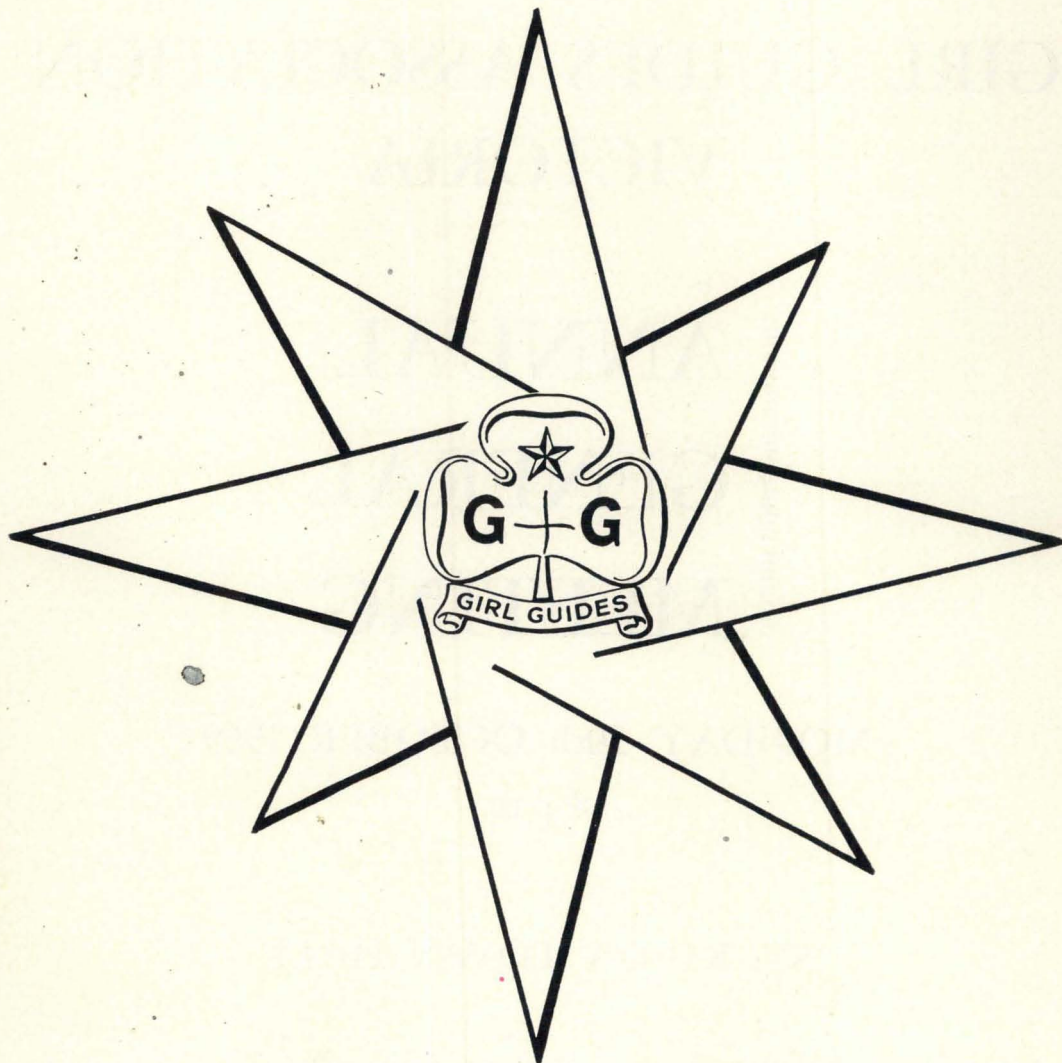


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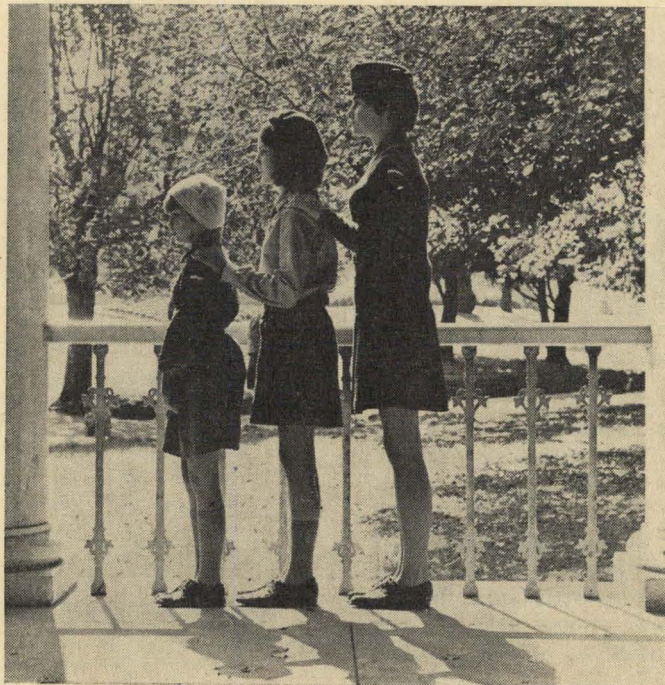
## THE EIGHT-POINT PROGRAMME

On the eve of this great adventure I share the excitement with you all as Australian Guiding accepts the challenge of the Eight-Point Programme.

Here is a new opportunity for each member of the Movement to understand and to follow the aims and ideals of the Founder — the handbooks will provide us with practical help to do this.

I hope that your Guiding activities will bring you renewed interest, fun and satisfaction.

CHARLOTTE RENSHAW JONES.  
State Commissioner.



—Photo by courtesy of Paul Farey.

## **THIS EIGHT-POINT PROGRAMME— THOUGHTS ON AN OPPORTUNITY—**

Do you remember your first visit to a supermarket or even that new self-service store down the road? How, at the first glimpse, you were overwhelmed by the quantity and variety of goods facing you? How would you ever find your "usual" purchases among all these goods — so many of which were new to you? It was all so different to having your set routine where the man behind the counter found your goods, and all you had to do was to pay at the end!

The Eight-Point Programme and its handbooks are like that supermarket.

At first glimpse we've all been wondering how we'll find our way along new paths, through new ideas — and without our usual "men behind the counter" in the Second and First Class Tests (no matter how much we've grumbled about their "service" before!) to help us.

But new ideas, new thoughts and suggestions for our weekly programmes, new adventures . . . but just a minute! . . . are they really new?

Many of them will no doubt be new to some of us — some of them to many of us. But each Brownie, Guide and Ranger Unit has in the past been planning to meet the needs of the girls in it and so we've used different activities and ideas.

The Eight-Point Programme continues this — in fact, the Guide of tomorrow in several aspects takes us back to the Guide of 1910 with the emphasis on the needs of the individual — doing what the girl wants and not what we think she ought to have — with adventure and spontaneity.

The "new" programme will be like our progress round the supermarket — it will give us glimpses of activities we'd never heard of before, but would very much like to try; it will give us sudden ideas of mixing ideas we'd perhaps thought before wouldn't have any link; it gives us a wider range of colour and knowledge — we'll find ourselves trying out new programmes, brand new thoughts, new mixtures . . .

So — let our progress into the Eight-Point Programme and our approach to the hand-

books be a new look into a field of ideas with which we are already familiar — it's only our mixing and our scope which is new.

Do you remember that injunction of the Founder — "Look wide — and, when you have looked wide — LOOK WIDER STILL!"? HERE IS YOUR CHANCE . . .

—Good Looking . . .



## **WHAT A CHALLENGE!**

Moorleigh District Guides and Guiders spent a very happy and successful weekend at the C.M.S. Conference Centre, Belgrave Heights.

Activities varied from tennis and table tennis to an adventure trail and challenges which covered in effect six parts of the forthcoming Eight-Point Programme. These challenges provided the Guides with the opportunity to do things together as a Patrol, and as individuals, and what a wonderful weekend we all had in getting to know each other better!

A great deal of time and thought were put into the planning and preparation of this weekend. It was well worthwhile — as the Guides' comments speak for themselves:

"It is the best camp I've been to; wish it was a week and not a weekend." (The Guiders were quite content that it was a weekend!)

"We are better fed here than we are at home!"

Our scope will indeed be wider in the Eight-Point Programme!

## THE EIGHT POINT PROGRAMME — IN PRACTICE



I have been asked to give the opinion of Guides on the new programme. I talked with all the Guides I knew and got nothing but praise for it. After more than 50 years it is time for a change, no matter what sort, and we all feel this one is definitely for the better.

In the new programme there is more opportunity to develop the way you want to. You don't have to do what other people are doing, what the people before you have done. Different people are able to do different things. It gives us confidence to succeed, and the new programme produces this a lot more than the old one. For the reason that Guiding is diversified so much I feel there will be a much wider appeal.

Another attraction is that the things we learn now in Guides are directly related to outside life. The things we learn help us every day and we are always learning something, even if it is not for a badge. For example, we learned hostessing and cooking, and, while this was a basis for a badge, it was also useful for anyone to learn. You learn to cope with things.

There is always something new and interesting. This does not mean you didn't learn things under the old system — we still go camping, so we still have to learn tenting.

Another thing, the Guides know more about what is going on and what we are able to do. For example, although there are actually fewer badges we have a wider choice, and this is due to the handbook, which we have found a boon. The handbook is really a handbook for living, all sorts of things we are interested in. It mentions the problems, like getting on with your family, that we all have, as well as explaining the technical skills. I understand there was originally a handbook under the old system. I don't know why we gave it away, but we are glad to have a new one.

Guides also can help to plan meetings. In our Company we plan Patrol Ceremonies for our Troops. There is a lot you can do with these ceremonies, as well as the one suggested in the handbook. We have had ceremonies in which the Guides marched into the Horseshoe; flowers with special meanings were used to represent each of the 10 Laws.

One week in every four we use as a Patrol meeting instead of a Company meeting. This means we do a lot more things in Patrols, and this encourages enterprise in the Patrols. In fact, the new system encourages Patrol "Togetherness" more than the old one.

We have several Patrols who are working for the same badge, not only for the penants. This means everybody can help everybody else and it is very convenient for everybody concerned.

Another encouraging thing is that you get a badge for every activity. It may not be a very desirable trait, but we like to be rewarded, and some of the Guides were a little discouraged when they had to do a lot of work and not get anything for it. But several Guides have mentioned how encouraging it is to get a badge each time. In the new system we can work for badges at our own speed and not by somebody else's standard. You do your best and it makes it encouraging because everybody is able to do different things.

In the new programme there is not settled work, and we like this because there is now surprise in each meeting. But, more important, Guiding is supposed to be training us to be good citizens. As we are always being told, the world is changing every day, and therefore our system has to be flexible, and I feel the new programme is definitely this.

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Talk given by Ann Lloyd, aged 14, 1st Hampton Coy., at the 1969 Commissioners' Conference.

(1st Hampton was one of the Companies involved in the Pilot Scheme for the Eight-Point Programme.)



—Photo by courtesy of Paul Farey.



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### AWARD TO MRS. J. R. PRICE

All readers of "Matilda" congratulate Mrs. Price on the award of the Silver Fish. This was presented to her by Lady Hasluck at Guide Headquarters in Melbourne on 29th August after Lady Hasluck had been presented with her badge as President of the Girl Guides Association, Australia.

## FROM THE STATE COMMISSIONER

The quarterly meeting of the Region Commissioners on 2nd July was extended so that we could have dinner together, followed by an evening "session", the longer period making it possible for us to get to know one another better. Our business meetings afford us little chance to do this, and the newer members have had scant opportunity to talk with those who are, at the termination of five years in office, about to retire.

The occasion was given special importance because our State President, Lady Delacombe, was kind enough to spend some time with us. As always, Lady Delacombe displayed a lively interest in Guiding activities and a wide knowledge of Regions.

Another quarterly meeting held in July was that of the State Council. The trouble with these gatherings is that time never allows us to complete all that we wish to do.

With the approval of the Executive Committee, I presented a Thanks Badge to Mrs. Richards as a mark of appreciation for the manner in which she has undertaken the tasks of organising and conducting the tours of the building and of arranging for the acceptance of gifts towards the furnishings. It is only in very exceptional circumstances that a Thanks Badge is presented to a member in a uniformed appointment, but the Executive Committee members agreed with me that Mrs. Richards' contribution to Guiding merited this acknowledgement.

This latter meeting took place on the same day as the Ranger Ball — each year this function is just a little better than the previous one. Our "glamour girls" were in different guise towards the end of the month, however, when they participated in "Hoc-Foot" Day.

Many members of the Movement were saddened to learn of the death of Mr. R. W. MacKellar, O.B.E., formerly Chief Scout of Victoria. Rolfe will be remembered with respect and affection by the many people in Guiding privileged to call him friend.

With the advent of the new programme there has been a marked increase in attendance at Conferences at all levels.

The hall was well filled for the Guiders'

Conference in the North Central Region (formerly Bendigo) when Miss (Skipper) Owen, Mrs. Grandin, Mrs. Davis and I took part in a stimulating day to the theme of "Getting With It". I was pleased to have the honour of presenting the Long Service Award to Mrs. Baker, Region Commissioner, in recognition of 15 years of Warranted service — valuable service not only measured in terms of years.

Mrs. Grandin was again in the Headquarters team at a Region Conference — partnered this time by Miss Shaw — on a visit to the Otway Region, when the theme was "Preparing For Take-Off".

Sunraysia Region invited me to Mildura on the occasion of their Annual Conference, and it was my good fortune to have Mrs. (Minna) Jones as my travelling companion. Mrs. Jones spoke on the approach to the Eight-Point Programme — and a first-class job she made of it.

Participation in the Region's activities began for me with the official opening of the new Irymple Guide Hall. Great help was given in this project by the Shire Council — prime mover being the Shire Engineer, Mr. John Lloyd, who is also Area Commissioner in our brother Movement. Although some time was occupied with travelling, the three-day period made it possible for me to meet a good proportion of Guiders, a few children, and to learn at first hand of the potentialities and problems of the Region.

The Combined Conference/Training in Acheron Region was held in the Tyrolean setting of Toole Pate Lodge, Launching Place, when it was suggested "Let's Go Modern". I was gratified by the welcome of a Guide guard of honour and an introduction by each Commissioner to her Unit Guiders.

Dandenong Region said "farewell" with gratitude and regret to their Commissioner, Mrs. Reveleigh, upon the conclusion of her five-year term of office. The Movement is grateful to Mrs. Reveleigh for the service she has given over many years, and we hope that she will retain her interest and allow us to use her knowledge and experience for the continued good of the Association.

My other "Region" visit this month was vastly different from Conferences, when I toured the Central Metropolitan Region with Mrs. Barratt. Our newest Region presents a challenge for the Movement to get to grips with the task of finding leaders in the closely settled areas with problems of high-rise flats, working mothers, one-parent families, transient population, and just plain inertia. Personnel within the Region work very hard, but help from other areas would be greatly welcomed.

I was privileged to perform the opening ceremony at the Mount Waverley Guide Hall, when the children joined with adult members and friends of the Movement in a very happy day, concluding with a "sausage sizzle". Within the same Region the Oakleigh District Guide Hall was officially opened by the Mayor on the same day, the Region Commissioner, Mrs. Anderson, being present.

The efficient Committee responsible for the organising of this year's Local Association Conference met to wind-up proceedings on Monday, 21st July, and barely completed their business when called to see the first steps of man-upon-the-moon, which we were able to do by the kind forethought of Miss Carter and Mrs. Farrow, who brought along television sets to Headquarters for the event.

I was present at the luncheon given by the National Executive of the Y.W.C.A. to welcome Mrs. J. Prendergast as Deputy Director. Miss Florence Christian will be greatly missed, but the "Y" is fortunate to have such an able successor in this capacity.

One of the highlights of the month was the enrolment of Mrs. K. G. Colhoun as a member of the Girl Guide Movement. Mrs. Colhoun is a useful member of the Executive Committee and, in addition, she gives invaluable service in the editing of the State Council Newsletter. I know you will join with me in welcoming her to our world-wide sisterhood.

Many misconceptions are held about the constitution and function of the Trefoil Guild; Mrs. May, State Recorder, discussed these with me at a recent meeting, along with plans for the future. We hope that many groups with common interests will be

formed to retain the interest of members as they resign or temporarily retire.

The final good happening of the month was the return of the Chief Commissioner from the excitement of the World Conference and other Guiding commitments overseas.

Every good wish as we move forward together to Implementation Day.

*Charlotte Renshaw Jones.*

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### WEEKEND IN SWAN HILL

Three busloads of Guides, Brownies and Guiders from Northern Suburbs Division returned home after what their Division Commissioner described as "a wonderful weekend in Swan Hill's beautiful sunshine . . . the end of their stay, but not the end of many friendships formed."

Thanking all their hostesses on behalf of the 117 guests she mentioned the generosity and outstanding hospitality of the Swan Hill people.

On arrival on the Saturday the girls were welcomed and introduced to their hostesses, and entertained by members of the L.A. On Sunday morning the Divisions joined for the first Guides' Own ever held in the local Guide Hall, and several parents and friends attended. Guest speaker was Mrs. K. Coburn, who gave pleasure with her lively talk on various aspects of Guiding, living together and the problems of growing up.

Guides were taken on tours which included Murray Downs homestead, vineyards, packing sheds, dairy farms — from Woorinen to a barbecue and Tyntynder homestead and a local Scout Camp. Other visits were arranged by hostesses at Nyah, Lake Boga and Ultima.

Entering the Folk Museum on Monday — each group with a special leader — the girls were given a warm welcome by the Museum's President, Cr. Ross Mellor. After two hours of happy exploring everyone adjourned to Riverside Park for a barbecue lunch cooked by several "dads". Finally, farewells were waved to our visitors — but we hope to meet again in Jubilee year.

—B. Dunlop, Lieutenant.



## JUBILEE - SERVICE - YEAR - 1970

SERVICE given by Guides and Brownies and Rangers. . . . Support for refugee children in Korea and Vietnam and Hong Kong. . . . Making of a film on the Eight-Point Programme to help other groups. . . . Milk for India. . . . Working for the mentally retarded. . . . Helping Freedom from Hunger and Community Aid Abroad. . . . Cleaning halls for Senior Citizens' Groups. . . . Baby sitting for parents attending Church Services. . . . Rangers manning two-way radios on fire ban days. . . . Helping with wheelchairs at a paraplegic sports day. . . . Sending games and books to the Brownies and Guides of New Guinea. . . . Helping with presentations and suppers at naturalisation ceremonies. . . . Visiting those to whom Meals-On-Wheels are taken to chat and help with shopping. . . .

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Helping with the cleaning of bulbs for a local nurseryman — taking off the dry husks before re-sowing after a difficult year of snow and drought. Care must be taken not to disturb the tiny pip often seen developing at the base of the bulb — up to a recent date over 6,000 bulbs had been cleaned by the Guides.

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Helping communities and Guides hit by the 1969 fires . . . presenting a book of music for hymns to the Church which was lost in the fire . . . assisting a walk-a-long to raise funds for rebuilding . . . helping to replace the goods lost in the fires, and gaining much fellowship from work together.

### GUIDERAMA—

Celebrate the Jubilee Year of Guiding and honour the Founder — at the Myer Music Bowl — Saturday, 21st February, 1970.

### DO YOU CARE?

There's no need for me to sell you on the idea of conservation — we'd none of us be in this Movement if we weren't the sort of people who already had a love of our country and our countryside, and a desire to share this love with the young people who are the Movement we help to steer.

Every one of us is saddened to see road side litter; horrified to hear of fish floating dead in pesticide-polluted rivers and birds dying in agony in suburban gardens; of the plight of the red kangaroo; of soil being washed away from over-grazed land, causing deep erosion; of the terrifying disaster of a bushfire, often caused by a careless match. Each of these is a tragedy in itself, and each can cause a chain reaction leading to greater tragedy.

The countryside retreats further and further from our settled areas as "progress" sweeps all before it. Sometimes reserves are established so that typical areas of flora and fauna will remain forever, but all too often this is not thought of until it is too late, and birds and plants and animals are in danger of dying out because the balance of nature has been upset.

We are all aware of all this, but do we ever stop and ask, "Is it **my** fault? What can **I** do about it?" We have an influence. Are we using it? What **can** we do?

There are three steps. First, we must have an awareness and knowledge ourselves as adults and individuals. Then we must pass on to our Guides and Brownies this awareness and a desire to do something about it. Then we must do it!

Let's start with ourselves as adults. What can we do? Be a "joiner" is a good start. There are many organisations concerned with the various aspects of conservation — The Native Plants Preservation Society, Native Fauna Conservation Society, National Parks Association, Natural Resources Conservation League, Bird Observers' Club, Field Naturalists' Club, are just a few. By joining any of these we add our strength to theirs and can help to sway the body of public opinion, as well as giving financial backing through the small membership fees. For ourselves

we gain the opportunity to take part in various activities, and the interest and knowledge of the publications which most produce, giving us more and more to share with our Guides. One excellent magazine is "Wildlife in Australia", which, though published by the Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland, gives nature news from all States, often with suggestions of practical ways in which children can help in the field of conservation.

And so to our Guides. So much that is conservation comes to us so naturally that we don't always realise that this is what we are actually teaching. When we light our hike fire we dig the grass away from the spot first, so that its roots will not be burnt, and carefully replant it afterwards so that it will grow. We know that if we chipped the grass away it would kill it, leaving a bare spot where erosion could start. If we want a green stick to grill a chop or make a camp gadget, we cut it carefully from a place which will do no damage to a living plant. When we dig a hole we refill it afterwards and mound it up so that as the earth weathers and settles it will not have a hollow to start erosion. We burn our rubbish, or bury it, and take home such indestructible things as bottles, aluminium containers and tinfoil. Exploring rock pools at the beach, we know to replace the rocks as we find them, so that the interesting creature underneath will not die. Guides can learn not to use insecticides indiscriminately in camp, realising that in killing the insects which annoy them the birds, too, will be driven away because their food has gone. Insecticides pollute the atmosphere and some are actually dangerous to birds and animals and us, as well as to the insects. We learn that a wildflower enjoyed where it grows is more attractive than one wilting in the hand, and that it will set seed so that it will grow again and still be there for us to enjoy next year.

Sometimes to focus the interest of the Guides, a definite conservation service project can be developed, such as was done by many Units for Plan Evergreen in 1963. Perhaps they could undertake a tree planting project, in an area which has been unwisely cleared . . . or combat the beginning of erosion at a hiking spot by placing sticks or

stones across a "gutterway" to catch silt and debris and build it up again . . . or set up a Nature Trail on their campsite . . . or weed out from the bushland the imported plants which multiply explosively because their natural controls are not here — such plants as the golden flowered Boneseed from South Africa, or pine seedlings spreading into the bush from a nearby plantation.

All this is conservation. Some Companies call it "Bush Care", a good name for it.

—M.M.

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### DEAR "MATILDA"

As a Patrol Leader who enjoyed herself at the Division's Patrol Leaders' Conference, I thought other Guides might like to know a little of the fun we had.

#### Nunawading/Mt. Pleasant "Yabba-Yabba".

We all met at the Donvale Campsite, a delightful bushland setting, for our Divisional Patrol Leaders' Conference. We were put into Patrols with different Aboriginal place names, e.g., Tallygaroopna, and had a time of getting to know each other. Following this "mixer-upper", we learnt many handy hints on teaching in Patrol time and discussed problems with an experienced Guider.

After a lovely afternoon tea, served and provided by the Guiders, we went to different areas on the campsite to learn and make "wild rope activities". These included a Tarzan Swing, Monkey Bridge, two different Rope Ladders, a Net and a Commando Bridge. These certainly tested our skills on new and old knots and, judging by our net climbing, I am sure the Army would not accept us as commando trainees!

Tired but happy, we sat down for tea — again the drinks served by the Guiders — which suited the Guides! Although bodily tired this did not affect our vocal chords! Six of the older, enthusiastic (?) Guides led our campfire, where we learned new songs, a skit, and, of course, our old favourites.

Our many thanks to all the Guiders for our wonderful day of fun, learning and fellowship.

—Jeanette Stocks, Patrol Leader.

## THE "THANK YOU CHALET"

How would you like to spend a few days of rest and relaxation at Britannia Park in a dear little cottage with the most heavenly view of Mount Donna Buang?

At present it's only a dream, but YOU could help to make it a reality — all we need is money!

This little cottage would be for the use of ADULT members of the Movement — the Guiders, Commissioners, Trefoil Guilders and the L.A. members — so that they could enjoy their property just as the children do. Did you know that Guide House and Brownie Cottage are booked six months ahead (as soon as the booking opens) by Packs and Companies, and they, the children, have first preference, of course, but it means that these houses are virtually never available to adults.

Do you remember Lady B.P. saying,  
"Look back with gratitude,  
Look round with confidence,  
Look forward with conviction."

For our purpose could we alter it to,  
"Look back with gratitude,  
Look round with thankfulness,  
Look forward with inspiration"

for we want this to be a **"THANK YOU" COTTAGE**. Money for it could be given as a thank you for the service to Guiding of a Guider or Commissioner finishing her term of office . . . or an L.A. member after many years of loyal work for her District . . . or even as a token of gratitude to a member who has died whilst in office — for example, Lady Rylah.

Money could also be given as a memorial to the pioneers of Guiding in Victoria, especially to those who worked so hard to raise money to buy the Britannia Park property, and who subsequently worked even harder to retain it during those awful war years.

The foregoing are only suggestions — we have countless reasons for saying "thank you" for the tangible and the intangible things we have received through Guiding.

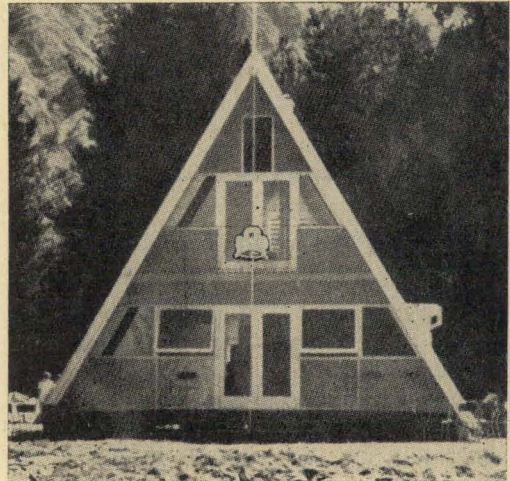
We will have a beautiful book, and in it we will put the name of someone you wish remembered. Against her name would be a short precis of all that she has done or is doing for Guiding.

We hope to have sleeping accommodation for six. The cottage will be compact and comfortable and its front garden will be the lovely native garden, "Wombalano".

We will build it as soon as you have given us enough money.

Cheques, made payable to "Britannia Park Chalet", may be sent to Mrs. R. E. Gray, 56 Balwyn Road, Balwyn, 3103; or to the Treasurer, Miss D. Holtz, 16 Rowell Avenue, Camberwell, 3142.

An official receipt will be sent with our grateful thanks.



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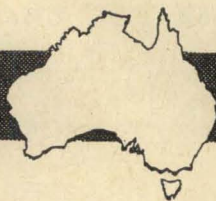
### A TASMANIAN TOUR

After a session of really hard work earning those "lovely dollars", 1st Spotswood Guides had a very enjoyable trip touring Tasmania.

They travelled to and from Tasmania by plane and toured from Devonport through Queenstown, Launceston and Hobart by coach.

The thrill of the week for one Guide was her enrolment under the World Flag on the top of Mount Wellington. Another special moment was the presentation of All Round Cords to one of the Guides.

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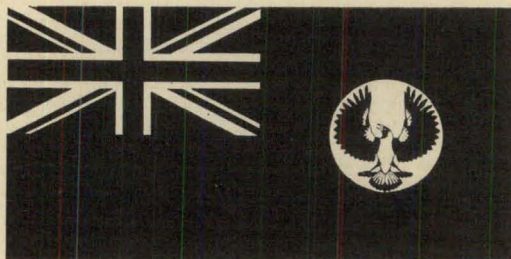


# AUSTRALIA

The South Australian State Flag, which is flown from Government buildings and vessels, was authorised by Proclamation on 13th January, 1904, and comprises the Blue Ensign with the State Badge in the fly. In a 6ft. x 3ft. flag the Badge is 1ft. 4in. in diameter and is located in the centre of the fly half of the flag.

The State Badge is described as "the Rising Sun, Or, with thereon an Australian Piping Shrike displayed Proper, and standing on a staff of gumtree raguly, gules and vert".

—From "Adventuring".



## PRESTON EAST RANGER COMPANY

At a recent meeting the girls of this Company gave a farewell dinner and presentation to four of their members — Rhiannon Salisbury, Teresa Wronka, Lynne Woodman and Mary Voice — on the occasion of their last night as Rangers. These girls are all continuing in the Guide Movement as Brownie or Guide Leaders.

Special features of the evening were the delightful table arrangement in red and blue and the display of camping gear and "do-you-remember" items to remind the girls of the activities they had enjoyed over the years as Rangers. Special guests were our new Division Commissioner, our District Commissioner, and Mrs. Davis, who had been Commissioner while the girls were Rangers. During the evening two Rangers were invested and two presented with the first part of their Ranger Service Star.

Kathy Voice gave an interesting talk on the East Germany she has come to know through a pen friend. Tea, coffee and cake was the last item of the evening — and everyone agreed it was a most enjoyable night.

## PRESENTATION OF QUEEN'S BADGE

A memorable night for 1st Maidstone Company was the presentation of Linda Haffenden's Queen's Guide Badge.

A novel court case "tried" Linda for her badge — the first witness was a Brownie, who told the court of all the things Linda had done in Brownies and how she gained her wings. Brown Owl told how Linda helped as a Pack Leader, whilst the Patrol Second witnessed as to what she had done for her Patrol. Captain told the court of the badges she had gained, whilst our C.A. told of the outdoor activities necessary for the badge. Our District Commissioner witnessed as to the service given to the community.

The Judge and jury decided that the presentation could proceed, and afterwards the Maidstone Local Association served a lovely supper for everyone.

—From the story by Jennifer Agius,  
1st Maidstone Coy.



## PATROL LEADERS' REGION CONFERENCE

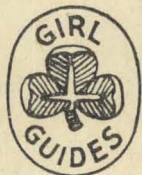
The Gippsland Region held their second P.L.'s Conference at Sale.

Despite the wettest day Gippsland has had for many years, and the distances to travel, there was a grand turn up. Almost every Company was represented and 42 Leaders were present.

It was unfortunate that our Region Commissioner was unable to attend, but the Tambo Valley Division Commissioner came to welcome the Leaders.

Leaders showed great interest in what the speakers had to say, and discussion groups — with the Leaders outspoken on various topics — were well received.

With rivers rising in every part of Gippsland the Conference was cut short to allow the Leaders to journey home safely, but they voted that these Conferences should be held more often.



### 1st KILSYTH GUIDES 21st BIRTHDAY

Messages of congratulation were received from places as far apart as New Guinea, Brisbane and Tasmania when the Company celebrated its 21st birthday recently.

At a reunion many former members enjoyed a chat with old friends, and, among the guests, were the District's first Commissioner and the first Captain. We also welcomed our present Division and District Commissioners.

Mrs. Lewis, our first District Commissioner, kindly showed films of some World Guide Homes which she visited recently, and the programme included a lot of talking and remembering.

The birthday cake was decorated by an ex-Guide and cut by two very early Guides. The Local Association organised the supper and the present Company served it.



## WEST METROPOLITAN REGION CAMP

Guides from Werribee-Altona, Gellibrand, Ebeling and McKay Divisions gathered together at Guide House to enjoy a Region Camp.

The programme included a combined campfire of the four sub-camps, services for each denomination and hikes to Britannia Falls; and quite a few girls managed to pass their Camp Tenderfoot.

McKay Division deserve a special mention for the speed at which they erected their tents, but the adage, "More haste, less speed", unfortunately came true when they applied that same speed to striking them!

The friendship developed by this camp was tremendous and Guides are already planning reunions.



## DRYSDALE GUIDES' DEBUTANTE BALL, 1969

The hall was gay with royal blue and gold decoration, as, through a gleaming, golden Trefoil, came the seven debutantes, to be met by their partners and brought forward for presentation to Mrs. Grandin, our Guide Adviser, and the President of the Bellarine Shire, Cr. Gordon Stevens. Each debutante wore an individual gown and they carried posies of gold and blue dried flowers, set into a royal blue velvet Trefoil. Debutantes had all been Guides in the Bellarine District.

Mrs. Grandin paid tribute to the girls and their partners and to the "Guide friend", Mrs. E. Rogers, who trains our debs. Mrs. Grandin also gave credit to the Guides who worked throughout the night preparing, serving and clearing away the supper.

Patrol Leaders took a major part in the organisation and carrying out of the official functions of the night.

—E. Deeach.



### **WARRNAMBOOL CELEBRATES INVESTITURE OF PRINCE CHARLES**

The Welsh Flag was unfurled from the Guide Hall flagpole in the early morning of 1st July.

Late afternoon the same day, Guides, Brownies and Leaders attended a short ceremony at the flag, but, as the evening was chilly, we continued in the hall. All enjoyed

an interesting talk from a Welshman, Mr. D. Jones, of East Warrnambool State School, who was thanked by our L.A. President and a "Bravissimo" from everyone.

Campfire tea and country dancing followed the presentation of miniature Welsh Flag emblems to all Patrol Leaders and Sixers, and one was personally taken to Headquarters for our State Commissioner.

—Block by courtesy of "Warrnambool Standard".

## TRAINING PAGES



### OF COURSE YOUR PATROL IS GOING TO CAMP . . .

This series of articles in "Matilda" over the last few months was reprinted from the English magazine, the "Guide".

Some alterations were made to suit Australian conditions, but the articles must be read with the thought that, originally, they were written from an English viewpoint. This could account for some comments received regarding food and menus.

"Matilda" hopes that you enjoyed this series of articles and that you will make use of the excellent ideas it contained. Our thanks go to the "Guide" and the author for permitting us to reprint and adapt.



### SKIPPING

Skipping, a special favourite in the cold, winter months, will be a lot easier for your Brownies if they have suitable ropes. Try to build up a selection of heavy cords and fairly heavy ropes of varying lengths, so each Brownie may skip with a rope of the correct length, and the weight she prefers. To check length, stand with the middle of the rope under both insteps when the ends should reach the ears. (This gives the same result as one foot on the rope and arms outstretched at shoulder height, but removes the temptation to droop the arms and say a too short rope is all right.)

The body should be erect, but not stiff, with arms and legs straight when the rope is in the air. The knees bend on landing to prevent jarring and their straightening aids the next jump. Two common faults are straining the shoulders back so the back is hollowed, and bending the knees up in front during the jump. Both impose a strain on the child and are not very graceful. Asking the Brownie to try and make a hole in the sky with the top of her head as she jumps helps to correct either fault.

We do, of course, skip out of doors and breathe correctly. If a Brownie who hasn't a cold can't keep her mouth closed and knows no reason why she can't breathe through her nose, have a word with her mother, as there may be a condition which requires medical attention.

For fancy steps, whether the rope is turned backwards or forwards, it is better for the arms to be held out at shoulder level.

### Skipping Subscriptions

The Queen wants a skipping ballet. Each Brownie performs and pays her entrance fee and performs in turn. (Recruits might skip seven times, newly enrolled Brownies to 14, those near to Golden Bar to 20, Golden Bar to 30, and those working for Golden Hand do a fancy step.) Choose the good ones from each class, and let them perform in a line, perhaps with all starting together or with fancy skippers waiting until the others finish.

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"O God, I know that I am going to be very busy today. Help me not to be so busy that I miss the most important things. Help me not to be too busy to look up and see a glimpse of beauty in Your world.

"Help me not to be too busy listening to other voices to hear Your voice speak to me.

"Help me not to be too busy to listen to anyone who is in trouble, and to help anyone who is in difficulty.

"Help me not to be too busy to stand still for a moment to think and to remember.

"Help me not to be too busy to remember the claims of home, children and family.

"Help me through today to remember that I must work my hardest, and also to remember that sometimes I must be still.

"This I ask for the Lord's sake." Amen.

—From "More Prayers for the Plain Man", by William Barclay.



## HOMES OF THE CHIEF

Our World Chief Guide has lived in many different homes during her lifetime. She was born in 1889 at Stubbing Court, a Georgian house five miles from Chesterfield in Derbyshire, but when the Chief (then Olave Soames) was a year old the Soames family moved to West House much nearer to Chesterfield. Years later the fields near this house became a railway terminal. After another few years the family moved again, this time to Renishaw Hall, seven miles from Chesterfield.

When Olave Soames was eight years old her father sold his business and from then on the family moved around the country a lot. They lived for a time at Bryerswood, overlooking Lake Windermere, at St. James Place in London, Pixton Park, on the borders of Devon and Somerset, Cranbourne Manor near Salisbury, Purley Hill at Pangbourne, Luscombe Castle in Devon, Bradfield near Cullompton, also in Devon, Hardwick near Bury St. Edmunds and at Grey Rigg near Parkstone in Dorset.

“Matilda” and her readers wish our State Commissioner, Mrs. Renshaw Jones, a relaxed and happy trip overseas and a safe return.

It was in 1912 that Olave Soames married Sir Robert Baden-Powell (as he was then known), the Founder of Scouting and Guiding, at Parkstone Church. Their first home together was Ewhurst Place in Sussex, where their three children were born. It was in 1917 they moved for a short time to Little Mynthurst Farm near Horley. In 1918 they found their dream home — Pax Hill at Bentley in Hampshire. Here they lived for many years until they went to live at Pax-tu at Nyeri in Kenya, where the Founder died in 1941.

The Chief Guide returned to England about a year after this and went to live in a “Grace and Favour” apartment at Hampton Court Palace. The Chief Guide still lives there and it is here she writes to Guides all over the world and plans her trips to see Guides in many different countries and is where she receives her numerous Guide visitors.

—From the “Guide”.

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Better to remain silent and be thought a fool, than to speak out and remove all doubt.—Abraham Lincoln.

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It is better to live rich than to die rich.—Samuel Johnson.



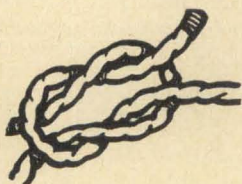
## SCOUTERS' PIONEER TRAINING COURSE

Eight Guiders from Clunes Division with one from Ballarat made history when they attended a Scouters' Pioneering Training Course at the lovely Pax Hill Training Centre, Ballarat.

We were welcomed by the three-man Training Team, and the 20 Scouters warily eyed these female gate-crashers. But very soon we were on first-name terms and the men were helping us with knots new to us—there were some things we knew a little better than some Scout beginners, and this restored our morale!

A very interesting demonstration of rope making was given and we have a sketch of the simple equipment needed for this. Saturday sessions were held indoors and consisted of whippings, knots, lashings, block and tackle equipment.

Sunday commenced with a Guiders' and Scouters' Own; it was a lovely service. This was followed by square and diagonal lashings, trestle building, and tripods. After lunch we went to the "flat" to put all our knowledge into practice. The three Patrol Leaders were given two assignments each —



one major, one minor. Ours included an unusual flagpole with tripod base involving 10 lashings, and a wonderful chair, which was greatly admired and put in place of honour for final Colours, when Mr. Ashley Batten and Miss Binns were cheered and carried to the chair — it held both of them! Meanwhile the men of brains and brawn made three extremely complicated bridges; you needed the courage of an astronaut to cross one swinging pole bridge, and I'm afraid Betty Mong was the only brave one among us. We admitted a lot of this was beyond our strength, but, with imagination, what we learnt could be used in other ways,

e.g., one group has already used the sail-maker's lashing as a tripod for a wigwam for an Indian Night. We hope to use more advanced ideas for our Division Patrol Leaders' Camp at Mataranka in September.

We are grateful to Miss Binns, who generously invited us all to sleep at her home.

The meals, provided by a Ballarat Group, were excellent, and the knowledge gained, friendliness, co-operation and fun were most enjoyable. The men seemed to enjoy our company, and have invited us to join them again some time.

—M. Linton.

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### "THE METROPOLITAN CHORISTERS"

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Our fee of \$25 is covered by the first 42 tickets at 60c each you sell, and after that it is clear profit for you.

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Secretary:	Conductor:
Mrs. L. Trainor,	Mr. E. Fazakerley,
Phone: 306 8385.	Phone: 46 3409.

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME.

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"I must do something" solves more problems than "something must be done".

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You may be a teenager, but you needn't be a parent-ager.

## A TALE FROM THE AUSTRALIAN BUSH

A stupid person, too selfish to care,  
Lit a fire one day, which threw sparks in the  
air.

One tiny spark set a paddock aflame,  
Then ran up a tree playing a terrible game!  
A bushfire got started. By day and by night  
It's ruddy glow was a fearsome sight.  
The birds and the beasts, in dread and in  
fear,  
Fled as far as they could as the fire drew  
near.

Bravely the firemen fought with the blaze—  
They won in the end—but it took many days.  
The bush was all black, and charred and  
bare,

No sign of green could you find anywhere.  
Slowly and sadly the bushfolk returned,  
But the place that they loved was all ugly  
and burned.

They sniffed about here, and they sniffed  
about there,  
But no trail could they find to nest or to lair.  
Weary and dismal they sat by the track,  
And there they were found by a Brownie  
Pack.

Brown Owl said, "Here's a chance to be kind.  
Let's help these poor creatures their home-  
steads to find.

Tawny, will you spread your wings, please,  
and fly  
To the Southern Cross shining so bright in  
the sky.

Perhaps gazing down on the bush it would  
know  
The place where for resting each creature  
does go."

Tawny took to the air, and was back like a  
streak,  
Holding quite firmly a cloud in her beak.  
In star-spangled letters upon it was writ  
A note to the Brownies—in fact this is it:

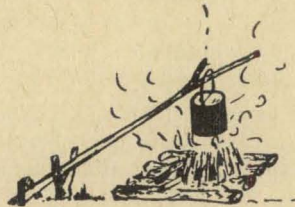
In the hills of the WEST the Dingoes roam,  
The SOUTH-EAST is the Kangaroo's home.  
Deep in the SOUTH the Wombat's found,  
In the NORTH-WEST is the Lyre Bird's  
mound.

In the EAST the Emu builds her nest,  
The Koala's place is in the SOUTH-WEST.  
From the NORTH-EAST the Kookaburra's  
laugh rings forth,  
The Platypus swims in a stream in the  
NORTH.

The Brownies got started, they thought it a  
lark  
To get all the bush creatures home before  
dark.  
When safely each bird and each beast was in  
bed,  
"Thank you, dear Brownies," each one of  
them said.  
"Perhaps when our bush is again green and  
gay,  
You'll come for a picnic, and we'll join in  
your play."

Pictures of the animals can be used. If  
the Pack prefers, some of the Brownies can  
"be" the animals and others can help them  
get home.

—M. Vierzen, 3rd Balwyn Pack.



## WHAT'S YOUR EXCUSE?

A recent issue of the Chamber of Manufac-  
tures periodical, "Safety in Industry", quotes  
another source listing the most common  
reasons given for refusing to consider a new  
idea:—

1. We've never done it before.
2. It's never been tried before.
3. We've tried it before.
4. We've been doing it this way for five  
years.
5. Why change it? The present system  
works perfectly well.
6. It's not worth the effort to change.
7. It can't be done.
8. We haven't the personnel/equipment/  
time.
9. It's too theoretical.
10. You can't teach an old dog new tricks.
11. It's too sweeping a change.
12. It's not my responsibility.
13. I just don't like it.
14. Yes, but . . .
15. We are not ready for it.
16. It needs more work on it.



### STAMPS

Readers will remember a series of articles during 1968, outlining the early history of the British Postal Services. Of interest to collectors will be the new Liechtenstein stamp bearing a portrait of Sir Rowland Hill, who originated the idea of prepaid mail. The years of his birth and death, "1795-1879", are shown beneath his portrait. Liechtenstein is a tiny principality between Austria and Switzerland. Sir Rowland Hill's first postage stamp was the now rare British Penny Black. A set of six stamps was issued by the British Post Office in 1940 to commemorate this first stamp. It reproduces the early portrait of Queen Victoria, side by side with the then current one of King George VI.

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A British stamp issued in 1955, value 5/-, has come into prominence with the investiture on 1st July, 1969, of Prince Charles as Prince of Wales. It shows Caernarvon Castle, where the ceremony took place. Other Castle stamps in the set of four are: Carrickfergus (2/6), Edinburgh (10/-) and Windsor (£1).

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Good, used stamps are still required, particularly 1, 2 and 3 cents and all from 6c upwards. The common 5c blue Queen is of little value, but the bright blue one sold in stamp vending machines is needed. Save valuable postage costs and see that all old paper and gum is cleanly washed off before sending stamps to 12 Cowderoy Street, St. Kilda, 3182.

—Lorna E. Cuzens.

### WEST METROPOLITAN REGION GUIDERS' CONFERENCE

We held a Conference—Guiders came from everywhere.  
 As Rangers broke our flag for us, the World Song rang in the air.  
 Guide Adviser, Mrs. Grandin, set us on our guard—  
 She answered many questions and got us thinking hard.  
 Discuss—discuss—they told us. We talked of this and that—  
 It really was amazing what we pulled out of that hat!  
 We want to promote Guiding—how can we fit it in?  
 There is no need to diet! This work will keep us thin!  
 So—taking all things in our stride, we think the day was fun.  
 With friendship in the atmosphere, we went home, everyone  
 Inspired to help our units and never ever stop  
 Until Ideals of Guiding have reached the very top.



### GUIDE HALL IN CLAYTON OPENED

The first Guide Hall in the Clayton District was officially opened by the Mayor of Oakleigh.

Guides and Brownies formed a guard of honour as the Mayor and Mayoress arrived, and the official party included our District Commissioner, and the District Commissioner for Clayton West, Mr. Scanlon, M.L.A., and Mrs. Scanlon, Mr. Billings, M.L.A., and Mrs. Billings, and our Region Commissioner.

The Rev. Mr. Ugalde dedicated the building and the Guide Flag, and prayers of dedication were read by a Brownie, a Guide and a Commissioner.

In his speech the Mayor paid tribute to Guiding and its leaders, mentioning particularly our District Commissioner.

—P. Warner, Publicity Secretary.



## BRITANNIA PARK

### The "Harrison" Campsite.

At its last meeting, the Britannia Park Committee agreed unanimously that the block of land which we recently purchased should be called the "Harrison Campsite". Miss Venie Harrison joined the Guide House Committee in 1944 and is still a very valued member of the Britannia Park Committee, as it is now called. Among her many activities in Guiding she has always been a very active camper and Camp Adviser and, although there is no actual campsite on the "Harrison" site at present, it is most probable that there will be one day. However, there is a bungalow on the site, and this will be occupied for the first time by Mr. and Mrs. Insley of Watsonia. Mrs. Insley is one of our regular Thursday workers, and she and her husband, and family, are going to do some work on the bungalow during the September holidays, to make it more comfortable for future occupants.

So, we now have a house, a cottage, a hut, a cabin and a bungalow. When will we have a Chalet? (See page 75 of this issue of "Matilda".)

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Work is in hand to prepare a second car park, below the first one. When it is completed we hope to arrange one-way traffic. Buses and cars will enter by the main gates, turn into the first car park, unload, and then go down to the second car park and out over

the cattle pit which is in the course of construction. We do ask Guiders or Commissioners NOT to let buses past the car park and to try not to let cars go up to the house, either, except, of course, if they are carrying Extension personnel. Campers going to Bush, Hoffmeyer, Cameron or Barfus sites can unload right at the sites in Guide House Road, and campers can reach all the other sites if they enter by the Tarango Avenue gate. Holtz site can be reached from the Brownie Cottage entrance.

For those members of the Movement who have been agitating loud and long for septic tanks at Britannia Park there is good news—one has been installed on the Stradbroke site. Really . . . this isn't really Guiding, is it?

The first Saturday in every month sees more and more people rallying round to help Miss Barr at her monthly working bee. So many, in fact, that it is quite impossible to mention each one individually here. But if you are one of them, please know how very much we appreciate your help. This goes for all those who help at other times during the month, too. Very definitely you are B.-P.'s friends.

Our thanks, too, to the gifts which 1st East Reservoir Patrol gave to the cabin — the result of a very happy Patrol weekend spent under its roof.

Can anyone tell me how to treat the two brass Trefoils at the entrance to our property? How to get them really bright and shiny AND, more important, how to keep them like that? PLEASE, this is very important. Whoever heard of a Guide Badge that wasn't bright and shiny?

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### Maintenance Fund

This fund is at present being spent on paint and varnish to try to get everything looking its best. We still need a few fairies to help us apply the paint. Also, we are using the money to put up a handrail beside the steps up to Brownie Cottage. This will be a help to the Extension people who are using the cottage.

We would like to thank the following for their contributions to the Maintenance Fund during the month of July:—

- 1st—Geelong City District.
- 1st—Morningson L.A.
- 3rd—Croydon L.A.
- 4th—2nd Carnegie Pack.
- 5th—Mrs. J. O. Tait.
- 7th—1st Gardiner Coy.
- 7th—1st Victorian Post Trefoil.
- 9th—Puckapunyal L.A.
- 11th—Bright L.A.
- 12th—Nilma North L.A.
- 14th—Black Rock L.A.
- 15th—Kew L.A.
- 16th—Mrs. B. Larbey.
- 17th—Yallourn District.
- 17th—Highett District.
- 18th—Warringal Division (Camp Mirra-booka).
- 18th—1st Mentone Coy.
- 19th—Boronia L.A.
- 19th—Clayton West L.A.
- 20th—Miss A. Cockerell.
- 21st—Armadale L.A.
- 23rd and 24th—South Yarra-Toorak Trefoil.
- 25th—1st Boronia Coy.
- 26th—Sandringham L.A.
- 28th—Mount Eliza L.A.
- 31st—Richmond-East Melbourne L.A.

### CAMPFIRE SONGS

This month we publish "Sun Arise" — an Australian song we think you will enjoy. This completes six years during which "Matilda" has published a campfire song in each issue — and the series will end this month.

For your information we list below the songs published each month since October, 1963:—

Hali Ho; Mahmee; No Man Is An Island; T.I.R.O.; Dollar, Dollar; Zulu Lullaby; Jacob's Ladder; Welcome Table; Jubelana; Swinging Along; My Boat Is Rocking; Now Our Campfire Fadeth; Two Jolly Blacksmiths; The Chinese Fan; Danish Bells; Jabbin-Jabbin; Stockrider's Song; Swedish Hiking Song; Song From Kwato (see also October, 1965); Our Cabana; Jindalee Song; What Care We; For All the Sunshine; The Gypsy's Song; O Come and Go With Me (My Father's House); My Lord Knows the Way; Two Songs From Africa; Camp Kindamindi Song; Brazilian Goodnight Song; You Can Dig My Grave; God Defend New Zealand; Waltzing Matilda; Australian Hiking Song; Zither and I; Maranoa Lullaby; Two Tasmanian Carols; World Conference Songs; Let Us Go Walking Together; Ipsy-Wipsy Spider; Music Lover's Grace; Boy Scout Hymn; Aram Sam Sam; Kum Ba Yah — Actions; Fifty Years Ago; Old Man, Great Chief; The Herdsman; Wayfarer's Grace; God Has Created a New Day; Farewell the Night; Village Dance; Taps; Call John the Boatman; Now Robin; Israeli Welcome Song; Give Me Oil For My Lamp; Prayer for Brotherhood; Sit Round the Campfire; Go Tell It on the Mountain; Indian Song and Mountain Melody; Go Well and Safely (see also July, 1969); Fleecy Clouds and I Love the Flowers; Watchers of the Night; Closing Song; Counting Song; Sun Arise.



## "ULSTER COMMENTARY"

"Ulster Commentary", a booklet published by the Government of Northern Ireland for friends of Ulster, tells of an imaginative new £1¾ million Leisure Centre, which the Government proposes to build to commemorate Northern Ireland's Jubilee in 1971.

The Centre, to be built at Maysfield, will consist of a concert/conference hall, a swimming pool, a sports hall and restaurant, with ancillary accommodation.

## ALL WAS BEAUTY HERE

Come, friend, enjoy your picnic at your ease  
Beside the creek beneath the spreading trees,  
But leave no traces of your wayside meal—  
No empty bags, nor scattered orange peel,  
No broken bottles littered through the grass,  
Others may view this with distaste—and  
pass,

So let it not be said, and to your shame,  
That all was beauty here—until you came.

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# CITY BATHS

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Winter Swimming*

POOL HIRING AT REASONABLE RATES

Guiders, be prepared!  
Winter is the time to pre-  
pare your Units for sum-  
mer safety.



**QUALIFY NOW!**

**ADMISSION** — Under 14, 10c; Seniors, 20c

## A Swimming Night is Fun

## RANGER/ROVER WALKING WEEK, SWITZERLAND

What does a girl do after being a Brownie for three years, a Guide for five years, and still wanting to be part of all the fun she has had? As there were no Rangers in our town, and there were other girls interested, too, we started a Ranger Unit — an Air Ranger Unit — because the majority were interested in flying and aviation.

After a year as an active Ranger, I went to Melbourne to do some nursing training, and found it difficult to continue to be an active Ranger, having irregular time off, so I became a Lone.

However, I contacted A.R.F. "Skylark" to keep up with some of the things I might miss out on with Lones. But it seems that I got the best of both worlds!

I did what I could with "Skylark" and what I could with Lones. Of course, I had some disappointments when I really wanted to do things and found it just not possible to work things out — BUT . . . last year I noticed the chance to apply for the Ranger/Rover Walking Week to be held at "Our Chalet", Switzerland. I started dreaming and planning "if I were lucky", but thought it could never be me.

My Red-Letter Day came in March when I received a letter from the International Representative to say I had been accepted. From then life has been one whirl, doing all things necessary to make an overseas trip.

Do you realise how many forms there are to fill in and people to interview? It seemed endless. Clothes seemed to be the last thought because of essential preparation. Mrs. Farrow was absolutely marvellous the way she straightened out many a path. Friends came from everywhere to help — and I came to appreciate the phrase, "you are in good hands all the way with the G.G.A."

It is possible to save \$1300 from a nursing aide's wages without help from parents. Invest in a motor cycle for travelling, make your own clothes, retain the fun of Guiding and Ranging for "entertainment", and live-in at the Nurses' Home for the best possible and cheapest board and lodging. Now, with my luggage looking too large and being re-

packed with only essentials, I can hardly wait for the plane to take me on my way. THIS IS HOW I CAME TO BE ON CLOUD NINE!

—Margaret Yarwood,  
A.R.F. "Telstar", Lone Air Rangers.



## CONFERENCE 1969

"The times they are a-changin' . . ." was a familiar tune at the recent Ranger Branch Conference Camp. It was also the theme used by the Headquarters Commissioner for Rovers, Mr. Maver, when he officially opened the camp, which was held at the Belgrave C.M.S. Centre.

And the times certainly are a "changin'" as Miss D. Hargreaves, Assistant Ranger Adviser, pointed out as she explained the new Eight-Point Programme. Discussion time was introduced and many questions which had been puzzling Rangers were carefully answered. The new "retiring" age of 20 years for Rangers was a hot subject for a short time until we had the pleasure of learning about the Trefoil Guild from Mrs. E. May, who is the Victorian State Recorder of the Guild. Many Rangers who will be leaving soon found that the Guild had much to offer and they expressed their interest in joining a Trefoil group.

Mrs. Chamberlain, Ranger Adviser, presented her report and, after discussion on the new uniform, she introduced "Question Time". Voting for the Central Committee and Sailing School Committee took place and results were announced on Sunday night. Many weird and wonderful ideas were brought forward as suggestions for next year's fixtures. These included an Inter-Personal Relationship Weekend, Dig-In at Walhalla, and a Covered Wagon Weekend.

Entertainment catered for every Ranger present — on Saturday night there was a choice of four activities to attend: folk singing, folk dancing, classical music and camp-fire singing. On Sunday night all met together for a combination programme which

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# NOTICES

## 12th JAMBOREE-ON-THE-AIR 18th and 19th October, 1969

Have your Guides experienced the thrill of having their call of "CQ CQ, CQ Jamboree VK3 . . ." being answered by maybe Scouts or Guides in Townsville or Adelaide or, more thrilling, overseas? If they have, remind your Guides that Jamboree-on-the-Air is only about six weeks away, and if they wish to participate this year, they must make arrangements now. If they haven't, encourage your Guides' interest in this activity (see August "Matilda"). Apart from the enjoyment and thrill of talking to other Guides and Scouts, it gives the possibility of learning about others overseas and in Australia and how they live — non-Guides and Scouts often answer our calls, too.

REMEMBER — only approximately five weeks to go and making links DOES take time! If your Unit does wish to participate and have as yet not make a link with a particular Scout Group, please contact me immediately:

Liaison Guider,  
Mrs. L. De Marchi,  
2 Keogh Street,  
Burwood, 3125.  
Phone: 288 5870.



## NEWSLETTERS

The Editor of "Matilda" and those who arrange the L.A. Page are all interested in the various newsletters published by several Units, Districts, Divisions, etc.

It would be greatly appreciated if you would put "Matilda" on your regular mailing list for these newsletters and send them to—

Miss M. Shaw,  
511 Tooronga Road,  
East Hawthorn, 3123.

Thank you!

## A HOLIDAY . . . WITH A DIFFERENCE . . . AT A PRICE . . .

After Camp Southern Cross, the New Zealand group are going by bus to Sydney, seeing something of Canberra and the Snowy Mountains Scheme on the way. They have spare seats in their two buses and are hoping Guide people will share the trip with them. They leave Melbourne on Saturday, 17th January, and arrive in Sydney late afternoon of Thursday, 22nd January. Once in Sydney, Victorian folk would be on their own and find their own way home. For the one-way trip, Qantas have quoted \$65 per head. We are trying to arrange a little hospitality on the way, for example, a lunch or evening meal, so this quote could vary slightly. It could be more if the seats are not filled. Many of the New Zealand travellers will be Guides, but we could only consider Victorian Guides if a Guider travelled with them. Anybody interested?

If so, write in the first instance to—

E. Bunning,  
15 Kent Street,  
Kew, 3101.

## "NEW HORIZONS"

For Brownie Guiders at South Melbourne Town Hall, 11th October, 1969; 10 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Come and share your ideas on the New Programme.

For luncheon arrangements, see your District Commissioner.

Convener: Miss J. Rowe.







## THIS IS THE LOCAL ASSOCIATION'S PAGE

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

### IMPLEMENTATION DAY — 23rd SEPTEMBER, 1969

We are almost at our big change-over day and everyone is looking forward with energy and enthusiasm to the Eight-Point Programme.

I know all the young people are going to be excited at the fresh approach to Guiding, and they will be keen to try the new ideas suggested to them in the Handbooks.

Each girl will proceed at her own pace, learning as she goes to extend her capabilities; she will learn the importance of being a member of her team, of working for and with other people.

You will be able to help your daughter by your interest in what she is doing, by uplifting her if she feels downhearted and by encouraging her to think for herself.

Find out all you can about the New Programme. When you are out in your local community be able to tell interested outsiders just what is going on.

By reading the girls' handbooks, you will be able to see how the eight points are covered. Happy reading to you all.

### A TRIP TO HONG KONG

Earlier this year my husband and I and our two children were fortunate enough to attend the launching ceremony of the new programme in Hong Kong.

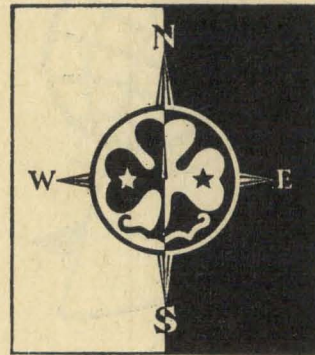
Hundreds of Guides and Brownies assembled on the arena, the Guides forming an eight-point star and the Brownies a Trefoil in the centre. The Colony Commissioner gave the address of welcome, and then an Army helicopter, flying the Guide World Flag, circled the field and dropped copies of the handbooks. Lady Trench, wife of the Governor, presented the books to the representatives of each branch of Guiding.

The Guides illustrated the Eight-Point Programme. Indian Guides, in colourful national costumes, gave a display of dancing to illustrate "Exploring the Arts". Extension Guides took part in "Giving Service".

My two daughters (both Brownies) enjoyed swapping stamps and badges with the Chinese girls and, as a result, now have some exciting new pen friends.

Being present at the launching of the new programme was one of the highlights of our visit to Hong Kong.

—Mary Warburton (Mrs.),  
Sandringham L.A.



### BACK TO HORSHAM

Horsham have an idea that other L.A.'s may like to copy.

They will hold a "Back to Guiding" afternoon at the Guide Hall on 3rd October between 2 and 4 p.m. Each Pack and Company will exhibit a display. Old photos will be shown. It is hoped many ex-Guides, Guiders and L.A. members will be there.

### TIMBOON LOCAL ASSOCIATION International Friendships

TIMBOON Local Association reports that, as a result of their gift sent overseas after the 1967 Conference, they have corresponded with "their" Philippines lady and have received copies of "The Girl Scout", which is published in English by the Girl Scouts of the Philippines.

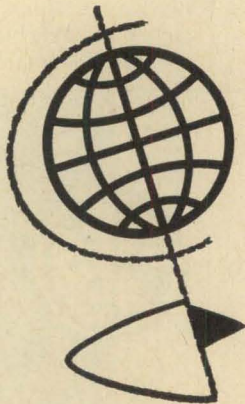
### Enrolment Ceremony

At their Local Association Annual Meeting this year, 13 members were officially enrolled. Their late District Commissioner, Mrs. Fairweather, had talked with them at previous meetings about the book, "Let Me Tell You a Story". This helped them all to a better understanding of Guiding and the Promise.

### ANNUAL MEETING

Do you have an interesting speaker at your Annual Meeting?

NEWTON AND CHILWELL Local Association had a good attendance at theirs. Members were taken on a fascinating journey through Greece by the guest speaker, Mrs. H. Fallaw.



### NEW DIRECTOR OF WORLD BUREAU

Since the retirement of Miss Signe Dreijer as Director, a small Committee has been looking into the workings of the Bureau.

Because of proposed changes in methods it will be necessary to re-assess and re-align the work of the Bureau, therefore it was decided to appoint an Acting Director for this period of adjustment.

Miss Isobel Crowe, of Girl Scouts, U.S.A., has agreed to accept this position for a period of up to two years. Miss Crowe was, for many years, the Director of the International Department of Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., where she proved an administrator of great ability. Her profound knowledge of Guiding and Scouting will stand her in good stead in this responsible position.

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included folk singing, folk dancing and camp-fire singing.

Throughout the weekend the weather was ideal and provided excellent opportunities for a pleasant stroll along the nearby bush tracks between sessions. For some it meant the chance to play an energetic game of volleyball or table tennis.

Dinner by candlelight and music, buffet-style lunch with casserole and Devonshire tea — yes, times are certainly a "changin'" and the menu is no exception. To Mrs. Morcom and Mrs. Williams, many thanks for your ingenuity and unceasing work behind the scenes and for presenting such attractive and tasty meals.

S.R.S. "Invincible" did a tremendous job as Hostess Company and Conveners, and they are to be congratulated for their organising and hours of preparation under the fine leadership of their Guiders.

Conference Camp 1969 is a time we will all remember for its fun and friendship, and it is certain that every Ranger who attended left a little wiser and a lot more prepared for the changes that are about to take place in our Movement.



CONGRATULATIONS to Lynne Stewart of 1st Colac Rangers for obtaining her Full Ranger Service Star.

—Beth Chamberlain, Ranger Adviser.

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### PRESENTATION OF FIRST CLASS BADGES

Plenty Diamond Creek District would like to tell "Matilda" of a very enjoyable night they had recently at the presentation of First Class Badges to three Guides from 1st Plenty Company.

About 100 guests watched a very impressive candle-lit ceremony, and the girls thanked all who had helped them.

The evening ended with a campfire and supper.

—J. Peacock.

MATILDA

## THE EVOLUON

From doorbells to radio receivers, incandescent lamps to modern locomotives; telegraphy, telephony, computer techniques, space exploration: in these and many other facets of life on — and beyond — this rapidly evolving world, electricity is the mysterious power source.

In an effort to dispel the aura of mystery which, in greater or lesser degree, surrounds electricity in the minds of many — or, at the least, to give a picture of developments in the limitless field of high and low tension current application — the Philips concern in Eindhoven, Holland, erected a permanent exhibition near that city in 1966, in which year Philips celebrated the 75th anniversary of its founding.

The exhibition is impressive for layman and expert alike. Among its most attractive features is that the visitor is not limited to looking, but can himself indulge in experiments; he is not a mere spectator, but is drawn into the sphere of the exhibits, and is made to think.

What impressed us most during our sojourn in the Evoluon was the fact that the human element occupies a central position in relation to all that is displayed. Evolution, manifested in science and technology, is all a consequence of human thought and action. Conversely, by this thought and action, the human being contributes to the changing world in which he must live, with the result that he reappears at the end of the story.

Externally, the Evoluon is synonymous with the future; there is an automatic association with a "flying saucer".

Flanking the Philips "flying saucer" are traffic arteries, and thus its remarkable shape has attracted the attention of hundreds of thousands of travellers. Since the Evoluon was opened in September, 1966, more than half a million people have inspected its wonders. Those who enter are treated to a many-sided image of everyday matters and situations presented in an anything-but-everyday manner. The subject of the Evolution exhibition is our world, the civilisation in which we live, set against the background of the evolution through which this world is passing, principally under the influences of science and technology.

The starting point for the organisers was the growing problem of the world population. Progress in terms of life and health, and increasing material wealth have led to a population explosion, and this continues to create new problems. The solution of these is among the principal tasks facing scientists in all fields.

Those employed by the Eindhoven concern are no exception. Philips-Duphar manufactures insecticides and weedkillers, animal vaccines and medicines, and vitamin preparations, all weapons in the fight to increase agricultural production. Other manufactures of the concern play an essential role in medical diagnosis and therapy. It is almost impossible to imagine a hospital without complex X-ray and radiation therapy equipment. No medical research laboratory can fulfil its task without a veritable arsenal of electronic instruments.

Time and time again, the exhibits in the Evoluon stress the significance of industrial production for the individual and the community alike. And time and time again, they stress that only the human brain is capable of devising and realising such fantastic projects. Those who doubt themselves or the value of humanity in general, those who search for the purpose of life; all these may well come under the spell of this mighty display and be moved to other thoughts.

The exhibition demonstrates that electricity is a good ally provided that it is handled in the right manner. Anyone who has had the misfortune to make close acquaintance with the invisible force in even a domestic supply system will have been "shocked" into realising that it is a force to be reckoned with! But, to coin a phrase, it is a potential with an enormous potential, and one which we turn to every conceivable purpose in our daily lives. Among the exhibits, and contrasting strongly with the futuristic tone of the building, is a model of a typical residence of the '90s, an era of abundant domestic help — but lacking electricity. What should we of this servantless era do without all the electrically-driven appliances which are at the disposal of the housewife? These constitute yet another evolution based on electricity — an evolution which has by no means reached its climax.

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# CAMPFIRE SONGS

## SUN ARISE

Please Note: The first two lines are repeated four times — once for each verse. The rest of the music follows straight through after the fourth verse has been sung.

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## SUN A-RISE

Sun a-ri-se she brings in the morn-ing; Sun a-ri-se, -  
- bring in the morn-ing, shut-ter-ing the skirts all a-round.  
The sun rise, - come with the dawn-ing; Sun rise,  
she come ev-er-y day; Sun rise, - bring in the morn-ing;  
Sun rise ev-er-y, ev-er-y, ev-er-y, ev-er-y day. She  
drive a-way the dark-ness ev-er-y day; Drive a-way the dark-ness,

Bring-ing back the warmth to the ground -- Sun a-rise,  
 oh! - Sun a-rise, oh! - Spread-in' all the light all a-  
 round. ~~~~~ Sun a-rise, -- bring-in' the morn-in';  
 Sun a-rise, -- bring-in' the morn-in'; Sun a-rise, -- bring-in' the morn-in';  
 Spread-in' all the light all a- round. ~~~~~

2. Sun a-rise, she come with the dawning;  
 " " " come with the dawning,  
 Spreading all the light all a-round.

3. Sun a-rise, on the kan-ga-roo paw;  
 " " " " " " "  
 Glist-er-ing at you all a-round.

4. Sun a-rise, fill-in' all the hollows;  
 " " " " " " "  
 Light-in' up the hills all a-round.

## WARRANTS

A warm welcome is extended to the following:—

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Mrs. J. A. Miles, Assistant, Barwon.

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

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## THE STATUS OF WOMEN

The Secretary-General of the United Nations recently produced a very interesting report based on replies received from governments to a question relating to the obstacles in the way of the promotion of the status of women. Here are a few extracts:—

One of the most fundamental obstacles in implementing measures designed to increase the contribution of women to national development is in the attitudes and prejudices of society shown in the attitudes of men towards women, and of women towards themselves.

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Customs, prejudices, superstitions and outmoded beliefs have hindered women from fully participating in national life. Examples are: women's place is primarily in the home; girls are not expected to be the breadwinners of the family, so parents invest little in their education to prepare them for a profession; men should make the policy-making decisions and should predominate in the professions which play a leading part in development, such as engineering, medicine, and the sciences. Consequently, public opinion is not favourable to the participation of women in development programmes.

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The problem of the advancement of women with family responsibilities in employment and the professions, politics, trade union activities, etc., is dependent on the willingness of men, as husbands and fathers, to assume a share of the work of the home.

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Women lack opportunities for education because of over-work, of early marriage, of their incapacity to organise their time efficiently, and of the inadequacy of training institutions. Illiteracy remains a major obstacle. Girls must be persuaded to take their training more seriously, so that they can prepare themselves for future careers.

—From "World Bureau Newsletter".

## FIELD GUIDES

The Gould League of Bird Lovers is about to publish a series of Field Guides. The first four titles will be: Birds of the Urban Areas, Birds of the Ocean, Beaches and Bays, Birds of the Ranges and Birds of the Inland Waterways.

The first volume — due out in August — deals with the native and introduced birds of the Melbourne area — and this should be very helpful to Guides.

The books — about 6in. x 4in. — contain coloured reproductions of Margo Pedersen's paintings, and there is much useful information.

Cost: \$1 to school children, Guides, bird observers, etc. Order from the Gould League, S.S. 1886, Lithgow Street, Abbotsford, 3067, and include remittance.

—J.H.

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## "OUR MALAYAN NEIGHBOURS"

A book, "Our Malayan Neighbours", written by Jenny Conn, aged 14, of 2nd Horsham Coy., for her Commonwealth Knowledge Badge, has been awarded first prize in the Under 15 Section of the Adelaide "Sunday Mail's" competition, "How to Make a Book".

More than 60 schools were represented in the Under 15 Section of the competition, which was run as part of the South Australian Children's Book Week.

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## THE EVOLUON

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In the industrial field, two revolutions — mechanisation and automation — have heralded drastic changes in living habits. Increasing use of machines is steadily reducing the time required to make the things which people need. Among the consequences of this development is that more time is becoming available for recreation. Thanks to electricity, which powers these same machines, virtually all can now enjoy life to the full.

—From "Circuit", a magazine for friends of the Netherlands.