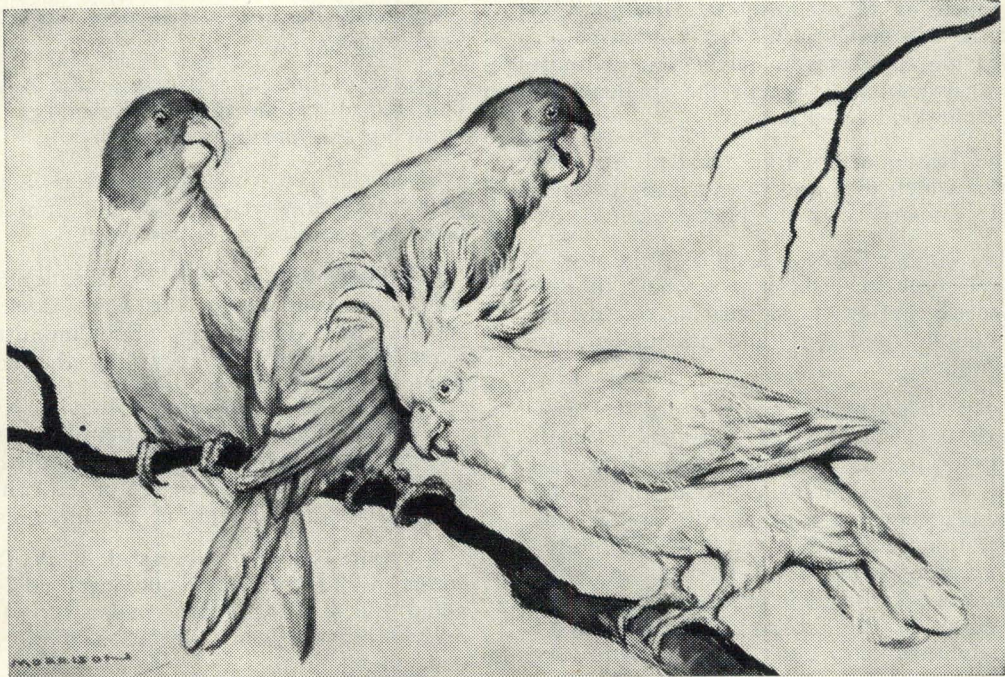


MATILDA



—Block by courtesy of the "Good Neighbour".

Australia is sometimes called the land of parrots. Fifty-seven species of these birds, 50 of which are found nowhere else, live in Australia. They are all beautiful, with gorgeous colours but harsh voices. They live on seeds, grass, roots, native flowers and fruits. Parrots are probably the most popular of all birds as pets because, as well as being beautiful, they are friendly and intelligent. Many Australian parrots, such as the little budgerigar or the stately white cockatoo, can learn some human speech.



The colour guide is (from left) — King Parrot: scarlet body, green wings, dark blue tail; Regent Parrot: green head, yellow body, black tail; Pink Cockatoo: white body, salmon pink tail, crimson chest, crimson, yellow and white crest.

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FROM THE STATE COMMISSIONER

This month I am writing from England—as October begins we are re-discovering the beauty spots in Dorset, Devon and Cornwall.

My thoughts were very much with you on Implementation Day when I was privileged to lunch at Commonwealth Headquarters and the Commonwealth Chief Commissioner asked me to convey to all of you warmest good wishes as we accept the challenge of the eight-point programme.

The Headquarters folk recalled the difficulties which they had to overcome because of the non-arrival of the handbooks.

How similar Guides are all over the world! I saw some at Fisherman's wharf in San Francisco and others sightseeing round sundry public buildings and monuments in Washington.

I was struck by the smartness of the knee-length navy blue socks worn by a small group of guides in Copenhagen. However, later we saw Captain collecting her Company together for a canal trip, and it was interesting to see that there was a motley collection of white-fawn-navy-short-long-medium socks, so their problems are similar to ours in this respect. Incidentally I thought their navy blue blouses looked very "hot" for Summer wear.

Hampton Court is an ideal place for outings and I talked there with several groups of Guides and Brownie Guides accompanied by Guiders, a few Senior Guides and some helpful parents. Each child carried a haversack luncheon and they inspected the great vine, got lost in the maze and were photographed in niches left empty by the removal of statues to other locations. They were also remarkably helpful in supplying historical information to our Scandinavian guests.

I hope that 23rd September was a memorable occasion in YOUR area, and trust you find your Guiding activities more than ever satisfying and rewarding.

Best wishes to you all,

Charlotte Renshaw Jones.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

September, 1969

An unusual meeting this—for our State Commissioner was not in the chair, but on her way to England.

Nonetheless many items of business were set down for our attention—

Consideration of the report regarding Cents for Service.

Representation by Victoria at the Australian Executive Meeting in November and items for the meeting's agenda.

Discussion on the Trefoil After School Club; Implementation Day and functions held; on camping tours arranged.

Recommendations from the Finance Subcommittee, and from the New Commissioners and Boundaries Sub-Committee; from Australian H.Q. regarding the Irene Fairbairn Fund;

From the F. V. Barfus Memorial Committee, asking that the \$500.00 contributed be used towards the construction of the "Thank You" Chalet to be built at Britannia Park;

A report on the successful Lady Delacombe Golf Day; from our legal advisers about the sale of Gipton; and a report on revised budgets from various sections and departments.

Yes—a busy meeting—and how lucky the Movement is to have so many people with knowledge in so many fields prepared to make that knowledge available to us so readily!



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THE EIGHT-POINT PROGRAMME

includes:

Tremendous Scope and Flexibility

(There are almost no limits on the wide variety of activities which can be undertaken.)

Challenges

(These will be planned to suit the needs and abilities of each individual girl.)

Group Participation

(There is stress on planning and sharing together, most of the planning being done by the girls themselves.)

Fun

(An important requirement of any youth group's programme and something we have always endeavoured to keep to the fore in Guiding.)



IMPLEMENTATION DAY— A FIRST BIRTHDAY

1st Wodonga—for us 23rd September was a great Implementation Day, though we had been part of the Pilot Scheme, so it was not really a change-over. But it was a BIG DAY all over Australia and we were part of it.

The evening began very formally with Captain welcoming several new girls and our Commissioner announcing the formation of our Ranger company, the first ever Rangers in Wodonga. We gave them three cheers.

Then Commissioner announced that Cap would present the new books—"Books?" said Cap—and, oh, we thought, they're still in that big parcel under Cap's bed where we knew they'd been for a while!

But, no—each patrol had to track down their books—and they were all in the hall. But—up in the rafters a parcel; Cap had done well with some lifeline throwing. Another parcel up the loft ladder, and another in a flag fixture. One was behind a special poster on the new programme and the final parcel in a long, flat parcel taped under a bench.

Then we built a campfire and put the billy on—with toasted marshmallows and sausages we learnt a new fun song from the Rangers and finally our meeting closed with Prayers and Taps under a clear, starry sky.

—Glynis Embury, Heath Patrol.

FURTHER REPORTS OF IMPLEMENTATION DAY CEREMONIES

From Western Border Region Highlights from a Widespread Region

A candle ceremony for new Promise—Cap. just enrolled, so company re-opens!

Another Candle ceremony—ten candles

alight—one blown out as “old” law was said and new one lit for “new” law.

Participation of Lones at Portland, Caster-ton. . . .

A slide night of activities depicting the original four signposts. . . .

Window displays in all centres. . . .

T.V. and radio interviews. . . .

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A Brownie from 1st Prahran Pack told “Matilda” more about the function at H.Q.—Kerryn enjoyed her egg and bacon pie and the beautiful tables and tells us that “after eating, speeches were made by Guides, a Ranger Guide and the Lady Mayoress . . . the books looked very attractive and I am looking forward to receiving my own.”

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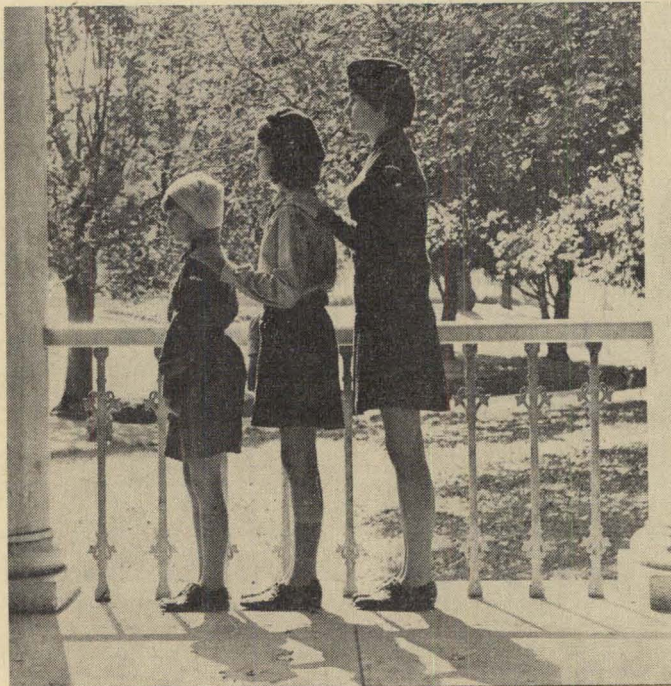
Cold and wet weather did not dampen the enthusiasm of the many Guides and Brownie Guides of the DIAMOND VALLEY DIVISION who gathered first for tea, served by our kindly L.A. members. The New Programme was launched, in the presence of our Shire President and his wife, by sky-rockets. The Shire President made a speech of encouragement, and representatives of each Company and Pack made the new Promise for us all. Our evening finished with campfire, and we thank the Guiders and L.A. who made the occasion possible.

Implementation Day for the 3rd SUNSHINE COY. and other Companies in the Division was celebrated on an exciting old steam train trip through industrial areas and past the scenic You Yangs to the Guide property at Lara. Then we celebrated our first week in the New Programme with our 26th birthday and the presentation of a First Class Badge. We welcomed our parents to this night, and they took part in our hilarious games. A beautiful cake, made by a friend of Captain’s, had a lift-off top with an eight-point star.

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At HORSHAM, Guides, Brownies and Rangers met at the Showgrounds for badge presentations and a barbecue arranged by the L.A. Then we all formed an eight-point star and a Queen’s Guide lit the candles on the large eight-pointed, star-shaped cake decorated with our Guide Trefoil. It was a spectacular scene, for the girls all had sparklers and they glittered beautifully in the darkness. Rangers led a campfire for us after the handing out of the new Handbooks.

—From the stories by Jenny Conn, 2nd Horsham Coy.; The Fuschia Patrol, 3rd Sunshine Coy.; Denise Peacock, 1st Plenty Coy.; Kerryn Oxley, 1st Prahran Pack.





Is YOUR district or division sponsoring an overseas visitor to the International Camp in January?

Are YOU interested in enriching your guest's stay and making her feel at home?

THEN READ ON!

Here are some suggestions for small inexpensive gifts which you can present to your visitor in memory of her stay. Keep in mind that small, thoughtful hand-made articles are far more meaningful to a guest than something large, expensive and shop-bought. Remember, too, that she has to get everything home again—and she is probably travelling by 'plane.

The Guides, the L.A., or any interested helper might like to make one or two of these things in the next few months:—

Tea-towels embroidered with an Australian motif—you can either buy the linen and make them up yourselves or purchase cheap, plain ready-made tea-towels. Transfers available from Semco.

Plain handkerchiefs bought very cheaply in Coles' or Woolworths' look very professional when embroidered with an Australian motif and folded attractively in a cellophane packet.

Lambswool (bought very cheaply at any market) can be made into useful key-cases. Lambswool also makes up into neat shoe cleaners.* Make them so they can be rolled up and clipped shut. Stokes' (Aust.) make interesting little kangaroo pins which are not expensive and delight visitors to Australia.

Small balsa boomerangs (about 2" long) can be easily made, decorated with Indian ink, and varnished. You might like to put the name of the district on the back.

Cellophane packets of Australian stamps, and little cards with a cent, a five-cent piece and a 10-cent piece stuck on appeal especially to visitors who are collectors.

Cellophane packets of Australian birds and animal cards obtainable from food manufacturers are popular. Visitors get a thrill out of taking them home to brothers and sisters.

Small "Guidey" things are beaut., too—bookmarks, cloth and metal badges, friendship badges are all very very popular.

If you don't feel your handcraft ability is up to making any of these items, I could recommend Ann Rylah's book, "Guiding under the Southern Cross," available at H.Q. It would make a wonderful memento of a stay.

(*Details of these shoe cleaners could be supplied if a stamped, addressed envelope was sent to Mrs. S. Farrow, State International Representative.)

—Janet Cole.

CAMP IN NORWAY

An invitation has been received from Norway — "Norges KFUK-Speiders are planning to arrange a big National Camp in 1970. More than 5000 Guides and Guiders from all parts of our country are expected to come. We also wish to invite all members of our World Association to send participants, and we have pleasure in inviting a party of 10 Guides and one Leader from your country.

"Date: 30th June to 8th July, 1970.

"Place: Starum (near Gjovik).

"Terms: Minimum age, 15 years (experience from previous camps).

"Cost: N. kr. 125, plus travelling expenses (approximately 8 kr. to 1 Australian dollar).

"Hospitality is offered one week after the camp.

"Climate: The normal summer temperature in Norway is 59 deg. to 77 deg.

"Language: Norwegian is the official language in the camp — besides English.

"Our guests are asked to bring their own tents, sleeping bags, groundsheets and personal equipment. Cooking equipment will be provided.

"We will appreciate very much if the group will bring the flag of your country (about 1.5 to 1 metre) and a few things for the international exhibition which is to be held in the camp. May we also ask your Guides to be prepared to take part in the entertainments of the camp with a small programme, such as national songs, dances, plays, etc."

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No finance is available for this invitation.

Applications (in triplicate) to State International Representative, Mrs. S. Farrow, by 25th November, 1969.



SERVICE

JUBILEE—1970—SERVICE YEAR

Service Suggestions:

Books for Children's Homes, etc., in your area—not only at Christmas time, but perhaps for the birthdays of children in whom your unit takes a special interest.

Visiting the children and including them in unit activities when possible.



U.N.I.C.E.F.—the United Nations fund with a special interest in the children of the world—the fund helped by the sale of U.N.I.C.E.F. Christmas cards.

Most of U.N.I.C.E.F. expenditure for programme assistance—about 80 per cent.—is in the form of supplies. This is a complex operation since U.N.I.C.E.F. buys on a world market with some 65 different currencies.

Remember, too, the theme of the World Conference:

Let us clasp our hands together, TO SERVE, with understanding.

“Father, have You a bridge for me to build?—
A bridge between two places far apart,
Where only You can fill the spaces?
Is there a hurt deep in the heart
Of someone on the other side,
That I can help to heal and fill with love?
Is there hate, or greed, or pride,
Or fear that can be stilled
By my bridge, between a man and God
above?”

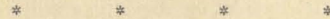
—By Carolyn Stawell, from the Church Women United of Milwaukee, U.S.A.

“GUIDERAMA”

Sidney Myer Music Bowl — 21st February, 1970 at 7.30 p.m.

Last month we told you of some of our plans for this exciting night. This month, a request —

We are planning a candlelighting ceremony as a conclusion to our evening, and we would ask that everyone attending brings a candle in a suitable holder.



Some people, we understand, have been wondering if Brownie Guides are invited. The answer is “YES! **Everyone** is welcome — the more the merrier!” Everyone from the newest to the oldest member we want with us on this memorable night. See YOU there??



Dear Lord, help me to live this day—quietly,
easily;
To lean upon Thy great strength—trustfully,
restfully;
To wait for the unfolding of Thy will—
patiently, serenely;
To meet others—peacefully, joyously;
To face tomorrow—confidently,
courageously.

Amen.

—From “Christian Women”—
Sunday Sydney Telegraph.



Men will wrangle for religion; write for it;
fight for it; anything but — live for it.

—Charles Colton.

COMMISSIONER'S CONFERENCE GUIDE'S OWN

(Continued from October issue)

GIFTS FROM GOD

I Love God:

He makes good days when I'm sad,
So that I can't feel sad for the wonder of it,
The clean sharp feel of His blues and greens,
Trees on the top of a hill,
His hands on earth.

I Love God:

He makes my children naughty,
Mischievous, quarrelsome . . .
Then He makes them laugh and puts Pure
Joy in them,
And He comes through their bodies and
eyes.
So beautiful, so funny angel-like,
I want to cry out at their fresh, sweet
loveliness.

I Love Him:

He made perfections like leaves.
He startles me with orioles
And puts funny little plants in the woods for
me
To wonder at.
He makes wild, vast storms,
rising up shrieking,
To tear down His stately makings . . .
Oaks and rivers . . .
And man.

Just to tell us we cannot do without Him:
He is Lord.

I Love God:

He attends me as He attends the
intricacies of a tiny conch shell
on a flat expanse of beach.
So very small . . .
He must have loved it to make it so.

I like to believe He had as much joy making
me.

He gave me so many God-huge feelings I
cannot use them up,

But I feel He meant me to . . .
He made me love a man whose soul shines in
his eyes
And in his face when he sleeps.
I love Him for that.

He gave me laughter to give,
And exhilarant happiness to sow,
And told me its worth
By giving me frights and fears and sickness
To make me strong.
He holds my hand
And I know love.



TALK GIVEN BY SISTER CECILIA

In the Scripture reading, you heard St. Paul telling the Roman Christians, "Work for the Lord with untiring effort, and keep on praying." I would like to put forward a few thoughts on these words from the reading.

If you pray without acting, it means you have not prayed to the true God who acts unceasingly, who so loves the world that He sent His only Son into the world.

If you act without praying, if you give yourself a mission, you will be able to carry to others only a pitiful message: yourself. It is not you who should go out to others; it is God who must have become living enough in you so that you will bear witness to HIS love and not to YOURS.

Man is sacred, but he has to be penetrated by the sacred. So let yourself be penetrated. Be silent a little, die a little. Pray, be quiet before Him. Sit down. Let yourself become sacred. The proof of the reality of God, **the only proof for our contemporaries**, is that you live a little of God, is that you emerge more alive from your prayer.

When Christ came back from praying, the Apostles would say, "What happened to him? Where did He go? He's no longer the same" . . . and He was no longer the same. He was radiant.

Don't try to tear un-Godlike traits away from yourself. They must progressively disappear. God takes it unto Himself to divest you of them in His gentle, affectionate, patient way, if you are willing to follow Him

or listen to Him. A gentle hand will take your hand, other hands will stretch out to you, to take hold of yours. You will love them so well that you will not be able NOT to share. Begin by loving, begin by being happy.

An enormous amount of common sense is needed to do good. It is unfortunate that some people, as soon as they become good, automatically become so stupid. Christ Himself complained about it. "The children of this world are wiser than the children of light." Christ has warned us that in order to do good we need to be "as prudent as serpents and as simple as doves."

Some Christians realise this by becoming as ugly as dragons and as silly as geese. In order to serve and devote ourselves, we need wisdom — human and Christian wisdom. God will give this gift if we pray to Him daily.

Not to pray daily means that we are ignoring God, not listening for His word, and not preparing every day for living. As a result we are in danger of gradually becoming blind and deaf, indifferent and lazy. We will lose our bearings in any new or unexpected situation unless we have accustomed ourselves to watching in prayer day by day. Prayer in daily life may appear to be dreary. It's not supposed to be a grand oratoria in a Cathedral, just a folk song, full of good intentions and straight from the heart, even if simple and monotonous. It's a prayer of unselfish, even apparently unrewarded service of God. It's the consecration by which the grey hours become bright and the little moments great. Such prayer does not seek a vital human experience, but only the glory of God. It is not a search for experience, but for an increase in faith.

I WILL CONCLUDE BY praying a well-known prayer of St. Francis:

"Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

"O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life."

A PRAYER FOR THE SPACE AGE

O God, Initiator of change,
Who changes not,
We cling to you
For support
As our world heaves and spins
Beneath our feet.

You only, Lord of history,
Are the same
Yesterday, today, and forevermore.
You only, Lord of all,
Control the whirling planets,
Yet note a sparrow's fall.
You only, God Almighty,
Transform the ragings of man
Into songs of praise.
You only, Father God,
Detect the tremors and the tumult
Deep within each of us
As we confront continual crises,
In our world
And in ourselves.

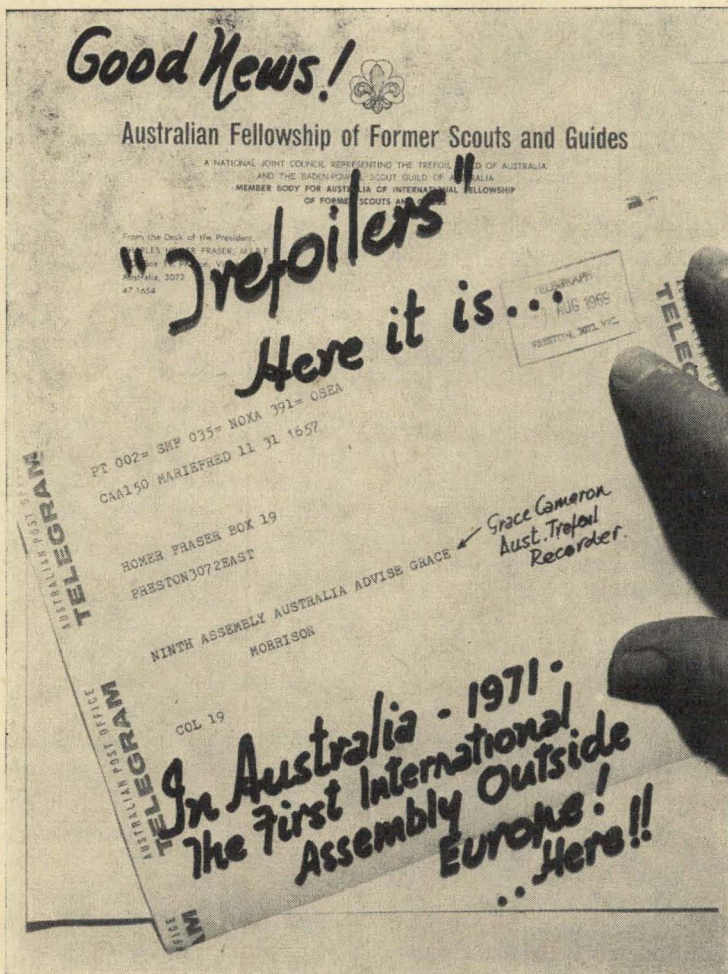
Only you, Creator of the universe,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Father of our own souls,
Comprehend the master plan
That is transforming
The convulsive changes
We experience
Into the warp and woof
Of your finished handiwork.

Father God,
In you, and in you alone,
We put our trust.
We seek not to escape;
We pray to be made more adequate.

We do not demand to know all the answers;
We pray to be a part of the answer.
Amen.

—From "Concern".

**International Fellowship of Former Scouts and Guides World Assembly —
Melbourne, 1971.**



Above is a copy of the cable received from Mrs. Alex Morrison announcing that the 9th World Assembly of the International Fellowship of Former Scouts and Guides will be held in Melbourne during 1971.

Mrs. Morrison, a member of the Eastern Suburbs Trefoil Guild, was Australia's representative at the 8th World Assembly held in Sweden from 28th July to 2nd August, 1969. There were 17 countries represented, with 150 delegates, plus 300 Swedish members. The excellent organisation made a wonderful success of the five-day residential Conference.

It is indeed an honour to be granted the privilege of hosting this International Assembly, especially as this will be the first occasion that such a Conference, at adult level, of Former Scouts and Guides as been held in the Southern Hemisphere.

This is a challenge for each and everyone of us.

—Eileen M. May, State Trefoil Guild Recorder.



1st GLENHUNTLY BROWNIE PACK ITS 21st BIRTHDAY

The Brownies held a party to celebrate the 21st birthday of our pack and we invited our former District/Division Commissioner, two former Brown Owls, our present District and Division Commissioners, our Guide leaders and parents and members of the L.A.

On arrival our guests followed a magic pathway to Brownie land, where three Brownies were enrolled.

The birthday cake was given to us by the L.A. and was beautifully decorated by one of our mothers.

—A. M. Cusworth.



On Friday night Brownies and Brown Owl and mothers caught the train to Melbourne, and then we went to Guide Headquarters.

We were met by Mrs. Richards, who showed us one of the original stones from our old Headquarters before we went inside to the lounge where there were all sorts of interesting things.

We saw a room where there are many meetings, and the kitchen. We saw the training rooms, too. The girls who type have a lovely room—and the colour scheme is in keeping with Guide and Brownie colours. The rooms are soundproof and the lights are built into the ceiling.

Thanks to Mrs. Richards, we all had an enjoyable evening.

Helen Johns,
1st North Fawkner Pack.



It was my privilege to attend the last Flying-up Ceremony in our District. It was a memorable and delightful experience, at 4th Colac Pack.

After Brownie ring, thank you's and farewells three Golden Hand Brownies em-

barked on their journey to Guideland. As each lit a candle the rest of the Pack assembled on each side of their Brownie belts stretched on the floor to form the rungs of a ladder. Branches of photinia made a colourful archway.

The three Brownies climbed the ladder in turn, their way made clear by the light of their candle as they stepped over the rungs which represented the tests passed on their journey through Brownie Days.

Eventually they reached an iron gate which was opened for them by two small Brownies—so the girls left Brownie Land and stepped into Guide Land where they were welcomed by the Captains, Lieutenants and two Guides from the 6th Colac and 1st Eliminyt Companies.

Well done, Brown Owl—you weren't the only one with a lump in your throat!

D. J. TORODE
District Commissioner, Colac West.

OUR 11th BIRTHDAY

Our Brownie birthday was very exciting, and almost every Brownie was there.

First of all, we had some games — one game Commissioner taught us, and it was from a different country and lots of fun.

Best of all was the Brownie party — first, we had cakes and biscuits, then some lollies and an apple. Each apple had a candle in it. Then we had a drink of cordial and a piece of the birthdy cake made and iced by Brown Owl.

We had a very important visitor with us — Mrs. Wolff, the first Commissioner of Bright.

Then we sang Brownie Bells and went home.

—From the story by Kathryn Auger,
1st Bright Pack.

SHERBROOKE RIVER (Port Campbell) CAMPSITE . . . and Our Camp

Situated at the edge of a pine forest and within easy walking distance of some of the most magnificent and awe-inspiring scenery in Australia is the Sherbrook River campsite at Port Campbell.

It was at this delightful spot that 35 Guides and five Guiders of 1st Nunawading Guide Company spent a week. We travelled in one of Mr. Power's vans, one kind father loaded ("overloaded" would be more to the point!) his "ute" and one Guider took her car.

We were greeted by a local Guider who immediately impressed us by her friendliness and help. The tranquil scene soon changed to one of bustling activity and before long the camp was in order—well, more or less! The use of the Guide House provided us with a few extra comforts.

With so much grandeur around, it was not difficult to find interesting spots to which to hike. Loch Ard Gorge proved a popular place, and with the temperature in the 70's a laze on the sand was enjoyed by all. By some strange trick many pairs of feet became "accidentally" wet! The fascinating but tragic story of the "Loch Ard" proved of great interest, as did the "Loch Ard" Cemetery, Mutton Bird Island, the pine forest and the small township of Port Campbell.

As the camp is dependent on tanks for its water supply, a shortage of rain means a shortage of water, and when a large number are drinking, showering, washing and "pressing buttons," no matter how thrifty they are, a shortage is likely to occur—and that is exactly what happened.

When Mrs. Bell, Campsite Convener, and her husband learned of the position, a tanker was promptly dispatched and the higher tank filled. We registered 74 points of rain later that day! But the refill was necessary to cater for the next camp.

To remedy this situation it is imperative that a large concrete tank be installed to catch every precious drop which runs from the roof, but the project will cost in the vicinity of \$500.00.

Our Company enjoyed this campsite and others may like to contribute too.

When the time came to leave this beautiful place we all felt sad, but who knows, we may return!

The Convener's husband, Mr. Bell,
Knows that the campsite needs a well,
If in the future you camp there,
How glad you'll be you did your share!



QUEEN'S GUIDE PRESENTATION

A very excited and proud 2nd Morwell Company assembled at the Guide Hall, "Norman Brooks" Park, Morwell. The occasion, the presentation of the Queen's Guide Badge to Judith Carlson, the first guide in the Company to gain this.

Judith had requested an open-air ceremony. The weatherman was kind, and on the stage three spotlights illuminated a blue and gold ladder with a drawing of the Queen's Guide Badge at the top, the Brownie and Guide World Badges at the base, a table with the Badge placed in the centre of a gold trefoil, and the Flagpole presented to the Company by Judith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Carlson, to be used for the first time at an official ceremony.

The company marked the steps to the Queen's Guide Badge with illustrated posters of the various badges, placing them on the ladder in order. As the Camper Badge and Patrol Camp permit were placed on the ladder Lieutenant lit the prepared campfire.

Judith had asked her Captain to present the badge. Councillor Panther spoke, then Judith made her reply and a presentation to Captain and Lieutenant.

Everyone joined in singing camp fire songs accompanied by Scouter F. Soall on his button accordian. Taps, and then into the Hall where the Guides served a home-made supper.
—Mrs. M. Wood, Captain.



Three Guides recently presented with First Class badges at 1st Charlton were the first Guides who had commenced as Brownies here to obtain their First Class.

The company entertained many guests including their Division Commissioner and Shire President, and it was a very impressive ceremony.

—P. Wain.

TASMANIAN TRIP

1st Morwell Guide Company

Our Company left Morwell by bus to embark on the "Princess of Tasmania" and sail at 7 p.m. for Tasmania.

We considered ourselves very lucky in having such a calm crossing, because the Chief Steward told us the last crossing was so rough that hunger brought only one passenger to breakfast.

"The Princess" docked at Devonport the following morning, and a surprise awaited us. On the Dock to greet us were Tasmanian Guides from Devonport, Ulverstone and Spreyton, eager to swap badges and to welcome us to their State.

En route to Hobart our tour coach took us to the famous Entally House, beautifully preserved and similar to Como House in Melbourne. Not far out of Launceston, our coach driver pointed out a lot of animals and birds cut from spiky bushes for several miles along the bare roadside. He told us the Council employed the man who made a hobby of shaping the animals.

In Hobart we were met by two Guide Commissioners who gave us all an invitation to attend a reception at State Guide Headquarters.

While in Hobart we were provided with day tours to all the sights. Also Port Arthur which the Government are at present restoring.

The Lindisfarne Companies invited us to a barbecue-hike, and we found that it was on the top of a very high hill. Eventually we got to the top to find a marvellous view of the lights of Hobart over the waters. At Guide Headquarters we found that Guides from all over Hobart had gathered together and we were shown lovely slides by a Ranger Guide who had gone on an exchange trip to Hawaii. The friendship of Tasmanian Guides and people was wonderful and something we will never forget.

We departed from Hobart for Queenstown, stopping at Lake St. Clair where we spent some time feeding the tame wallabies and kangaroos.

Queenstown hills were all rounded at the top like in fairy-tales, and bare, due to the

sulphur which kills all vegetation, and the colours of the hills varied from different shades of brown and yellow to orange.

On our last day on the Island we travelled along the Murchison Highway to Zeehan, where we visited the Zeehan School of Mines which proved most interesting. The Devonport, Ulverstone and Spreyton Guides farewelled us as we left on the "Princess of Tasmania"—with all the streamers and good wishes, it felt like we were going overseas.

The trip home was most exciting; some of the Guides helped to fold the sleeping rugs for the stewards in the morning, and then we found that the Chief Steward had arranged with the Captain for us to make a tour of the Captain's bridge, which was quite an honour.

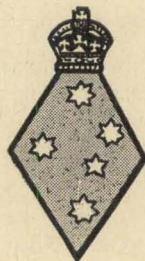
The Officer on Duty was young, dark, slim, about 6'3" tall and was somewhat embarrassed when confronted with 33 females. However, he told and showed us all he could about the bridge—the automatic pilot, the compasses, the radar screen, fire alarms, communications on board, radio, manoeuvring of the boat, in fact everything he could think of, along with every question we asked.

Melbourne seemed rather uninviting from the bay with dirty cranes and barges, etc., all around.

We arrived back in Morwell after a wonderful eight days, and were met by our parents all anxiously waiting to hear all that had happened.

Our Tasmanian trip was certainly well worth saving for.

Lynden Helms,
Poppy Patrol Leader,
1st Morwell Company.



RANGER WALKING WEEK AT "OUR CHALET"

Extracts from a letter from a Victorian Ranger — one of two who are fortunate enough to be there:—

Margaret Yarwood, a Lone Air Ranger from Numurkah, and I travelled over with the two British Rangers. Arriving at Adelboden we were a bit worried about how to find "Our Chalet", but, to our delight, Inge had come down to meet us and took our luggage up the hill to the Chalet. Gradually, all the girls arrived. We have done several overnight hikes — late one afternoon you climb a certain way up a mountain, stay at an alpine restaurant overnight, and early next morning do something spectacular. One time my group climbed up the Elshorn to see the sun rise. It was beautiful. We also saw eidelweiss growing (it is very rare now) and, coming down, the cow-bells sounded just like church bells — really beautiful.

One day the alp horn was played for us by the cheesemaker, who was the best player in Switzerland. Another visit was to the wood carver, where we spent lots of money. On another occasion a few of us climbed up over the gap into the next valley to Randersteg, just to see the Scout Chalet. I'm afraid none of us were impressed, and told the Scouts they would have to come and see ours — so that night, sure enough, around they came. They were impressed!

On Sundays the staff cook the evening meal. We had a Swiss dish — a soft cheese that is cooked by an open fire, the soft part scraped off and eaten with potatoes, onions, gherkins, etc. That was followed by a fresh fruit salad.

We Australians gave a night showing slides and talking about Australia. Everyone was very interested. One night there was to be an international dinner, and what could we do? In the end we decided to wait until everyone had given in their recipes and see what they had. There were plenty of main courses and sweets and savouries, so, using a great deal of imagination and hard effort, we volunteered to make a fruit punch. Surprisingly enough, very few had heard of it, and all came back for more. We were even asked for the recipe!

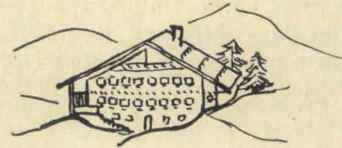
Our group was very lucky because the Sunday we were in Adelboden happened to

be their one day of the year which entailed processions, stalls, national costumes, etc. Very colourful and we were privileged. Being in uniform the locals speak to you — the Chalet they regard as belonging to them, and everyone from it is welcomed.

Each night just before lights out the staff come upstairs and sing to you all. It is a marvellous custom. I slept in the attic and have become quite attached to it. Inge asked me where I'd be at Christmas, and who with, then asked if I would like to go back to "Our Chalet" and spend it with them. I will go — it is so happy there. They have also promised to teach me to ski — can't wait for the next five months to go!

I'm leaving on Friday to go on a short trip around Europe, but I don't think anything will beat Switzerland. The staff of "Our Chalet" are to be congratulated on their friendliness, helpfulness, organisation and good spirits they share with everyone who goes there.

—Joan Hobson,
Mitcham Land Ranger Company.



WHO Ranger Branch.
WHERE Guide, Scout and Youth Halls,
Eltham.
HOW Train, car, motorbike, foot.
WHY Goodness knows.

A Little Sport Week-end was held at Eltham in the above-named halls. Sessions were varied and interesting, but very strenuous. Activities included yoga, judo, fencing, archery, rifle shooting and crazy kapers, with hourly sessions in each activity. In between each session was a short period of rest—a time to recuperate, and gather strength for the next activity. On Saturday night the Rangers attended the Judge Book Memorial Village, Eltham, where they sang campfire songs to the citizens. Back at base followed an enactment of "Little Red Hiding Hood," by the Nunawading Extraverts, then the majority quickly "hit the

hay" after a hard day, in preparation for the following day of more strenuous activities.

I am sure that Monday morning would bring with it many aches and pains and bruises, but I am also sure that we enjoyed a really tremendous week-end.

Our thanks must go to the instructors who gave up their time for the week-end and to all those who helped to make this week-end a huge success.



FOLK AND FUN WEEK-END

"Folk 'n Fun" was held again at Belgrave Heights. Over 145 Rangers attended the week-end, many coming from country areas.

Friday night set the scene for the week-end with a swinging Campfire led by Miss Peg Barr. On Saturday morning there was a guest appearance by the "The Bush Band" —spoons, jingling Johnny, washboard and thimbles, tea chest and banjo. Saturday was a fun day—skits and stunts, then folk dances just to keep all on their toes.

Saturday night brought a guest appearance by Shirley Jacobs who gave us an unforgettable performance of folk songs—old and new. Rangers were delighted to hear her sing "Topsy," her latest release.

The Rangers' Own service on Sunday morning was based on the theme of "No Man is an Island," with a special look at Papua and New Guinea. The afternoon was spent making instruments and experimenting with different sounds.

It truly was a Fun week-end.



WORLD AIRLINE CAPACITY QUADRUPLES IN TEN YEARS

Between 1959 and 1968 the total number of civil transport aircraft in service in the 116 member countries of the U.N. International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) increased by about 37%, while the carrying capacity of the fleet increased more than four times, according to a report released in Montreal by the ICAO Council.

However, in 1968, for the first time since the end of the Second World War, the average weight load for all scheduled aircraft fell below 50%, which means that more than half the tonne-kilometres offered by the airlines were not sold.

Over the decade, the percentage of the total capacity offered each year in piston-engined aircraft fell from 73 to 3, in turbo-props from 19 to 10, and in turbo-jets it rose from 8 to 87.

—Unesco Features.

A GUIDER DRIVER? WHAT A RECORD!

1. Trip with Brownies to seaside town — one tot fell into pond — one car blew a tyre, then limped home with a boiling radiator.
2. Trip to Grampians — bus load of Guides backs into our car.
3. Racing to arrive at Guide event on schedule — back out, door flies open and connects rather forcibly with fence. Another battle scar.
4. Training day at town 30 miles distant — lost ignition key, believed disposed by emus at Wildlife Reserve. Frantic call for "jumper leads" saved the day (the NIGHT, rather).
5. Guide Camp at Western District seaside resort — time to go home and a completely dead battery.
6. Guider Training at Melbourne hills resort. Only 12 miles from home and blew Welsh plug, which, for the uninitiated, lets all the water out of your motor. Three hours lost while mechanic effects repair. Return trip of 170 miles uneventful until last ¼ mile, when light fuse blew and only full beam available.

ANYONE LIKE A LIFT WITH ME?

—Anne Fraser, Terang.



SALUTING

Did you know or have you noticed — our saluting has undergone a change? Some may feel a loss, others may think, thank goodness, now I don't have to remember "which is what".

You will notice in the Guide Handbook, page 15, a drawing of a Guide labelled "The Guide Salute" (or sign); this is the salute now used for all occasions, whether it be for the making of the "Promise", to greet or farewell Brownies, Guides, Rangers, Guiders or Commissioners, or on any other occasion which calls for the salute.

So, don't forget when next you are organising your fingers by your sides you only bring them to your shoulder, elbow tucked in, and, please, your head does not have to learn over to touch your fingers.



THE WORLD CONFERENCE

The Conference was held in a new students' centre, decorated with birch boughs and field flowers, and the whole atmosphere was one of modernity and youth. At the opening ceremony a group of young people danced the theme of the conference—"Let us clasp our hands together," to the most exciting percussion music.

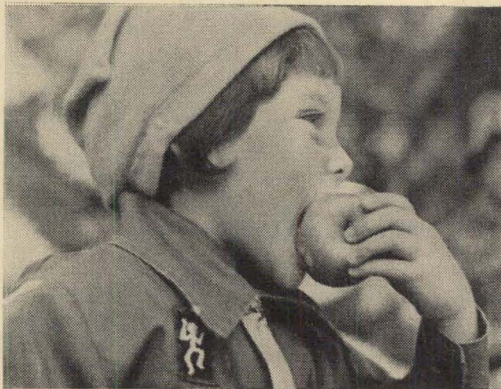
Mrs. Price said:—

We listened to reports on past activities and considered the questions of whether Guiding is valid for to-day; are we meeting the needs of youth to-day? Is it right to ask Brownies to commit themselves to a spiritual promise at their age? Should Rangers be given the opportunity to state what their ideal is, rather than be given a codified Promise? Is it right to include the spiritual clause in the Promise—are we thereby excluding people we might reach because they do not honestly feel they can make this Promise?

We from Australia tried to think with your minds, to speak with your thoughts, and we bring back these questions so that you may consider the basic and important matters that the World Association must face up to if we are to be a vital force in the lives of young people to-day, who find it hard not to criticize, hard not to be so impassioned with the world they have been given that they are tending to revolt. A few go too far, but there is still a large number who are questioning, young people with trained minds, and it is stimulating for us to ask ourselves whether we are doing all we could and should do to meet the needs of those who are outside our ranks, as well as those inside.

The Chief Guide, from her position as "the oldest active Guide in the world" talked about all the World Conferences which have been held since the one which first brought together the countries of the world as an official body in 1928. Her message to us was—To look back with pride, to thank

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PRE-PROMISE

How can you help the Recruit do her best to do her duty to God?

With the eight-Point Programme we know that the emphasis is on the individual and here is one area where this emphasis is extremely important. God is a personal concept and may mean something very different for the Guider and the Brownie. The differences may be between faith or between denominations, but this should not cause any problems. Find out from the child what faith her family follow and ask her what she sees as her duty to God as expressed by her particular faith. Encourage her to attend any classes which are available to her at her place of worship so that she will learn more about her religion.

If a Brownie does have a different religious faith from yours, she will appreciate it if you find out something about it. Ask her questions, do some reading so that you will understand what the child is expected to do as her duty—from her Church's point of view.

If there is no connection with a religious faith, discuss with parents the possibility of the child receiving some religious training by attending a Sunday School, etc. In any case you will find it necessary to help her gain some concept of God. Among the other two or three recruits you are sure to have a child with some understanding—she will help you put it into words that can be understood by another child. We all know the thrill of receiving a gift and the desire to thank the donor—not only with words but by using and caring for the gift. A recruit can be brought to the realization that she has been given wonderful gifts—life, and all that is needed to sustain it—and more. The younger child will think of the material things — food, clothing, family (often in that order). She will soon work out how she should use and care for these

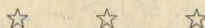
things. For the child who does not attend Church, prayer may not mean anything to her, but saying “thank you” for a gift is something she knows about.



“To Serve the Queen.” The Recruits will probably still interpret this to mean “to keep Her laws.” Follow this up—can the recruit tell you any? Does she understand why and how they are made? How they are enforced? Does she know who the Queen's representative is in her State? Has she seen Parliament House, Government House, the local Police Station at work, local courts, the Supreme Court? If a Brownie can see something real to back up abstract concepts she will have a much better idea of what she is trying to understand.

The Recruit should understand that the Queen is also Queen of Australia and that this is included in her full list of titles. Does she know why the Commonwealth Star on our flag points to the middle of the Union Flag?

Duty to the Queen may be hard for a 7-year-old recruit to understand, but there are many ways to make it more interesting and meaningful. Help her understand that she is a member of a large family of Australians, with the Queen at the head of it. Anything we do to make the family happy will help make the Queen happy.



A little done well is better than a lot done badly or only half done. Encourage your Brownies to be realistic in their suggestions for helping at home. Impress on them that a small job done willingly and properly

will be of more help than an attempt to scrub **all the floors**. Encourage Brownies to look for areas in which their help may be needed.



"Thinking of others" means that we are trying to make those around us happier. Many recruits are still having most of the thinking done **for them**; they are very close to the protection of adults. The keeping of the law might be a very real challenge. First we must be aware of others about us and acknowledge their existence. (Have you ever been surrounded by people and had the feeling you were invisible to them?) A smile, a cheery word, a simple courtesy can mean much to us, and the youngest recruit is capable of understanding their value.

Expand the vision of the recruit—deepen her understanding. Discussion can be stimulated through pictures and stories. Through the Pack Meeting the child should be experiencing the Promise and the Law as a very real, living thing.

THE WORLD CONFERENCE

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God, and to pay tribute in service." She referred to the function of the World Association as a generating plant, to generate the spirit of Guiding.

The Conference received reports of the last triennium—from the World Centres; all the Events that have been held; the development of Guiding throughout the world; from the financial angle. There were reports of special projects all over the world on the new programme, particularly in regard to the out-of-doors, which is a characteristic feature of Scouting and Guiding. We heard about educational projects in some of the developing countries—Peru, which runs a centre where 600 girls receive primary education; Thailand, which has a centre for 80 children for day by day education and training in Guiding skills and homecrafts, as well as accommodation for 40 young women whom they are training to be Guiders; Brazil, which has an arts and crafts recreation centre for both parents and children, where they are conducting a campaign against begging by teaching the children to make small articles they can sell; Nigeria, where Guides are trusted to do

important jobs in war areas; South Africa, where there is a unification of Brownies of all races, all wearing the same uniform. This is something which may seem insignificant to us, but is of profound importance there. Guiding for the handicapped is expanding, and Australia seems to have some of the most highly-developed adaptation of of tests for these young people.

There were reports on service being done throughout the world. The Chairman of the Status of Women Commission in the U.N., who is a Guide from Ghana, said the Association has done an enormous job in the field of service, but asked whether we are doing enough to meet the problems of the present. She said a young man involved in the wrecking of a computer centre in a university had told her that there are some people who feel the only way they can make an impact on people who don't mind using napalm and killing thousands of people, is to destroy some of their property. She asked how we are going to make Guiding and Scouting so worthwhile and attractive that we can bring in young people like this, young people who belong to a society that feeds and starves, that educates and kills. Our programmes have to be designed to teach them that there is a constructive way to meet these problems.

Two important new policies were decided upon. The first was that countries applying for membership of the World Association will no longer have to wait until their political independence is established. The other is the establishment, for an experimental period, of a Regional set-up within the World Association. In this framework Australia obviously belongs to the Asian area, and Mrs. Sita Rajasuriya of Ceylon, who has just completed a term on the World Committee will be Chairman of the Asian Region. There were some small reservations that the setting up of Regions could lead to disunity, but it was evident from the attendance at the Conference that unity is possible—Israeli delegates were there with U.A.R. delegates; countries which hate America were together with Americans; countries which are strongly Catholic sat by those who have opposite beliefs. We have the capacity to teach girls all over the world to know each other, to understand each other, and therefore to love each other.

All countries were to be encouraged to include some young people under 25 in their

delegations to the World Conference, and to ensure that young people are more and more involved in the organization in individual countries.

There was a recommendation from the United States—"Let us clasp our hands together to serve with understanding"—that there should be a worldwide theme of service, throughout the next triennium.

[It is interesting to note that Victoria plans to make Jubilee Year a special SERVICE year—have you seen the articles and ideas in "Matilda"?)

"So, in conclusion, let us together think of the unity that belongs to the whole of our World family, face up to all the diversity, enjoy it and regard it as interesting, and with the background of our unity with this diversity, let us go on, and together find a way of teaching all the children who are so lost and frustrated."



FUN GAME

BLACKOUT

Method: Game to be played in total darkness or with all players blindfolded. Players move around area at random until signal to start is given. Once the game is under way, it is the objective of all Patrol members from one Patrol to join hands in a single line. Players locate their Patrol mates by repeating the Patrol call and listening for the same call given by another member. As soon as two Patrol members join hands, they try to locate additional members of their Patrol.

Scoring: First Patrol with all members with hands joined gives one loud cheer whereupon the lights are turned on or the blindfolds removed and a point is given to the successful Patrol. Repeat as desired, giving one point to winner each time.

THE ORIGIN OF SCOUTING FOR BOYS

By One Who Should Know

("B.-P.'s Outlook," 1914)

The other inventors of Scouting invariably give the dates on which they hit on the idea, so it may be interesting to some who are not already aware of the origin of our scheme if I give a few facts about our Boy Scouts.

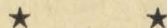
The first idea of such training came to me a very long time ago when training soldiers. When I was adjutant of my regiment in 1883 I wrote my first handbook on training soldiers by means which were attractive to them, developing their character for campaigning as much as their drillability. This was followed by another, and yet a third in 1898. This latter, "Aids to Scouting," came somehow to be used in a good many schools and by captains of Boys' Brigades and other organizations for boys, in spite of the fact that it had been written entirely for soldiers. I therefore re-wrote it for developing character in boys by attractions which appealed more directly to them.

The uniform, in every detail, was taken from a sketch of myself in the kit which I wore in South Africa, 1887, and 1896, and in Kashmir in 1897. Our badge was taken from the "North Point," used on maps for orienting them with the north. It was sanctioned for use for Trained Scouts in the Army in 1898.

Our motto, "Be Prepared," was the motto of the South African Constabulary, in which I served.

Many of our ideas were taken from the customs of the Zulus, Red Indians, Japanese, the code of the Knights of the Middle Ages, and many were cribbed from other people, and some were of my own invention!

—BADEN-POWELL.



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

OTWAY REGION CONFERENCE

The little town of Noorat "suffered" a population explosion on that Saturday as Guiders and Commissioners from all parts of the Otway Region converged upon it for their Pre-Implementation Day Conference—"Preparing For Take Off". The day commenced with morning tea, at which everyone, even the newest Guiders, seemed to find friends, and we all felt warmly welcome.

The Conference was opened by the Region Commissioner, Mrs. Tait, and then we listened to the Assistant State Commissioner, Miss Shaw, on the subject of the New Programme. We understand that this is not a NEW programme, but a development from the original balanced programme devised by B.P. expanded to make our Eight-Point Programme.

The Group Discussions which followed were lively and interesting, and by hearing the answers which each group provided to the questions they were given to discuss we were all able to benefit from the ideas presented, and we now know just what we should be doing between now and Implementation Day; and how we should be trying to provide in Guiding for the needs of the present-day girl.

After lunch, Region business was conducted with despatch, and then Mrs. Grandin, the Guide Adviser, took the rostrum. With the aid of a number of beautifully prepared charts she gave us a clear idea of the form the Eight-Point Programme will take. By the conclusion of her talk we felt we understood what it was all about, were full of enthusiasm for it, convinced we would thoroughly enjoy it, and could hardly wait until 23rd September arrives.

Mrs. Chamberlain spoke on Rangers and left all the Commissioners busily turning over in their minds prospects for Ranger Guiders! We were also pleased to have Mrs. Preston answer any questions about the Brownie Branch, and the helpful answers provided by all our visitors were greatly appreciated during the Question Box time which followed.

Question Box was resumed again after afternoon tea, and all the lingering problems we could think up were promptly solved. After this we had Branch Time, and we would like to extend our congratulations to

Mrs. Torode, who was elected as our Region Representative to the State Council for the next two years.

Tea was most welcome — talking is clearly hungry work; and we would like to thank the Noorat L.A. for the marvellous hot meal they provided, and for morning and afternoon tea and supper, and hot drinks at lunch-time. The washing up must have been frequent and gigantic.

An interesting description of Guiding in the U.S.A. was given after tea by Miss Yvonne Vautier, a British Guider on her way back to England via Australia, after spending three years in the U.S.A. We thoroughly enjoyed her talk, and would like to thank her for showing us that Guiding is truly an International Movement.

Our practical (?) "Preparation For Take Off" made a delightful finale to the day's activities; we were amazed at the number of "props" Mrs. Selman and Mrs. Tait had thought to bring with them, and all groups seemed to be able to find just what they needed for their "act". The eight acts presented revealed that we have quite a degree of latent talent in our Region and, in particular, the "take off" of the Rocket to the Moon was greatly appreciated.

The Conference closed with a prayer—
composed at Brownie Branch time

"Lord, we thank You for enabling us to have this day, to have a better understanding of the Guide Movement. We thank You for the Guide Advisers who have given up their time for us to gain a better understanding for the working of the Units in this Region. We pray we will be able to put to good use the information gained and be of benefit to the children. And grant a safe return home to all Guiders here today", and all the travellers set about their long journey home. I think the overwhelming impressions of the day were of friendliness, helpfulness, enthusiasm, and cohesion within the Region, and we would like to thank Mrs. Tait, our Region Commissioner, and Mrs. Selman, our Region Training Adviser, for all they did to make it such a happy and successful day, and for all they have done to promote this feeling within the Otway Region.



BRITANNIA PARK

May I make a very special plea to Guiders who camp at Britannia Park? Will you please see that surplus firewood is left on the site woodpile, and NOT scattered around? I understand from a Camp Adviser that, in campcraft training, one is taught to disperse unused firewood so that no trace is left of Guides having camped. That does not apply at a permanent campsite like Britannia Park. We are having the greatest difficulty in getting good firewood and the Con- vener is getting tired of having to go around the campsites collecting bought firewood and returning it to the woodpile.

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Two L.A.'s — North Croydon-Wonga Park and Malvern — visited the property during September. Our thanks to them for wrest- ling with the ever-present weeds, and to Malvern L.A. our thanks for the two lovely azaleas which they planted in the gully. By the way, the two Azalea Gullies are worth looking at now; they are really beginning to show promise of what we can hope for in the future. Of course Mrs. Gray has never been known to knock back an offer of more! There's plenty of room. Our thanks too to Mrs. Bartlett (one of the "Thursday Specials") who presented us with 25 healthy little azalea plants, and what's more she planted them.

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In preparation for Camp Southern Cross, the pipes carrying water to all the camp- sites have been thoroughly checked and in many cases renewed. To give you an idea of

the magnitude of the task, this entailed the laying of 3,700 feet of new piping.

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A surprising thing to see as one arrives at the back of Guide House is a public tele- phone, looking somewhat the worse for wear at present. It is a gift from the P.M.G., but with a little T.L.C. it will soon look very smart. This is being put in for the use of Guiders at Camp Southern Cross, but the Committee hope to retain it afterwards. Near the telephone will be a notice board which Mr. Gilbert Farrow is very nobly making for us.

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Miss Peg Barr and her helpers have worked very hard at the 1st Saturday-in-the- Month Working Bees to make the official dais on the Campbell Site. This dais has been a tremendous job, but will prove very satisfactory for the camp and it too will be permanent.

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Our very sincere thanks to the following who helped to maintain the property during the month of September, and believe me, your help couldn't be more opportune. We've had enormous expense at Brownie Cottage where the roots of the trees have got into all the septic tank pipes. I'm afraid it has sounded the death knell for the plum tree and the liquid ambar near the ablution block.

1st—2nd and 3rd East Brighton Coys.
2nd—Footscray Trefoil, in memory of
Mrs. Joyce Pratt.

3rd—1st Cohuna Pack.
 4th—Dandenong L.A.
 5th—Dandenong L.A.
 6th—Dandenong L.A.
 7th—Dandenong L.A.
 8th—Dandenong L.A.
 9th—Dandenong L.A.
 10th—Dandenong L.A.
 4th—5th Wattle Park Coy.
 13th—Mrs. J. J. Moors.
 14th—Ashburton L.A.
 15th—Heathmont District.
 16th—Vermont District.
 18th—Jordanville L.A.

19th—Springvale North L.A.
 20th—1st Numurkah Coy.
 21st—Malvern L.A.
 22nd—Mrs. R. C. Wallace.
 23rd—Heyfield L.A.
 24th—Rainbow L.A.
 25th—2nd Monash Coy.
 26th—2nd Monash Coy.
 27th—3rd East Brighton Pack.

Omitted last month:

July 8th—1st Surrey Hills Coy.
 August 12th—3rd Mitcham Pack.
 August 20th—1st Sorrento Coy.



—Block by courtesy of "Lilydale Express".

BRITANNIA PARK

Implementation Day came to Britannia Park on Tuesday, 23rd September, when Yarra Junction Guides and Brownies took part in a Treasure Hunt. They found their treasure (their new books) in a treasure chest abaft the skull and crossbones sail of the pirate ship anchored in the swimming pool. No more fearsome pirates ever searched the seven seas than wandered o'er our Campsite fair.

THANK YOU, CHALET

It's VERY exciting. . . . Our first \$1,000 has been reached and will shortly be invested in building the pool at H.Q. I'm no builder, but I think we must be past the foundations now. . . . Perhaps a couple of feet up the walls, but the view from here isn't nearly as good as when we get up on the balcony. Yes, there's to be a little balcony where tired Guiders/Trefoils/Commissioners/L.A.'s can loll about and gaze at the mountains or down at the Kennedy Eximin or Melaleucas or even a few Homo Sapiens.

Mr. Ken Bethell, our architect, met with the Chalet Committee "on site" at Britannia Park at the end of September, and gave full approval to the site chosen. He feels we should set our target at \$10,000. As I write we have \$1,086, so that only leaves \$8,914—which doesn't seem quite so bad!



The "thank you" book is on its way. The cover is being designed by Miss Betty Lardner, who will have it executed in blue leather. Miss Lardner was at one time a Brownie trainer and was the first person to take Brownies to Brownie Cottage. Miss Ruth Denny has agreed to print the names in the book (we hope to keep her occupied for a LONG time). It is thrilling to note that an increasing number of L.A.'s are nominating someone to whom they are grateful. In this Movement one is grateful to so many people, it is difficult to choose, isn't it?

The L.A.'s are being wonderful, as they always are, in their response, and many have said, "Sorry we can't help this year, but we will next year." So we can hope that this Fund will mount at the same pace next year. In fact some people are even hopeful that the Chalet will be built before I finish my job as convener in February, 1971. Here's hoping!

—P. G.



A "THANK YOU" TO ANN RYLAH

Now the Thank You Chalet Fund (which has been set up to enable members to record their appreciation in tangible form for the service given by past and present members) is firmly established, the Training Department is inviting its personnel to make contributions in appreciation of Ann Rylah's leadership and the fun and fellowship experienced with her.

We hope that it will be possible to incorporate her name in some special way in the Thank You Chalet when it is built, believing that to be included in a living memorial of this nature would have particularly appealed to her.

Other members of the Movement may also wish to express their appreciation of Lady Rylah in this same way, and their contributions will be welcome.

Any donations may be forwarded to the Training Department at H.Q. or, if preferred, direct to Mrs. R. E. Gray, 56 Balwyn Road, Balwyn.

—P.B.



With most affectionate remembrance and admiration we record the death of Miss Amy Embling, of High Street, Malvern. A pioneer in several ways in service to Guiding, Captain of 1st St. Kilda Guide Company in 1923, Miss Embling became Brown Owl to children at Austin Hospital, which had been founded by her mother's family. She proved for the first time the great value of interesting occupation to handicapped children in the wards—as a result came kindergarten teaching and occupational therapy. Extension Guides and Rangers soon followed.

At the age of 93 Miss Embling was the senior member of Southern Cross Trefoil Guild, always generously interested in Guide affairs, and showing to all an unflinching spirit of courage and faith.

Our sympathy has been expressed to her family with many thoughts of remembrance.

AROUND



AUSTRALIA

EARLY DAYS OF GUIDING IN TASMANIA

Mrs. Henry Dobson, Tasmania's first State Commissioner (she was then known as "Chief Commissioner"), began the Guide Movement in Tasmania, with Lady Baron as Patroness. It started in Hobart in 1910, but there is no known record of a Company of Guides earlier than 1912.

In 1915, Mr. Thompson, the Rector of St. John's Church, organised a public meeting in the Hobart Town Hall to form Guide Groups in the Hobart area. These early Guides were known as "Peace Guides" and "Red Cross Guides".

Lady Allardyce, wife of the Governor of Tasmania at that time, called meetings in 1920 to re-organise the Movement in the State, and was largely responsible for putting the Movement on an established basis.

The Guide uniform then consisted of a navy skirt and khaki blouse, red tie knotted loosely round the neck, a Scout hat, and a broomstick.

Claremont Guides had their first camp at Bagdad in 1922. Their Captain was Miss Nan Masterman — now Mrs. Nan Chauncy — and well known as the author of many children's books. Included in the "equipment" of this camp were a cow and a horse and cart! It is recorded that nine girls entered for the Dairymaid's Test and were examined according to the State Farm Standards. They had all had good practical experience in their homes at some time or other, as well as on the camp cow! (History does not relate what type of Endurance Test the cow was deemed to have passed!)

Lord and Lady Baden-Powell paid their first visit to Tasmania in 1930. A Guide Rally and a Guide Badge Exhibition were arranged by Miss Mary Fisher, and about 1500 Guides and Scouts from all Districts took part. Lady Baden-Powell visited Tasmania again in 1947, 1957, and in 1967.

—From "Platypus".



THE 1969 ANNUAL MEETING . . .

Did you . . .

Meet all your "old" friends in the gathering of 800 or so members of the Movement and friends?

Share Mr. Calwell's confidence in both the Movement and electorates?

Hear news about our finances — with our greatest asset 45,979 members of the Movement?

Welcome Mrs. Westmoreland, President of Y.W.C.A., Melbourne — long-standing friends of the Guide Movement?

Hear the wonderful story of Guiding and Unity from our Australian Chief Commissioner, Mrs. Joyce Price?

YOU DIDN'T?

DO make plans to be there next year!



NOTICES

CAMP SOUTHERN CROSS OPEN DAY

Visitors will be welcome at the camp, at Britannia Park and adjacent properties, on Saturday, January 10th, 1970, from 11 a.m. until 4.30 p.m.

Intending visitors, whether guide groups in buses, or parents and friends of the campers in private cars, are warned that traffic on such an occasion tends to block on the narrow back roads. Police will direct vehicles according to the Group or sub-camp to be visited. Cars and buses will not be allowed on the camp site, but will be parked along the roadways, and visitors must walk to the various sites.

—E. Bunning.



SOUVENIR ENVELOPE CAMP SOUTHERN CROSS

This camp has been granted its own Post Office, and, in consequence, its own post-marker. Special souvenir envelopes are being printed, and will cost 20 cents each serviced, that is, addressed and stamped. They will be posted from the Britannia Park Post Office on the first day of the Camp—6th January, 1970.

Posted applications for these, with full postage (extra must be added for overseas addresses) should be sent to:

Mrs. J. Lewis,
1 Billings Street,
Springvale, 3171,

and must reach her before the end of December.

Or you can do your own "servicing" at the Guide Shop, at 20 Russell Street, during the month of November. Envelopes will be on sale, and a piece of cardboard filler (on which you can write a message), then you address and stamp the envelope, and leave it in the box provided. —E. Bunning.

BRITANNIA PARK

Lost Property

One black Nylon raincoat. Marked "Jo-Anne Lazenby." (This coat was inquired for during June but was not found until some weeks later.)

One Guider's beret with state badge. Marked "Coate."

Please ring Miss D. Holtz, 82-4661.

Brownie Cottage Mystery

One of the stools from the dining room is missing; it was there early this year, but cannot be found now. It was brown and badly in need of a coat of paint! Did some kind Guider take it home to give it a face lift? If you are not able to get it back to the Cottage, you can telephone Miss D. Holtz, 82-4661, so that arrangements can be made for its return.



CHRISTMAS CARDS, 1969

Buy Your Cards from the Ranger Guides

This year there are four different cards at 10 cents each — also a packet of four cards—20 cents per packet.

Orders to—Mrs. A. Taylor, 11 Ivon Street, Bayswater, 3153. Phone: 729-1505.

THE QUEEN'S GUIDE BADGE PRESENTATION

Over 70 Queen's Guides gathered outside Government House that morning at 10 a.m. — most of us quickly running over in our minds all the things we had to remember.

We marched in groups of eight to the splendid — and somewhat overwhelming in our nervous condition — ballroom. Here the official party arrived, and then the Governor, who looked resplendent in his superbly tailored khaki uniform.

The Governor welcomed us on behalf of himself and Lady Delacombe, and said they looked forward particularly to this ceremony which brought together so many who had done so much towards preparing themselves for service and citizenship. As our names were called we stepped up to curtsy, salute, shake hands, smile and receive our certificates — and then over 200 Scouts received their Queen's Scout certificates.

Sir Rohan spoke to us of self-control and how we could extend our training in the service of others.

Some special awards were presented, too — several to Scouts and the Star of Merit to Vanessa Slucock of 2nd Caulfield Guides for meritorious conduct. Vanessa had quietly, efficiently and with perfect timing given mouth-to-mouth resuscitation for at least 20 minutes to her father when he collapsed and died.

The ceremonial over we made our way to the gardens, where morning tea in the big marquees made a wonderful finish to a very exciting morning.

—From the stories by Julie Freeman, 2nd Moorabbin Coy., and Fiona Leitch, 1st Golden Square Coy.



MESSAGE OF LOYALTY

We, the Queen's Guides of Victoria, take this special opportunity of expressing loyalty and goodwill to Your Majesty.

We are honoured to be awarded this certificate, which will serve as a reminder to us of the full meaning of our Law and Promise.

The knowledge we have gained throughout our years of Guiding will, we hope, aid us in the future to comprehend and help in the progress of our Country and Commonwealth.

Written by—
Robyn Taylor,
2nd Jordanville Co.

Read by—
Margaret McRobert,
1st Tallangatta Co.

WHY MAILES ARE LATE

Postal experts have compiled their own 27 reasons for many "causes of delays or apparent delays to mail."

Here are some which are considered most important.

No address, or inadequate address, including misspelling, ineligible handwriting and omission of post-code.

Letters to individuals in a big building but no reference to company name.

Failure to use airmail stickers, when necessary.

Franked mail bearing a date earlier than the date of posting.

Letters signed and posted on a date later than that shown in the letter.

Using envelopes outside "Post Haste" measurements. (Enveloped mail of sizes which fall between 3½" x 5½" and 4¾" x 9¼" and with enclosures not more than ⅜" thick is carried by air at surface rate within Australia and its Territories.

Failure to observe mail closing times.

Late arrival of planes, trains, buses and other vehicles carrying mail.

("Post Office News.")



THIS IS THE LOCAL ASSOCIATION'S PAGE

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

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Did you attend the launching of the new programme in your area?

We heard of some exciting, interesting and unusual ways to start Implementation Day on September 23rd. One area had Handbooks being landed by helicopter and another the books being delivered from the sea by a diver.

At Headquarters we had a breakfast and it was a truly happy, wonderful occasion. The Public Relations Sub-Committee had worked so very hard to make it a morning to remember. The Training Room was filled with flowers. Tables were set all around the room and loaded with fruit, rolls, bacon and egg pie and orange juice. The new handbooks were set at each girl's place.

Guests were fifty Rangers, Guides and Brownies and fifty adults. Each girl was seated next to an adult and they were able to show their handbooks and talk about what the new programme meant to them.

We have had some delightful letters from the Press, saying how much they enjoyed being able to meet the girls under such circumstances.

I may mention, in passing, that the wonderful spread we enjoyed was all donated by friends of the Movement.

An unusual Implementation Day ceremony to which I was invited, was a 1st birthday party—in one of the Pilot Scheme Areas. It was a joy to see the "togetherness" of so many guiders, who had been using the new programme over the last twelve months, and the pleasure they felt at having completed one very successful year.

Back to ordinary everyday things. I would like you to think about expenses for your Guest Speakers.

Could I ask you not to ask them how much they need, but to assess what you think reasonable, put it in an envelope and hand it to them? This would save any embarrassment.

ON FISH CREEK L.A.'s 21st BIRTHDAY PARTY

The FISH CREEK L.A. has now come of age, And starts the next year on a brand-new clean page

At a time when Guiding is so full of change With the new Eight Point Programme's wider range.

The first L.A. members laid a solid foundation.

We trust we are fostering their worthwhile creation.

In the twenty-one years there have been ups and downs,

'Though with more of the smiles than there have been frowns.

At Camp "Southern Cross" next year we will see

Guides from all nations for the grand Jubilee;

And in our small way we have tried to partake,

By making up bags, and by off'ring to take A couple of guides from a land far away, To show them our Prom., the hills and the Bay.

Our guides from these contacts, new friendships should make,

And our guests homeward bound, happy memories take.

We mainly have helped in the field of high finance,

Or with rides to all functions and occasional Guides' dance.

We've tried several ways of raising some money;

Making lamingtons with choc'latey fingers like honey.

Though we made sixty dozen, we sold every one,
And morning coffee sessions were also some fun.
The street stall, "old faithful," used time and again,
We mostly have manned through the wind and the rain;
And though we've had mountains of goodies and cake,
Those insatiable appetites take all we can bake.

Our small band of helpers (although they are few),
Has usually managed all they've been asked to do.
We've plenty of room for new folks and ideas,
And if you will join us, we'll give three big cheers!
This year could be better than have all the rest,
If everyone helps and gives of their best.
We wish all our guests a happy year too,
With worries, if any, so tiny and few,
That with all its great promise, this year may be one
Of achievement and learning and great Guiding fun.

NATIVE TREES AND SHRUBS

NORTH KEW is a garden-loving district and the Local Association organized a visit to the Natural Resources Conservation League's Tree Nursery in Springvale, where members and friends saw how native trees and shrubs are propagated and grown in tubs ready for planting. A small charge was made to help L.A. funds.

As a follow-up to this successful outing a meeting was held in the Maranoa Gardens, Camberwell, where members, after briskly conducting the L.A. business, were able to see native trees, shrubs and flowers growing in properly-prepared soils and situations.

FUND RAISING

We have received a letter from FANTASIO, Master of Ultra-modern Magic, in which he offers to present a free evening entertainment, to enable funds to be raised.

Anyone interested to enquire further could ring 96-5359, or write to 4 Shandford Avenue, Brighton, 3186, for free copies of his booklet and brochure.

"MATILDA" CONTRIBUTIONS

The Editor of "Matilda" is delighted to receive stories, reports, articles about interesting activities, happenings etc., games, etc., etc., etc., which have taken place in your area.

Don't wait for someone else to write in about them!

When you are sending these articles in, would you remember please:—

1. It helps us if they are typed or written (carefully) on a separate sheet of paper from any letter enclosed.
2. If typed (which is preferable) they should be typed in DOUBLE SPACING. Rarely can we print articles we receive in their entirety, and double spacing helps if we have to cut or alter. In any case articles need to be in double spacing to help the printer read the material easily.
3. When you are reporting an event please remember that "Matilda" is interested in HOW you planned, the RESULTS of your work, and any HINTS to others planning similar activities. Don't overload your stories with lists of names and local detail, for "Matilda" serves a wide public.
4. If you are sending in a report or blocks which have already appeared in your local paper (although reports for local papers differ in approach to reports for "Matilda"), will you make sure that you have permission for the article or block to be reprinted in "Matilda". The laws of copyright are very strict, and it is easier for local people to contact the papers than for "Matilda" to do it. Please send "Matilda" the name and address of your paper that a copy of the relevant issue can be forwarded to the Editor in due course for his records.
5. When writing to "Matilda" would you please use the Editor's address (given in the Victorian Guiding Personnel List under Headquarters Appointments) and so save Headquarters having to re-address letters?

THANK YOU!

"SCHOOL" FOR A MILLION WINS

PAHLAVI LITERACY PRIZE

At a ceremony at U.N.E.S.C.O.'s Paris headquarters on 8th September to mark the third International Literacy Day, the Mohammad Reza Pahlavi Prize for outstanding work in adult literacy was presented to the Cambodian National Technical Committee for Literacy.

By unanimous decision of the selection jury, the \$5,000 prize, donated by the Shah of Iran, went to the Cambodian committee for "massive efforts and remarkable results" in a campaign to promote adult literacy and ensure participation in national development. Volunteer workers, including Buddhist monks, soldiers, civil servants and students, are participating in the campaign, which is supported by radio broadcasts and involves a million pupils meeting at the homes of local leaders, in pagodas or in the open air. The pupils contribute such things within their means as chalk for blackboards and oil for lamps and in the four years of the campaign a third of them have gained their primary certificates of literacy.

The jury, composed of H.I.H. Princess Asraf Pahlavi of Iran, Mr. Rodolfo Baron Castro of El Salvador, Secretary-General of the Iberian-American Office of Education, and Mr. Akale Work Habtewold, Ethiopian Minister of Education and Culture, also made honourable mention of seven institutions and one individual. He is the Rev. Charles T. Hein, an American pastor working in Togo. His remarkable scientific work, said the jury, had benefited several African countries and he had taken a direct part in the training of nearly a thousand literacy instructors.

Institutions commended included the **Summer Institute of Linguistics, Australia**, for work among 500,000 illiterates in Papua, New Guinea, and the Bombay Social Education Committee for decisive contributions to making 522,000 adults literate.

Two institutions praised for their work among women were the Nepal Women's Organization for integrating literacy work into the national development effort and the **Pakistan Girl Guides' Association**, which in ten years has set up a network of 82 literacy centres.

Systematic work in the Bambara tongue won a mention for the Technical Commission of Bambara, Mali, which is taking part in a pilot project in functional literacy, while the Tunisian Institute for Adult Education was commended for launching a national programme using experimental methods. Pioneer work also won a mention for Belgrade Television, Yugoslavia, which has made a "remarkable contribution" to audio-visual methods.

(U.N.E.S.C.O. FEATURES.)

RISK-TAKING

Some people are extremely cautious. They prefer to stay in well-trodden ruts rather than strike out into unfamiliar territory. They stick to what they know and are disinclined to attempt anything out of the ordinary. They refuse to put their necks out. Consequently they often stand still.

Others are at the opposite extreme. They are reckless to the point of foolhardiness. They live for the day, giving little thought for the morrow. Some are prepared to stake all on a wild gamble. Because they put their necks out too far they often get them chopped off.

Nevertheless, it remains true that progress can be made only if we are prepared to venture out and face the cold winds of risk.

No matter how thorough the preliminary calculations, no matter how well and carefully plans are laid, there will still remain an element of chance. There is always the unforeseeable, the unknown in the equation.

Life has a habit of playing tricks; it doesn't provide iron-clad guarantees of success for the enterprising, or, for that matter, of security for the ultra-cautious.

This doesn't mean that the prospects of success of any new project should not be soberly assessed. Only a fool will take a leap in the dark, with no idea where he is going to land.

Many people have opened up new worlds for themselves, have found a new interest in living, because they have been prepared to step out of accustomed ruts. The big prizes are, in the main, reserved for the adventurous.

Those who win rich rewards because of their willingness, to take risks, often, in the process, provide great benefits for society.

(From "Facts," published by the Institute of Public Affairs.)

ARURU-KOOBOORA

ARURA-KOOBOORA (Camp of the Young) was the name given to a group of Patrol Camps held at the Dimboola Guide Campsite, "Arura".

1st and 2nd Dimboola, Nhill and Warracknabeal Companies were represented, whilst 1st and 2nd Horsham Companies visited us and joined in a combined campfire on the Tuesday evening, and 1st and 2nd Dimboola Brownie Packs visited during the day.

In the first days of the camp we enjoyed glorious spring sunshine, and in the bushland setting of tall gum trees and wattle blossoms along the banks of the Wimmera

River (which winds round the campsite) we were the envy of all the visitors.

On Wednesday these feelings may have changed—that day Dimboola District received 3in. of rain which caused minor flooding. Although the camp WAS still habitable, the access road was almost impassable, and members of Dimboola Rotary provided transport out for us. Some of the Guides walked and were subsequently dried out at the Dimboola Guide Hall by members of the L.A.

Sunshine, fun, friendship, moonlit campfires, rain and an exciting finale of floods and rescue — Arura Kooboora became a very happy Guide memory. —L.R.



—Block by courtesy of "Dimboola Banner"

WARRANTS

A warm welcome is extended to the following:—

Region Commissioner:

Mrs. R. Hepburn, East Metropolitan.

Division Commissioners:

Mrs. J. Mills, Essendon; Mrs. J. A. Short, Assistant, Preston.

District Commissioners:

Mrs. I. P. O. Scott, Warmambool; Mrs. H. R. Buchecker, Robinvale; Mrs. R. M. Morcom, Broadmeadows; Mrs. G. W. D'Argaville, Monbulk; Mrs. B. W. Murray, Koo-wee-rup; Mrs. K. G. Bradley, Dandenong South; Mrs. J. W. R. Smith, Niddrie.

Registration:

Mulgrave L.A.

Captains:

Miss A. M. Spittle, 1st Creswick; Mrs. K. R. Mackrell, 2nd Corangamite South; Mrs. R. French, 1st Beac; Mrs. K. Livingston, 2nd Kerang; Mrs. R. A. Jackson, 1st Cardross; Mrs. H. Davis, 6th Preston East; Mrs. H. Downward, 2nd Mornington; Mrs. M. Rickards, 1st Barwon Heads; Mrs. J. V. Parker, 1st Quambatook; Miss D. Hargreaves, Cap., Stradbroke Cadet Coy.; Mrs. G. Fry, 1st Seaford Ranger Coy.; Mrs. S. Hay, 1st Glengarry; Mrs. T. A. Beagley, 1st Watsonia; Mrs. C. V. Tomsett, Doncaster Ranger Coy.; Mrs. A. Cook, 5th Camberwell.

Lieutenants:

Miss S. J. Caldwell, 1st Creswick; Miss L. McCready, 2nd Moorleigh; Mrs. E. D. Nixon, 4th Moorleigh; Miss H. L. Wilkinson, 4th North Balwyn; Miss C. A. Clark, 1st Moe; Miss J. Snape, 1st Nilma; Miss R. T. McPhee, S.R.S. Galatea, Essendon; Miss B. Begg, 1st Belgrave; Mrs. R. S. Frey, 3rd Moorleigh; Miss K. C. Fitzmaurice, 1st Plenty; Mrs. B. M. Hadaway, 3rd Sandringham; Mrs. G. Matheson, 1st Trentham; Mrs. D. Robertson, 2nd Herne Hill; Miss C. A. Semple, 1st West Heidelberg; Mrs. L. D. Elliott, 2nd Newborough; Mrs. E. P. Baker, 1st Orbost; Miss L. S. Tonkin, 1st Wedderburn.

Brown Owls:

Miss L. O'Meara, 1st Seymour; Mrs. R. Fowler, 1st Hawkesdale; Mrs. E. M. Savage, 1st Belmont; Miss J. Askew, 2nd Malvern; Mrs. B. Shaw, 1st Yallourn North; Mrs. W. E. J. Roper, 2nd Syndal; Mrs. E. P. Macqueen, 1st Springvale North; Mrs. J. Haslam, 1st Seaholme; Mrs. R. W. Missen, 1st Beac; Miss J. Lord, 1st Surrey; Mrs. J. C. Laidlaw, 1st Nullawarre; Mrs. M. Shalders, 1st Caramut; Mrs. A. Eden, 2nd Greythorn; Miss C. McAinch, 1st Yanakie; Mrs. R. Kemp, 2nd Emerald-Lakeside; Mrs. M. E. Squires, 1st Kilsyth; Mrs. F. J. Littlejohn, 1st Numurkah.

Tawny Owls

Mrs. R. C. Steele, 2nd Burwood; Mrs. E. J. Parr, 4th Moorleigh; Miss A. Garratt, 3rd Seymour; Mrs. W. I. Wilson, 1st Ferntree Gully; Miss M. G. Heazlewood, 5th Camberwell; Mrs. M. E. Rofe, 1st Heywood; Miss A. H. Poppins, 2nd Yarraville; Mrs. F. G. Cook, 1st Broadford; Mrs. O. Murray, 1st Yallourn South; Mrs. B. Adams, 1st Nathalia; Mrs. K. Uhe, 1st Murtoa; Miss J. M. Fraser, 2nd Oak Park; Mrs. R. McCallum, 2nd Red Hill; Mrs. R. Ferris, 2nd Emerald; Mrs. A. Dunkley, 3rd Moorabbin; Mrs. A. Martin, 3rd Niddrie; Mrs. E. Chapman, 1st Niddrie; Miss B. Minns, 1st Tyabb; Mrs. S. A. Denton, 2nd Ocean Grove; Mrs. M. Smith, 4th St. Kilda.

RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

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

Region Commissioner:

Mrs. W. J. S. Horsfall, East Metropolitan.

Division Commissioners:

Mrs. W. E. Wardell, Nunawading-Mt. Pleasant; Mrs. L. Holland, Swan Hill.

District Commissioners:

Mrs. B. Ralston, North Balwyn; Miss N. Pilkington, Fish Creek; Mrs. I. Southall, Monbulk.

Captains:

Mrs. G. Walker, 1st Melbourne South Yarra Cadet Coy.; Mrs. F. J. Yarwood, Lone A.R.F. Friendship; Mrs. K. W. Mullane, 1st Coburg South; Mrs. Callaway, 1st Lakes Entrance; Mrs. A. K. Nicholls, Doncaster Ranger Coy.; Mrs. L. D. Porter, 3rd Morwell.

Lieutenants:

Mrs. A. Cook, 5th Camberwell; Mrs. C. V. Tomsett, Doncaster Ranger Coy. (Land); Mrs. T. A. Beagley, 1st Watsonia; Mrs. S. Hay, 2nd Traralgon; Miss A. P. Silva, 2nd Springfield; Mrs. A. I. Muntz, 1st Nathalia.

Brown Owls:

Mrs. M. Smith, 4th St. Kilda; Mrs. J. T. S. Dennis, 1st Denison; Miss B. A. Askew, 2nd Malvern; Mrs. R. Stewart, 1st Trentham; Miss B. M. Evans, 3rd Morwell; Mrs. M. Colvin, 1st Grenville.

Tawny Owls

Mrs. F. J. Littlejohn, 1st Numurkah; Mrs. M. E. Squires, 1st Kilsyth; Mrs. R. Kemp, 2nd Emerald-Lakeside; Mrs. J. Davis, 1st Rosedale; Miss E. C. Wilson, 5th Camberwell; Mrs. J. Riviere, 4th Morwell.

COMMISSIONER RESIGNATIONS

APOLOGY . . .

We regret when listing the retirement of Mrs. Crawford, Cobden, in September the name of the District was incorrectly typed. We apologise for this oversight.

CONGRATULATIONS to the recipients of the following Awards:—

Thanks Badge:

Mrs. L. Mills, Carrum.

Long Service (Uniformed Personnel):

Silver Ribbon (25 years)—

Mrs. B. Conquest, Brunswick.

White Ribbon (15 years)—

Mrs. V. J. Harrop, Puckapunyal.

Miss B. E. Nichols, Hawthorn.

Long Service (Local Association):

Mrs. N. Davidson, Caulfield.

Mrs. V. Williamson, Caulfield.



YOUR GUIDE SHOP



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In Search of Charm	90c
Australian Wattles (in colour) ...	\$1.00
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(188 games and how to play them, including indoors and outdoors games for all age groups)



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(Revised under the New Programme, including helpful advice and recipes for Patrol Camping)	



The Poppies and Mandy	85c
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A Treasury of Australian Folk Tales and Traditions (pocket edition)	\$1.50
Challenge Book of Brownie Stories	\$2.45

Brownie Guide Notepaper in folder	50c
Brownie Guide Notebooks	12c
Brownie Guide Notepads	20c

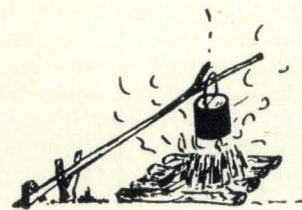


Brownie Guide Handkerchiefs	30c
Brownie Guide Jigsaws	\$1.10
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Brownie Toothbrush	25c
Brownie Guide Mugs	30c
Brownie Serviettes—	
Packet of 20	20c
Packet of 100	90c



Guide Notebooks	30c
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Guide Handkerchiefs	25c
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NOW AVAILABLE . . .
NEW GUIDER'S SUMMER HAT ... \$6.75



RANGER BRANCH

Congratulations—

Full Ranger Service Star—

Miss J. Parrott—S.R.S., Diamantina.

Miss A. McDonald, 19 Norris Street, Merlynston, 3058—5th Victorian Lones.



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Both Headquarters Offices and the Guide Shop will be closed from Thursday, 25th December, 1969, to Thursday, 1st January, 1970, RE-OPENING on Friday, 2nd January, 1970.

As the news of Miss Embling's death came to hand (see page 150), it is interesting to note these extracts from an old article on

"THE OFFICE FURNITURE AT H.Q., 60 MARKET STREET"

". . . Another generous friend, Miss Amy Embling, one of our early Guiders, gave the very comfortable desk-chair in which now sits the State Secretary, and the hand-made mat under the desk with "H.Q." worked into the design is also her gift.

Miss Embling gave many other things that have been a great comfort and convenience to the office staff—notably the carpet in the Secretary's office, an armchair (for our "leisure time," she said) and an electric kettle, as well as cups and saucers. This gift was the beginning of the twice-a-day cheering cup which is now a feature of our office existence, and in which many of our visitors have been able to join us.



Those who look at the notice-board on the South wall in the passage probably have no idea whence it came. This was a gift dating from the time when Miss Hogarth was State Secretary; I know Miss Sheila Hawkins, a Guide and then a Guider of those days, painted the design at the top. And another most interesting relic of our olden days is the waste-paper-tin. It is worth looking at; Sheila, with great ingenuity, painted it to represent a Guide in uniform, minus the head! You see the tie, lanyard, belt, whistle even! I feel I must rescue it now from oblivion and keep it where people may see it and where it will not get further batterings of use.

The sea-chest, now painted green, in the Meeting Pool, is another of Miss Embling's gifts, as are the typing chair of the Training Secretary, and one of the sets of bookshelves. Another set of shelves was "lent in perpetuity" (or thereabouts) by Miss Mary Mills, a former Victorian Guider of the early days, who went to N.S.W.



We are always going to do better tomorrow; and we would — if we started today.

THE GREAT AMERICAN FOUNDATIONS

The great private foundations of the United States have become a most important influence in charitable, educational, research and other activities throughout the world.

There are about 22,000 foundations with assets totalling \$US20,500 million. They distribute about \$1500 million a year out of the income from their investments.

The foundations have been formed from the fortunes of many of the men who started America's great corporations. The world's largest foundation — Ford — owns securities worth \$3700 million and spends \$260 million a year — about 80% within the United States and 20% abroad.

Large foundations, such as the Ford, Rockefeller and Kellogg, are helping to raise living standards in Africa, Asia and Latin America by sponsoring research into disease prevention and methods of raising productivity, particularly in agriculture.

The Carnegie Corporation, created in 1911 by the great steel magnate, Andrew Carnegie, has been assisting Australian universities, libraries and scholars for over 50 years. The Melbourne suburb of Rosstown was re-named Carnegie in honour of a grant to its library. In 1954 the Carnegie Corporation made a gift of \$220,000 to the C.S.I.R.O. to help erect a radio telescope in Sydney costing over \$1 million.

The assets of some of the larger foundations are shown below:—

Foundation	Total Assets \$US mill.
Rockefeller Oil	890
Duke Tobacco	629
Lilly Pharmaceuticals	580
W. K. Kellogg Breakfast Foods	435
Kresge Retail Stores	353
John A. Hartford Grocery Chain	352
Carnegie Steel	335
Alfred P. Sloan General Motors	329
Longwood Du Pont Chemicals	226

—From "Facts".



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