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On behalf of the Girl Guides Association of Australia, a South Australian Brownie, Guide and Ranger welcome Her Excellency, Lady Hasluck, who has graciously consented to be our Australian President.

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WELCOME TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL AND HER EXCELLENCY, LADY HASLUCK

An invitation for Guides and Brownies to line the Government House Drive to welcome the new Governor-General and his wife to Victoria, was received with great excitement.

First concern was the weather, but the day — 19th May — dawned bright and sunny. It was fun watching everyone arriving in buses, cars and on foot. We filed through the gates to the drive, forming lines on either side. Pride of place was given to a busload from "Yooralla", then Brownies, Guides and Scouts.

Eagerly we waited and soon were rewarded by the arrival of six mounted police or "greys", followed by the Governor of Vic-

toria and Lady Delacombe; then came the Governor-General and Her Excellency, Lady Hasluck, waving to everyone, and their greeting being returned with a cheer.

The mounted police lined up before the door, so we all moved up the drive to see them, and imagine our surprise and pleasure when Sir Paul and Lady Hasluck walked along the drive speaking to all who had come to welcome them to Victoria. We were thrilled and were sorry when at last they went inside.

We waved "goodbye" and turned to wend our way home, glad that we had come to welcome our new Governor-General.

—E.O.C.

FROM THE STATE COMMISSIONER

Western Border Region held its L.A. Conference on 1st May, and Mrs. Kirkman, who represented Headquarters, reported that this was a very happy occasion.

In Melbourne that day the Chief Commissioner and Miss Douglas, Australian Public Relations Adviser, came along to see us. It is pleasant to welcome visitors along with our own Victorian family.

I was glad to have the opportunity to meet the Queen's Guides on Friday, 2nd, whilst they were being instructed in the routine of the presentation ceremony by the Guide Adviser, assisted by the Lones Adviser. The rehearsal enabled them to take part in the proceedings at Government House the following morning with confidence, and I know they share our gratitude to His Excellency the Governor for making this another memorable occasion.

Members of the Movement were present at Government House again on the 19th, when Brownies, Guides and Rangers played a major role in lining the drive to welcome their Excellencies the Governor-General and

Lady Hasluck on the occasion of their first official visit to Melbourne. His Excellency delighted children and Guiders alike by talking with so many of them and by such knowledge of our Movement. Western Australia has been privileged to have Sir Paul Hasluck as a member of the State Council for some years.

The Ranger Branch had an extra busy month with Disaster Weekend and the Al-lambie Service Camp. Congratulations to Leianne Borch, who came first in the Miss Senior Guide Quest; to Helen Crowe, second, and Karenne Daff, third. We all look forward to meeting you and hope that your year will be a very happy and rewarding one.

The Central Service commemorating Commonwealth Youth Sunday was held at St. Paul's Cathedral on 7th May and followed a better form than last year. No doubt Districts will be taking part in many observances in their own areas.

I joined with the Public Relations Committee when they entertained members of the Y.W.C.A. to luncheon followed by a tour

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Diamond Jubilee Year

60 years of Guiding

In 1970 Girl Guiding will celebrate its Diamond Jubilee — 60 years since Sir Robert Baden-Powell yielded to the entreaties of the girls who wished to join the Scout Movement and officially founded the Girl Guides Association! The first President was Miss Agnes Baden-Powell, sister of the Chief, and the purpose — “to develop good citizenship among girls by forming their character; to train them in habits of observation, obedience and self-reliance; to inculcate loyalty and thoughtfulness for others; to teach them services useful to the public and handicrafts useful to themselves; to promote their physical, mental and spiritual development; to make them capable of keeping good homes and bringing up good children.”

The number enrolled since that time must run into millions. Both girls and adults have discovered fun and friendship, the joy of working and playing together and of learning skills. Through the Promise and Laws, they have found a worthwhile purpose and experienced that extra “something” available to all Guides who make the effort to find it.

It is fitting that we should, at this time, be stepping forward into our new Eight-Point Programme with ever-widening horizons opening up before us. Doubtless we will retain the initiative and enthusiasm of those first Guides as we look anew at the aims of the Movement.

Service to others has always played a prominent part in B.P.'s plan, and in Victoria — indeed throughout Australia — it is intended to direct added attention to this aspect of Guiding during Jubilee Year. We feel that we would like to show our gratitude to those pioneers who handed on this Movement to us by giving really worthwhile service to the community. In addition, essential training is obtained in the discovery that it is intensely satisfying to “serve” and the greatest fun to join with others in this capacity.

A badge will be available for wear by all members of the Movement to commemorate this important year in Guiding. It will be used in connection with the many happenings during this exciting time — so look for it in “Matilda” and elsewhere — use it also in your area.

I hope that the Association will be able to look back with satisfaction upon the result of its service during Jubilee Year, and I know that YOU will have enjoyed your Guiding.

Charlotte Renshaw Jones.



FROM THE STATE COMMISSIONER

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of the building. During the year we were homeless we saw a good deal of our friends at the "Y", and it was nice to welcome them to our new Headquarters.

Mrs. Gould, from the P.R. Committee, represented the Association at the presentation of prizes in the A.N.Z. Bank Essay Competition.

The Gang Show took place on five nights during May. I thought it was the best yet. Congratulations, Scouts. Everyone seemed glad to have the girls taking part again — this year Lady Cub-masters in addition to Rangers.

The Awards Sub-Committee came to Headquarters for a meeting this month. Theirs is a difficult task — one that calls for understanding, patience and discrimination.

Most of us are familiar with the St. John First Aid Manual, and I was privileged to be present at a reception to mark the occasion of the launching of the first "Australian" edition of this manual. Written with local conditions in mind, I am sure that it will be an invaluable teaching aid.

At the quarterly meeting of Region Commissioners, we welcomed Mrs. Millen, Yarra Valley, and Mrs. Rathjen, Gippsland, to their new appointments. For the first time since the Region scheme started, we have a Region Commissioner in each of the 24 Regions. Unfortunately, seven are due to retire now or in the near future, but we are hopeful that suitable people of high standard will be found to fill these important appointments.

This month Mrs. Smith assumed office as Chairman of the Uniform Sub-Committee, replacing Mrs. Shave, who retired owing to the pressure of other commitments.

Our Organisation is made up largely of people working quietly at sometimes tedious jobs over many years and, on your behalf, I said "thank you" to Miss Cuzens for one such task. Whilst it is not customary for uniformed members to receive the Thanks Badge, the Executive Committee wished to make this exception — feeling that this was merited by her painstaking work in collecting and selling countless thousands of used stamps for the benefit of the Association.

I invited Mr. and Mrs. Eddy to visit us at the end of the month and was at first worried that the day I suggested turned out to be so busy, but I think that they enjoyed being part of the action, as they joined us for a "cuppa" in my office amidst a meeting, telephone calls and people coming and going.

The 1969 Committee continues to plan the organisation of the Annual Commissioners' Conference. This event is always a most interesting, helpful and important occasion in the calendar, and I hope all Commissioners will make the effort to attend. I look forward to the companionship of old and new friends during the weekend of 15th to 17th August.

Best wishes,

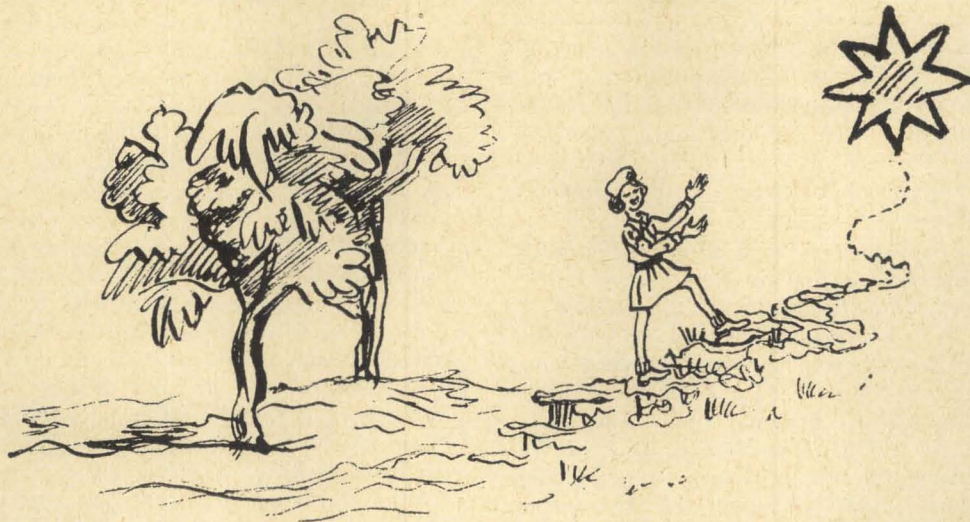
CHARLOTTE RENSHAW JONES.



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MORE NEWS ON THE EIGHT-POINT PROGRAMME



OUR NEW PROGRAMME

Most of us are using every chance we have to absorb all available information on the New Programme so that, when 23rd September rolls along, we will be ready to introduce it to our Units.

There are two areas of the State — Outer Southern Suburbs Division and Barree Region — well ahead of most of us because they were our New Programme Guinea Pigs, our two Pilot Schemes. The experiences of these areas are of great interest to us all at this time, so we print here a short account of their activities.

From Miss Y. James (Guide Trainer).

It was in March, 1968, when the news was broken in our Division that we were to "Pilot Scheme" the Eight-Point Programme. Reception was varied. Some welcomed the opportunity to try something different, others were happy with what they were doing and would have preferred to remain comfortably with what they knew. However, recalling the fact that Guides smile under difficulties, the Guiders went to their Units with mustered enthusiasm to prepare the girls for the change.

Of course, it wasn't a great change for many — they were already running flexible, imaginative programmes, encouraging the Patrols to take responsibility for themselves. The most obvious change was the disappear-

ance of set tests, so it was within this field that the most energy was expended during the waiting months. Brownies close to Golden Hand took extra care with their plants, Guides aiming for "half" or "three-quarters" of their Second Class, and the Rangers passed more sections during the ensuing five months than they had in the past two years. Everyone had so much to do that July, our implementation date, came all too soon.

In July the books arrived and the Guiders devoured same, then met to discuss what they had read. Everyone was starting together, so it was a case of help each other — and ideas were exchanged on how we intended to introduce and run the programme with the girls.

Since then the Eight-Point Programme has proved a challenge to us all. It is wonderful having the freedom to experiment with a great variety of activities and to have the time to do them. One Company spent six weeks planning and practising a variety show which they performed for their District and the local hospital.

Of course, there are differences — for instance, we don't have many knot games now because we only learn knots when we need to use them such as before camp, or a pioneer adventure day.

Patrols have been trying new things, too.

There was one Patrol who spent the night clay modelling, but discovered the clay too soft, so added concrete and produced very "solid" models. Another planned and executed a "Dinner Party", complete with Flaming Bomb Alaska. Whilst yet another is on a long-term project of building a large raft for which they plan an official "launching ceremony" before trying it out on Port Phillip Bay.

The Brownies, too, are adapting to being challenged according to their ability rather than working through the same pattern of tests as everyone else. "Ventures" with the whole Pack joining to work together have been very popular. One Pack spent their meeting making biscuits which they packaged the following week and took to the folk in an Old Peoples' Home. Being called "Brownie Guides" and using the three finger salute is still a thrill!

The Rangers also are "having a ball". They have so many different things they can try that their only problem is which to choose first. Among the activities already carried out have been a debate with Senior Scouts on "Aboriginal Integration", learning carpentry to enable them to make their own shelves and trying a sauna bath.

Of course, no one managed to accomplish the change immediately nor entirely smoothly, and we are all still at different stages of progress. However, no one expects everything to be perfect within the first few months, and half the fun is gradually seeing the various facets of the programme taking shape.

From Mrs. T. Kentman (Brownie Trainer)

Roughly a year ago the Barree Region, the Country Pilot Scheme, took the experimental plunge into the unknown — and an "unknown" it was indeed!

How to set about it? How to introduce the New Scheme? What aspects would be received favourably? Where would we encounter difficulties? These were the burning questions. At two consecutive Training and Discussion Days on a Regional basis, the Guiders decided to introduce the new ideas in stages, thus allowing time for gentle growth and assimilation, especially as the Handbooks were available in very small numbers — only two per Unit!

The BROWNIE population leapt to the

New Programme with the uninhibited enthusiasm of that age group — anything new is attractive! — the new threefold Promise that brought them in line with the Guides; the new Salute and its meaning; being called Brownie Guides — how exciting! As for the Brownie Song — the words really made one feel proud to be a Brownie Guide, but oh, the tune! Some found it hard to learn and not-too-musical Guiders quite often asked in a musical "expert" such as a singing mother or the Church Organist, to teach and transpose the tune. Once established, the execution of the Brownie Ring was good fun — but there was a wide outcry from all Packs, "We want to keep our Sixes' Songs!" So in most cases a Pack tradition was formed to "tag on" the Sixes' Songs to the pattern of the Brownie Ring.

Some Packs spent a little time each week just chatting over the new Promise and "what happened at home". Games and demonstrations on each part of the Promise were particularly well received. One Pack even decided that they ALL wished to confirm their Promise with the new third part when the first Promise Ceremony came up — no one wanted to be left behind by the newest recruit!

Pack Ventures took on like wildfire — delightful Pow-wow sessions became the breeding and hatching ground for much scheming and planning. Brownie Guiders had their hands full channelling and organising preparations through Sixes or work groups so that everybody had a chance to participate to her best ability.

Christmas — not so far away — inspired "thinking of others before herself" — the new Law had made a terrific impact — so Ventures emerged such as making Christmas tree decorations from seedpods to stock up an L.A. Trade Fair or to take to the hospital, a Christmas tree to take to a lonely, bewildered migrant family; carol singing at Elderly People's Homes, and knitting dolls for the Children's Hospital. This latter activity had 10 Toymaker Badges in its wake! But also things like this happened — a compass hike, a visit to the cemetery (!), an exploration of the top of a hill and beyond, a visit to the North-Eastern Bakery to learn how health and safety is applied to modern breadmaking (and this led to a Home Safety Course!).

For a few months this filled the Brownie minds to capacity. Forgotten was testwork and only after a good summer's rest did real interest in the Journeys come to the fore. With it the handling of the Eight-Points became a practical necessity! With zest and joy the Brownies set out to choose their own individual travel routes. Attractive Charts depicting specified items for the Footpath, the Road and the Highway helped to make the choice easier and were also used for recording achievements. Significantly, the first journeys accomplished were some "Highways" — older Brownies nearly ready for the "Golden Hand Test" had little trouble in switching over to the new way of doing things.

With the GUIDES, it was felt, a different line of attack had to be taken. They had to be confronted with the old and the new wording of the Promise and Law, and in discussion, activities, and short-term Patrol challenges, be given the chance to form their own opinions. In most cases they accepted the new and said, with a sigh of relief, "Now I understand what I am saying!" Being preoccupied with the Promise and Law created the right atmosphere for the introduction of the Eight-Point Programme. When the Guiders became aware that the eight sectors, under their appropriate headings, accommodate anything and everything we have done in the name of Guiding (as long as it is in accordance with the hub — the Promise!) — this introduction created no problems. One wise Guider invited the Patrol Leaders to choose four of the eight headings and take them back to their Patrols to decide on one activity they would like to do under each of the four headings. These suggestions were co-ordinated and gave the programme for next week's meeting. Everybody turned up, plus everybody's naked doll, as one of the suggestions under "Exploring the Arts" had been "Make a doll's dress from newspaper"! The remaining four points were dealt with in the same manner at the following meeting. This helped everybody to remember the eight points and the Patrols had had an initial taste of Programme Planning.

The most valuable acquaintance with the Eight-Point Programme took place in a Region Camp during the September holi-

days, this being run on a simple Eight-Point Challenge. Each Guide went home with the clear understanding that the programme was just a new framework around a Guide's way of life!

Wise Guiders made early moves in helping the Patrols to set up house in the way designed for them so attractively in the Handbook, Chapter 3. It was found that they needed a lot of tactful help and encouragement in programme making, handling Patrol Time, Patrol in Council, the two-way flow between Patrol and Patrol Leaders in Council, the preparing and execution of Patrol Enterprises!

In Patrol Programming requests for Camping ranked very high and consequently the first Patrol Pennants gained were of a camping nature.

Individually, it did not take the Guides long to start on the Interest and Service Badges which are grouped into six Emblems — with the eye fixed at an early stage on the possible golden goal — the Queen's Guide!

The new Service Flash proved a draw-card with the older Guides, and also provided the much-welcomed, direct link between the Guide and the Commissioner, the latter being eager to come into as much contact with the new Programme as possible.

The interest in the Eight-Point Badge came much later — when both Guiders and Guides had clarified their minds on what would constitute progress and how to evaluate it. We learned that keeping special records on both Patrol and Guider's level was essential to secure a fair assessment at Patrol Leaders' Council.

The RANGERS got away to a flying start! New members found the Pre-Investiture Challenge just what they wanted! Next they started work on Interest and Service, Certificates, and the whole Unit concentrated on camping — four Campcraft Certificates and four Overnight Hike Permits are the score here!

Their participation and service in Community and Guiding affairs and their social behaviour favourably drew the attention of everybody who had held their breath watching the Pilot Scheme. Result: three more Ranger Units springing up in the Region!



THE STORY OF GLENGARRY, THE N.S.W. TRAINING CENTRE

Guides in N.S.W. dreamed of a camp-site of their very own as far back as the nineteen-twenties, but the difficulty of finding land close to Sydney, and money with which to develop it, seemed likely to prevent the dream coming true. But suddenly it did!

It all began in 1931, while Lord and Lady Baden-Powell were visiting N.S.W. for the first time. A spectator at the combined Scout and Guide rally held for them on Randwick Racecourse was so interested in the exhibition of tent-pitching and camp-craft given by the Guides that he shortly afterwards presented them with a property of 20 acres of bushland at North Turramurra, only 15 miles from the city. The gift was anonymous, but the donor wished it to be called the "Mary Everard Campsite" as a tribute to his mother.

While the problem of supplying water to the property was being solved, the adjoining site of nearly 40 acres came on to the market. This was an old archard, partly cleared, with a cottage and sleeping annexe—"Glengarry!" The purchase price of £1900, a vast sum in those depression days, had to be raised. Lady David, then State Commissioner, and the Executive, took on this burden as a gesture of faith, and an added mortgage of £600. Subsequently a further 20 acres was obtained on lease.

In no time a waiting list of Companies was clamouring for their turn for week-end camping and training, and Glengarry was in use. Consideration was given to changing the name to an aboriginal one, but a ballot among Guiding people showed an overwhelming preference for "Glengarry," which was retained.

In two years the mortgage was paid off, and Glengarry was dedicated in October, 1933, with the traditional ceremony of offerings of corn, salt and oil.

Mr. Andrew Reid offered to build an urgently-needed swimming pool, and with Professor Sir Edgeworth David, one of the world's leading geologists, spent days tramping about searching for the most suitable spot, and eventually found one on the border of the two properties, where a little stream fell over a ferny cliff into a sandy pool. It looked a haunt of fairies, and was a joy for years, but unfortunately had to be abandoned when suburban development sprang up along Bobbin Head Road and the water became contaminated. The pool has now been reclaimed by the bush.

Soon after the Dedication, a pair of gates of simple design with the Trefoil as their only ornament was given by the Guiders to commemorate the work of Margaret Radford, a former Training Adviser. Later, when Miss Radford left to join an Anglican Sisterhood, she gave money to build the "Margaret Radford Hut," which has been invaluable for activities in bad weather.

The caretaker's cottage, which has been improved over the years, was occupied for many years by Mr. and Mrs. H. Jonkers, who gave much to the care of the property. They have been succeeded by Miss Maconochie, the present Warden, affectionately known to all campers as "Myndee."

Through the years "Glengarry" has been managed by a committee, whose members have devoted endless time to care and maintenance, the planting of trees and shrubs and improvement of the property.

The Brownie Cottage, set in 9½ acres adjoining "Glengarry," was acquired in 1955, when it came on the market and was offered to the Association by the owner, whose wife had been a Guider. This was bought for \$10,000 loaned from the funds that had been laboriously accumulated over the years towards the aim of providing camp buildings.

For more than 20 years the cottages gave shelter to the thousands who camped there, and their accommodation was increased by gradual steps. But the dream of a specially designed Training Centre, large enough for conferences, for bigger training camps, and proper camp-sites to enable every Guide to share in "Glengarry," was always before the planners.

Gradually, that dream has come true. An ambitious but practical plan was drawn up by Mr. R. A. Stewart, which allowed for the building of sections as money became available. The kitchen and bathroom blocks were finished first, one at each end of the proposed plan, and were used immediately.

More and more effort went into raising money, but building costs were rising and the dream looked like remaining a dream. However, out of the blue came an amazing gift of \$22,000 from Miss Hazel Barton, as a memorial to her sister, who had been for many years a Guider. This made building possible. The cottages, which had given faithful service for thirty years, came down, and in their place appeared the foundations of the new "Glengarry." The foundation stone of the tall, spacious "Loveday Barton Memorial Hall" was set in 1959 by her Excellency, Lady Slim, wife of the Governor-General, and the official opening was performed in March, 1960, by the Chief Commissioner, (Australia), Miss Eleanor Manning.

Facing the entrance door to the hall, whose glass walls overlook the tops of the gum trees in the gully below, is a beautiful stone fireplace, given by friends of the late Millicent Aspinall, for many years a Brownie Trainer. There are memorials to Lady David, Molly Bayes, and many others too numerous to mention, but whose contributions have helped to build Guiding in this State.

Three excellent camp-sites were prepared — "Yarrabin" (White Gum Tree), "Nindethana" (Ours) and "Orana" (Welcome) — each with equipment hut and water laid on. More recently, two more sites have been added — "Karawatha" (Place of Pines) and "Taneroo" (Possum). In between are many attractive smaller sites for Patrol Camps, and a huge shed for camping equipment has been built.

When Mrs. W. C. Wentworth finished her term as State Commissioner, an open-air Chapel in the bush below "Glengarry" was built and called the "Barbara Wentworth Chapel." A wedding has been held there, and countless Services and Guides' Owns.

"Glengarry" will accommodate approximately 50 in the house (bedrooms and verandahs), four in the flat, and 20 in the Brownie Cottage — and hundreds on the campsites. No wonder all N.S.W. held its breath when bushfires last November came within 20 feet of the buildings, but fortunately were beaten back by dedicated fire-fighters.

We hope that our \$100,000 Jubilee Appeal will make possible the establishment of other Training Centres equivalent to "Glengarry" — but it holds a unique position in our hearts.



GUIDERS . . . CAN YOU HELP, PLEASE?

We are looking for a Victorian Guide (name unknown) who travelled on the tourist ship, "Oriana", which called at Port Moresby on Monday, 5th May.

She introduced herself as a Guide from Victoria to a Division Commissioner who was on duty at a tourist stall on the wharf, but unfortunately the Commissioner concerned mislaid the Guider's name and address.

If any Guider has a Guide who travelled to Port Moresby on the date given on the "Oriana", I would be glad if she would get in touch with the undersigned.

—Betty M. Macartney,
State Secretary.



COMMONWEALTH NEWS CANADA

In a country of nearly 4,000,000 square miles (with only 20 million people in 10 provinces and two territories), communication is the life blood of our Association. To be effective, communication must also have understanding. In order that the members of Provincial Guide Committees may have an understanding of the work of their particular Committee and of the Girl Guides of Canada — Guides du Canada, the National Council, has regularly brought them into our National Headquarters in Toronto.

Approximately, every second or third year the various National Standing Committees hold full Committee meetings and find them extremely valuable. Consultation between Provincial representatives and the National Standing Committees improves communication in our Girl Guide Association. The Conferences last three days, and members find stimulation in the quick exchange of ideas and the projection of plans.

During 1968, International and Camping Committees held such Conferences. In January of 1969, the Programme Committee met together, March of 1969 brings together Public Relations representatives. October will see members of the Training Committee in such consultation. The year 1970 will find the International and Publications Committees in consultation to gain knowledge of and a deeper understanding of Guiding.

Distances are vast and transportation costs are large, but the National Council feel that the benefits warrant the expense of such Conferences. Each full Committee meeting

involves between 25 and 30 persons meeting the challenge of communicating in the Girl Guides of Canada.

BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS

Unfortunately, following a very bad night of high winds during a cyclone, which caused extensive damage to leaf houses and crops, Guides from Bunana School found their hut had collapsed and the thatched roof was bent from end to end. A gift towards the rebuilding of the hut has been received from the Guide Friendship Fund.

The Thinking Day Ceremony was held with the Scouts of the Central District in the Coronation Gardens, Honiara. Over 100 members of Scouts, Guides and Brownies were present, also three Cadets, who came in from St. Joseph's, Tengeru. The actual ceremony was a simple one taking place within the Horseshoe formed with Brownies on the inside and Guides and Scouts on the outside. The Thinking Day cents were placed in a traditional basket in the centre of a hibiscus trefoil made by the Guides. After the ceremony followed a prayer, a hymn, the address from the Chief Scout for Scouts, and then Brownie Bells and Taps.

After the breaking of the Horseshoe formation, the Scouts lit the campfire, which burnt merrily. Some of the Melanesian Brownies with leis and grass skirts brought their "bamboo band" with them, and did a splendid job of entertaining a very appreciative audience.

The Guides did different items and dances from various islands, and the Scouts did action and noisy round songs. When it was time to go home, the fire was kept going, as on a previous occasion, with a similar new moon, parents were unable to find the dead fire, much less the children! However, all arrived home safely after a thoroughly enjoyable day.

On Sunday, 16th February, the Norwegian American Line "Sagafjord" called in at Honiara for a one-day visit. As has happened in the past, the Girl Guides of the island had a stall on the quay where soft drinks were sold. Local Association members, Guiders and friends organised cars to take tourists round the island, as there is not nearly

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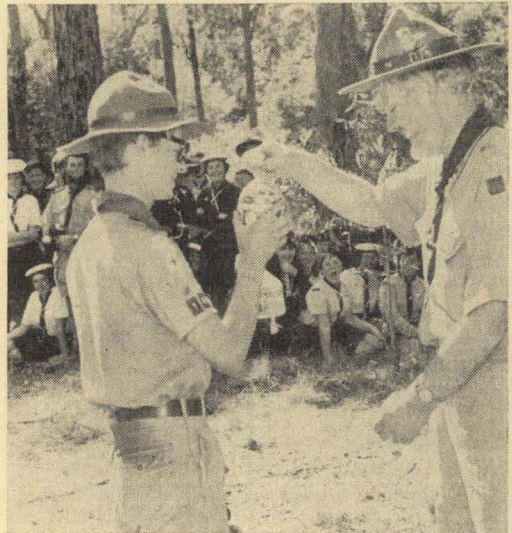
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“Beware Senior Scouts in the area!” read the signs on many roads in the Murrundindi State Forest during Easter, 1969.

1,000 Seniors from different troops throughout Victoria were taking part in the “Hoadley Hide.” Why were they there? The older generation had destroyed civilization as we know it, during an atomic war. The Seniors had been in submarines at the time, but now they found uncontaminated land and joined the A.C.D.C. (Australian Civil Defence Corps) in training to build new cities.

Twelve Rangers and two Ranger Guiders were part of YAKO (Yarra-Batman) A.C.D.C. Another four Rangers and one Guider helped Headquarters in typing, making cups of tea, and counting figures to a final tally to see which patrols would get an “A” “B” “C” pennant or no pennant at all!

At YAKO they helped check in and out the Landing Parties (Patrols) on Friday night. On Saturday at 6.00 a.m. they helped at the days training centres. Here the Seniors prepared themselves to begin a new civilization by map-reading, archery, handworks, knowledge of conservation, and snare making. A wombat basher was one example. The Seniors hoisted a log about ten feet up a tree. A trip mechanism was placed on the ground. When the trap was sprung, the log dropped, CRASH! on top of the poor wombat; verrrry effective.



—Photo by Bob Barrow.

Rangers at final parade watch Bob Swinton, H.Q. Commissioner for Senior Scouts, present his personal prize for the winning limerick.

On Saturday at 5.00 p.m., after a strenuous day, the Seniors reported at their check-points, only to find they had a six-hour night hike to do between this check-point and the location of the following morning’s activity. The Rangers relaxed, and after a spontaneous campfire, went to bed while the Seniors still hiked.

Sunday, near Wilhelmena Falls, the boys planned cities, built bridges, painted landscapes using natural pigments, made camp stoves and erected telephone wires.

Monday, while the Rangers struck camp, the Seniors elected Mayors and built a means of transporting them in style to the final assembly point. The girls joined them for the final parade. Pennants were presented to the best all-round patrols, photos were taken and final prayers were said.

The Rangers were driven back to Melbourne by some of the Scouters they had worked with, and the boys embarked on their submarines (buses) for their journey home.

—Jenny Tatchell, S.R.S. Invincible.

RANGER BRANCH OPERATION DISASTER

To Frankston by train; to Somerville by bus; a four-mile hike to the Scout campsite at Tyabb; set up camp, then eat lunch! Oh, for a rest! But this was not to be!

In the middle of the opening ceremony an announcement was made — there had been two disasters occur in the vicinity of the camp. The group leaders were called and given this information:

1. There has been an accident at the Tyabb level crossing, involving a car and a diesel train. About 20 people were injured.
2. A light plane from Tyabb airfield has crashed in a westerly direction, about a mile from here.

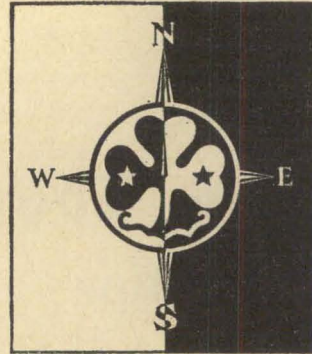
There was a major exodus from the camp, as Rangers collected blankets, first aid kits, groundsheets and compasses, etc., and made their way to the accident sites.

It was deduced that a car driven by one Ranger had run into the rear of the Hastings-bound train. The driver was trapped in the car and unconscious, and the 18 Guides who were on an outing by train suffered a variety of injuries, including fractured collarbones, dislocations, bruised and cut faces, gashed limbs, shock and hysteria. At the other site, where the aircraft bound for Melbourne had crash landed just after take-off, there were found to be five casualties. The pilot was stuck in a tree and was suffering from a badly-gashed face, dislocated knee and bad bruising. The four passengers were located, one was unconscious, and the others were treated for fractures, sprains, cuts, abrasions and hysteria.

The first aid here was complicated by the number of fires which were started by blazing wreckage.

After the casualties had been treated, and notification had been made to the police, fire and ambulance, the Rangers returned to the camp for afternoon tea.

It was explained that the disasters had been held first so as to test their capabilities for self-organisation under stress.



Each Ranger was asked to write a report on what she considered had happened, what she did and what she felt she could have done. These reports were discussed in groups and a group report written.

The following morning after Rangers' Own at 7 a.m. in the lovely outdoor Chapel, the reports were read and many points discussed. Sessions were then given by representatives of the Police Force, St. John Ambulance and the C.F.A., concerning the methods of organisation of bystanders; of recording information relevant to the accident; prevention of further accidents; limitations of First Aid, when help is close by; putting out small fires, and prevention of larger ones.

After lunch rotating sessions were conducted by the Guiders, the subjects being — Construction and Care of Lats; Lightweight Equipment for Rangers; Erecting of Shelters; Games for Young Children; Food Storage Under Primitive Conditions; and Changing Wheels on Cars. All these subjects are included in the syllabus of the Guide Emergency Squad Test.

The weekend was a very full and active one, and the experience was invaluable. It was learnt that, although we may not be called upon as a group, each Ranger, as an individual can do a tremendous amount to aid people in distress and to assist the Police Force, by using her common sense, initiative and her knowledge gained from Rangers. Let us hope for the sake of others that we do not have to use this knowledge often, but if we do — We Are Prepared.

LETTER FROM LADY B.-P.

Hampton Court Palace,
East Molesey,
Surrey.
20th March, 1969.

Dear Mrs. Hall,

I have just received your very nice letter, telling me about your having CELEBRATED Thinking Day specially fully in your lovely NEW Headquarters in Melbourne and, though my desk is still piled with many letters, cards and "messages" of various kinds, I must just quickly send this note to you to THANK YOU for yours, without delay.

I was SO delighted to hear about your having had that sort of special "feature" over THINKING DAY time; and I do so rejoice over your having GOT YOUR GRAND new building, which was, of course, only being PLANNED when I was with you, now nearly two years ago.

Oh, but WHAT a LOVELY time I did have with you all, and I never forget ANY of it! And, of course, when I read "Matilda", and get letters from some of you, I just SEE YOU ALL in my mind's eye, and feel SO pleased about all your steady, upward advancement, all thanks to the unceasing gallant services by present-day Guiders, crowning what was done years ago by those dear pioneers, who you mention in your nice letter.

I am eagerly looking forward to seeing your DELEGATES from Australia at our World Conference in Finland, and please give my warmest greetings to my dear friends around you in Melbourne!

Yours affectionately,

OLAVE BADEN-POWELL.

THANKS

The thanks of the Editor of "Matilda" are due to the many people who helped with the issues whilst she was away. In particular, thanks are due to Miss Ella Low and Mrs. Jenny De Nijs, who coped with putting all the material together for the printer.

—Margaret Shaw.



HISTORICAL SUB-COMMITTEE

We recently received this delightful letter from the Chief Guide, and the Sub-Committee felt that "Matilda" should have it, as there are greetings in it for all in Victoria. We had written to Lady Baden-Powell to tell her of the special display we had for her birthday month, featuring the early visits of the Chiefs to us and the rallies they had attended, including a photo of her most recent arrival in Victoria.

The members of the Historical Sub-Committee continue to meet once a month to sort, list and file the many photographs, press cuttings and early publications, etc., which have been passed on to us for historical interest. We are most grateful to the donors of these treasures, which we are able from time to time to include in our display cupboard.

—Nell Hall, Convener.



A prudent person is like a pin — his head prevents him from going further.



STAMPS

Stamp collectors will be interested to know that other countries issued commemorative stamps for the International Labour Organisation's 50th anniversary. Among them were Canada, 6c, and New Zealand, 7c. The I.L.O. emerged as an inter-governmental structure as part of the Treaty of Versailles in 1919. Canada, one of the 45 founding members, was the seat of the I.L.O. through the years 1940-1947, when refuge from war-ravaged Europe was sought; the year 1947 saw removal from Montreal for re-establishment at the permanent Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. In 1946 the I.L.O. became the first major specialised agency to come under the new world body, the United Nations. This year, in keeping with the I.L.O. motto, "Poverty anywhere constitutes danger to prosperity everywhere", and as part of a year-long 50th anniversary celebration, the 118 member countries have embarked upon the development of a World Employment Programme.

Two new stamps to be issued in 1970 will honour the visit of Queen Elizabeth and Prince Phillip to Australia. The 5c will show a new portrait of the Queen, and 30c the Queen and Prince Phillip.

Packs and Companies collecting stamps are asked to see that they are washed free of old gum and paper, with no defects such as corners off, etc. Bent, crumpled, dirty or torn stamps cannot be sold. When sending parcels, have stamps sorted into different kinds, pack securely, then post or deliver to me at 12 Cowderoy Street, St. Kilda, 3182.

—Lorna E. Cuzens,
Hon. Organiser for Stamps.

BULLEEN BROWNIES

The three Brownie Packs in Bulleen had a concert on a Saturday afternoon, and as we watched the big audience laugh, and enjoy every act, we, the Guiders, were very proud of every Brownie!

The Brownies wrote a few words about the concert for "Matilda". The concert began with girls from each Pack modelling a uniform of another country, each one learning something about that country.

Here are some of the comments made by the Brownies:—

I laughed and laughed, until the concert was over.

The best item was Peter and the wolf, because they had good costumes and loud voices!

The old man looked like an old man, and the boy like a boy.

The white rabbit was funny when he said, "Silence in the court!"

The two intervals were good, because we could buy drinks.

It really was a wonderful day.

COMMONWEALTH NEWS

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enough public transport available on the island to cope with the several hundreds of passengers. The total amount collected by the drivers for the Girl Guides funds is not yet known, as the money is still coming in, but the sum will probably be upwards of \$100 (American).

The Guides were popular, talking and helping tourists, and in the afternoon the Guides were allowed on to the luxurious vessel, where some of them were overawed by their first glimpse of a lift. No doubt that day will be a long-remembered one by the Guides of the British Solomon Islands.

MALTA

The Girl Guides of Malta commemorated Thinking Day by planting six Acacia Mimosa trees at Lower Hastings in Valetta, which were donated by the Israeli Embassy. The six Guides who planted the trees each represented a foreign Girl Guide Association — Pakistan, Italy, Germany, Israel, Australia and Britain.

TRAINING PAGES



OF COURSE YOUR PATROL IS GOING TO CAMP

6 — KITCHEN HINTS

CAMP COOKERY is a wide subject, and I cannot attempt to branch out into recipes, quantities, etc. A Patrol camp of two or so days is not the occasion to try out new or complicated dishes, but, on the other hand, you will all be hungry and need plenty of food of the right sort and should not limit yourselves to things that can be quickly cooked in a frying pan!

If strict economy is necessary, avoid having much meat, which is not only expensive, but is also spoiled easily if not properly cooked. Eggs, cheese, peas and beans, butter and fish, amongst other foods, will give you the protein you need; bread, potatoes and cereal, the starch; sugar, cocoa, jam, honey, etc., the energy; while vegetables and fruit will supply "mineral salts" to help your digestion and also some essential vitamins.

Some Patrol campers bring all the food they will need, except perhaps milk and bread, with them to camp. They either work out what, approximately, will be the cost and get one Guide to do all the shopping, or they plan together and each undertakes to bring so many items. If you do this, be careful that the cost also is evenly divided. Occasionally each pays an agreed sum into the "kitty", and they buy what they need from the nearest village shop when they get to camp. In any case, don't wait till you are on your way to camp to make out some kind of menu.

Whichever way you choose, make sure you have catered as far as possible for everyone's tastes.

If transport to camp is not very easy, you can avoid some weight by not having heavy tins or bottles that might break easily. There are quite a number of foods you can buy "dried": milk, several vegetables, soups, potatoes, amongst many others. Look out for them in the shops; some are only pro-

duced in larger packs than you will need, but you could perhaps put a sufficient quantity in polythene bags and pack them in a billy or storage tin.

What you decide to cook may be governed to some extent by what cooking pots you have. I think you will need at least three billies, one large enough to take a stew of meat and vegetables, or to boil a pudding in, and if possible one that you could use exclusively for boiling water for tea or coffee. This could perhaps be a kettle. Things like table creams, custard, porridge, milk puddings, can be cooked in a jug standing inside a pot of boiling water; but not a plastic jug unless it is guaranteed to withstand the heat of boiling water. This method will take a little longer, but there is no risk of burning. A frying pan is, of course, essential, and if it is a fair size and you can find a lid or tin plate to fit over the top, you could cook stew and many other foods beside fried ones, in it. Try to have one really large pot, kettle, etc., for hot water, and a big enough fireplace for this pot to stand on the fire all the time, to provide hot water for washing and washing up.

Have a spare plate, tin lid, jam jar or empty tin by the fire, in which stirring spoons can be put; if you leave them on the pot the odds are the handle will get too hot to hold, or even burnt.

One of the difficulties of camp cookery is keeping food hot after it has been cooked before the rest of the meal is ready to be served. A small enamel or tin bowl or deep plate, covered with another plate and put on top of your hot water billy, will solve this problem. Avoid using china or plastic plates, and remember when washing up that the underside of this "hot plate" may well have got rather smoked.

A spare mug tied to the drinking water bucket will serve as a dipper, but is not meant to be drunk out of! Come to camp

provided with pieces of muslin and strong elastic bands, with which to cover milk, bowls of fruit or cooked food, jam pots, etc.

Think out the right order in which to cook your meal. If you are having a cold pudding, fruit and custard blancmange, etc., get it cooked early so that it has time to cool: jellies may need to be made overnight. A steamed or boiled pudding will take most of the morning to cook, and must go into boiling water, so get the pot on the fire immediately after breakfast, and make the pudding as soon as possible. Stew should cook slowly, and will need watching so that it neither boils furiously nor gets burnt on the bottom. In this connection, do not put the thickening, Bisto, soup powder, etc., in until a short time before the dish is ready, as they will all be liable to "catch on the bottom". Although they say a watched pot never boils, remember you have only to turn your back and it boils at once, probably all over the fire. If you are unlucky enough to burn food on the bottom or your pan, as soon as it is empty fill it half-full with water, put in a little detergent and boil it up on the fire; you will find this loosens the burn and saves hard scraping, which is bad for the pot.

Plan your menus so that it may be possible to use up left-overs, although it is my experience that unless something is served that no one really likes, there seldom are any left-overs! And do try to bring food to the table looking as appetising as possible — bread and butter nicely laid on a plate or tray, cold meat neatly arranged, a clean spoon to serve the stew, etc.

A few hints on lighting and controlling your fire may be a help. So often one sees Guides, and even Patrol Leaders, treating the kitchen fire in camp as if it were a hike fire, hunting round for punk, making tiny pyramids of wee sticks, or elaborate cob-houses, and breaking sticks into very short pieces and avoiding using solid wood. Your kitchen fire is not like this. You want it to burn steadily for some time and make plenty of hot ash so that it will easily catch up again when it is time to prepare another meal. By all means use punk if there is a plentiful supply, lots of dead bracken, but, if not,

camp always seems to produce waste paper of some sort, and it may just as well be used to light the kitchen fire as burnt separately. The first time you light the fire, when there are no ashes to form a base for it, it is a good plan to lay three or four largish sticks along the bottom of the fireplace to keep the fire off the damp ground.

Crumple up, not too tightly, enough paper to be able to light it from both ends of the fireplace; on this lay thin, dry sticks, propped up a little against one another. Have ready some thicker dry sticks. Light the fire at both ends, and as soon as some of the small sticks are well alight, put the bars or firegrid back over it, and stand a pot of water or the kettle (not too full in case it overflows) on top; this will help the draught. When the twigs are burning well, start poking more solid pieces through on top of them, from both ends if you like. Thereafter, unless the fire needs a little coaxing from time to time, use only thicker pieces, as they will give you the steady, unflaring heat that you need to cook a proper meal. Never jam the fire too full of wood, and from time to time turn the logs over and give an occasional poke with a stick. Wood burns more quickly than coal, as no doubt you know, and it also loses heat more rapidly, so your stoker needs to be on the alert.

When frying, an all-too-common mistake is to start frying before the fat is really hot. You can do this fairly safely with bacon or sausages, but not with bread, or anything that will soak up the fat. If you are uncertain how hot the fat is, drop a small crumb of bread in, and if it starts to fizzle and brown straight away, the fat is hot enough. A pair of cooking tongs is a help for turning the food, or you can use a forked stick with another straight one poked through the fork: put the fork under the food and press the stick on top to grip it tight. If you need more fat, take any not-cooked food out of the pan before you put more in to heat, or the food will soak up the fat. You also want to be careful to see that any other pot on the fire does not boil over and drip into the frying pan, even a few drops of water in the frying pan may be enough to make it catch on fire, particularly if it is rather old and thin.

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CROYDON CAPERS

At last the night had arrived and nervous Brownies, Guides and Rangers of the Croydon District gathered at the Presbyterian Church Hall, Croydon. Instead of doing the normal Cents for Service, the Leaders thought it might be an idea to hold a concert.

From 7.00 p.m. on we arrived to get ready for our items. The Hall was filling rapidly and the two volunteer electricians were all organised from the dress rehearsal on Monday, 21st April. The Compere (Hugh Taylor, the Ranger Captain's husband) dressed in an immaculate dinner suit, ran round with microphone and script. Mr. Lewis volunteered to pull the curtain at the appropriate moments. Guiders ran round putting up scenery and dressing Brownies and Guides.

Everything was finally ready (only 20 minutes late!). The Guide Choir opened the show with a group of songs.

The second item—Follow Me—was performed by a willing Brownie and a very unwilling Cub. (Both Brownie Guiders.) The combined Brownie Packs presented two plays from issues of Matilda, The Brownie Story, and The Toadstool. White skirts and shirts with blue sailor ties were the outfits chosen by the Brownies for their two Sea Songs, 'Bobby Shaftoe' and 'On the Crest of a Wave.'

Now for some hilarity—Red Riding Hood of Modern Times by Alan Rowe. This was a real hit with the audience and Red Riding Hood (Anna Graham—Tawny Owl), The Wolf (Andrea Murphy—Tawny Owl), and Woodman (Philip Ashton—friend), while the Compere recited the descriptive lines in between scenes.

Lee Davison, Jennifer Cooke and Sylvia Montalto of 1st Guide Company, sang The Three Maids of Lee.

Then came the Rangers! They performed a skit on their Company meeting. But, due to circumstances beyond their control, no background Cub noise could be heard! (They share a Hall with the Cub Pack on Tuesday nights.) They had a 'V' Formation, renewed their Promise and closed with Taps.

The Local Association put on tea or coffee and biscuits at Interval.

Back to the Show. Snow White and Eight Dwarfs followed the Interval, this was written by Diane Patternoster of the 3rd Guide Company. They had put a lot of work into scenery, costumes and learning of parts. It was light, very well acted and a credit to all concerned.

The Rangers had been busy with purple and green for a costume for Catriona McInnes, their idea of a "Purple People Eater." Mairi McInnes, Margaret Douglas, Sue Macdonnell, Marilyn Gill, all in "short shorts" were busy dodging the Purple People Eater. Our guitarist and singers were the two Chris' (Munyard and Pollock).

May Gill (Brown Owl) dressed just like a wealthy American Tourist, appeared with Noelle Hutchinson (Guide Lieut.) in The Crazy Painter also by Alan Rowe. A sketch about a Painter trying to sell paintings to an American and nothing being suitable.

The three Brownie Packs dressed in Hula skirts and leis made a very gay background for Susan and Robyn Donnelly as they all performed a Hula. Eileen Donnelly and Andrea Murphy (Brownie Guiders) also did a Hula. Then came "Honey Bun" from South Pacific. Joyce Ebbs (Brown Owl) as Honey Bun and Ann Holloway (Guide) as the sailor, this whole act was very colorful and well produced.

Carolyn Stevens (Guide Cap.) recited? "Goldilocks and the Three Bears", taking the part of a child whose Mother insisted on "darling Daughter" performing in the Concert.

Mesdames Reynolds, Sutherland and Cooke (Commissioners of Clifford Division) sang the "Matilda" version of "My Favourite Things."

The evening closed with the whole cast, in uniform, on the stage. Mrs Cooke (Dist. Com. Croydon) presented the Choir with posies of violets, thanked everyone and we all joined in singing The National Anthem.

— A. Taylor, for Croydon District Guides



"NORFOLK" NEEDS NO CHOIR



Picture from "Holiday Guide to Norfolk Island", by Brecknell & Nicholls Ltd., Auckland.

The singing was lovely! From the small congregation at the evening service at St. Barnabas, I looked but found no choir.

At the combined service for Anzac Day, singing was glorious, but no group was separate. All who packed the Methodist Church, themselves were singing chorally.

I was told that this singing is traditional from the 'Bounty' people, from Tahiti nearly two hundred years ago, through Pitcairn Island, on to Norfolk Island, with 1350 people living there today, (plus tourist average 800 plus) it is a natural skill that has survived.

Brownies, Guides, Air-Rangers, Cadets, one of whom was a Queen's Guide—the District was well represented at the service, together with the Commissioner, Mrs. Bartle (formerly Mrs. Chenhall, Commissioner for Wattle Park).

In a farming community "Lands" might have had little challenge or novelty for seniors, the Pacific Ocean pounding on the cliffs, makes navigation often impossible, seldom desirable for "seas."

"Air" is the new enterprise, in little more than twenty years opening up new contacts, widening ideas; to be air-minded, with this new lifeline alternate to the infrequent ships; with four to six weeks between, is

service as well as stimulating interest. So "Air-Flight" it is for Norfolk Island Rangers!

Guides wear the emblem of the Territory, the Norfolk Island Pine, on the shoulder strap of their uniform. I had visited the Guide Company, by invitation of the Captain, Miss Fay Bataille, who belongs to an island family, and is a teacher. She holds the Training Certificate of the Guides and had just returned from attending a course on the New Programme, in Sydney. The Company was planning a hike to a place on the cliffs three to four miles away, where each patrol would cook a dish, traditional to another country.

I was able to tell them, how I had enjoyed beetroot soup, served by the Guides of Poland, in the banqueting hall of a salt-mine, some hundreds of feet below the ground, when Poland was an independent country, hostess to the World Conference, 1932.

Guides of Norfolk Island are an integral part of the community. The Administrator permitted an Open Day at Government House, with admission for Guide funds, stalls, etc. **FIVE HUNDRED CAME!**

Guides serve afternoon tea at football matches, and have arranged a cake-stall at the air-port on a 'Plane-Day,' to sell also, the famous guava jelly. They have greeted Pathfinders—the parallel movement of the Seventh Day Adventists—when a contingent from Sydney camped on the Island in conjunction with a local group.

The Guide Hall is in the school grounds, and is sometimes used as a classroom. The news of Guides and Pathfinders is well covered in the weekly newspaper. The pleasure of knowing the Guides was a most delightful and memorable part of my holiday. I was privileged to bring a message to Victoria, which was published in June copy of Matilda.

Here is the reply from our State Commissioner:—

"The Girl Guides Association of Victoria thanks the Girl Guides of Norfolk Island, for their cordial message of friendship and sends warmest good wishes to you all.

"We are looking forward to the challenge of the eight point programme and await Implementation Day with eagerness. Maybe we shall see some of you at Camp Southern Cross in January, 1970.

—Charlotte Renshaw-Jones."

This camp may not be possible, in the normal cycle of company life, this year Guides are of the younger age group.

Five Brownies have just come up—one has flown up—and their places in the Pack are filled. Island school is to Form 4 only; children leave at that stage—or sometimes before—to continue their education on the Mainland (Eastern Australia).

To prepare for this change, school tours have been arranged. For Grade 6-Form 1, a general education tour of 15 days for 28 children, in N.S.W. with hospitality at times with High School families. For Form 4, a vocational guidance tour of 11 days for 11 children.

The people of the Island raised at least \$2,200—nearly half the cost, towards the expenses of these tours. The school children showed their appreciation, by giving a dramatic entertainment at a function for funds for the hospital.

Among other matters, I found that the Country Women's Association is raising funds for special treatment for a deaf child, now three years old, who so far has been dumb; the Sunshine Club offers friendly help to the elderly. Members have prepared and sell, as fast as copies can be printed almost, a cookery book with recipes for Island fruits and traditional dishes; they hope to arrange for meals on wheels.

For administration, the Territory is attached to New South Wales, parallel to the administration of Northern Territory by South Australia.

May many visit Norfolk Island and enjoy it as much as I have done.

—G.S.



GANG GANGS

Walking along a country lane in Warragul, Gippsland, we came suddenly on a charming autumn picture. On the drooping sprays of red hawthorn berries, sat several gang gang cockatoos. The males were gray with scarlet heads, the females plain gray. Quite unperturbed at our presence, they chatted to each other as they fed.

FLY AGARIC

During a visit to the Dandenongs in early May, I was sauntering through an Autumn garden, when I spied some large red toadstools on the green lawn. They were spotted white on the top, and measured four to five inches across. Their name is Fly Agaric, and although they are very picturesque, they are poisonous. Fungi are lowly plants, in the order of the plant life, and instead of seeds they have spores.

—J.H.



DEAR "MATILDA",

We have just said goodbye to our District Commissioner, who has gone to the new Ballarat North District, as our District of Wendouree became too big and it had to be divided into two. The Brownies produced a concert all on their own, to present to the D.C., Mrs. Kathleen Walker, and two of the Brownies made up this poem and we thought you may like it:—

BROWNIES SAY "THANK YOU"

By Margo Troon and Glenyce Long
(both aged ten).

We would like to welcome everyone here,
The reason for coming is really quite clear.
To North Ballarat our Commissioner is
going,
For Wendouree is overflowing.

Mothers, Brown Owl, Brownies, too,
Would like to say a big thank you
For helping to make Brownies such fun.
Thank you again for a job well done.

—Edna Manson, Brown Owl,
2nd Wendouree Pack.

KARACHI — AND GUIDING IN PAKISTAN

The recorded history of Karachi goes back to the 18th century when it was just a small fishing village known as Kalachi-jo-Goth. With the development of its harbour it gradually grew into a large city and an important centre of trade and industry. Its selection as capital of Pakistan in 1947, following the partition of India, added to its importance. The harbour now has 30 berths for shipping, together with modern equipment such as cranes, railways, etc., to assist in rapid turnaround of ships. Although the seat of government has now been moved to Islamabad, some 1000 miles inland, for security reasons, Karachi still remains the epicentre of commerce and industry.

The city of Karachi is well laid out with good roads that carry a variety of vehicles, ranging from donkey- and camel-drawn carts and "Victorias" to modern cars and three-wheel, Japanese-made taxis that are virtually motorised rickshaws, as they carry only two passengers. All vehicles carry rich ornamentation in gay colours.

There is contrast in housing — some, in the poorer areas or marshy ground where "squatters" have settled, are housed in hovels crudely constructed from old iron, wood, bags and local clay. In the wealthier areas the homes are large and modern in big grounds with lovely gardens. The city itself has a surprising number of parks and gardens, as a great deal of money has been spent to make it green, as it is built entirely on sand.

The currency is calculated in rupees, one rupee being divided into 100 paises. One rupee is equivalent to approximately 15 cents Australian.

There are two national languages — Urdu is spoken in West Pakistan and Bengali in East Pakistan.

Pakistani food is rich, well spiced and delicately flavoured. Amongst favourite dishes are chicken, meat and vegetable curries; Pulao, a dish of rice cooked with meat; Seekh Kabab and Tikka Kabab — which is minced meat or meat pieces grilled on skewers; and Zarda, a sweet made with rice and saffron.

There are an endless variety of handcrafts available. Delicate silverware, finely carved



wooden furniture and figures made in walnut from the Kashmir. Camelskin lampshades, carved ivory, fragile pottery and beautiful items in marble of the palest shades of pink green, fawn and cream. Brassware of every description tempts the eye, whilst gold and silver ornaments and jewellery, hand-embroidered shawls, luxurious rugs and carpets, rich brocade, silk and cotton saris, together with stoles embroidered with real gold or silver thread are a delight. "Saleem-Shahi" shoes with up-turned toes are fanciful and richly embroidered, and greatly sought after by tourists.

Guiding in Pakistan is well established and is divided into several branches, namely, Bluebirds (7 to 11), Guides (11 to 16), Rangers (16 to 20), Cadet Rangers, Guiders, Auxiliary Rangers and Extension Section.

Bluebirds are similar to Brownies in that they work in "Flocks" to a maximum of 24.

On enrolment, the Guide makes her three-fold Promise as in Australia, but she is also urged to take part in social welfare as well as do a Good Turn every day. A Company has 36 girls and is divided into four to six Patrols.

Emphasis in Ranger training is laid on Service to the Community. In a Ranger Company a girl develops better understanding of her responsibilities and receives training in debate and reasoned thinking which later helps her to realise her responsibility in the use of her civic and national rights.

Cadet Rangers are those members who, while undergoing training in teacher training establishments, become trained as Guiders along with their basic training as teachers.

As Guider training is closely attached to schools, the Guider who takes the Company and Flock meetings is usually a teacher at school.

Auxiliary Ranger Companies are unusual, as they have been formed in gaols for woman convicts.

The Extension Section is similar to our Australian Section in that Companies and Flocks are run to meet the needs of handicapped children, who, through their disabilities, are unable to join ordinary Units.

The emphasis of Girl Guiding in Pakistan is towards encouraging girls to take up responsibilities in social welfare work. They are expected to take part in social welfare programmes at all levels from the Bluebird age onwards and to co-operate with other welfare agencies. They are encouraged to take an active part in the community and neighbourhood projects from the time they enter the Movement. Through the Planned Service Projects, girls are enabled to help in four major projects — Adult Literacy, Grow More Food, Better Homes and Dignity of Labour.

Adult Literacy. This project was first started in 1957, and by the end of 1965, 12,000 adults had been made literate by the Guides at Literacy Centres and under the "each one, teach one" scheme. At present there are 50 Literacy Centres working well over Pakistan in which more than 2000 adults are receiving education.

The "**Grow More Food**" project is progressing very well, as many schools where there are Bluebird Flocks or Guide Companies present, run this project. There are three aspects to it:

- (a) Self-sufficiency in household requirements by growing vegetables in kitchen gardens, etc.
- (b) Balanced diet.
- (c) Food Preservation.

In the "**Better Homes**" project the need of mutual goodwill amongst the family members is emphasised. Besides this, the Guides teach women to make decorative articles out of simple everyday things. Instructions in embroidery, sewing and flower arrangements are also given.

"Dignity of Labour". Here the Guides and Bluebirds are taught the advantages of being

independent and also of helping others. They in their turn ask girls and women to keep their homes clean and do some manual work. Once they acquire the habit of cleanliness, the hesitation of doing manual labour is finished. From time to time Social Service Camps and Work Camps are arranged in villages to assess the needs and requirements, and then help accordingly.

Girl Guide Headquarters in Karachi is in Strachen Road, and is in a walled compound, together with Boy Scout Headquarters. Just inside the large iron gates is an aircraft similar to a de Havilland Dove that has been given to the Scouts and used by the Air Scouts in their training. Guide Headquarters is a large, high-ceilinged building for coolness, as the summer is hot and humid. The sandy compound is used for camping by both Scouts and Guides, as there are few suitable sites within easy distance of the city.

When the Muslim State of Pakistan was formed at the partition of India in 1947, the areas of Muslim concentration were not one continuous land mass, but two far-flung chunks to the north-west and north-east of the Great Indian Peninsula. This division puts Pakistan at a disadvantage, as 1000 miles of Indian territory separates the east and west sectors. Since the aggression by India in the Kashmir, a disputed territory, there is little or no contact between the two countries.

The Guide motto, "Be Prepared", implies that a Guide must always be in a state of mental and physical readiness to prove her ability in any emergency. At the time of Independence in 1947, when there was a strong influx of refugees, Guides worked tirelessly to help those who poured into refugee camps. They collected money, clothes, blankets, medicines and knitted garments. In the camps they opened schools and worked long hours distributing food and clothing whilst also helping the doctors.

In the years between 1950 and 1965 there were seven great floods and cyclones, and on each occasion the Girl Guides Association was the first women's organisation to volunteer help. In 1951 Civil Defence Training was introduced as a preparation for any

emergency and later in 1958 it was made a compulsory requirement for Guide test work. Instructor courses are also arranged for Guiders and form an essential part of the Junior Trainers' Certificate.

The Guides of East Pakistan rendered outstanding service by inoculating 8000 women and children in Dacca, the capital, during a cholera and smallpox epidemic. For this they were awarded the Walter Donald Ross Trophy (a World Award) at the World Conference of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in 1960.

Again the Guides were foremost in helping the nation during the Indian aggression of September, 1965. Routine work was suspended whilst Guide Houses all over the country were transformed into relief centres. Civil defence, first aid, home nursing and small arms training was imparted to women in both East and West Pakistan and Azad Kashmir.

Civil defence started during the Rann of Kutch emergency (southern district between India and West Pakistan) resulted in 30,000 women being trained. The Association also collected Rs.65,000—and 100 tolas of gold that were donated to the National Defence Fund. Later, the Association started working for the rehabilitation of the women and children of war-affected areas. Thus, it can be seen that from the time of Independence the way has been set by the Girl Guides to volunteer their services on a group basis, and they have always proved their usefulness.



Dear Matilda,

Our Pack held a Doll and Toy Parade, as a combined effort in the "cents for service" week. We raised nearly seventeen dollars. There were ten sections, they were: The Oldest Teddy Bear, Best Aeroplane, Best Train, Modern Car, Vintage Car, Best Rag Doll, Tiniest Doll, Prettiest Doll, Best Bride Doll and the Best Dressed Peg.

Brown Owl came FIRST, in the Oldest Teddy Bear, he was thirty-one years old. Many people who won prizes got an Easter Egg, because it was near Easter. It was a very enjoyable afternoon.

—Heather Mummery and Elisabeth Poort,
1st Girgarre Pack.



We Brownies of the 3rd Shepparton Pack hoped it would be a happy evening, we thought it could be—we were sure it would be and — **and it was!**

Our evening for our mothers, just before Mother's Day.

Gaily wrapped gifts with a flower on top of each, were neatly packed in a box. Supper had been arranged, our District and Division Commissioners were coming, so were some of our Guides; and a most important mother, our former Brown Owl, Mrs. Trevaskis.

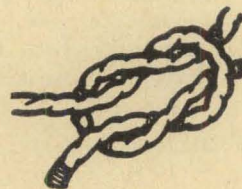
At last our night was here, the top of the piano made a lovely woodland scene, with it's flowers, elves, animals, a wishing well, a Brown Owl and our own toadstool standing proudly in the centre. Nearly all our mothers were able to come, and our Guides entertained us with a skit; and each Brownie six was delightful, performing their skits and acting "The Story of the Brownies."

Then all the Brownies with their gift for Mother hidden away, sang a song arranged for Mother's Day. Each Mother then received a gift, there was also one for our hard-working Commissioners.

Our Guides had returned to our Pack for a special reason, to be present when our former Brown Owl was given a surprise thank-you and farewell gift. A lovely table lamp, with a plaque, suitably inscribed, was presented by Brownie Beth Ely. Beth, herself was then presented with her 3rd year service star, and the District Commissioner presented Brown Owl with her Warrant.

Supper brought a memorable evening to a close.

—G.M.



A GUIDE AND SCOUT PROJECT

Recently six Wangaratta Guides and their leaders were invited to join with two Patrols of Senior Scouts in a one-day camp at the Ovens River campsite in the Warby Ranges.

The purpose of the day was to give a group of migrant boys — aged between 13 and 19 and from an inner Melbourne area — a taste of the outdoor life. Rev. David Cox and a helper accompanied the boys, who were guests of the Wangaratta Lions Club.

Scouts quickly erected a huge mess shelter, lots of spectacular lashing and a cooking shelter, together with various mod. cons. such as a porta gas stove and a useful table.

While the girls prepared chop suey and sweets, the boys and the visitors erected lats, and made a wonderful flying fox — the guests, together with the Scouts and some of the more adventurous Guides, enjoyed that.

After lunch the young went off on a hike and reported excitement at the actual sighting of a fox.

Perhaps the most impressive ceremony of the day was the hoisting of Colours — the Australian Flag with the Guide and Scout World Flags on a cross arm.

A Scouts' Own Service — in a setting of mountain red gums, clumps of "blackboys" and a granite rock of this ancient range of hills — was a highlight in a day of happy activity.

Our thanks to the Scouters of this District who made the rewarding day possible.

—P. E. Miles,
District Commissioner, Wangaratta.

DEAR "MATILDA",

1st Waverley North Pack visited "Lovell House" in Caulfield, where there are 53 old ladies. First of all, we sang a few songs to them all and then we handed round some sweets. We wrapped up the sweets in coloured cellophane and put them in little baskets — some made of strawberry punnets threaded with coloured plastic and some of wallpaper. After that we went into the dining-room and had a drink and scones. Some of the old ladies showed us their rooms, then we said goodbye and set off for home.

—Catherine Hobbs,
1st Waverley North Pack.

ECHUCA DIVISION

Commissioners under Canvas!

At Camp Tamba — Bendigo Region Camp, Easter, 1969, six Commissioners helped as staff members. Four belonged to Kerang division, and two from Echuca. Two had attended a series of four camp-craft weekends during the previous year. One was being tested for a Camp Permit. Two acted as Q.Ms. for district camps. Three were first-aiders for district camps. One was in charge of a district camp.

Each had attended these activities, so that guides from her district could be included in camp.

BRAVO COMMISSIONERS! Your C.A. salutes you!

—J. Holmes and M. Nicoll.



DEAR "MATILDA",

May I, through the medium of your publication, pay tribute to the Guiders and Rangers who staffed at the Allambie Camp at Inverloch during the school holidays.

I know that one of the Rangers is writing an account of the camp for "Matilda", but no doubt she will be modest and "hide her light", and that of her fellow-Rangers, "under a bushel", but I do feel more people should appreciate acts like this one. Too often only wrong-doings are publicised, and whilst it is the policy of the Movement to do good turns without recognition, it does seem a pity that too often these go unnoticed.

Four adult leaders and 18 Rangers gave up a full week of their holidays, to take some of the children from the Allambie Children's Centre to a camp at Inverloch:

I had the unofficial privilege of "dropping in", and how delightful it was to see these children so obviously enjoying themselves.

When goodbyes were said, they were accompanied by many tears — ample proof of a happy camp and a fitting reward for the staff who had given so willingly of their time and talents.

—Mrs. J. Quick, Nunawading.

NOTICES

INTERNATIONAL CAMP, JAPAN, 1970

An exciting invitation has just been received from Japan as under:—

"Girl Scouts of Japan extend a very cordial invitation to Girl Guides and Girl Scouts of member countries of WAGGS to join the Japanese Girl Scouts for the International Camp to be held in Nose, near Osaka, abreast with Diamond Jubilee Gathering for Young Adults of WAGGS. The year 1970 marks the 50th birthday of our Association and is also the year of the World Exposition in Osaka.

Date: 27th July to 2nd August, 1970.

Hospitality: One day before and four days after the camp.

Place: Nose, near Osaka.

Programme: Camping with 1000 Japanese Girl Scouts. Rally with 6000 Japanese Girl Scouts. Visit to the World Exposition.

Hospitality includes: Trip to Kyoto, the

ancient capital of Japan. Trip to Nikko, one of the scenic spots near Tokyo. Sightseeing in Tokyo. Home hospitality.

Qualifications: Between ages 13 and 17; accompanied with a Leader; must have camping experience and basic knowledge of English.

Fee: \$U.S.15 per person.

Climate: Temperature rises up to 30° C. during the daytime. Cooler at night.

Looking forward to welcoming representatives from your Association."

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Economy air fare to Tokyo is approximately \$807.70. No finance is available for the invitation.

Since Japan has requested approximate numbers by August, would anyone interested contact Mrs. S. Farrow, State International Representative, by 1st August if possible.

—Shirley Farrow,
State International Representative.

GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Box 137, P.O., Port Moresby.

Challenge and Adventure in Papua and New Guinea

In January, 1971, Papua and New Guinea will need a Guide Trainer, or an experienced Guide Guider who would be willing to work towards her Training Certificate, to continue the fascinating work of Guide Training in our Territory.

Miss Barbara Stevens will be retiring from the Territory at the end of 1970, and we must have someone to continue with the work she has been doing.

Here are some particulars:

Length of Service: One or two years (Miss Stevens will have been with us for nearly three years, although initially she was only going to stay for one).

Salary: According to qualifications.

Commencing Date: January, 1971.

Accommodation: There is a flat for the Trainer at the Guide House, Konedobu, Port Moresby. Car for training provided.

The successful applicant will have a period of acclimatisation in Port Moresby to enable her to become accustomed to Territory conditions, after which it will be necessary to travel around the Territory giving training in Brownie, Guide and Ranger work, wherever it is required.

Applications may be forwarded to your State Training Adviser.

—Adrienne Dawe,
Training Adviser,
Papua and New Guinea.

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Pack Holiday Training: A Pack Holiday Training Course has been arranged, comprising of four Tuesday nights, the dates being 23rd and 30th September and 7th and 14th October. The course will be held at Headquarters from 6 to 8 p.m.

Trainer: Miss J. McGahy.

This course will be limited, so early application is advisable. Application on blue training form, together with 50 cents training fee, to be sent to Mrs. B. D. McNally, Camping Secretary, Girl Guides Association, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne.



THIS IS THE LOCAL ASSOCIATION'S PAGE

Please send all material for this page to Mrs. J. M. KIRKMAN, 161 Charman Road, Mentone, 3194.

PUBLICISING GUIDING

Because Local Association members are either parents or friends of members of the Movement, they are the best people to publicise Guiding in the community. To do this, they must know what Brownies, Guides and Rangers are learning and doing so that they can tell non-Guiding people just what the Guide Movement means. The best way to find out is to attend Local Association meetings and, whenever possible, see the girls working and playing at Guide meetings, Brownie Revels, Camp Open Days and Church Parades.

Of course, a necessary evil of a Local Association is to raise money to support the Commissioner and Guiders and often to pay for a Hall, but enrolled members are an integral part of Guiding. They make the Guide Promise, and this involves service to others.

So a more important need should be to see what community service can be done, and just as Guides and Brownies help others cheerfully, the Local Association will enjoy helping; perhaps, the Elderly Citizens with an outing or the local Hospital Fete or Gardening at the Local Historic Site.

Local Associations reach out into the community and participate and let others know what can be gained from Guiding.

FUND-RAISING EFFORTS

Did you all notice the lovely floral arrangements on the tables in the luncheon room at the L.A. Conference? These were beautifully done by Mrs. Cynthia Walker, who would be happy to demonstrate her "Beautiflora" ware. These demonstrations of floral art are free, and Mrs. Walker will show you how, with Beautiflora aids, you can make your flowers and centrepieces look truly elegant. Contact her at 91 9638 (after hours)

for information, or write Mrs. C. Walker, Floral Art, c/o "Matilda".

BELGRAVE LOCAL ASSOCIATION, who are planning to build a Guide Hall, have had monthly fund-raising efforts, including a Baby Show, a Garden Fete, Progressive Dinner and a Luncheon, which was attended by Brownies and Guides and their friends.

Such varied "do's" interest all the community and bring a number of non-Guiding folk into the Guiding circle.

SEBASTOPOL L.A. offer two ideas for quick fund-raising, both of which bring together members and friends.

A Coffee Party, with its pleasant social atmosphere, is a good way to spread interest in Guiding and bring in new L.A. members.

A Little Apron Appeal is successful and well received.

A tiny apron, with a pocket large enough to hold a 20 cent piece, is sent to members and friends with an appropriate verse requesting them to return the apron with one cent for each inch of their waistline. There may even be a few trimmer waistlines thereafter!

INVITATION TO LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS

On 27th August at 1.30 p.m., Emerald L.A. are having a Ceylon Tea Demonstration which will consist of two films and a parade of saris. As this is in the school holidays, perhaps some L.A. members from further afield would like to join them. They would love to make you welcome.

Anyone interested could contact Mrs. Adele Atkins, 33 Benson Street, Emerald, 3782, for further information.

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Step up the stairs to success—don't stare up the steps.

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A hobby is hard work you wouldn't do for a living.

TREE PLANTING AT BRITANNIA PARK



On Sunday, 18th May, 1969, a group of former 1st Melbourne Rangers gathered at Britannia Park to honour the memory of Miss Frieda Barfus, who was for many years Captain of that Ranger Company.

It was a happy day as 'Barf' would have wanted it to be. We former Rangers brought our families, and our friends, and we were honoured by the presence of Miss Barfus' family—her sister, Mrs. Barclay; her niece, Mrs. Cuthbert (nee J. Barclay); her nephew, Mr. J. Knight; together with their families.

A Linden tree and many flowering Gums and Wattles were planted on the Barfus Camp-site, and as we dug the holes and planted the trees, I am sure that each one of us remembered some special thing that

'Barf' had done for us as individuals, in years gone by.

Collectively, she gave us a love of the outdoors, and perhaps a little of her great wisdom, and a comradeship with one another.

With some of us the pattern of our lives and work has taken us from active participation in Guiding for many years, but we still meet together with our friends from 1st Melbourne, and something of the magic of the days when 'Barf' was our leader remains.

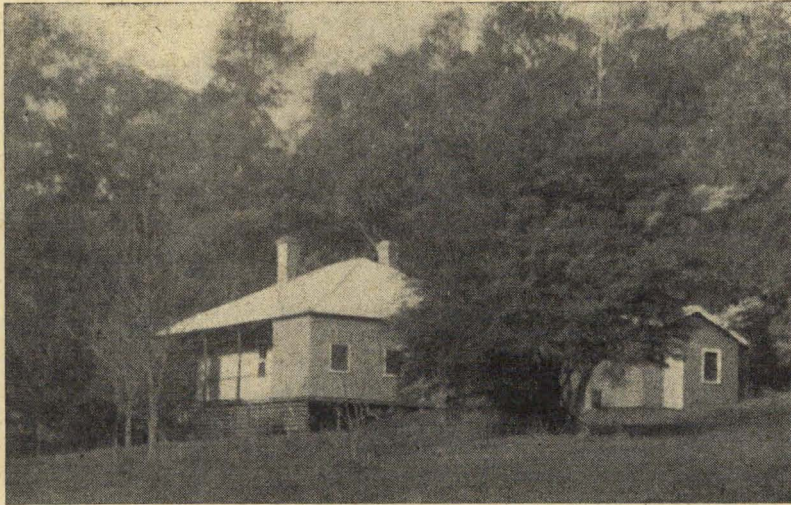
We are proud of our association with 'Barf' and will always remember her with love. It is our hope that the trees we planted will give pleasure to all the Guides who use the Barfus Camp-site in the years to come.
—L.G.

EDITORS!??

If an Editor writes an article it is too long.
If she sends a postcard it's too short.
If she attends a meeting she is butting in.
If she stays away she is a shirker.
If she offers a suggestion she is a "know-all".
If she says nothing she is useless.
If she asks for an article she is a pest.
If she doesn't she is lazy.
If the magazine is a big success the Authors get the praise.
If it's a failure the Editor is to blame.
Ashes to ashes, dust to dust,
If others won't do it
The Editor must!
—From "Kalori".



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Prudence keeps life safe, but does not often make it happy.—Samuel Johnson.



BRITANNIA PARK

The May school holidays found the houses and all the camp-sites fully occupied once again. Unfortunately, the camping finished on a very damp note. Just as well we don't want to keep giraffes in the giraffe hut, it is packed to the doors with damp canvas. Many thanks to 2nd Dandenong Coy. and 1st Berwick Coy. who offered to do some work for us during their stay in camp, also to the Wattle Park Rangers for their help. Naturally the convenor lost no time in finding jobs for all three groups.

Our latest treasure at Britannia Park, is the "sit upon" tractor mower, named "Little Toot" by a Guide from Dandenong. This will be used by Mr. Gard, the warden, whose job it is to keep the lawns surrounding the houses in good order and condition. We hope that with the aid of 'Little Toot' the campfire site (Carleen Campbell) will be greatly improved and looking very parklike by the time of the camp.

How sad it is, that even our beautiful Britannia Park does not escape the attentions of the vandals. Their latest desecration was to tear the lettering off our entrance wall, where it had been cemented and bolted to the rock fence, and take it away. Fortunately some Guides found it in the creek and it has since been put back on the wall. Thank you Guides. This lettering "Girl Guides Association" which adorned the entrance to our old H.Qs. in Russell St.

for so many years, has great sentimental value to us, and it looks so nice at the entrance to Britannia Park.

Our beloved "Barf" has been well remembered by trees which though small to start with, will live and grow just as her influence did to so many thousands of our members. All the trees have been planted on the Barfus Site, some by 1st Melbourne Rangers, and some by the Britannia Park Committee.

Two L.As. held working days during May. Many thanks to Laburnum and Nunawading. These L.As. get through a tremendous amount of work and without their help, we would not be able to keep the young plants growing.

But we need more help. How about it L.As.? We haven't any booked in after June, and the camp is in January! You don't want to be ashamed of your property do you? How about having your meeting up there in the spring? One hour for business, two hours to wrestle with the weeds, or with a paint brush, and then home. Think of all the talking you can do while you work. If one or two would like to join Mrs. Gray's working day on a Thursday, it would probably be possible to provide transport and Mrs. Gray would give you a leather medal of thanks, or what about taking dad up with you on the first Saturday in the month and

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CAMPFIRE SONGS



GO WELL AND SAFELY

Parts.

1. 2. 3.

Go well- and safe-ly Go well- and safe-ly

Parts.

1. 2. 3.

Go well- and safe-ly The Lord be ever with you.

2nd Verse. Stay well, etc.

GO WELL AND SAFELY

We are reprinting this song, printed first a few months ago, with a story told to us by Mrs. Laurie Sharp, who was in South Africa recently doing some training. The song is Zulu in origin — a Zulu parting song.

Alan Paton, in his book, "Cry the Beloved Country", illustrates the use of the terms, "stay well" and "go well", used by and to people who are parting.

Someone has written that "South African songs are extraordinarily satisfying to sing because of their melodic, rhythmic and harmonic interest". "Hambani Kahle" ("Go well and safely") was sung for me when I was departing from gatherings of Guides from Zululand, so I can heartily endorse these comments and add that hearing this song remains an unforgettable and moving experience.

Probably the English arrangement is easier for some people to sing, but it seems a pity to leave its full meaning obscure.

CAMPFIRE SONGS

GO WELL AND SAFELY

ZULU WORDS

Ha-mba-ni ka-hle,
Ha-mba-ni ka-hle,
Ha-mba-ni ka-hle,
I-nko-ni ma-yi-be na-ni.

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CLOSING SONG

By mischance the "new" English words for the Closing Song published on page 364 of the June issue of "Matilda" were printed away from the song — on page 351.

Would you please note that the words to be used for the Closing Song are as follows:

Our joyful gathering is ending.
Alas, it's time for us to part.
The happiness we've shared together
Will linger in our hearts.
Farewell, dear friends, journey safely,
We'll meet again somewhere.
May God be with you always—
This is our prayer.

TRAINING PAGES

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If you use a kettle, see that the spout is sticking out of the fire, so that if it boils over, it won't do so on to the fire.

When serving food, do not pile it up on the plates. Many people are put off by having too large a plateful, and they can always have a second helping. And, if possible, keep the pots of food hot for second helpings.

If you are frying eggs, get the fat hot, and then pull the pan a little off the fire to put the eggs in; depending on the size of the pan, you may be able to fry several at the same time, provided there is room between the eggs to get the spoon or slice under each to left them out.

These are only a few hints: with practice you will soon work out for yourselves the most satisfactory way to cater and to do all the cooking, serving, etc. There are several "best" ways of doing most things, and what may seem easiest to me may well be otherwise to you.

BRITANNIA PARK

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joining Miss Barr's working bee? Bring the family and have a barbeque, bring your friends and relatives, but come and help. Miss Barr's number is 63 7911 and it's a help to her to know if she's going to have six or sixty workers.

Once again we send our very sincere thanks to all those who support the Maintenance Fund.

First, the ones I omitted in my last report.

- March—
23rd—2nd Doncaster Coy.
25th—1st Melbourne (1st Greek) Rangers.
- April—
18th—Maffra L.A.
24th—1st Ashburton Pack.
- May—
1st—1st Malmsbury Pack.
2nd—Marysville L.A.
3rd—Preston L.A. (in memory of Lady Rylah).
4th—Margaret Shaw.
5th—1st Belgrave Coy.
7th—1st, 2nd and 3rd Shepparton Coys.
8th—Canterbury L.A.
10th—Myrtleford L.A.
11th—Elsternwick L.A.
11th—3rd Blackburn Coy.
12th—Tatura L.A.
12th—4th Preston Coy.
13th—Horsham L.A.
14th—Gisborne District.
16th—Clunes Division.
18th—Preston L.A.
19th—Balwyn L.A.
21st—Central Murray Division.
22nd—Mrs. R. E. Gregory.
23rd—3rd Yarraville Pack.
25th—Mrs. R. J. H. Risson.
28th—4th Malvern Pack.
29th—Maryvale L.A.
„ 31st Leongatha L.A.



WARRANTS

A warm welcome is extended to the following:—

Region Commissioner:

Mrs. P. B. Binnion, Assistant, Yarra Valley.

Division Commissioners:

Mrs. W. Andell, Brighton; Mrs. L. R. Robinson, Preston.

District Commissioners:

Mrs. A. C. Watson, Gunbower; Mrs. E. R. Robinson, Castlemaine; Mrs. S. A. Unthank, Langwarrin/Pearcedale; Mrs. S. E. Ryan, Dartmoor/Heywood; Mrs. F. H. S. Ouiggin, Maffra; Mrs. D. W. Currie, Mt. Evelyn; Mrs. R. J. Ferguson, Sale; Mrs. P. Garrity, Longwarry; Mrs. R. J. Berry, Bunyip; Mrs. M. A. McKemmish, Tongala; Mrs. J. McCance, Dingley/Springvale South; Mrs. W. J. Cantwell, Hallam; Mrs. A. H. Kilpatrick, Corangamite South.

Captains:

Mrs. W. G. Embury, 1st Wodonga; Mrs. L. G. Mead, 2nd Niddrie; Miss G. L. Birch, 1st Tyabb; Mrs. A. Clarke, 2nd Forest Hill; Mrs. P. F. A. Voogt, 1st Ferntree Gully; Miss D. J. Smith, 1st Coburg South; Mrs. G. E. Bagster, 1st West Doncaster; Miss B. Hooper, 1st Heywood; Mrs. K. Lilley, 1st South Dandenong; Miss B. Jackson, 1st Templestowe; Mrs. B. Fernando, 4th Mt. Waverley; Mrs. W. L. Barge, 3rd Monash; Mrs. R. Wain, 1st Charlton; Mrs. K. G. Wolstencroft, 2nd Pine Forest; Mrs. J. Hogg, 4th Box Hill; Mrs. G. Prewett, S.R.S. Wyuna; Mrs. H. W. Speering, 1st Springvale South Rangers; Miss M. Gerring, 1st Brooklyn; Miss R. D. MacKay, 1st Dareton; Miss H. E. Wardlaw, 1st Avoca; Miss L. Wilson, 1st Bentleigh; Miss H. Bell, S.R.S. Gascoyne; Miss L. Beard, S.R.S. Invincible.

Lieutenants:

Miss L. Selover, 2nd South Melbourne; Miss S. R. Haig, 2nd Noble Park; Mrs. L. A. Boling, 2nd Seaford; Mrs. H. C. Dixon, 2nd Niddrie; Miss R. Bath, 1st Daylesford; Miss J. Johnston, 1st Daylesford; Miss M. Halton, 1st Wantima South; Mrs. R. H. Joyce, 2nd Ringwood; Mrs. E. M. Cohen, 4th St. Kilda; Miss B. J. Payne, 1st Lake Bolac; Miss D. F. Bottrell, 3rd Doncaster; Mrs. J. Reddish, 4th North Balwyn; Mrs. C. M. Robson, 2nd Monash; Miss L. A. Limbrick, 1st Nathalia; Mrs. F. A. Mitchell, 1st Plenty/Diamond Creek; Miss L. Musset, 2nd Castlemaine; Miss J. M. Gregory, Croydon Rangers; Mrs. D. E. Ride, 1st East Doncaster; Miss L. Abblitt, 2nd East Doncaster; Miss J. M. Trehwella, 1st Wattle Park Rangers; Miss M. Heywood, 1st Sorrento; Mrs. O. Davies, 1st Springvale South; Miss J. J. Brownbill, 3rd Ormond; Mrs. C. J. Eaton, 1st Timboon.

Brown Owls:

Mrs. M. Young, 3rd Rosebud; Mrs. C. W. Kenny, 1st Cann Valley; Mrs. A. Gray, 1st Chiltern; Mrs. W. Talsma, 2nd Herne Hill; Mrs. F. T. Hassell, 1st Colbinabbin; Mrs. L. M. Smith, 1st Horsham; Miss D. Chignell, 1st Scoresby; Mrs. G. Swainston, 1st Eaglehawk; Mrs. I. L. Zuch, 4th St. Kilda; Mrs. M. C. Johnston, 3rd Mildura; Miss H.

Mawditt, 4th Mitcham; Mrs. B. J. Rees, 2nd Traralgon; Mrs. E. W. Meyer, 1st Fish Creek; Miss D. M. Edgar, 2nd Surrey Hills; Mrs. J. Haire, 1st Jeparit; Mrs. H. G. Elliott, 4th Brunswick; Mrs. J. Cook, 1st Ringwood; Mrs. C. R. Todd, 4th Monash; Mrs. K. Bridgland, 2nd Blackburn South; Mrs. G. Densham, 2nd Wonga Park; Mrs. P. Wood, 2nd Dallas; Mrs. R. P. Smith, 1st Balmoral; Mrs. B. J. Blain, 1st Darlington; Mrs. I. Shaw, 2nd Mornington; Mrs. B. Baldwin, 1st Avoca.

Tawny Owls:

Mrs. T. Neales, 2nd North Kew; Mrs. R. McL. Moller, 3rd Rosebud; Miss G. Sanderson, 1st Wodonga; Miss J. Newnham, 2nd Tatura; Mrs. L. Adams, 2nd Stawell; Mrs. T. Pickering, 1st Yarram; Mrs. J. G. Tainsh, 4th Traralgon; Mrs. R. W. Libbis, 2nd Traralgon; Mrs. C. B. Phippen, 2nd Ouambatook; Miss J. M. Skivington, 3rd Blackburn; Miss E. D. Baker, 1st Lake Boga; Mrs. R. G. James, 6th Mt. Waverley; Miss P. Hately, 1st Beechworth; Mrs. R. Mark, 4th Monash; Miss P. M. Hassell, 1st Clayton; Mrs. G. M. Spotswood, 2nd Williamstown; Mrs. A. Skipsey, 2nd Blackburn South; Mrs. D. R. Truelove, 2nd Mornington; Mrs. V. Kennebury, 2nd Timboon; Mrs. C. Maperson, 1st Spotswood.

Registrations:

2nd Merino Pack; S.R.S. Attack (Elsternwick); 3rd Maryvale Coy.; 6th Ballarat Pack; 4th Benalla Coy.; 3rd West Doncaster Pack; Barea Region Trefoil Guild; 1st Parkmore Pack; 2nd Wonga Park Pack; Greythorn Local Association; 2nd Parkmore Pack; 2nd Mornington Coy.

RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

We acknowledge with gratitude the services given by the following, whose Warrants have been returned:—

Division Commissioner:

Mrs. R. H. Millan, Preston.

District Commissioners:

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Captains:

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YOUR GUIDE SHOP



COMMISSIONER AND GUIDER UNIFORMS

Commissioner straight skirt (lined)	
24, 26, 28, 30 waist	\$7.55
32, 34 waist	8.15
Guider skirt	
24, 26, 28, 30 waist	6.80
32, 34 waist	7.20
Guider jacket	
32, 34, 36, 38 bust	11.30
40, 42 bust	11.80
Guider blouse	
32-42 bust	3.50
Sea Ranger Guider blouse	
32-42 bust	3.50
Guider's tie	60c
Guider's beret	
21, 21½, 22, 22½, 23	3.10
Commissioner's beret	
21, 21½, 22, 22½, 23	5.00
Guider's summer frock	
32, 34, 36, 38 bust	12.00
40, 42, 44 bust	13.00
Cardigan	
32, 34, 36 bust	5.60
38, 40, 42 bust	6.40
Pullover	
32, 34, 36 bust	5.20
38, 40, 42 bust	6.15
Belt	85c
Half slip	1.50
Shoulder bag	5.50
Gloves	3.10
Blouse material, 36"	80c per yd.
Skirt material, 54"	3.90 per yd.
Summer frock mat'l, 36" per yd.	1.90

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All Things Uncertain (The remarkable story of the G.I.S.)	\$2.85
The Story of the Girl Guides by Rose Kerr	1.70
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Camp Prayers for Guides	30c
Quarter-Master in Camp	35c
Let's Have an Overseas Programme	40c
Autograph Album	60c
Trefoil Guild Posters, 15 x 20	20c
Navy Nylon Showerproof Haversack	1.75

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BAW BAW REGIONAL CAMP — EASTER, 1969

On Good Friday morning we arrived at the property belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Erbs of Willow Grove to find tents being erected at a startling pace. Guides and Guiders were bustling everywhere. The camp was divided into 19 smaller camps each representing a different country and altogether 370 Guides, Guiders and Rangers attended. A few hours later our weekend home was erected. We were all beginning to know each other and a friendly atmosphere reigned.

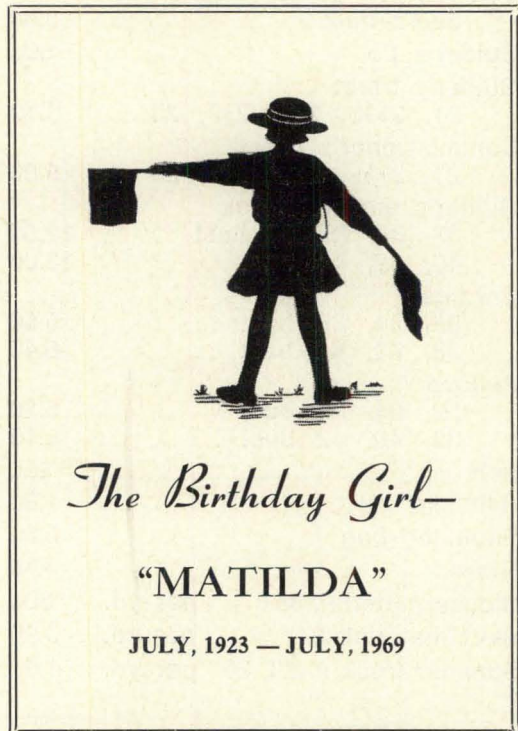
On Saturday night a combined campfire was held. It was led by Mrs. Graham, the general organiser of the camp, who was helped by "Mac" (Mrs. McLellan). Each country had a representative in national costume, who, bearing an Olympic torch, brought friendly greetings from her country. Four of the bearers then stepped forward and lit the campfire with their torches. Each country then prepared to present an item when suddenly . . . we heard the bagpipes. Scotland was late! As they came closer the music gradually became louder and louder until they finally assembled. Later they followed up with a Highland Fling. After Scotland was settled each camp presented an item which taught us something about their adopted country. Some extremely memorable items were The Indian Candle Dance, Arabia's Desert Scene, The Spanish Bullfight and America's "Old Texas". The gay sight of all the national costumes really made the line from the International Campfire Song, "Guides All Over the World", seem very real and, needless to say, the campfire was enjoyed by all.

On Sunday morning many camps found that Easter Bunny had paid them a visit. At eight o'clock Colours were held and a three-flanked Horseshoe was formed. Later on Catholic Guides went by bus into Trafalgar to Mass, and the rest of the camp, attended a Combined Guides' Own. In the afternoon many parents and friends came out to visit the camp and each country had their flags flying beside their decorative gateways to greet them. On Sunday night a second campfire was held with everybody

singing their favourite songs and learning many new ones.

At 2 p.m. on Monday afternoon the camp sadly assembled for final Colours. A presentation was made to Mrs. Erbs to thank her for her generosity in allowing us to use her property and "Bravo" was sung to Mrs. Graham for her wonderful work in organising the camp. When Colours were over each Guide went home thinking over the experiences she had had and the many new friendships she had made. Each one knew that this camp was something that would live forever in their memories.

Terry and Judy Carlson.



Only a light bulb can go out every night
and still be bright in the morning.

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Even if you're on the right track, you'll be
run over if you just sit there.