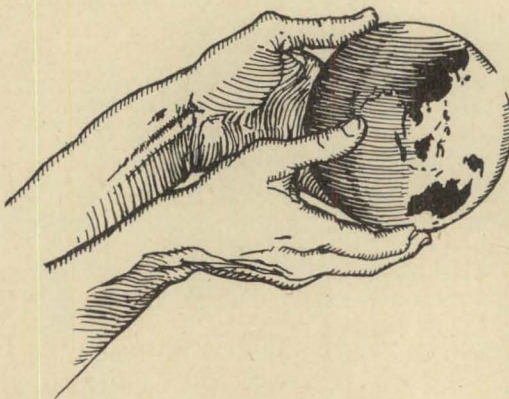
Most of our many singing games have their origin in an interesting country. How about enlarging the Brownies' repertoire? The Guide choir have made a record of Brownie Singing Games, and each of these could lead on to something else discovered about a certain country. Introduce the record on Thinking Day as something new, and see if you can go on from there during the year.

Painting books, story books, cut-outs, pictures and flags, handwork books, are all available at the Guide shop for the Brownie's use, as well as books and magazines on our World Association, World Cen-

tres, and current events in Guiding for us Guiders.

Brownies need to be helped to realise what a valuable contribution to Guiding every country makes and what sacrifices, often so much greater than our own, it is prepared to make in order to be a member of the world family. It is important that each Brownie knows that she is a link in the Guiding chain of friendship whether she be in Melbourne or far across the sea.

—P. S.



### KEEP HEALTHY AND WEALTHY

I am really very wealthy,  
 For its wealthy to be healthy.  
 It is quite as good as gold  
 Not to have a nasty cold.  
 You can keep your money, please—  
 Just don't give me that horrid sneeze!  
 I think it's worth a ruby red  
 Not to have to stay in bed.  
 My precious pearls I shall not waste—  
 I clean them well with flouride paste.  
 Brownies hear their Wise Owls tell  
 How to keep their bodies well.

—Robyn Perrin, 3rd Blackburn Pack.

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A real politician is a man who can see both sides of an issue . . . in time to get around it.





### EXTRACT FROM HONG KONG'S LETTER TO A BROWNIE PACK . . .

. . . the rug arrived at a most opportune time, as far as need was concerned. Hong Kong had a very cold winter — the coldest for many years — and blankets and rugs were almost out of stocks of the welfare organisations. Your rug actually arrived on the day we were moving out of our temporary quarters with the Salvation Army into our beautiful new building. On that particular day we found a Guide family sleeping in the street. They had a tiny baby with them, but no blankets. Lo and behold yours had just come, so I gave it to them. I did not realise at the time that it was meant to go to the Ho family, but in any case they had been well looked after in every way and didn't need anything else.



### PERMANENT YOUTH CENTRE FOR EUROPE

The Council of Europe has decided to build a permanent European Youth Centre in Strasbourg. The Centre will be able to receive about 560 participants a year and should be ready for the 20th anniversary of the Council in 1969.

—Unesco Features.

### L.A. GIFTS — FURTHER EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS RECEIVED

#### From Miss Freeman, High Wycombe, England:

"We are now busy arranging for the celebration of 'Fifty Years of Guiding in High Wycombe', and your parcel will be handed over as part of the official celebrations."

. . . and extract from a private letter:

"I heard about the pretty tablecloth sent to Miss Freeman. Everyone admired it, and it was on display with many other things of interest."

#### From Rarotonga, Cook Islands:

"I would like to thank you for giving my address to your Association, and I have received their lovely gifts. It took us some time to discuss what to do with the gifts, and we have finally decided to compete with the mothers of each district on your Cook Islands Day which will be on 15th October. This is to celebrate when we first started our Guides in the Cook Islands, which was 15th October, 1928."



### DID YOU KNOW . . . ?

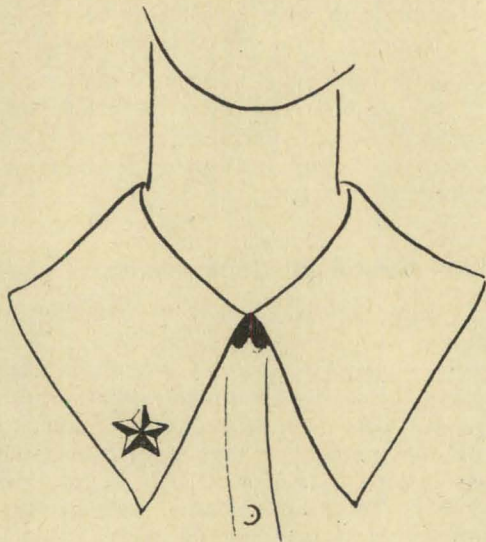
That from February, 1968, Britain will be giving up Greenwich Mean Time and will go over permanently to British Summer Time?

This will have the advantage of being the same time as the countries in Europe close to Britain.



# NEW BADGES FOR GUIDERS

Have you seen anyone wearing these badges? Probably not, because no one in Victoria has earned them yet! They are badges which have recently been introduced as a result of requests from Guiders who wished to have a further challenge. The syllabi are set out at the end of this article.



**B.P. BADGE**

A tiny silver star, worn on point of collar.

## TRAINING FOR THESE BADGES

**B.P. Badge.**—Section One of the B.P. Badge is up to you! Start reading as soon as you like, and notify the Training Department through your District Commissioner. When we know that enough Guiders are under way with this section, we will start making plans for a B.P. Course for Section Two.

**Bushcraft Badge.**—A training will be held at Guide House, Easter, 1968, using outside experts in the various spheres of interest, as well as our own Trainers. Only a limited number can be accommodated at this course, so apply not later than 15th March, on the usual blue nomination form, to the Training Department. Enclose training fee, \$10.



**BUSHCRAFT BADGE**

The horned moon, which is the traditional woodcraft symbol of the Red Indians, in white enamel on a green bar, worn on left breast.

## SYLLABI

### Bushcraft Badge

This has been introduced as a challenge to encourage Guiders to increase their knowledge of Bushcraft.

#### MUST:

1. Hold a warrant.
2. Have been a member of a Guide camp staff. This could be an introduction to the Camp Permit, Brownie Pack Holiday or Senior Branch Camp.
3. Organise an Outdoor Bushcraft or Adventure Day for the Company or P.L.'s of a District; to be judged on the content, planning and carrying out of programme; attention to safety and enjoyment of the Guides; degree of challenge and achievement in the day.
4. (a) Show knowledge in the use and care of, dangers and limitations of all tools, ropes, etc., used in Bushcraft activities; e.g., axes, saw, ropes (their materials, sizes, breaking strain), compass, maps, green v. dry wood, etc.  
(b) Discuss safety factors to be considered in Bushcraft activities.  
(c) Know how to avoid being lost in the bush; what to do if you get lost; and general precautions to take on bush expeditions.  
(d) Know how to treat for shock, snake bite, stop bleeding, render first aid for fractures; know what to do if a person



is seriously injured, and improvise stretcher.

(e) Know general regulations governing lighting of fires in own State, and where to apply for information regarding particular areas.

5. Pass any three of the following clauses, showing ability to observe Nature and/or use of reference books.

- (i) Identify 10 native trees, know twigs, flowers, fruit leaves and bark.
- (ii) Identify 10 constellations and their brightest stars.
- (iii) Find and identify 10 different specimens of marine life.
- (iv) Identify 10 birds by appearance, flight, call song; give habitat and chief characteristics of each.
- (v) Identify 10 plants in natural surroundings, including some wild flowers, grasses, mosses, ferns.
- (vi) Identify 10 different insects and know their chief characteristics and habits.

## B.-P. BADGE

Be a Warranted Guider of not less than two years' standing. (This Badge is for Guiders who wish to challenge themselves to a higher standard of knowledge and practice.)

Guiders should apply through their District Commissioner, who will inform the Training Department.

The test for the Badge is in three sections:—

### Section One

The syllabus includes selected reading about the principles and methods of Guiding and some reading about youth's needs today.

It is suggested that the trainees could work in groups of two or more for reading—each Guider to help the other. Country Guiders could do reading on their own and perhaps correspond with someone else who is doing the syllabus; this would enable them to discuss points arising from the reading.

Read:

1. Scouting for Boys (full edition).
2. A Biography of B.-P., e.g., "Two Lives of a Hero", "B.-P.", by E. E. Reynolds.

Read at least one book of own choice from each of the following sections:—

### General:

- \*The Scout Movement, E. E. Reynolds.
- Aids to Scoutmastership, B.-P.
- Adventuring With B.-P.
- Twenty-seven Years with B.-P., E. K. Wade.
- \*Rovering to Success, B.-P.

### Promise and Law:

- \*Scouting, Religion and the Churches.
- God and the Open Scout Group, J. Thurman.
- Faith and Loyalties — New Look Series.
- Duty to God (pamphlet).
- The Guide Way of Life.
- Scouts Own, Pat Leonard.
- Prayer and Worship Through Guiding, Angela Thompson.

### International:

- The World Association Report.
- Council Fire (for one year).
- Trefoil Around the World.
- AND a book of her own choice on some aspect of world affairs, e.g., "The United Nations and Its Agencies".

### Patrol System:

- Not More Than Eight, Elizabeth Hartley.
- \*The Lone Wolf Trail.
- Patrol System for Girl Guides.
- The Brownie Pack.
- Hints for Ranger Guiders and Commissioners.
- AND—
- The New Look Series — Ourselves and Others.
- The Art of Group Discipline.

### Bushcraft:

- \*Living Off the Land, H. A. Lindsay.
- Nature Is Your Guide, Gatty.
- A Bushman's Handbook.
- Thistle Harris—Naturecraft.
- Bush Walking—Camping, Paddy Patten.

### Youth:

- Youth and Youth Groups, McAllister Brew.
- Journey Through Adolescence, Odlam.
- Leadership and Life, Vance.
- Burning Coals of Fire, Walton.
- Child Behaviour, Gazelle.

As well as a book from each of the above Sections the Guider should read a book on a



Branch other than her own. Suggestions below:—

Campfire Leaders' Book  
(Hazelwood & Thurman).  
Camping for All (Jack Cox).  
Let's Go Camping.  
The Brownie Pack.  
Sea Sense.  
The Wolf Cub's Handbook.  
Pioneering Principles (Thurman).  
The Magic of Believing.  
The Brownie Handbook for Australian Brownies.  
Hints for Ranger Guiders and Commissioners.

\*These books are old and may be difficult to obtain, but may be available from Guiders' Reference Library, etc.

**Test:**

The Guider's understanding of what she has read to be tested by written paper or discussion — according to her own choice.

**Section Two**

(Must have completed Section One).

Attend a B.P. Training Course of a week (eight days) or the equivalent (four week-ends). This course to be based on the fundamentals studied in Section One — to include:

Needs of Youth Today.  
Law and Promise.  
Tenderfoot.  
Patrol System.  
Pioneering and Bushcraft.  
Catering and Food Values.  
Counselling of Youth.  
Campfire Training.

**Test:**

Show a high standard of proficiency in technical subjects. Show a good understanding of and that she is trying to carry out — B.P.'s aims and objects.

**Section Three**

(Must have completed Section Two).

Carry the practice of what she had learned into her own Unit and District and show evidence of this for a period of at least six months.



**STAMPS**

In March, 1968, the Stamp Section will be 21 years old.

New readers of these notes will be sure to need hints on what to do, and older folk may find these suggestions helpful. As well as being a fund-raising effort, it will encourage the practice of thrift in Brownies, Guides and Rangers. Each of you will have received cards or parcels at Christmas time, and this is where stamp saving begins.

If the stamps appear undamaged, tear off that corner of the envelope, store stamps in a suitable container until there are sufficient to warrant soaking off. Use a wide, shallow dish, about half fill it with room temperature water, then—and here's a tricky bit—put into the water only the stamps which do not have blue-backed envelope paper. The blue dye will stain the water, rendering stamps useless, as they absorb it, and stained stamps cannot be sold. The blue backs can be done separately, and if dipped into water for a few seconds they should peel off. Place them into the main soaking-off dish to remove all old gum. Use fresh water for each lot of stamps, and rinse them if they remain too gummy.

To dry, place stamps on clean, absorbent paper (butchers' white will do), look for any torn corners, etc., or stained or dirty stamps, and discard them.

Sort stamps into their different kinds, pack them flat into used envelopes, taking care not to bend them, and store until you have at least 2 ozs. when packed. Packet post costs 5c for first 2 ozs., and 4c for next 2 ozs., then 4c for each succeeding 4 ozs. The Post Office will check the weight of packets, so see that postage is not wasted by going over the weight by a fraction.

Wrap and tie parcels securely, and address them to 12 Cowderoy Street, St. Kilda, 3182, NOT to Guide Headquarters.

LORNA E. CUZENS,

Hon. Organizer for Stamps.

P.S.—Save stamps, also save water—pour the stamp soaking-off water on to the garden.





I could see that Rosie the Ranger has had all her Rangers checking skirt lengths—not too short and not too long. They are so fashion-conscious.

Hello, everybody! I'm Mrs. Connie Commissioner. I had a very happy time last Sunday. I attended our District Church Parade. The children looked delightful and so smart. Goodness, I was so pleased I had previously looked in the mirror and found my skirt was uneven and too long. Thanks be, I had shortened the hem—not mini—but to a length that is fashionable and yet suited to my figure.

I wonder if other Commissioners and Guiders know about "their skirts"? We don't want the public to think because we wear uniform, we are old-fashioned and dowdy, do we?



The length of skirts for Gertie the Guide and Biddy the Brownie will vary because they do seem to grow so fast. Do you think to aim at 2" from the floor when kneeling would be suitable? Perhaps we could try.





## QUEEN'S GUIDE PRESENTATIONS, 1967

On 24th November, 72 Guides who were to receive their Queen's Guide Certificate from the Governor met at the Y.W.C.A. Hall to attend a rehearsal for the "big day". This was capably run by Miss Bunning and Miss Macartney, and was not only an informative but friendly meeting which prepared us for the activities which were to follow.

A personal thrill was in being chosen to read the Message of Loyalty to be sent to the Queen.

The day of the presentation dawned, and we assembled outside the ballroom of Government House. A final inspection was made by Miss Bunning, Guide Adviser, and then 72 pairs of highly polished shoes containing 72 well-spruced but nervous girls made their way into the magnificent ballroom. One could almost hear the gasps from the girls in admiration of the splendour of the room, which has recently been re-decorated in blue, aqua, white and gold.

We took up our positions in the front half of the room with the Scouts behind us. Guiders were seated round the walls of the room, and the Governor and Lady Delacombe, with our State Commissioner and other V.I.P.'s, made their way to the dais.

And so the presentation began — row after row of Guides received their Royal certificates from Sir Rohan, and for all he had a smile and a kindly word.

As each Guide saluted the Governor, one could see her pride in being a Queen's Guide, and the satisfaction of this, the culmination of many months of hard, but rewarding service to others and herself.

The Message of Loyalty was read, and Sir Rohan gave his message. All who attended were then invited to partake of "lollywater and sticky cakes" on the brown lawns of Government House.

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The Gilt Cross for bravery was presented to Margaret Dunne, a former Guide of the 2nd Tatura Company.

"On January 28th, 1967, Margaret, aged 13 years, showed remarkable courage when a yacht, which she was sailing on the Waranga Reservoir with a family friend and his four-year-old daughter, capsized during a sudden squall. Without thought of her own safety, she swam approximately three-quarters of a mile in extremely rough water, and against strong winds, in approaching darkness to obtain help."

—From the stories by Jan Dick, 12th Ballarat Coy.; Robyn Manson, 6th Colac Coy.; and Lynette Limbrick, 1st Nathalia Coy.

## MESSAGE OF LOYALTY

### From the Queen's Guides of Victoria to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II

We, as the Queen's Guides of Victoria, offer our pledge of love, loyalty and obedience to your Gracious Majesty.

As we continue through life may we be of service to others, using to the best of our ability the knowledge we have gained as Queen's Guides.

(Message written by Karen Norton, 2nd Moorabbin Coy., and read by Jan Dick, 12th Ballarat Coy. at the Queen's Guide Presentations, November, 1967.)



It was recently reported that Prince Andrew, seven-year-old second son of the Queen, has joined the 1st St. Marylebone Cub Pack, which will move its meeting place to Buckingham Palace.

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A little science estranges men from God —  
much science leads them back to Him.





### WARANA FESTIVAL, BRISBANE

Throughout the judging for Miss Warana I was thankful for my previous experience at Girl Guide Headquarters, when a group of ladies had the task of selecting someone from a group of Rangers, Guides and Guiders to represent the Movement in the Warana Quest. I was surprised, but very pleased, to be chosen as Miss Ranger. This was the first year a girl was nominated and sponsored by the Ranger Branch. The first letter I received from Warana Office was an invitation to a get-together with the other entrants. There was a friendly and casual atmosphere when I arrived and it was easy to make friends and find mutual interests with all the girls present. The next function was a smorgasbord luncheon at Lennons. Tables were arranged so the girls sat in groups, and whilst eating we were joined by each of the judges in turn. This first judging held the same easy atmosphere which characterized the earlier get-together. The next judging was again at Lennons where we were individually interviewed by the judges and this is where, I felt, I had benefited from being at Guide Headquarters. I was asked a number of questions on a wide general knowledge basis. We were expected to know that Brisbane has a population of 700,000 and that 600 miles separate Brisbane and Sydney; that Mr. Nicklin is the leader of the Country Party in Queensland and it takes three minutes to soft-boil an egg. We were also asked questions concerning Singapore—this was probably because the Malaysia-Singapore Airlines donated first prize. Additional prizes included a trip to Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide, \$200 travellers' cheques and a modelling course. It was wonderful to be chosen as "Miss Warana"—and during Warana Week I had many pleasant duties to perform and functions to attend and I received very ROYAL treatment! It has been a wonderful experience and one which I shall always remember.

I am truly proud to be a representative of the Guide Association and especially of the Rangers who have shown so much enthusiasm and given me such wonderful support.

NADINE WARFIELD,  
Gaalwong Ranger Co.

### ICE CREAM FIESTA

One weekend 27 members of Brisbane Trefoil Guild gathered at Kindilan for their annual camp.

"Ice Creams for the Chief" was the camp's theme, in honour of Lady B.P.'s visit during the year, when the Trefoil Guilds made a special presentation of "Ice Cream Money" to the Chief. Our Commandant rose nobly to the theme with her duty roster notice board — a photograph of the chief was surrounded by vari-coloured ice cream cone shapes, on which were listed the various Patrols — Razzmatazz, Cassata, Capuccino and Tutti-Frutti. Patrol duties and timetables were written on "wafers".

On Saturday evening, after dinner and a day well spent, we paraded in all our fancy dress finery. Despite the somewhat difficult Ice Cream theme, members displayed considerable ingenuity and imagination in their costumes. The winner made subtle play of P.O.&R., depicting pineapple, orange and raspberry ice creams on a background of Trefoils. Highly commended were a dashing Slippery Sam and Peters Ice Creams in a colourful dress made entirely of Peters Ice Cream posters. An appetising strawberry ice cream wore strawberry ear-rings and a cone hat; Neapolitan's dress was of crepe paper bands in appropriate colours; Streets "representative" wore a street map for a skirt; and Mr. Whippy wore a high felt hat and carried a whip.

—From "Coo-ee".



### ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS

Following our article on the world-famous Melbourne Botanic Gardens, Mrs. R. K. Smith writes:—

"As a child I was told by my Grandmother Blackham that the first school in Victoria was on part of the Botanic Gardens site. It was only for Aboriginal children. It was open for about three years and closed in 1839."



## WALKING?

Here is a tale that could well be headed "Night Prowlings of the Sleepless Eight," or perhaps "Slumberless Service."

"What the dickens is it all about?" you ask. Well, I'll tell you.

On December 9th, at 7.30 p.m., the first of 13,000 walkers left the Myer Music Bowl on a twenty-mile trek to Dandenong. These daring folk—young, old and in between—had been promised by their stay-at-home sponsors so much for every mile walked, toward funds for Inter-church Aid.

Altogether 800-odd walkers made the whole distance, between starting time on Friday night and 4.30 Saturday morning.

What's this got to do with "Matilda"? Well, eight of us from Dandenong District helped with the feeding of these people as they straggled into the final check point at our Town Hall.

We gathered at our Guide Hall at 8 p.m., armed with sleeping bags, food, and warm clothes, and spent a cosy evening in front of a lovely fire, doing the sort of things Guides do on such occasions, including the spooky stories, eating, some very brilliant mental telepathy and the most wretched problems—have you heard of the King with twin sons?

Time slipped by very quickly and at 11.30 p.m. we went forth to battle. From the time we got to the Town Hall and reported for duty we restocked tables with sandwiches, passed out pies, poured tea and coffee, gave out oranges and washed up dozens of cups until 4 a.m. when I thought that the girls had had enough for one night.

Given permission to leave by the very grateful organizers, we drove back to the Guide Hall, fell into sleeping bags and, to the tune of waking birds and the growing light of day, were quickly asleep.

Did we enjoy it? Yes, my word!

Will we do it next year? Yes, if we don't all walk.

One thing I am sure of—we'll have to have someone on duty at the Town Hall just in case we have another walker arrive, like a Brown Owl did this year, who feels at home the minute she sees the familiar Guide Badge.

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I don't care how much a man talks, if he only says it in a few words.—Josh Billings.

## TAMBO VALLEY DIVISION

The new Tambo Valley Division combined with East Gippsland to hold their first Rally and Revels at Eagle Point.

Nine Packs and five Companies enjoyed the perfect setting and the company of Mrs. Gray, Assistant State Commissioner, and Miss Peg Barr, Organising Secretary.

The Brownies chose a bushland theme, and made emblems of Australian animals and birds. Our Pack made platypus emblems, but at the Revels I was a seagull. A well-known and loved Swaggie set up his lean-to- and campfire (with damper) in the centre, while Mrs. Gray followed the Brownies through the obstacle race, inviting weary Guiders to follow!

Miss Barr delighted with her conducting of a campfire for everyone.

Congratulations to Paynesville on gaining the Cup for most points and to Lakes Entrance for winning the Murdoch Memorial Shield for marching. Bairnsdale Local Association provided refreshments for us all.

—From the stories by M. Davies, District Commissioner, and Kathy Websdale, 1st Bairnsdale Pack.

## EXTENSION SECTION'S FIELD DAY

The spring day was sunny and units of the Extension Section had come to Gipton for the Annual Field Day arranged by the Extension Auxiliary every year.

Gipton seemed to be dressed for the occasion — the trees in flower, the birds singing. After a delicious barbecue lunch came a programme of games for Brownies, Guides and Rangers.

Each unit chose a "mascot" to be dressed for the day and there was a wide variety, ranging from the Hippy to the Fairy Queen. The Brownies walked away with the prize.

The prize for the games and the "mascot" was "The Order of the Golden Gumnut". There was much merriment as each member received this — a golden gumnut on a matching ribbon — which was placed over the head and around the neck.

After thanks to members of the Auxiliary and the many helpers came afternoon tea, and, with the singing of "Taps", the happy day was brought to a close.

—Nell Hutton.



## RANGER CENTRAL AUSTRALIA SAFARI

The Victorian Contingent travelled on the Overland to Adelaide—an uneventful train trip, except for a two-hour delay while a breakdown crew cleared the track of a burning goods truck at Burrumbeet.

On arrival we were met by the South Australian Ranger Adviser, and most of us went to the Barbecue Inn for lunch—all sorts of grilled meat cooked, while you wait, on a bed of hot coals, and delicious with chopped cabbage, onion and red peppers. Some of the overseas girls arrived just in time to join in a party for one of the U.S.A. delegate's birthday, and we all got to know each other prior to leaving on our Safari. I am sure the Hostel must have wondered what they had struck, with 72 Rangers all trying to get last-minute things in and out of cases prior to having them packed on the buses. We were to spend our last night for two weeks in comfortable beds with lovely clean sheets!

Sunday morning, in watery sunshine, we left for the North. T.V. cameras whirred and we were away!

Our first stop was Port Wakefield where we invaded the tiny shop for ice-creams and drinks. Then to Port Augusta—up till now the roads had been sealed, but the next 90-odd miles gave us our first taste of dust and dirt roads.

The first night was spent beside the water pipeline from Port Augusta to Woomera township. This is a branch line off the main Morgan (on the Murray River)-Whyalla water pipeline. The rail siding nearby has the name of Wirrappa and I think this stop was remembered most for the size and pricks of the burrs. Most Li-Lo's were useless for the rest of the trip!

After passing the siding of Pimba and the turn-off to Woomera township, we followed the perimeter of Woomera Rocket Range, into Kingoonya, where we halted for re-fuelling, both petrol and soft drink. Then on to Coober Pedy for our second night. We had one gallon of water per person for a bush shower, and this was a delightful refresher.

At Coober Pedy we saw the largest filtration plant in the world, went inside a dug-out and into the Opal Cave, where some of the girls bought opals.

While waiting for the bus to go, we had a look for some raw opal, without much luck, but at our next stop we spent most of

the time collecting jasper in a dry creek bed. Then on till we reached the Northern Territory border where, I think, more film was used on one subject than anywhere else on the trip! Due to the fact that the Centre had recently had rain, the wild flowers were quite prolific—pink, white and yellow daisies forming coloured carpets near the Northern Territory border—also a red bushy plant, completely surrounding the Victory Downs homestead. There was quite a good covering of grass and everything was looking quite fresh for the area. Just after crossing the border we turned off the main North-South Road into Victory Downs Cattle Station for the night. Here we had the most marvellous steak dinner, the steaks in some cases being bigger than the plates.

Next day we pressed on to Mulga Park where we were able to see Aborigines in their natural habitat. The next port of call was Curtin Springs—then at last the Rock was in sight, and we entered the Ayers Rock-Mt. Olga National Park on the way to our camp site at the Redline Motel.

We were up before the sun, hurrying to a vantage point on a sand hill a little way from camp. It was magnificent to see the Rock change from a deep red to a pale pink as the sun moved higher into the sky. After hot-footing it back to camp for breakfast, we drove to the local air strip, and most of us went for a 'plane ride over the Rock and the Olgas. We went round to the Rock "climb" and most of the party succeeded in reaching the top. We drove out to and around the Olgas and back to the Rock to see the various caves and springs. The sun was starting to sink, so off we went to another vantage point to photograph the Rock at sunset.

Then down came the tents again and off we set for the Alice, not without adventures on the way. The most remarkable was a camel ride during our lunch break at Mt. Ebenezer Station. Like Curtin Springs, Mt. Ebenezer has put in septic toilets and has a place for refreshments. Behind the buildings is a camping area and here were two Aborigines and their camels. Most of us had a ride, but there always has to be one "comedian." One of the Guiders got stuck as she dismounted from the camel—the Aboriginal owner decided to help her, but only made her foot stick more. Eventually the Aboriginal lifted her to safety amidst much laughter.

(To be continued)



## TENDERFOOT . . . SECOND CLASS

News from the Australian Training Conference is that the Experimental Tenderfoot and Second Class, which many of us have been using these last two years, is now accepted, with minor alterations, throughout Australia, to come into force from now on.

Full details, and some comments to help during the change-over period, will be in the Commissioners' February Newsletter, and in the next copy of "Matilda".

E. BUNNING.

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## GANG SHOW

The Melbourne Gang Show, presented each year by the Boy Scouts Association, will really be breaking new ground this year, when it includes 12 Rangers in its cast of 120. This will be the first time ever in the world that girls have been seen in an official Gang Show. They should certainly be a sure-fire hit.

The world-famous Gang Shows had their beginning in England 36 years ago when someone thought that a Scout Camp should have a swimming pool. A young Rover Scout named Ralph Reader, who was making a name for himself in theatre circles, wrote and produced the first Gang Show to raise funds. From that small start the Gang has become one of the greatest traditions of Scouting and has given several Royal Command performances — the only amateur act to receive this honour.

Like Scouting and Guiding, the Gang has gone around the world. There are shows in hundreds of cities and towns in many countries. It is quite truly said that a Gang Show is playing somewhere every night of the year.

The Melbourne Gang is now preparing to stage its 16th show. This will be held in the enormous Palais Theatre, St. Kilda, on 10th, 11th, 16th, 17th and 18th May. There will be matinees on both Saturdays. There is a cast of 120, with a behind-the-scenes crew of almost as many! The Gang is run completely on the Patrol System, and every effort is made to see that the show interferes as little as possible with the cast's normal Scouting activities.

A visit to Gang Show '68 should provide an interesting night for all members of the Guide Movement — particularly to see their sister Rangers on stage. All performances are in the school holidays, so a late night should not matter. Gang Show '68 can provide an "instant" meeting for you, so include it in your programme planning for the year. It should be one of the highlights!

DOUG. EDMONDS.

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Trust must be absolute. Drop but one letter and Rust takes its place.



# TRAINING PAGES



## SNAKE BITE

Probably the hardest aspect of education is to "unlearn" what you have previously been taught, so that new knowledge can be substituted. Fortunately, there is much in Guiding which, once learned, will remain stable, but with First Aid we are constantly facing the frustration of change.

The reason for so many alterations is the human element. Patients all react differently to injury, and as more is learned about the body and the mind, the medical profession introduce treatments based on this new knowledge and their previous experience.

However, we can still be confused by the fact that First Aid authorities will differ as to the treatment they recommend, and without a broad background of medical knowledge the lay person is unable to decide which she should do. The young and inexperienced Brownies and Guides will need to be taught simply and directly with only as much left to their discretion as their stage of maturity warrants. Therefore First Aid taught in the Guide Movement is based on conservative "middle of the road" principles.

Recently there have been changes regarding the treatment of snake bite, so the following is an attempt to clarify the principles to be taught to Guides regarding this emergency:—

### If bitten on a limb

1. Apply a ligature on the upper half of the limb, tight enough to stop the pulse. The foot or hand will turn white and cold. If the veins enlarge and turn blue, the ligature is not tight enough.

The ligature should be loosened each 20 to 30 minutes, allowing the blood to flow through the limb for 20 to 30 seconds. Retighten the ligature. Continue this until the doctor takes over the treatment. The ligature can be removed completely after four hours if the doctor has not been contacted by then, but there is still need for the doctor to be seen.

2. Reassure the patient. She will be very apprehensive and so needs to feel everything possible is being done and that the danger is not as great as she fears. Rest the patient by sitting or lying her down.

3. Wipe away the venom from around the puncture marks with a wet cloth.

4. Suck the puncture marks if you have no cracks or breaks in your mouth, and spit out the venom. Sucking is more effective than squeezing, but the latter can be used as an alternative if necessary.

5. Take the patient to a doctor or hospital as soon as possible. Transport by car if available, but if there is a distance to walk, do not rush, as it is advisable to keep the circulation as slow as practicable.

It will help the doctor decide on the best treatment if he knows the type of snake involved.

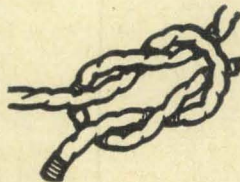
6. Should the patient stop breathing, start mouth to mouth resuscitation.

If bitten elsewhere on the body other than a limb, exclude the use of a ligature and treat as described from 2 to 6.

You will notice that it is no longer necessary to cut the puncture marks.

Prevention is most important, so this aspect should continue to be taught, and put into practice, by the Guides.

—Yvonne James.



## AUSTRALIA'S FLAG

"From the sunset's brilliant glow God took a touch of red;

From the clouds the purest white, the blue from overhead;

In the gardens of the heavens, He picked the stars from there—

Putting them all together He made patterns of a flag so fair."

—P. F. Framan.



### 3. PRESENTING GOLDEN HAND ACTIVITIES IN THE PACK

#### Tea Making, Cooking, Clothes Folding

We have previously dealt with the presentation of laundering and fire lighting to the Pack. We now come to consider the other sections of Golden Hand work which could be broadly classified as homecrafts.

Cooking is something which must, of course, be practised by the Brownies at home, but Guiders must always be close at hand with encouragement and to acknowledge efforts.

Has your Pack ever had a corn-popping day? Or perhaps a toffee-making afternoon to provide wares for the L.A. street stall?

Pack Holiday is a time when everyone can enjoy helping Q.M. (or Bluebird, Cinderella, King Neptune perhaps?) making exciting "secret" dishes. These may be something along the lines of frogs in swamp water (chocolate frogs set in green jelly), candles (banana halves standing upright in pineapple rings and topped by a cherry — of course, these would become lighthouses on a seaside holiday), or porcupines (meatballs with rice spikes).

If the Brownies love being in the kitchen it will be no time before you hear weekly reports of culinary successes.

Could you imagine someone bringing you a horrible cup of tea in bed when you are not feeling so good? Can you imagine being freezing cold and getting a cold cup of tea? Do you think that you would enjoy a cup of tea that was leaking out the side of a cracked cup? Or slopped over into the saucer? Here are some ideas to help your Brownies become expert tea makers.

If you are lucky enough to have access to a stove or urn in your meeting place, your Brownies will have many opportunities to demonstrate their tea-making ability to you and their visitors.

However, whether or not these facilities are available to you, the following game will be enjoyed by your Brownies:—

Divide the Pack into teams of even numbers (about five or six per team), then have all the Brownies stand in a circle, each holding a card on which is drawn or written a word or phrase to do with tea making (e.g., teapot, kettle, boiling water, sugar, cups, tray,

etc.). No. 1 in each team should hold cards saying the same thing and so on. Thus, No. 5 in each team may hold a card saying "cups and saucers".

In the centre of the ring place a set of cards with remarks complementary to those on the cards held by the Brownies (e.g., the Brownie holding the card "teapot" may find a card saying "always remember to warm the \_\_\_\_\_ before putting in the tea leaves". There should be at least one card in the centre for each different card held by the Brownies.

Brownies skip around in a circle, holding hands, and singing to the tune of "Pop Goes the Weasel":

"As Brownies we have lots of fun,  
Pop goes the weasel.  
Happy smiles when work is done,  
Pop goes the weasel."

Brown Owl or Tawny Owl then calls out "kettle" (or what she wishes), and all Brownies holding that card run to the centre and look for an appropriate matching card. The first Brownie to read out a correct card gains a point for her team. Counters, if used to keep scores, could become lumps of sugar for the occasion.

The value of folding clothes neatly will become apparent to the Brownies by the use of the following activity:—

Have the Brownies, as a Pack, make out a list of what they would take with them if they were going away for a weekend (list to be compiled for just one person, not for the Pack). Sort out the list and ask each Brownie to remember to bring one or more particular articles to the next meeting. A Guider contributes a case of the appropriate size.

Working on a large sheet of plastic or paper have each Brownie in turn put an article in the case. Chances are that the case will be full before everything is packed in. Have each Brownie take out what she put in and keep it with her. Call up the Brownies in turn and show each, and the rest of the Pack, how to pack her article. Repeat the exercise again, this time only giving assistance when needed. The result should be a neatly packed case.

If there is a Pack holiday approaching, this activity will be of great practical importance to Guiders. Just imagine "going home day" without having cases to sit on!



## NOTES ON ROPE

"Notes" they will have to be, because the whole subject of rope is a big one. For instance, there are 22 different kinds of line, which is the smaller sort of rope, each with its different character and uses. Anyone who has pitched a tent will have handled at least three of these different lines. Apart from camping, however, Guides and Guiders use ropes for a variety of purposes, and these can be grouped under two main headings — Lashings and Support. Lashings are used for every kind of constructional work — bridges, sheerlegs and so on — and support covers the use of rope for rock-climbing, life-saving, and all occasions when bodily safety may depend on a single rope.

Before getting down to these headings, let's consider briefly the vital factors in efficient use of rope.

"Money for old rope" is a saying to remember; it means, obviously, "money for something worthless". Old rope, of whatever sort, is worthless as a purchase or even as a gift because you don't know its history. It may have been in contact with acid, used for towing a car, allowed to get mildewed or fractured by abrasion — and any of these things will have weakened it. Start with a NEW rope and see that its "history" is known to you throughout its period of use. If it is subjected to heavy strain (e.g., towing a car) never use it again for support purposes; relegate it for knotting practice. All rope needs proper care and should be looked after in accordance with the following rules:—

1. Never store it wet; hang it in a loose coil in a current of fresh (NOT hot) air to dry.
2. Never let it come near car batteries, creosote or disinfectants.
3. Always avoid treading on it or dragging it over rough ground.
4. Always keep it clean — shake it out frequently, rinse it in clean, cold water if it gets soiled.

Now a few brief facts about rope. Most ropes used by Guides will be hawser-laid. Small fibres are twisted into yarns, three yarns are twisted into a strand, three strands are twisted — clockwise — into a rope, and if three ropes are twisted together that is a cable.

It is important to keep the clockwise twist in a rope by always coiling it clockwise, either from hand to hand or by coiling-down on the ground. It is the closeness of the twist that gives a hawser-laid rope its special strength and elasticity. Woven or plaited ropes are not nearly so strong.

When mildew attacks a rope, as it will if the rope is stored wet, it attacks the small fibres in the yarns and cannot be detected — until the rope breaks unexpectedly; hence the need for special care in storage. Ropes are measured by their circumference in inches. Thus a hemp rope about as thick as your thumb will be called "three-inch hemp". The two modern types of rope likely to be used by Guides are hemp and nylon, and hemp is the stuff for lashings and nylon for support.

Hemp is preferred where too much "give" is undesirable — lashings for trestles and bridges, rope-ladders of any great length, ropeways, and similar uses. The size of hemp rope used depends on the size of the poles being lashed and the strain likely to be imposed on it. The breaking load of hemp rope (Grade 1 manila, new) is 21 cwt. for a 1½in. rope and 90 cwt. for a 3in., but the safe-working load — quite a different thing — is about one-sixth of these weights and should be used in calculating the strength required.

When a structure or ropeway is likely to remain set-up for any length of time, or when the lashing will be frequently or continuously wet (as in raft construction) the rope to use is tarred hemp, which is not rope covered in thick tar, but one which has been dipped in light tar-oil, making it rot-resistant.

Nylon rope is the stuff to use whenever a human body is to be supported or safe-guarded. Its special safety factor is its extra elasticity, and this same factor makes it unsuitable where stiff, unyielding lashings or guys have to be set up. A 100ft. nylon rope will stretch to 120ft. before breaking, and this is the main reason why it is always used in mountaineering and rock-climbing, where a fall may impose a tremendous jerk which would snap a hemp rope. Its other good qualities are resistance to wet and mildew, and a longer life than hemp. It is widely used in dinghy-sailing for these reasons, and since it does not get soaked



and heavy in water a coil of nylon Grade 2 would make an admirable heaving-line when it is a question of life-saving in lake or sea.

Nylon rope comes in four grades. The Grade 2 just mentioned has a minimum breaking load of 2000 lbs., but the heaviest nylon in use by climbers, Grade 4, has a breaking load of 4200 lbs., and should always be used for rock-climbing or any other purpose where a Guide, Ranger or Guider is to be safeguarded against fall from a height. The ace climbers of today climb on Grade 4 nylon or Grade 3 doubled. Nylon has one bad quality, and it is most important to remember it: it has a low melting point, so that subjection to heat, particularly the heat generated by friction, may weaken it and cause fracture. Always be quite sure that nylon does not run across another nylon rope (which would double the heat generated) or get exposed to the heat of a campfire. In climbing, the slings and waist-lengths should always be of hemp, not nylon.

Lastly, when buying rope — whether nylon or hemp — don't get it from the local hardware store. Especially avoid clothes-line, which is likely to be adulterated with jute and untrustworthy. Deal with a reputable supplier; a good climbing-equipment firm for nylon rope or a yachting-supply firm for hemp. In the case of hemp, don't get the type called "yacht manila", which is stiff and kinky, and don't be tempted by the really beautiful appearance of white cotton rope — it goes as hard and inelastic as wire when it's wet.

—By Commander Showell Styles,  
from the "Guider".

## HARLEQUINADE

### Patrol Equipment

Make harlequinade packets. These consist of different coloured shapes, e.g., a square, a rectangle, a circle, a triangle, a diamond, in different colours. Each shape can be made in two or three different sizes. The only rule is that each packet must be identical and the pieces should be of a size and thickness that is easy to handle. Scraps of adhesive kitchen plastic put on card would make grand sets.

## To Play

1. Use as basic Kim. One Guide lays out 30 of her shapes. The rest study them for two minutes, then turn away and find the identical 30 from their own sets.
2. One Guide lays out 30 shapes. Others look at them for a few seconds. Turn away. Guide removes one shape. At command all spring back. First person to name the missing shape (shape, colour, size if there is a choice) becomes the one to lift away the next shape.
3. One Guide lays out 12 shapes. The others have to reproduce them in their correct positions.
4. Guide who has laid out 30 shapes then asks questions. "What colour was the triangle?" "How many circles were there?" Token to first correct answer.

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## Old Fred

Old Fred's face is a piece of card (white, pink, or even fawn!) the size of a plate. On it are placed cardboard features; a mouth, a nose, two eyes, two ears, and a shaped brown or black bit for hair.

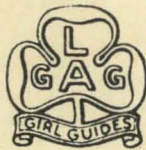


The idea is to make two sets of Old Fred, with a collection of assorted features. One Guide chooses features and lays them on Old Fred's face. The other Guide looks at him for one minute. He is covered up and she makes an identical Old Fred using the second set.

Eyes are circles of card with the centre marked or painted. Note that Old Fred is an off-beat type of character so that his eyes and ears need not match each other! Features can vary in shade as well as in shape, but always make an identical copy of each feature for the second set.

—From the "Guide".





## THIS IS THE LOCAL ASSOCIATION'S PAGE

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THE L.A.'S HAVE HAD A VOICE OF THEIR OWN IN "MATILDA" — MAKE THE MOST OF THIS OPPORTUNITY.  
WHAT DO YOU WANT ON IT ? ? ?

LOCAL ASSOCIATION ? OF THE GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION LOCAL AUXILIARY? YOUR GROUP IS A SECTION OF THE GUIDING IN YOUR LOCALITY . . . A LOCAL PART OF THE GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION. AN AUXILIARY IS CONCERNED MAINLY IN RAISING MONEY FOR THE ORGANISATION TO WHICH IT BELONGS, AND WHILST THIS FACET OF THE LOCAL ASSOCIATION'S WORK IS OF TREMENDOUS VALUE IN A DISTRICT, IT IS BY NO MEANS THE ONLY PART, OR THE MOST IMPORTANT.

### *What do you want?*

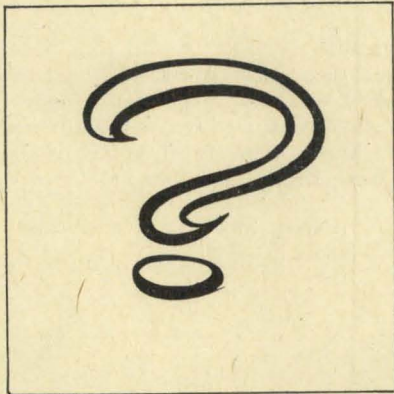
**MATERIAL FOR THE L.A. PAGE IN "MATILDA"**

**WHAT?** ANYTHING OF INTEREST TO OTHER L.A.'S.

**HOW?** APPOINT SOMEONE IN YOUR DISTRICT TO COLLECT AND SEND IT.

**WHERE?** TO MRS. R. E. GRAY, 56 BALWYN ROAD, BALWYN, 3103.

**WHEN?** BY THE LAST MONDAY IN EACH MONTH.



### **SUGGESTIONS**

UNUSUAL ACTIVITIES? . . . FUNCTIONS? . . . PROBLEMS? . . . QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS?

YOU SUGGEST IT . . . THE COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER IT.



## THE RANGER BRANCH "OFF BEAT OLYMPICS"

Which really were "Off Beat"—were held at Norman Park, Gellibrand. I helped the Colac Land Rangers finish decorating the main hut and generally prepare for the arrival of the bus from Melbourne. After an hilarious welcome, everyone was served tomato soup which they had to drink through straws. This was quite amusing to watch.

In the morning the girls were given a song book for the camp—this included a copy of the Ranger's Own and the camp programme. Each of our four groups had to make up a name and a flag for their "country." Some of these were quite funny. When the flags were finished, the countries were summoned together for the "Obstacle Race" which was followed by a marvellous dinner.

The "Obstacle Race" consisted of various obstacles which had to be overcome; a fallen tree you had to wriggle under; old tyres you had to crawl through or hurdle; a bog patch you had to jump over from the top of two 44-gallon drums; the river had to be crossed twice by log; you had to get through a rope maze; cross a swamp; do 25 yds. in sacks, and lastly ascend a very steep smooth hill down which numerous buckets of water had been poured. There were various other "little" obstacles including hurdling three 44-gallon drums three feet apart.

Official Opening of the Olympics followed dinner and Mrs. Tait, Division Commissioner from Warrnambool, was present. Each country lined up and, with flags held high, marched behind the "Off Beatles" Band, which comprised various instruments from the kitchen. We then formed a horseshoe, flags were broken, a few words said and pennants, made by the Colac girls, were handed out to each Company or Crew represented. The "Off-Beat Sports," consisting of Archery and Pistol Shooting, were then held.

The Archery consisted of shooting arrows, with suction caps on the end, at a particular circle on paper arches nailed on the wall. This was very funny—some arrows went over the hut, some went under, but none managed to stay stuck on an arch.

Nailed on another wall were three large "eyes" and in the pupil of each eye were four little spots, which, when wet, would turn red and the colour would run. This was the pistol shooting and water pistols were used. This was marvellous fun because, as it was hot, everyone started "shooting" each other.

The campfire, set in a hollow with the girls seated around it on a rise, had a very impressive opening. Four girls, one representing Lands, one Seas, one Airs and one Cadets, came from each corner, carrying the badge of their section and a light. They then lit the fire—I was chosen as the "Air Ranger" as there was no other representative of this section.

Sunday morning saw some Rangers on their way to Mass at Beech Forest, some on their way to Holy Communion in Gellibrand and later the loveliest Ranger's Own I have ever witnessed.

Dinner was followed by a sun-bathing session, for the sun was glorious, and only when the bus arrived were the girls reminded they had to go home. With everyone in full uniform, final colours were held. This was a very impressive sight, done the Sea Ranger way. After words of thanks, the girls for Melbourne left amid a chorus of farewells.

I would also like to add that later I was invited to a surprise party for all the Colac Rangers, parents and friends who helped with the camp. It was a beautiful night and after thanks were given, slides of the weekend were shown.

ANNE McNEIL (Gellibrand River)  
3rd Vic. Lone Ranger Coy.





To each man is given a day and his work  
for the day,  
And once and no more he is given to travel  
this way.  
And woe if he flies from the task, whatever  
the odds;  
For the task is appointed to him on the scroll  
of the gods.

To each man is given a marble to carve  
for the wall,  
A stone that is needed to heighten the beauty  
of all,  
And only his soul has the magic to give it a  
grace.  
And only his hands have the cunning to put  
it in place.

Yes, the task that is given to each man no  
other can do,  
So your work is awaiting; it has waited  
through ages for you.  
And now you appear; and the hushed ones  
are turning their gaze  
To see what you do with your chance in the  
chamber of days.

—Author Unknown.

## SERVICE AFTER FIRE

When Patrol Leader Eleni Wells and her family lost their home by fire in the early hours one Saturday morning, Eleni and her Patrol Second worked for the rest of that long, long day salvaging crockery, saucepans, etc. Members of the Court of Honour arrived in the early afternoon and sorted wet, smoky clothing and blankets and washed, dried and ironed them, with help from some of the other Guides, and delivered them to the temporary home of the family within 24 hours of the fire. One Guide brought blankets and diapers to help over the first day. The following weekend, under Eleni's direction, Rosella, Swallow, Kookaburra Patrols worked, washing, cleaning and re-packing the salvaged kitchenware. The Guides worked till all the salvaged goods were clean and packed for storage.

We are indebted to the Guiders who stood with us in this small service to our friends, but most of all the Guides of 4th Kew pay tribute to Eleni for her courage and endurance. Eleni's father is in hospital and we were all proud of the way Eleni stood by her mother.

DON'T FORGET YOUR



COMPACTOID First Aid Kit  
small — medium — large

*As supplied to, and recommended by, your Association*

AT YOUR GUIDE SHOP



## A VISIT FROM THE GOVERNOR AND LADY DELACOMBE

The Governor and Lady Delacombe visited the Dunmunkle Shire — the first time a Governor in office has done so.

Guides and Brownies of Rupanyup were asked to form a guard of honour at the Shire Office (at Rupanyup), where Sir Rohan addressed us all.

He met students at Murtoa and was entertained at Minyip.

—H.N.



## FROM CAULFIELD

A surprise coffee morning was held at the home of Mrs. V. Williamson by members of the Caulfield Local Association.

A presentation of Dame Mabel Brooke's latest book, "Riders of Time" (especially chosen because of the recipient's interest in early Melbourne history), was made to the guest of honour, Mrs. N. (May) Davidson, as a token of appreciation of 14 years' dedication and hard work given to Guiding in Caulfield.

Parents and friends of Guiding were entertained at a luncheon at the home of Miss L. Robson, Kooyong Road, Caulfield, following the final 1967 meeting of the Caulfield Local Association.

Mrs. L. Williams, Guider for 2nd Caulfield Extension Rangers, showed and narrated slides of the Extension Rangers' trip to New Zealand and also told of some of the other activities enjoyed on the trip. We were pleased to welcome two of the Rangers, too.

A sum of \$25 was presented to Mrs. Williams to help Extension funds by the President of the Local Association, Mrs. R. Black.



## A GOOD RECORD

12th Ballarat Pack was started 23 years ago by Miss A. Allen, who has been the only Brown Owl of the Pack.

12th Ballarat Company was started by Miss M. Binns, who has been the only Captain of the Company, now in its 21st year.

—M.B.

## DEER PARK DISTRICT

It was a Christmas Break-up Party with a difference for Deer Park District Brownies and Guides.

Instead of the usual games, each Brownie Pack and Guide Company gave two items each. These consisted of three demonstration games with commandeered adults, three 10-minute items and plenty of carol singing. The investiture of three Patrol Leaders was quite a highlight.

Supper was served by the L.A. Everyone present voted the evening a great success, and then and there made an appointment for next year.

We went to Tree Tops, Mount Macedon, for our Brownie Revels.

We had games in groups and had a lot of fun and learnt some new games, too.

Then we had our lunch and went for a walk. While having lunch we saw a koala bear in a tree nearby.

There was a lot of coloured crepe paper twisted to form a rainbow, and when we all went under the rainbow to put our two cent pieces at the end of it, I was the last one through and had my picture taken.

After this we had more games and then went back under the rainbow, where we found our two cent pieces had become lovely shiny new money.

We also had a bag of sweets each.

—Christina Lovelock,  
2nd St. Albans Brownies.



## QUEEN'S GUIDE

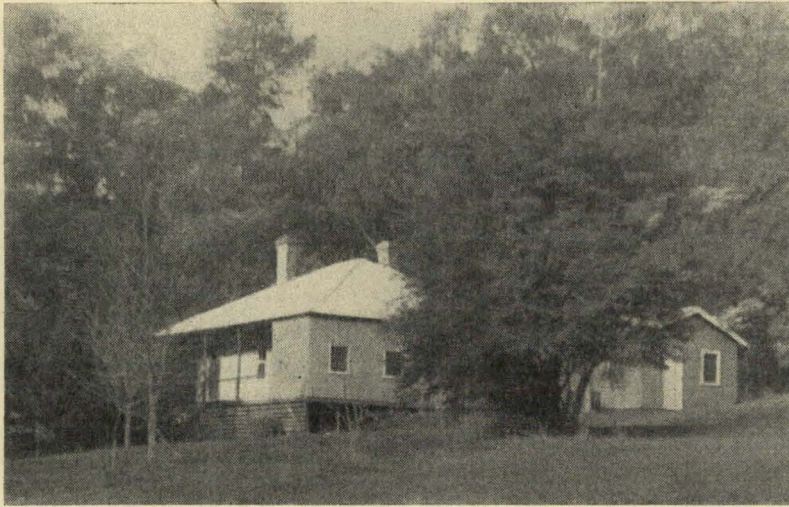
Bronwyn Saville was presented with her Queen's Guide Badge by her Division Commissioner.

Parents, Rangers, Guides, Brownies and friends attended. In the darkened hall a large candle, representing enrolment and Bronwyn's start in Guiding, was lit.

Guides in the Horseshoe presented her with small candles, each representing a major test, and she lit these from the "enrolment" candle and placed them on a large Queen's Guide Badge. When the final candle had been lit the milestone was achieved.

Bronwyn expressed her thanks to all who had helped her by teaching and testing for the badge.





## BRITANNIA PARK

Here we are at the start of 1968. We, on the Committee of Britannia Park, are looking with hopeful expectation to all our friends — Guiders, L.A.'s and F.O.M.'s (Friends of the Movement)—to help us as they have in past years. We especially want painters and gardeners. If you've never tried either of those occupations, now is your chance. Please set aside even ONE day in the 366 to help YOUR property in some way. Decide on the day now. This is a practical way of helping the children. Bring a friend with you. No one is over-worked. . . . And newcomers are amazed to find that our Association owns such a beautiful property.

Did you ever notice the lettering over our H.Q.'s at 20 Russell Street?—"Girl Guides Association." These letters were given to us and now adorn the entrance to Britannia Park. We are very thrilled to have them. Another link with our past H.Q.'s is the wrought-iron lantern with the little trefoil above it which used to hang over the front door in Russell Street. Guiders occupying either house or cottage will find many more fluorescent lights on the verandahs and in the ablution blocks, and in the B.P. hut. These all came from Russell Street, and our only expense has been the installation of them. And finally we have in Guide House the carpet which was on the floor of the Executive Room. Please, Guides and Brownies, treat it with care. Think of all the important people who have trodden on that carpet . . . our own Lady B.P., a

queen and a Malayan princess, our State President, our Chief Commissioner for Australia . . . many, many important people. If only this carpet could speak, it would tell us some stories!

We are very happy to be able to tell you that at last the electricity is on in the cabin. A Boilo jug and a toaster will be provided there, but Guiders using the cabin will need to bring their own electric frypan. We will not be able to use a little electric stove there, as we are at the end of the line, and Mr. George Wright, who put on the electricity for us, and to whom we are so VERY grateful, says that it will not take either a stove or a radiator.

Do you like campfires?

Miss Peg Barr, whom you all know is so clever at running a campfire, has made a grand offer to our Committee—she is prepared to run a campfire for a District or a Division providing each person participating brings 10 cents towards the upkeep of Guide House. Just as the Brownies do at their revels, send money for the upkeep of Brownie Cottage. So there's something to plan for this year.

Marble Bar had nothing on the Britannia Park Swimming Pool for heat, on Sunday, 10th December, when the temperature in Melbourne was 99°, when Robin Riddett brought up a group of Cadets and Guides to clean out the pool. The sun beat down on the concrete of the empty pool and reflected back on the very hot girls toiling





# CAMPFIRE SONGS

## GOD HAS CREATED A NEW DAY

GRACE

MARIE GAUDETTE

1

God has cre-a - ted a new day, Sil - ver and green and gold;

2

Live that the sunset may find us Wor - thy His gifts to hold.

"God Has Created a New Day" — from the Kent County Song Book, published by Novello & Co. Ltd., London. Published by permission — with acknowledgement to Marie Gaudette and the Kent County Song Book.

there. The Cadets were from the Stradbroke Cadet Coy., and the Guides from the 1st Kensington Coy. and they worked like beavers (if beavers CAN work where there isn't a drop of water!). I know that everyone who uses that pool would want me to say "Bravo" to Robin Riddett, Jennifer O'Malley, June Finlayson, Anne Sykes, Sue Smith, Leonie Tellefson, and Loraine Wilkinson.

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Finally, our thanks to the following for their contributions to the Maintenance Fund during the month of November:—

1st—4th Balwyn Pack.

2nd—3rd East Brighton Pack.

3rd—Nunawading Trefoil Guild.

4th—Cheltenham L.A.

6th—Wattle Park L.A.

7th—3rd Surrey Hills Pack.

7th—4th Blackburn Coy.

7th—Nunawading-Tunstall Division.

11th—Senior Citizens—South Australia.

12th—1st East Brighton Pack.

13th—Mrs. A. J. Turnbull.

14th—Newtown-Chilwell District.

15th—Miss E. Bunning.

16th—Newtown-Chilwell District.

18th—Healesville L.A.

19th—Park Orchards L.A.

20th—Malvern District.

20th—4th Mordialloc (St. Brigid's) Pack.

21st—Frankston L.A.

21st—Ballarat Division Council.

24th—1st Euroa Coy.

27th—Oakleigh L.A.

28th—Nunawading District.

29th—Tawonga District.

30th—East Malvern-Gardiner L.A.

Omitted in November—

October 15—Aberfeldie L.A.

October 18—Pascoe Vale South L.A.

October 27—Newport L.A.



## EXECUTIVE NOTES

### November and December, 1967

#### November:

Planning is always forward planning, and this is of course important in the over-all scheme for the Guide Movement, in Victoria, in Australia and throughout the world.

Evidence of this came in the November Executive meeting when among items for discussion were already thoughts for items for the agenda for the 20th World Conference, which is to be held in Finland in 1969:

Thoughts regarding the financing of our new H.Q. building—so that investments held might be used as advantageously as possible;

Thoughts that 12 Rangers would participate with the Scout Movement in the production of the 1968 Gang Show;

Thoughts that Awards to be made in the future have some Australian significance;

Thoughts regarding grants from the Youth Organisations Assistance Fund and their help towards development within Districts;

And thoughts on the reports of the usual sub-committees which give so much time and consideration to continual and overall planning.

#### December:

Brought consideration of many items which required attention despite the fact that Christmas was just around the corner:

Australia's participation in future World Association events;

Applications for the annual Walter Donald Ross trophy;

Re-decoration of Australia's room at Fox-lease;

Australia's contribution in the future to "Sangam";

Decisions regarding duties of Standing Sub-committees of the Executive Committee;

Planning for the organisation of the Royal Agricultural Show Arena Display in 1968;

The beginning of active planning for the International Camp to be held in Victoria in 1970;

Advice of approval of the badge for members of the State Councils of Australia;

Notification that the two Australian Rangers to attend the 1969 Juliette Low session in U.S.A. were the representatives of Western Australia and N.S.W.

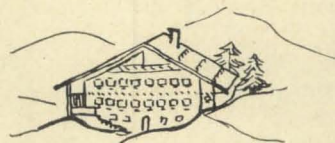
While reports from Sub-committees for Finance—Property—New Commissioners and Boundaries — Training — Camping — International — Britannia Park, etc., showed that the day-to-day work of the Movement continued unabated.



## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations on obtaining the Full Ranger Service Star to Mrs. Helen Swaine, Skipper of S.R.S. "Cerberus", and Miss Gillian Jones, of S.R.S. "Melbourne".

—Beth Chamberlain, Ranger Adviser.



A religion that costs you nothing is worth exactly what it costs.

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## DONATIONS

We acknowledge with grateful thanks:

The Shell Company of Australia; Mrs. E. N. Buchanan; Miss M. Bush.



# NOTICES

## TRAINING DEPARTMENT

The following courses are proposed for 1968. It may be necessary to make some alterations during the year, but these would be published in the Commissioner's Newsletter or notification sent to Guiders who had applied for any of the courses:—

### First Term, 1968

#### Headquarters Courses:

(Actual location will be given on acceptance cards.)

Brown Pre-Warrant: Thursday, 7th March, 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Brownie Pre-Warrant: Tuesday, 5th March, 7.30 to 10 p.m.

Guide Pre-Warrant: Tuesday, 5th March, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Guide Pre-Warrant: Thursday, 7th March, 5.45 p.m. or 7.30 p.m.

Guide Special Subjects: Saturday/Sunday, 30th-31st March.

Ranger Branch: Thursday, 2nd May, 7.30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

#### Decentralised Courses

**Ringwood:** Guide Pre-Warrant, Tuesday, 5th March, 7.30 p.m.; Brownie Pre-Warrant, Tuesday, 5th March, 10 a.m.

**Dandenong:** Guide Pre-Warrant (daytime), date and time to be arranged; Brownie Pre-Warrant, Friday, 1st March, 7.30 p.m.

#### Country Training Courses

**Barwon:** Brownie Pre-Warrant (continuation of 1967 Course), Guide Hall, Geelong, Thursday, 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th March; Guide and Brownie Advanced Training.

**Bendigo:** Third Series — Building up of Training Teams (by invitation).

**Swan Hill:** Brownie Pre-Warrant (week-end), continuation of previous Course.

**Otway:** Guide and Brownie, Warranted and Pre-Warrant, Saturday, 23rd March, 27th April, 25th May.

**Sunraysia:** Guide and Brownie, Warranted and Pre-Warrant, 30th-31st March and 27th-28th April.

**Western Border and Western Plains:** Advanced Guide and Brownie Training.

## Easter Training Week (12th to 16th April)

Training Course on BUSHCRAFT BADGE FOR GUIDERS.

(For more details of this training and the Badge, see notes elsewhere in "Matilda".)

## Second Term, 1968

### Headquarters Courses

Brownie Pre-Warrant: Daytime and evening.

Guide Pre-Warrant: Daytime and evening.

Guide First Class: Queen's Birthday week-end.

Brownie Special Subjects: Daytime.

Pre-Enrolment Tutor Training: Daytime.

### Decentralised Courses

**Box Hill:** Guide Pre-Warrant, daytime; Brownie Pre-Warrant, evening.

**Cheltenham:** Guide Pre-Warrant, evening; Brownie Pre-Warrant, daytime.

**Malvern:** Building up of Training Teams, third series (by invitation).

### Britannia Park, Yarra Junction

Guide and Brownie Pre-Warrant: Two weekends June and July. (This course will be arranged especially for Guiders who are unable to attend daytime or evening courses.)

Other Guide and Brownie Guider trainings will be arranged in the following Regions:— Barwon, Goulburn, Mornington Peninsula, Wimmera, Woorayl, Baw Baw, Gippsland and Bendigo.

Details will be published in later editions of "Matilda".

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### THINKING DAY MASS

St. Patrick's Cathedral

25th FEBRUARY, 1968

Assemble 1.30 p.m.

Country Guides, Brownies needing overnight accommodation

Contact Mrs. Lacey, 288 1708

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### FOUND

Early November, at Studley Park—a life-line.

Mid-December, at Britannia Park—Guide belt with various badges and green lanyard. Phone: 80-3708, evenings.





## PUBLICATIONS '68

Starting off your Guiding year on the right foot? Then close to hand you must have a good diary to record your engagements.

This year in the Shop there are three to choose from. The Brownie Diary (40c), roomy enough for small people with large handwriting. The Guide Diary (48c), compact and crammed with information vital to every Guide. And now the Guider/Commissioner Diary (\$2.25).

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—J. McM.

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"Don't monopolise conversation when talking to God — listen!"—From Rev Leonard's book re "Scouts' Own."

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To be sincere with God we must be sincere with ourselves.

## WHAT IS OUR BEST?

Very few, if any, of us know what we could really do if we had sense and courage to try for one whole day to do our very best.

Our best is a mighty big thing, and there's only one way to do it.

"Best" is superlative — and before that must come comparative — and before that must come the positive.

We must first do BETTER than we would do if we let ourselves slack; and if we do this "better" consistently, we are really doing our "best".

It isn't a matter of being "better than others", but of getting better in oneself — better than one's **slack self**.

Who is to set the standard for the Good, the Better and the Best?

I suppose some of us have had a school report in which some kind teacher has put: "Has done her best". Did the teacher really know it was our best? (This always sounds as if "poor dear" were the whispered end of the sentence!)

Is the Guide who has "done her best" the one who really put effort into "being better" — or are we making allowances for her?

Are we making allowances for OURSELVES?



## YOU

"You are the one who has to decide, Whether you'll do it, or toss it aside. You are the one that makes up her mind, Whether to lead or to linger behind. Whether to try for the goal that's afar, Or just be contented to stay where you are.

Take it or leave it. Here's something to do! Just think it over — it's all up to you."

—From "Coo-ee".



## A HOME — AT LESS THAN HALF-PRICE

First an Army hospital — then an architectural drawing office — and now . . .

### Eltham's Guide Hall

This is the history of the building which was recently opened as the permanent home for the Guide Movement in Eltham.

Although the structure has not got a very prepossessing outside appearance, due to the outer covering of galvanised iron, it stands in an attractive bushland setting on railway land near the Eltham Station and inside has been completely transformed to serve its new purpose.

The 20 square building has a T-shaped layout, the main section being subdivided to provide a hall 58ft. x 22ft., Guiders' office, Ranger room, Guide room, Brownie room and store 12ft. x 6ft.

The other leg comprises the kitchen and toilet block (septic tank sewerage). A galaxy of windows not only floods the hall with natural light, but offers an excellent view over the site of the future Andrew Park (now being developed) and will therefore provide a vista of the outdoors in perpetuity.

Fluorescent lighting has been installed and winter heating is by wall-mounted electric infra-red heaters.

The provision of this building (at the moderate cost of \$4580) is the direct result of long-term forward planning by our L.A. Almost as soon as the first Guide Company was formed it was realised that the temporary accommodation offered by the Scouts (and later also by the Pre-School Centre) would eventually be inadequate, and immediate steps were taken (now nine years ago) to raise funds for a permanent home. Funds were steadily raised by various methods, including the successful Eltham Trade Fairs, until by 1963 a total of some \$1100 had accrued.

By this time it had become obvious that a building of our own was necessary in order to help the Scouts as well as ourselves. A start was therefore made with the funds in hand.

Land was leased from the Railways Department and to it was brought a building made available to us by Melbourne University. This had been their architectural drawing office, although originally built as an Army hospital.



The structure was re-erected and subdivided inside to give the required number of rooms. The roof, frame, outer walls, floor and much of the original wall lining have been re-used, but new ceilings and some new additional wall lining have been provided.

A beautiful hand-carved Guide Trefoil is on our wall.

Dismantling, transport and re-erection of the shell were carried out by a good friend of the Guide Movement on a non-profit basis. The new plumbing and electrical works were similarly cared for by the fathers of two of our Guides.

The remainder of the work has been done by voluntary labour recruited mainly from the families of our Brownies, Guides and Rangers, but including assistance from many people not connected with the Movement; materials were procured as cheaply as possible — often at no cost.

During the 4½ years that the project was under way the L.A. vigorously raised more funds by various methods. At the same time the Building Committee, by careful attention to design and construction methods, as well as maintaining rigid control over material procurement and use, kept actual expenditure as low as possible. These two factors, working together, have resulted in avoidance of any large debt. In building our hall in this way we have discovered two facts which may interest other L.A.'s and Guiders. They are—

- (1) That it is possible, even today, to build a commodious hall at moderate cost, provided time is traded for money".
- (2) That there is in the community at large a strong appreciation of the value of the Guide and Scout training to our youth, and for this reason practical help with labour and materials can be obtained from many sources outside the Movement.



## CONGRATULATIONS

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the recipients of the following Awards:—  
**LONG SERVICE AWARDS:**

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## RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

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We acknowledge with gratitude the service given by the following Commissioners whose terms of office have now drawn to a close:—

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Mrs. J. Crane, Nathalia; Mrs. M. Coate, Dandenong North; Mrs. C. M. Williams, Irymple; Mrs. B. Baulch, Hawkesdale; Mrs. M. Quick, Nunawading; Mrs. W. M. Erbs, Tanjil Valley; Mrs. B. E. Meadowcroft, Hurstbridge.

### Resignations

Thanks are also due for the service given by the following Commissioners who have had to resign:—

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