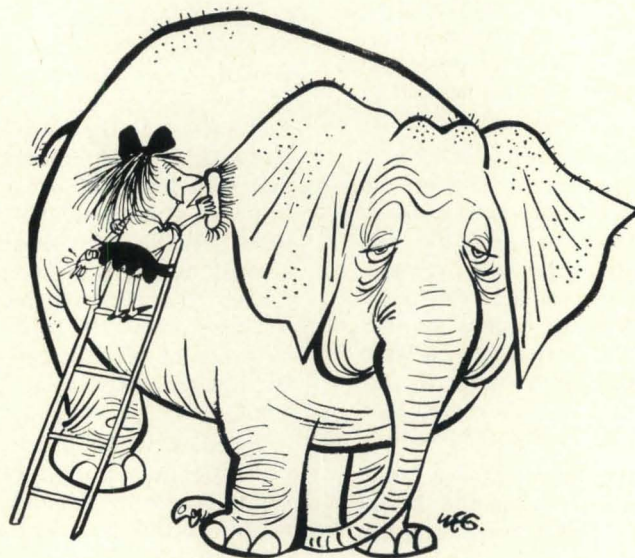


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FROM THE STATE COMMISSIONER

February is certainly the "beginning again" month and we all moved into our Guiding year with exceptional busyness, knowing that there is so much that we want to achieve during this period of our Diamond Jubilee. At Headquarters, from whence much of the planning starts, we have been occupied with all the details for the wonderful occasion when we shall be privileged to entertain H.R.H. the Princess Anne at 20 Russell Street, showing something of Australian Guiding and bringing to meet Her Royal Highness many Guides from all Sections. We are greatly honoured that our Movement is also invited to be represented at numerous other events during the visit of the Royal Family to Victoria.

Planning also continued during the holiday period and through February for Guiderama. I felt it a great privilege to be asked to make the presentation of the Award of the Red Kangaroo to Miss Yvonne James in recognition of the outstanding service which she has given to the Movement over a number of years, and it was fitting that such a large number of children were present for the occasion, as so much of Yvonne's service has been given direct to the Guides themselves.

What a thrill to see so many of our Guide family together. An official at the Music Bowl estimated that 25,000 were present. This was far in excess of the number expected. In a letter which I have received since, one Brownie Guide expressed surprise that there were so many Guides in the world! Congratulations and thanks to Mrs. Hepburn and her Committee upon the success of their efforts; also to Mrs. Risson for the enormous task of organising the "link". I hope that the "linkees" enjoyed the experience and that of the many new friendships made at this time a great number will last and grow down the years.

During February it was an especial pleasure for me to make informal tours in some Regions — meeting Commissioners on their home ground and learning at first hand of the way of life, problems and potentialities of the areas in which they assist Guiding to function. Having found this such an invaluable experience in the Mornington Peninsula, Goulburn and North Central Regions, I hope to take time during the next

few months to make similar visits in other areas of the State.

We enjoyed a visit from Lady Gibbs in the early part of the month, finding that she was up to date with events in Guiding in the United Kingdom and eager to know of our progress with the Eight-Point Programme.

The active group of professional women who form the Zonta Club of Melbourne kindly invited me to attend a luncheon party to meet the World President of Zonta, Mrs. Helvi Sipila. As Mrs. Sipila is also Chief Commissioner of the Union of Finnish Guides, I was naturally very grateful to have this opportunity. Also present was our Australian Chief Commissioner, Mrs. Price, already an old friend of Mrs. Sipila, who was hostess to the 1969 World Conference in Helsinki. Mrs. Sipila said this fulfilled what had long been her dream — to be in Australia on Thinking Day — just about the furthest possible point from her home. We regretted that it was not possible to arrange for her to participate in any ceremonies, but she was unable to leave Adelaide until the morning of the 22nd, so could not attend Guiderama and was in Victoria only for the one day.

Together with Bishop Cullinan and the Chief Commissioner for Scouts, I took the salute before the Annual Thinking Day Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral. The Mass was celebrated by His Grace, Bishop Cullinan, and the Rev. Fr. MacKay, Guide Catholic Religious Adviser, preached the sermon, in which he spoke of the service which he conducted at the Chapel at Britannia Park during Camp Southern Cross.

The Australian Conference of Trefoil Guild Advisers took place in our Headquarters and the Chief Commissioner opened the Conference on 23rd February. On the second day all speakers were from Victoria. More and more members of the Movement are joining Trefoil if they are unable for any reason to continue in active Units; groups of Rangers and others with common interests are forming Guilds — finding many ways to serve the Movement as well as continuing to give service in the community and living the "Guide way".

A Training for new Commissioners took place at Retreat House, Cheltenham, from

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THE WOMEN OF ICELAND . . . OR ANNA, EYGLO AND HELGA

By Solveig Eggerz

When asked to write about the women of Iceland my first feeling was despair and my first words, "What is there to write?"

Icelanders are more easily divided into age groups than it is to find great differences between the sexes — aside from the obvious ones. They all want the same things — a car, house, children and electric appliances of all sizes, sorts and shapes, and they're willing to work for them.

The Icelandic society is a very free one, offering equal opportunities to both sexes, and one sometimes sees women doing jobs considered predominantly male jobs, such as tending gas stations and running farm machinery. Of the jobs requiring education: geologists and architects.

In few places in the world is there as much social freedom for women as in Iceland, which means that there is nothing strange in women going out to night clubs and dance halls in the accompaniment of other girls. In fact, many girls prefer to go out this way because they know they will meet only friends at the various night spots, anyway.

Recently, an American couple spending 24 hours in Iceland asked two young Icelandic women, what do people do here, anyway? Their answer was, "All the things that everyone else does in the world. We are nurses, teachers, lawyers. We run ships and work in banks."

It's misleading, however, to think that Icelandic women fill a great range of jobs on the work market, because the Icelandic society is accepted by her female citizens as a

strange package of self-imposed restrictions and far-reaching freedoms.

For example, the society doesn't hinder women from entering politics, but for some reason the Icelandic Althing — the world's oldest Parliament — has only one female member in a legislative body of 60 members. The German Parliament has 34 female members to 518 males, a much larger percentage.

The women of Iceland, as in many other European countries, tend to cluster around a small number of job types. They become nurses, not doctors, secretaries not lawyers, teachers not professors.

Of the ever-increasing number of women who enter the secondary school — a preparatory school for the university — only a small percentage go on to the university and an even smaller group take an exam. The most popular subjects for women are languages and the most frequently taken exam, is the Bachelor of Arts, because this leads to the coveted female position of teacher.

Compared to female teachers, there are so few males that the schools fight over them and rush them to the top of the school before their seniority or ability merits it, causing a sore spot with many of the bypassed women.

"Icelandic women are apolitical. All they do is drink coffee and gossip," a recent visitor (a woman) stated publicly in Reykjavik, putting herself out of favour quickly.

If the women are so busy drinking endless cups of coffee, one wonders how they find time to fill their homes with sewn, woven, knitted and crocheted handicrafts (one woman had an "art show" of woven rugs recently).

They do it by bringing their arguments, gossip and handiwork to the regular sewing club meetings. Although apolitical, Icelandic women are political in the sense that all working women are political, and these attributes blend about as smoothly as an Icelandic glacier with a volcano when the sewing club gals gather.

With heavily cream-laden Scandinavian cakes and pancakes in the background, fine crochet between their hands and tiny tots between their legs young women today (usually old classmates) meet frequently to discuss the good old days and the rough present. When politics are discussed the government is denounced quickly and thoroughly, and then one reverts to the favourite subject — since all are teachers — school politics.

Common complaints are tossed from one woman to the next, such as “the male teachers are better paid. Why are all the school directors males?”

Frequent jabs are made at the lack of kindergartens in Reykjavik, a great necessity because so many mothers work. Since the state is not building fast enough to accommodate the great number of children, word is out that some women are planning to establish private kindergartens, so that young mothers will not have to burden the grandparents with the child during the day.

What in this land of leftists and birth control pills for all, causes the great number of young mothers? Of the Nordic countries, only Greenland has a higher percentage of infants born to teenage mothers.

The romanticism of young motherhood, so fitting in the house-help oriented countries of Latin America, in Iceland turns quickly into raw realism while the baby is still at a tender age. As a result of the devaluation of the English pound and a sometimes creeping, sometimes raging inflation, most mothers are forced to work at least half a day towards the coveted family car or even for a vacuum cleaner.

Since Iceland has never participated in any population decimating wars and the “toll of the sea” is diminishing somewhat with the arrival of better ships, there are slightly more men than women in the population and, as Mr. Aki Peturson of the Ice-

land Statistics Bureau put it, “the men here fight over the women”.

This doesn't mean that the men in Iceland are generally in awe of the women. Some female office workers complain that their male colleagues are really marionettes, with the wife pulling all the strings at home. The office girls say that while the men pay no attention to their advice on office matters, the wife only has to ring up the office and the rest of the staff can observe while he turns into a jellyfish and answers in a series of “yes dears”.

In Iceland there's a great rush on glamour jobs such as those involving television, radio and travel. In fact, it's said that during Viking times the most widely travelled woman in the world was the Icelandic settler, Auour Ketilsdottir djupuoga, who came from Ireland.

The same longing to sail the seas has been replaced by the young girl's dream to fly the heavens. In a truly atheistic country such as Iceland, this has nothing to do with an angelic after-life, but means an airlines stewardess position.

No doubt the insular isolation of Iceland is the cause of this and is also the reason for the great number of applicants for pilot training, but the two airlines — Icelandair and Icelandic Airlines — generally succeed in accommodating them.

As far as the theatre goes, women have been quite successful, but in the new Icelandic television they've not done nearly so well — they haven't advanced beyond announcing the programmes which are in turn directed by males.

Icelandic women are housewives, not socialites, well dressed but not frivolous. Contrary to these common-sense leanings, high fashion can often be perceived faster in the brisk winds and rains of Reykjavik than in countries far closer to Paris.

Since the hearts of many Icelandic girls beat to the tune of Chanel and Givenchy, the arrival of the maxi coat was a great relief to the frozen legs of the mini, mini era — an outfit that's difficult to wear with a smile except a few days a year in Iceland's crisp climate.

If the Icelandic woman appears subdued it's because she is calm in the knowledge

that she is at least an equal — never a lesser partner in her dealings with the other sex. Perhaps there is a direct bond between Iceland's "weaker sex" of today and those mighty women of the 11th and 12th century Icelandic sagas who — even in those times — were often featured as heroines with personalities every bit as strong as the men.



THINKING-THANKING DAY

Maybe you would be interested in what we cooked up for Thinking Day this year — THINKING-THANKING DAY. We are urging every Scout — all ages including adults — to take this date to send out thank yous to all those who have helped them in some way in Scouting during the past year. We are not a large Council — only 4000 members distributed over a very large area of small towns and much country living, but we hope that the impact of ALL of us sending our greetings on 22nd February will make our little post offices take notice that we are around and will bring joy to the hearts of all those who will be thought of for that day.

It is very beautiful here this winter — much snow, VERY cold, and many days when it is unbelievably magnificent just to look out the window and see the winter all around us. We can see no other houses from ours. We ski right out from the basement, and the nights have been so bright that we can plainly see our trail for an hour and a half or more in the woods behind our pond. We are truly blessed.

—From Ann Maurin, West Bend, Wisconsin, U.S.A., in a letter to the Editor.

HAIL AND FAREWELL

To Mrs. F. S. Catomore, who has now completed an extended term of office as Chairman, Victorian Awards Sub-Committee, we express our deep appreciation for her untiring service in this capacity. Mrs. Catomore, with a small Sub-Committee (Mrs. G. O. Reid, retired, and Mrs. A. N. Fox) has been responsible for receiving and assessing applications for Awards and submitting appropriate recommendations to the Executive Committee for consideration.

At the invitation of the Executive Committee, Mrs. N. Richards, who is very well known to all sections of the Movement for her outstanding work as Organiser of the tours of the new Headquarters building, has accepted the appointment as Mrs. Catomore's successor.

Mrs. Richards joined the Movement as a Brownie, later coming back to give service as a Local Association member and District Commissioner. She is a member of the State Council and Executive Committee, and many will remember her also as a very active worker for the Headquarters Building Appeal.

In saying farewell and expressing gratitude to Mrs. Catomore, we welcome Mrs. Richards and extend good wishes for her new form of service to the Guide Movement in Victoria.



A REASONABLE REQUEST?

"Please send me everything you have on conservation, food problems of man, man's effects on environment, soil, water, forests, biological and chemical control of pests, wildlife, and send them as quick as possible because of a school project that has soon to be handed in" (this was no trouble at all — we merely sent the writer of this letter all 20 volumes of Encyclopedia Britannica and the bookcase which goes with them.—Ed.).

—From "Fur, Feathers and Fins".



SERVICE

JUBILEE

With the use of years, words change their meanings in the most fascinating manner. "Jubilee" is a word one might expect to be related to the Latin word for a shout of joy, which is familiar to us in the Christmas carol, "In dulce jubilo". But in fact "jubilee" derives from a Jewish word, quite as old, which was also a signal for rejoicing.

The original meaning of the word jubilee can be found in the Old Testament, and it applied to every fiftieth year amongst the Israelites. During that year all those who, through poverty, had lost their land had it restored to them; those who had had to hire themselves out were released from their bondage, and debts were remitted. The basic idea was that the earth belonged to the Lord and that no man should profit from the misfortunes of his brother.

Today, jubilee still means rejoicing, but only in the sense that it is used of the Diamond Jubilee of Guiding, celebrating sixty years of the growth of a great Movement. It has nothing to do with restoring land to the dispossessed: and indeed we start this new decade with every prospect of dispossessing ourselves of the entire globe. If we continue to ignore the warnings of both scientists, humanists, and of practical men everywhere, it seems we may so pollute and denude this earth that by the turn of the century it will really not be fit to live on.

During this year we hope to bring you some practical notes on conservation. Not that this can be a one-year plan. On the contrary, it is a long-term project that must be made to succeed if man is to survive. But the new decade of the 'seventies is perhaps as good a starting point as we can hope for; any later will be too late. If we become conscious now of our responsibility for what today is called "the total environment" we shall be doing something towards celebrating jubilee in the ancient as well as the modern sense.

—From the "Platypus".

THE AGE OF MAJORITY

A Bill to reduce the age of majority from 21 to 18 in the broad field of civil law has been introduced in the Northern Ireland Parliament. And some interesting information emerged when the second reading of the Bill was moved by the Minister in the Senate.

There was nothing magical or sacrosanct about the choice of 21 as the age of majority, he said. In fact, it appeared to have come about by historical accident.

Mr. Andrews went on: "The Latey Committee carried out a considerable amount of research into this and discovered that 21 was the age at which a young knight was deemed capable of wearing a full suit of armour and wielding a sword or lance at the same time. Persons of lesser degree came "of age" as soon as they were capable of carrying out whatever employment they were to take up. Gradually, however, the law for the gentry became the common law and 21 became the general age of majority."

The Minister added that it seemed strange that the weight of armour in the 11th century should govern the age at which a person could, for instance, marry without consent or get a mortgage today.

—From "Ulster Commentary".

STATE COMMISSIONER—Continued.

27th February to 1st March. I met the group as they gathered at Headquarters — Mrs. Kirkman went to Cheltenham on Saturday evening and Miss Shaw on Sunday.

My Guiding month ended with a visit to the Scout Campsite at Memorial Drive, Plenty, when Guides, Brownie Guides, Scouts and Cubs combined in a Field Day which they called the Diamond Valley Scide Gathering. The organisers did a terrific job, and it was a most happy and successful afternoon.

I'm still planning and I look forward to the many exciting events and happenings which will take place during 1970, but, most of all, to hearing of the wonderful service which I know will make our diamond really sparkle.

Best wishes to each and every one of you.

Charlotte Pershaw Jones

TO WAKE ALIVE IN THIS WORLD: WHAT HAPPINESS!

I have to admit that the thought of it made me more than a little nervous. The task? To act as "courier" for a group of 26 New Zealanders — handicapped and helpers — for six days on a bus trip which would cover over 500 miles, taking us to Sydney via the Snowy and Canberra. I need not have worried; in fact, the experience turned out to be one of the richest and most rewarding of my life.

We were certainly a mixed bunch: 14 handicapped girls and Guiders, Jennie, our physiotherapist, Flo, Rei and Pat our nurses, Mrs. Haylock our leader, and seven other staff members. We had a wide range of handicaps in the group, including blindness, artificial legs, partial deafness, spasticity and wheelchair cases.

Since I had never worked with handicapped people before, I was interested to see how the focus changes when one travels with a group such as this. Minor hazards, which would not even be noticed by an active group, become major ones. Even getting off and on the bus for a toilet stop is a big undertaking. Buildings and accommodation are seen from a different perspective; how many steps has the entrance? How wide are the doorways? Can we get wheelchairs through? What are the washing and drying facilities? Can you provide boiled water? Could you lend us a plastic basin?

Gradually a new awareness dawned on me, one for which I am very grateful. Before being with the New Zealanders, I had seen handicapped people, as most of us do, through a haze of pity. Such pity distorts one's view and allows one to see only the disability and not the real person behind it. Soon I realised that Margaret, though she lacked control of her movements and found speech difficult, was underneath a bright girl with a marvellous sense of humour; that Elizabeth, despite her jerky and erratic movements, was a kind and loving person; and that Felicity was just like any other girl who loved pretty clothes and needed affection. I also rid myself of another mistaken impression: I used to think that handicapped people were brave in the sense of "grinning and bearing it". Their sort of courage is not that at all, but rather a

matter-of-fact acceptance of their disability (just as we might accept hay fever or the necessity of wearing glasses) and an eagerness to get on with the business of living life to the full. It's the same zest for living which prompted Helen Keller to say, "Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see the shadow". They took joy in such small things — ordering from a menu, staying at a motel, shopping in Manly, seeing the city lights. Can you imagine —

- Twenty-six New Zealanders (wheelchairs and all!) streaming from a bus and converging en masse on souvenir shops?
- Motel drying rooms which looked like Chinese laundries (these New Zealanders are inveterate washerwomen!)?
- Eyes wide at the sedate beauty of Canberra by day and at the glitter of Sydney by night?
- Parcels, parcels and still more parcels appearing on the bus at each stop?

There was so much laughter and friendship. The girls' enjoyment of the experience was made all the more intense because such things had never been enjoyed before and might not be again.

There were more than a few misty eyes as the party boarded the Auckland plane in Sydney. For me it meant the end of five of the most worthwhile days of my life; for the contingent, the end of three weeks in Australia; for Mrs. Haylock and her helpers the end of five years of hard work and planning. Was it worth it? Undoubtedly, YES. One of us was confronted by someone who asked, "What's the point of bringing out a person like that? (pointing to a spastic girl). She couldn't get anything out of it, surely?" Such people see the wrapping without seeing what's in the parcel. The person inside the crippled body thinks and feels and experiences and suffers just as keenly as you do. Our helpers appreciated this and they assisted with care and warmth and without condescension. No help was imposed when it wasn't needed.

I am proud to have been part of such a wonderful group of people. My thanks to each and every New Zealander on the trip for letting me share so fully in the experience and a big "thank you" to the Extension Section for giving me the opportunity to be part of it.

—Janet Cole.

❁❁❁❁❁ GUIDERAMA ❁❁❁❁❁

Deer Park District enjoyed "Guiderama" very much, and would like to pass their appreciation on to all who took part in it. The spectacle of the lighted candles will be remembered by the girls for many years to come.

So enthused were some of the Guide leaders that, on counting "heads" and ensuring that all their girls were present, they gave the O.K. to their driver to set the bus going for home. Someone casually glancing out of a window noticed their District Commissioner, accompanied by a couple of Local Association members, still coming along the footpath. For a moment . . . "panic" . . . then . . . "Quick, stop the driver! There's our District Commissioner out there!"

—M.T., Deer Park District.



Ebeling Division Brownies getting ready to present the Greek dance they learnt from the Greek Guides and Rangers of Central Metropolitan for Guiderama.

—Blocks by courtesy
Footscray "Mail".





CAMP SOUTHERN CROSS . . . THANKS AND APPRECIATION

Back now in their home corners of Australia, and the 22 countries that shared Camp Southern Cross with us, Guides are still enjoying thinking and talking about all the fun and happiness of that wonderful camp; and they will go on remembering it vividly and enjoying friendships formed there for many, many years.

I, too, am still thinking and talking about and remembering it, and remembering all those who took parts, large and small, in bringing our International Camp to pass.

There were SO many facets of life in our "Southern Cross" world for which somebody had to be responsible, from the planning stage years ago until the last piece of equipment and the last visitor had been returned to its and her rightful place. Everybody's job was important in itself and in its relationship with that of everybody else, but to Miss Enid Bunning, who so capably carried the overall responsibility for this huge organisation, I would offer very special thanks and appreciation.

She has thanked, on behalf of the Australian Association, all who assisted her, from within and outside the Movement, and she is here passing on the gratitude of the campers in the words of a representative selection, but I would like to emphasise just a few outstanding leadership contributions.

While it was a truly Australian Camp in responsibility shared, as well as in attendance, the Hostess State, Victoria, was, of course, particularly heavily involved, and Miss Margaret Mellor as Chairman of its Committee, deserves great credit for the meticulous arrangements, likewise Miss Peg Barr, assistant to Miss Bunning and Camp-fire Leader.

It was, thanks to contributions from many of you, that we were able to have so many exciting visitors before, after and in camp — but without the devoted care and labour of Mrs. Steche, Australian International Commissioner, and Mrs. Farrow, International Representative of the Hostess State, and their helpers, this could not have been organised.

The camp booklet will fill in many other names that I would like to mention, and they would be multiplied over and over if I were to include ALL I would like to mention, but as your magazine needs space for other things, will each person concerned please accept individually my "THANK YOU from Australia".

Joyce E. Price

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Since Camp Southern Cross, many letters have been received from both Guides and Guiders, from various States of Australia and from overseas. Many asked that their thanks be passed on to all people concerned. The following series of quotations attempts to do just that:—

"Australia must be very proud of its Guiders for making the camp so successful".

"I can appreciate the tremendous efforts of many people to ensure the smooth running of such an undertaking".

"I should like to pay a tribute to my Group Leader, and I cannot speak too highly of my staff".

"I would be pleased if you could pass on to the people responsible for Equipment, Q.M.'ing, Craft, Pioneering and Hospital our appreciation of a job very well done".

"Please pass on our thanks to the rest of your team".

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"Thank you and your Planning Committee and the Central Staff . . . all the people who worked so very hard for us".

"The food was particularly good. I even brought home slides of the delicious salads our Q.M. had the Guides prepare".

"Our Guides found the Pioneering a challenge. We do not do that kind of activity here".

"Craft was grand. I found it fascinating to watch the copper enamelling".

"My Company has been very interested in the items and different songs I learnt. Thank you and all the people who helped".

"The Endeavour Challenge was a great success".

"I have learnt much and hope in a small way I have left something behind in the exchange of ideas".

"I made many new friends, both from interstate and from overseas, and I hope one day to be able to travel and meet them again".

"To whom do I say 'thank you' for the lovely mess kit I received? It was a very happy thought from wherever".

"Thank you for the many gifts we received and for the beautiful gift to our country. It is most unusual and very attractive".

"Our Guides had a wonderful time not only during the camp. The hospitality enjoyed by them both before and after the camp period was something they will remember and speak of for years to come".

"Your hospitality in Victoria has been overwhelming".

"I think the Guides' Own Service impressed me as much as anything . . . that so many nationalities could join together".

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"I met the contingent when it arrived in early on Wednesday morning and they were all so excited and happy, everyone talking at once to me. We brought them home here to wait for further planes, and I thought they would all go to sleep, as they must have been very tired, but not them — they talked and talked, and it was such a thrill listening to everything. What a wonderful time their hostesses gave them, too, and how kind everyone was.

"We would be glad if you would thank the Camp Committee on our behalf. Australian Guiding has certainly given Papua-New

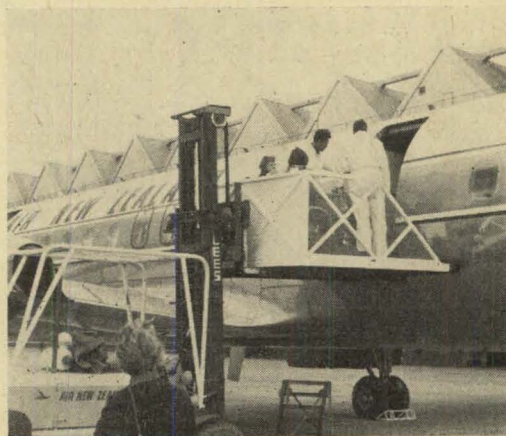
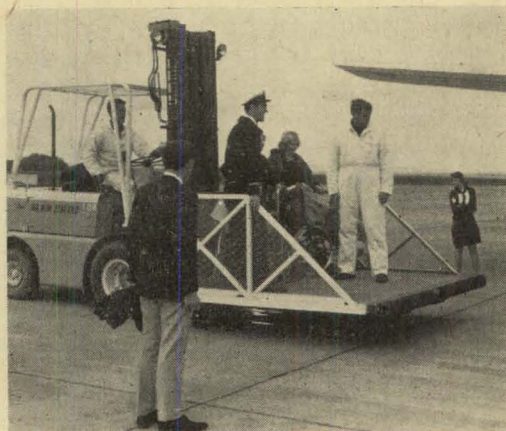
Guinea Guides a most wonderful experience, one which they will talk about for years. They have learnt SO MUCH, the value of which we will never be able to assess. They did so many things which are quite impossible to do up here — ride on a train, on an elephant, eat fruit like plums, apricots, ride a horse, see T.V., and MIX with so many different people, just to mention a few.

"So, once more, thank you, the camp staff, hostesses, Hospitality Committee and everyone concerned."

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"I think the general spirit of the camp was fabulous . . . Guiding as it should always be".

"If the world could only be run like Camp Southern Cross, what a happier place it would be!"



New Zealand Extensions boarding their plane for Australia.

DEAR COMMISSIONERS, L.A.'S, GUIDERS, GIRLS . . .

We would have loved to write a personal thank you note to you all, but obviously this would have been a mammoth task, and the postage involved would be better employed as a "starter" for our NEXT International Camp!

My telephone has stopped ringing — at least on hospitality — and the postman is looking more rested, but both of us agree it was well worth our small contributions to Camp Southern Cross.

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"Our last young guest has just departed by plane for her home country, and all of a sudden there is such a gap — and Camp Southern Cross and the accompanying hospitality is over. Wasn't it wonderful? From the many letters and telephone calls we have received we know you have all enjoyed this experience, but we do thank each and everyone for your wonderful co-operation, and for giving each of our overseas visitors such a marvellous time.

"From the 'buckets of farewell tears' we know how these young people endeared themselves to you and you to them — they really loved their 'Aussie Mums and Dads'.

"May we also offer a special 'thank you' to all the kind people who offered hospitality, but who, due to lack of numbers, could not receive one of our overseas guests — we are truly sorry, but do hope you were able to at least meet some of them at District functions or at camp.

"It has certainly been a satisfying experience for us, promoted by your enthusiasm and friendliness — it was so good to meet so many of you at the stations, airport, bus terminal, etc., and we should like to say again, 'thank you for a super job well done!'

"Do hope you all enjoyed our visitors as much as we did."

Yours-in-Guiding,

—Della Hutchinson,
Convener for Hospitality.

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3rd Jordanville Pack worked very hard on handcraft to sell on a stall at the Combined Fancy Dress Parade to raise funds to help Camp Southern Cross funds. Mums kindly donated cakes, and we were able to raise over \$50.

NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mid February saw the first Executive Committee meeting of the Victorian Guide Association for 1970.

And a long meeting it was . . .

One of the main items to be considered was the Agenda for the Australian Executive Committee meeting to be held in March, 1970. These meetings are held three times a year and seem to come round more quickly each time with longer Agendas. This time items for discussion cover: Consideration of a National Development Scheme to be conducted at Australian level; reports from Camp Southern Cross; programme for the 1971 visit of the British Chief Commissioner; consideration of Australia's participation in a World Seminar on Public Relations and Finance and for Australia's International Training for Trainers; thoughts on Australian appointments now falling due; thoughts on our World Centres and how best Australia can help them; thoughts, too, on the events within Australia for the next three-year plan.

Other matters for discussion at our meeting included the Victorian Constitution — to which the new programme means many amendments; the appointment of Mrs. N. E. Richards as Chairman of the Victorian Awards Committee; reports from the Y.O.A.C. Committee and the Trefoil After-School Club; finance reports of course and ratification for the use of the Association's Seal; reports that Miss D. Hargreaves, with Miss J. Donaldson of N.S.W., will represent Australia at the Falk Memorial Training Conference at our Chalet in July. . . . And a lot of homework to be done for the next meeting in March!

A recent letter from Canada told how sometimes Guide meetings have to be postponed or cancelled . . . when the weather is cold, for instance. Cold? Last year in one month the temperature rose to a maximum of —6 (minus 6) degrees and there was nearly a fortnight where the minimum temperature was below —30 (minus 30) degrees. The Guider who received the letter didn't feel so badly then about planning an outdoor activity in a temperature of only 58 degrees!

GUIDING IN SWEDEN

To understand Scouting and Guiding in Sweden, one must first know something about the country and the environment in which the people live.

Sweden is a long and narrow country with an area approximately twice that of Victoria. The north is cold and barren, the centre is covered in thick forests and the south is rich farming land dotted with hundreds of lakes and streams. Warmed by the Gulf Stream, it is a land rich in natural beauty. The population of Sweden is only 7½ million, an increase of half a million since the end of the Second World War, in which Sweden was able to remain neutral. It has a very high standard of living, the highest in Europe. Because Sweden has not suffered the population explosion many other countries are experiencing, Sweden's youth is much better catered for than the youth of Australia, especially in the field of education.

In 1527, King Gustavus Vasa enforced the Lutheran Reformation, since when Sweden has had a Lutheran State Church. Everybody must pay church tax, whether Jew, Catholic or Greek Orthodox, since the state clergy is partly responsible for recording vital statistics.

A land of lakes, rivers, mountains, forests, areas of wilderness as well as areas rich in fauna, Sweden is truly a land well suited to Scouting and Guiding.

There are 80,706 Scouts and 74,746 Guides organised into six separate Associations. Each Association has male and female leaders at all levels of administration. The Chief Commissioner of each Association could be either male or female, but the deputy must be of the opposite sex. This system of male and female leadership is carried through each Association down to the Senior Scout Section. It is only in the Senior Section that boys and girls meet together. The Cubs, Brownies, Scouts and Guides, although belonging to the same Group, meet separately because these sections have little in common. A Scout Group could have anything from five to ten sections with Cubs, Brownies, Scouts, Guides and Senior Scouts. Many Groups have more

than one of each section. Each Group has a Group Scoutmaster, Deputy Scoutmaster (one must be male and the other female), two Assistant Group Scoutmasters and Secretary. The age groups are approximately the same as ours except there are no Ranger or Rover Sections. The Seniors are in the 15 to 19 age group. Some Groups have an Old Scout Section, which is more like the Association of former Guides and Scouts. In Sweden the word "Scout" could mean either a boy or girl; it was adopted from the English language when the Guide and Scout Associations joined together and dropped the equivalent words for Scout and Guide.

For a number of years Swedish Scouting has given considerable attention to the helping of handicapped young people. Large fund-raising efforts have been conducted within, and outside, the Scout Movement to help blind, deaf and crippled children. The Scout Movement has even allocated some money to the Government for work among delinquent youth.

Another feature of Swedish Scouting is the training courses, conducted by full-time Scout executives, for youth employed in industry. Known as "good-manner courses", they give information about society and how to live with it.

Confirmation camps are an activity which has been most successful. Every summer some 30 camps each take about 30 boys and girls for four weeks and give them religious training as well as Scout training.

On the lakes and rivers and on the sea you will find numerous Scout boats, ranging from the specially designed "Scoutsnipa", a small combined sailing and rowing boat, to large sea-cruisers for real seamen. Sweden is also one of the few countries where the dream of a special Troop Headquarters and Patrol dens has been realised. Local groups also very often have a lodge somewhere not too far from the town. The wintry climate gives the opportunity for some real hard Scouting in the high mountains.

Nearly all activities, except for a few special hikes, are co-educational. The Swedes consider the Scout and Guide Movement as one family, and it functions that way. They don't consider it good manners for the boys

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REUNION G.G.

Lady Baden-Powell once said to the writer, then a young mother with a babe in arms and a toddler at foot, "Once a Guide, ALWAYS a Guide!"

This was well borne out at H.Q. on Sunday, 1st March, when active, young (or not so young) Guiders mingled with past and Trefoil members to celebrate Jubilee year. About 200 were present, a tribute to Guiding — coming from town and country. Among them some not so young (life begins at 60, girls!) and some Extension Section members, including, of course, some GUIDE dogs. Others were in the uniform of attractive blue.

What chatter! Reminiscences of old associations were exchanged and hilarious laughter ensued, especially when photographs were shown. Whoever said the maxi was NEW?

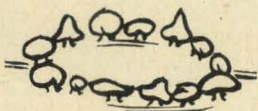
Welcomed by the Convener, Mrs. A. Heard, a highlight of the afternoon was the recording of Lady B.P. reading the lesson from Corinthians 1, Chapter 13, in Westminster Abbey on her 80th birthday — ending with "and now abides Faith, Hope and Charity, these three — but the greatest of these is Charity."

Ann Lloyd, a Guide from 1st Hampton Company, told of the actions and reactions to the new Eight-Point Programme, which began on 23rd September, 1969, and the interest it has created with incentives to greater individual effort.

Mrs. P. Gray, Convener of Britannia Park, told of the garden party to be held in October, proceeds of which will go towards the Thank You Chalet, and asked everyone to do their best to make it a success.

Tea was served and donations towards it were given to the Chalet Fund. Renewed chatter and renewal of old Guiding friendships concluded a wonderful "Reunion G.G."

—B.W.



THE STORY OF THE POSTCARD'S FIRST 100 YEARS

The postcard is one of those everyday objects we all tend to take for granted. Yet, while the letter is as ancient as writing itself, the postcard is a modern invention which was first introduced by the Austrian Post Office on 1st October, 1869.

Success was immediate: during the last three months of 1869, over three million postcards were sold by Austrian post offices; and when the new invention was introduced in Britain just one year later, police were called out to control the milling crowds outside the London General Post Office.

At first, the postcard was only accepted for inland mails; but as early as 1874, it became internationally respectable under the terms of the first International Postal Convention, and since then the postcard has never looked back.

The inventor was a 29-year-old Austrian economist, Emmanuel Herrmann. In spare moments from teaching and writing textbooks, Herrmann turned his hand to journalism, and in one article, published on 26th January, 1869, in the Vienna "Neue Freie Presse", he put forward his idea for "a new kind of postal correspondence".

The article was read by the Austrian Postmaster-General, Dr. von Maly, who immediately grasped the significance of the idea and set about putting it into effect. Herrmann's suggestions that the postal charge should be only 2 Kreuzers (as opposed to 5 Kreuzers for a letter), and that the stamp should be printed on the postcard, were both accepted: these were the points which made his proposal so original and accounted for its world-wide success. Four years earlier, the Postmaster-General of the North German Union, von Stephan, had also put forward the idea of a postcard, but with the same tariff as a letter: the proposal was turned down, and von Stephan was eventually to adopt the Austrian system.

It is difficult for us nowadays to understand the immediate and widespread popularity of the postcard when it was first introduced. Printed on brownish paper (so as not to show the dirt), the first Austrian card had an impersonal, almost official

aspect. Women, we are told, disliked them, both on account of their appearance and their lack of privacy.

But in those days there was no telephone, and in the many circumstances when only a few sentences were required, the postcard really came into its own: not only was it much cheaper, but it was also much less formal than a letter, and so demanded less care and time in its composition. People also began to write postcards under circumstances when no letter would have been written at all otherwise, and this was one argument put forward by Herrmann to show that the Post Office would gain and not lose revenue through its introduction.

A solution for the lazy correspondent? Perhaps. But the postcard is also an invention well suited to modern man, who is generally busier and less concerned with formality than his forebears. And there was another strikingly "modern" aspect of the early postcards: their standard size. Even in those days, this made for easier handling. Today, with the introduction of mechanical sorting, standardisation has become much more important and widespread, but a standardised article in 1869 was revolutionary indeed, and certainly went far to justifying its reduced tariff.

Over the last 100 years the popularity of the postcard has been modified by two new developments: the telephone and the picture postcard. While the former led to a decline in the use of postcards to transmit information, the latter, when it was internationally admitted in 1894, quickly led to an international craze that has still not entirely subsided. In the early 1900's families all over the world collected albums of picture postcards; the peak was perhaps reached in 1904, when, in the United Kingdom alone, 16 million postcards were being posted **every week!**

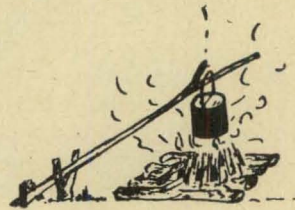
But though the fashion for collecting waned with the First World War, the postcard lost none of its popularity. Between 1914 and 1918 it was used by all the belligerents to spread propaganda for their cause and publicise appeals to the public to buy war bonds; by each of the different armies as a means of keeping their soldiers in touch with their loved ones, and after the war by the prisoners-of-war organisations. It thus became a valuable means for ordinary sol-

diers, who often did not have the time or even the ability to write long letters, to send home by the million the brief messages which meant so much, and which, without the postcard, might never have been sent at all.

After the war, with the increase in travelling, it was the turn of the view-card to take the ascendancy, and this is a branch of the postcard trade which has been booming ever since.

View-cards, souvenir cards, humorous cards, New Year cards, sentimental cards; reply-paid postcards, field postcards, prisoner-of-war postcards, business postcards, art postcards; political, propaganda, amorous or vulgar postcards . . . the descendants of the Herrmann "Correspondenz-Karte" are like sand on the seashore. Their popularity seems permanently assured, and ever since the international introduction, many years ago, of the lowest postal tariff for cards with only five words of greeting, they have remained the cheapest — and most colourful — way of "keeping in touch" with absent friends everywhere.

—By Edgar Broadbent,
from Unesco Features.



KEEP A DREAM IN THE MAKING

Keep some little dream in the making
If youth you would like to hold.
Old Father Time is defeated by dreams—
A dreamer never grows old.

For dreams have a way of quickening
The heart, and the years pass you by,
You can always tell the man with a dream
By the ageless gleam in his eye.

So keep a small dream in the making,
It needn't be big or bold—
Just some little dream to beckon you on
And you'll never, no never, grow old.

—Helen Lowie Marshall.

TRAINING PAGES



DEAR "MATILDA",

I now realise that the Eight-Point Programme is Guiding, but all the girls are doing different activities! How do I keep track of each girl and chart their progress?

—M.M.

BROWNIE SECTION

DEAR M.M.,

Your problem of how to assess and evaluate and record the progress of each of your Brownie Guides is one which you share with many, and one which each Brownie Leader will meet and solve in her own way.

During the weeks known as "The Pre-Promise Stage", we have our first opportunity to assess and evaluate the Brownie Guide. With less to teach in this stage than hitherto we can now spend more time getting to know each individual. (And here the wisdom of limiting the number of recruits you take in becomes apparent.)

Discussions with the girl, arising from activities centred round Promise, Law Good Turn, Motto, can be very revealing as to her spiritual growth, her attitudes, and her mental capabilities. . . . Learning how to wear and care for her uniform can give an indication of her home background. This also is the time when a new relationship begins. You are getting to know the girl and SHE is getting to know YOU! Your fairness in dividing your time amongst the Pack, your courtesy towards her, that you expect from her the best that she can do, that you accept her for what she is and that you trust her. . . . This is the beginning of your assessment of that particular child, and it grows and expands throughout her Pack life as you watch her change, develop and mature.

Can we possibly allow the child of 7 to 10 to set her own standards and still expect the Movement to retain the reputation and respect it has earned in the community? Here we must remember that "Guiding is

for the girl" and not vice versa. Our concern is the development of the individual. But we owe it to the Movement that the girl who claims membership and wears its uniform should be worthy of its heritage.

At first a Brownie Guide will gravitate towards the parts of the journeys and challenges which appeal to her and in which she feels fairly proficient. It is natural for us all to choose the easy way first. If she can be guided into challenging herself to do something which is a little more difficult than she has attempted before, or into doing something a little better, then we're on the right track. Eventually, the easy way will lose its appeal, even be spurned as she experiences the thrill of the achievement she derives from doing the difficult or new thing.

We should expect the best from her, and she should know that we trust her to always do her best.

The real authentic record of a Brownie Guide's progress is contained in her Mini-Book, for here you discover how she is meeting her challenge personally. Using your insight, understanding and knowledge of the girl, you will be able to translate this into more technical terms for your Pack record sheets.



You may consider a wall-chart, but one has to be aware and careful of its disadvantages. We want to avoid competition, conformity and complacency. A very simple way of setting out a Pack Record sheet could be as follows:—

FOOTPATH

Name	Mary Brown
	Date Commenced
	Date Completed
Enjoyment Out of Doors	Collection of Wattles
Mind	Participated in Pack's Activity, "Getting to Know Our Town"
Homecraft Skills	Learned to do Washing-Up alone
Relationships with Other People	Learned Singing Game from Jamaica
Readiness in Ability to Serve	Worked with her Six on Good Turn for the Pack (Cleaned Cupboard)
Creative Ability	Plasticene Models
Physical Fitness	Learned to care for her own hair
Character	Good Turns Watered Church Garden
Venture	No. 1—Helped to make Papier-Mache Toadstool for Outdoor Meeting

(Note: The above details are set out in vertical form for ease of printing, but could also be kept in horizontal column form.)



GUIDE SECTION

Progress

Providing an opportunity to develop and an environment for growth to help the Guide make progress — these are our aims as Guiders.

What may help one Guide to progress may not work for another, and our awareness of Guides' progress will develop as we get to know and understand our Guides as individuals rather than treating them as identical parts of a group.

Progress may entail acquiring knowledge, learning a new skill, or practising a skill to improve efficiency and confidence.

The mere participation in a Patrol or Company activity can constitute progress, particularly for a new or very shy Guide, while it can also come in a Guide's discovering her capabilities and limitations, her learning to understand people and work in a Patrol, and in her learning to recognise that she has indeed made progress.

The Eight-Point Badge is awarded to a Guide as a recognition of her progress over a year. The award is made by the Patrol Leaders' Council and signifies participation and progress in the Patrol and Company Eight-Point programme.

If the Company and Patrol programme has been full, varied and balanced, and entailing all the eight points, and if the girl has participated to the best of her ability and has done her best to carry out her Promise, then she will be awarded the badge.

Records of the Guides' activities and progress may be kept by the Patrol Leader. These are reported and discussed at Patrol Leaders' Council every month, and from these records and Guiders' own observations Guiders are able to compile their own reports on the individual's progress and ability.

It is unwise to wait until it is nearly time to award the badge before assessing the individual, as lack of progress in one specific field may go unnoticed and it may be found that a reminder is necessary.

Training of the Patrol Leaders is most important. Each Patrol Leader should be aware of her responsibility towards the Guides in her Patrol, and must be trained to understand that each Guide is an individual and that comparisons should never be made between any two Guides.

An example of how a Patrol Leader may keep her records:

1. Keeping the Guide Law:
March—Helped with anti-litter campaign.
April—Assisted with Guides' Own Service.
2. Exploring the arts:
March—Preliminary work on Writer's Badge.
April—Passed Writer's Badge.
3. Getting to know people:
March—
April—Patrol started work on pennant.

4. Keeping fit:
March—Concentrated on improving posture.
April—
5. Becoming a homemaker:
March—Learned how to make bed in hospital style.
April—Made toffees for Cents for Service Stall.
6. Enjoying the outdoors:
March—Learned to set a compass.
April—Went with Company on hike.
7. Thinking for yourself:
March—
April—
8. Giving service:
March—Learning First Aid.
April—Did shopping for sick neighbour.

RANGER GUIDE SECTION

Ranger Guiders, did your eye skip over this article until you come to the title, "Ranger Section"? If this is your reading habit, you are missing out on an introduction to each article. For what bitter introduction could we have, than to learn what has gone before, and to acquaint ourselves with a complete picture of our girl before she becomes a Ranger.

In a Ranger Unit the Guider is responsible for all record books. Quite a long list when you think of them in terms of finance, programme, log, minute, equipment, song and games books. For new Guiders I hasten to clarify this statement. You are responsible for all, but there is only one to which you actually keep. This is your personal record of each Ranger. You are striving to help each Ranger move towards maturity. By definition this is: "The free movement between what is and what should be". When thinking of your Unit, this free movement covers a wide area, as we take in the mental, physical, social, emotional and spiritual development of each Ranger. So do not fool yourself into thinking that these details can be kept in your head, in memory form.

There is no set way of keeping this book, the choice is yours. However, when you come to assessing their work programme you may find this easier to do on a large sheet of paper. This way you can see at a glance that each Ranger's needs are being catered for in the overall programme.

Of course, Rangers change their minds, so you might find it easier to make a series of small pockets by sewing two sheets of firm plastic together. This way you can write each challenge on a piece of cardboard and insert it in the appropriate pocket.

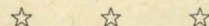
All the records dealing with finance are kept by your Treasurer. Here, a visit from an outside expert will be of help, especially if it is the person who is responsible for auditing your books. You can then establish the system which suits the job.

The minutes of the Unit-in-Council meetings are again kept by a Ranger. Here, too, a session on Chairmanship, Agendas and the task of each office-bearer will help your Unit.

The weekly programme book is in reality a minute book, too. As your Rangers plan the programme this book will not contain blank pages if each group is responsible for pasting a copy on the appropriate page.

The Unit Log Book is a fascinating and often an hilarious record of all those interesting activities your Unit has engaged, outside the weekly meetings.

Well-kept records will not only help you to know what each Ranger is doing, but they can act as a "compass" for the Guider!



WHO'D BE A GUIDER?

The life of a Guider? What is that to me?
It's one great big hustle, from what I can see!

Maybe it's the camping that makes it worthwhile?

It's fun and it's frolics that bring Guidey smiles.

Perhaps it's the tramping along country paths?

The chorus of songbirds enjoying their baths?

From knotting to knitting, I wash and I cook;

It's really quite simple! It's all in "the book".

I'd go on for hours just listing each thing,
The thrills and the living that Guiding can bring.

The life of a Guider? It's all THAT to me!
It's my way of living! It's fun and it's free!

—M. Townsend.



RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS IN THE SIX

At school and at home the older child normally assumes the role of "boss" even though the age difference may be very slight.

At Brownies we want to encourage the idea that it is what a person IS that counts, not how old they are or how long they have been doing something.

We explain to the Brownies what we look for when we choose our Sixers and Seconds so the Brownies realise that we have chosen the person best fitted to do the job, not the person who is oldest, or who has been in Brownies longest, or the one with the most badges.

If the Brownies know the criteria we are using when selecting someone for a job they will see how and why we have chosen a particular person as their Sixer. They, too, will probably be able to see in the Sixer the qualities that we have seen, and willingly accept her as their Sixer.

What do we look for when choosing a Sixer?

Chiefly, a Brownie who is sincerely trying to keep her Promise and Law.

To enlarge on this — she would be helpful not only to the Guiders, but to the Brownies — she would be contributing constructively towards the running of the Pack through Pow-wow, Ventures, etc. She would be trying to improve herself — she would be punctual and take some pride in her appearance, and so on. Her first duty is to be a good example.

Her other duties would be to help the Guiders as they direct and to lead her Six.

She can be held responsible for things, but very seldom for people. (This is be-

cause a great deal of wisdom is needed to cope with some children and, although the Sixer and the Brownies will influence each other's behaviour, it is unfair to place the responsibility of the outcome on the shoulders of a 9- to 10-year-old.)

Qualities of leadership will be more obvious in some Brownies than others — in either case it is the Guider's responsibility to develop such qualities. There must be in the meetings opportunities for the Sixer to try herself out — the task must be within her ability, but at the same time the Guiders should help her to extend her ability, then the tasks may become progressively more demanding. We can then ensure a continuing spirit of leadership development within our programme.

At first a Sixer will probably adopt the method she has seen the Guiders use — a warning for us to look to our laurels — but we do not want to turn out copyplate products, so encourage natural talents of leadership to develop.

The Six is a convenient grouping system within the Pack — it is to be emphasised that the Pack is the Unit and it always receives first consideration.

N.B.: In the Company the Patrol is the Unit, and it is worth comparing the different method used for developing "good relationships" for the older girl.

It is easier for girls to become friends — or enemies — within a smaller group than Pack size. There needs to be a reason for the Six to meet as such:

Activities and Games which help to develop common bonds and interests.

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A BROWNIE VENTURE

As our very first Pack venture, 1st Solway Brownie Pack gave a party for a Pack from the Carlton District. It was decided that 1st Solway would provide the food and host the party, while the other Pack brought their favourite games. For several weeks before the great day we made decorations and planned how to arrange the hall. The excitement mounted as the day drew nearer.

When the day of the party finally arrived, all the Brownies were there early to put up their decorations and blow up balloons. This was all done with astonishing rapidity and the place looked very festive. Our guests from 1st Carlton Pack began to arrive and, after the initial moment of shyness, the Brownies enjoyed themselves immensely. We played some games, had a peanut hunt and even made a decorated candle to take home.

After a great amount of party food there were sweets for every Brownie. It was then time for our visitors to leave, and it gave us all a great feeling of satisfaction to see every Brownie looking supremely happy, struggling out the door with a balloon or two, a stocking full of sweets, a decorated candle and their coats.

—Pam Talbot, Tawny.



A LEADER is best
When people barely know that he exists.
Not so good when people obey and acclaim
him.
Worst when they despise him,
“Fail to honour people,
They fail to honour you.”
But a good leader—who talks little—
When his work is done—his aim fulfilled.
They will say “We did this ourselves.”

(From “The Way of Life,” according to
Laotzu.)

CHRISTMAS ISLAND . . . A CHINESE FESTIVAL

Feast of the Seventh Sister

This is a Festival which is not a holiday. It has its origin from a lovely fairy tale — “The Cowboy and the Weaving Lady”. It is celebrated on the 7th day of the 7th Moon of the Chinese Calendar and the tale is about the seventh daughter of the King of Heaven.

The King of Heaven had seven daughters. The seventh was the most beautiful and was able to weave and embroider most beautifully. She could have led a most comfortable life, but she was hard-working and was busy weaving all the time. Her father was anxious to select a husband for her and this interested all the gods and nobles in Heaven, but she flatly turned everyone down and so the project was dropped.

In the meantime there was a young, hard-working farmer on earth. He was known as “Cowboy”. His father passed away and he had no money to bury him. He sold himself to a landlord, using the money thus obtained to bury his father. In those days, if a person was sold, he became a slave and, to obtain freedom, he must be bought for 300 pieces of cloth. A very hard-working farmer would find it impossible to save that much in a lifetime. That meant that not only would “Cowboy” be a slave all his life, but his descendants, too, would have to be slaves to the landlord or his heirs.

The matter came to the ears of the Seventh Princess, who was very much moved. She secretly requested the “God of the Golden Star” to match-make the marriage between the Cowboy and herself. So the princess married the Cowboy and produced 300 pieces of beautiful cloth to set him free. But her parents were furious because she had married a poor mortal farmer, so she was taken back to Heaven by force. With the help of the “God of the Golden Star”, she was able to get her parents’ consent to bring her husband to Heaven. Before she could meet her husband, her mother took a hairpin and drew a line between them. This line became the “Silver River” which is what is known as the Milky Way. This river separated them, but her mother allowed them to meet once a year on the 7th day of the 7th Moon. Their love grew stronger as they

waited for that day every year. The Magpies, the birds of Heaven, sympathised with them and on that day, joined together to form a bridge over the river for the Princess to cross to meet her husband.

It is believed that when the Princess meets her husband, the tears which drop to earth become particles of powder and whoever is fortunate enough to obtain the powder and use it becomes most beautiful. That is why, on Festival day, many girls leave their powder pads in the open in the hope of receiving this Seventh Sister powder.

On the 6th night of the 7th Moon, offerings are given by the Weaving Lady by maidens, followed by a feast. A product of this Festival is a bottle of water on the altar during prayers and offerings. The bottle of water is later sealed and stored away, and is supposed to have healing qualities.

Feast of all Spirits

Kuei Chi'eh, the Feast of the Hungry Ghosts, in the 7th Moon, is an important Chinese Festival. According to Chinese belief, all humans eventually get to Heaven, but there is a purgatory for the expiation of sins. Those in purgatory for any length of time are those who are believed to have been neglected by their living relatives. They are therefore restless, dissatisfied and prone to mischief. Thus if one should see a ghost or spirit, it would be one of those in purgatory who managed to get to earth in an effort to seek help for his tortured soul in the form of offerings and prayers from mortals. But there is one month in the year when they are allowed freedom on earth and that is the 7th Moon. They are released at midnight on the last day of the 6th Moon, and on the evening of the 1st day of the 7th Moon preliminary offerings are made to appease these unhappy spirits. Candles and joss sticks are lighted outside houses and food is offered. Joss papers are burnt. This is repeated on the last day of the month to speed them back to where they belong, not without sighs of relief.

The main offering takes place on the 15th day which is a holiday. It consists of fruit, meat, rice with candles, joss sticks, joss paper, mock money for the spirits to use, mock textiles of various colours for them

to make clothes, and sometimes even travel documents in the form of mock passes or passports. These go up in a bonfire. A portion of the food is strewn on the road for the spirits who happen to be late for the feast. At odd places on the Island, all places where a ghost or spirit was alleged to have been seen, one comes across a little altar with offerings to appease the spirit or spirits. Superstition is particularly rife during the month, for evil spirits are abroad. Even swimming is forbidden to some youngsters, for the water spirit may stake its claim. This is the month when one has to tread carefully, and woe betide anyone who does not give the devil his due.

A GROWTH COMPARISON . . .

The 1960's have gone. For Australia, it was a decade of extraordinary economic growth.

The following charts and tables compare the 1960's with the 1950's — also a decade of great economic development.

POPULATION AND WORK FORCE

	1950's	1960's
	Increase in	
	Numbers	
	(Thousands)	
Population:		
Migrants	865	850
Natural Increase	1,250	1,350
Total Population	2,115	2,200
Work Force:		
Total	730	1,130
Married Women	200	400

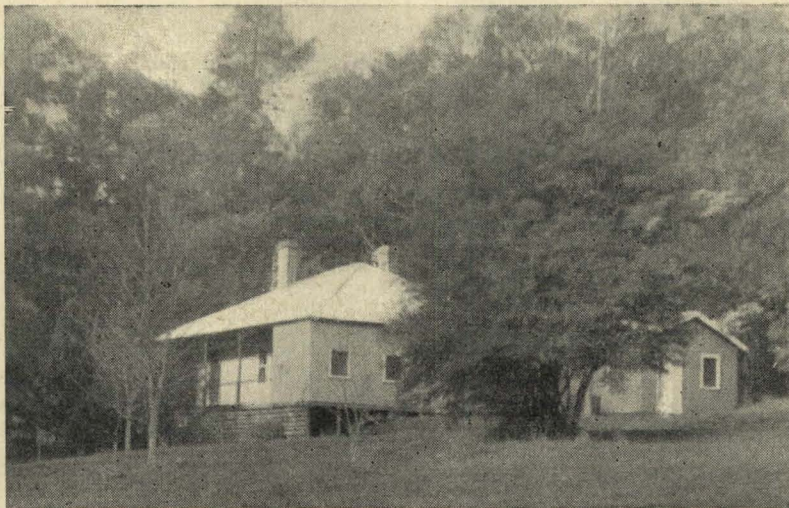
PRODUCTIVITY

	Ave. Annual Inc.	
Per Person Employed:		
Manufacturing Output	3.5%	4.5%
Mining Output	4.5%	9%
Rural Output	4.5%	5%
Total National Prod.	2%	2.5%
(inc. Services)		

STANDARD OF LIVING

	Ave. Annual Inc.	
	(Thousands)	
T.V. Sets	80	200
Cars	100	180
Telephones	100	160

—From "Facts", Institute of Public Affairs.



BRITANNIA PARK

We are deeply grateful to Mr. and Mrs. J. Insley, who looked after our property whilst Mr. Gard, the Warden, and his wife had a well-earned holiday. The Insley's stay was not without incident, as, no sooner had the Gards left, than two of the electric light poles fell down, cutting off all electricity to the place (except for Brownie Cottage, which is on another circuit). Mr. and Mrs. Insley managed to cope well with the situation, but imagine if it had happened during Camp Southern Cross!

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On the advice of a very knowledgeable gentleman at I.C.I., AND on the payment of a lot of money, we think we have found a way to keep the water in the swimming pool relatively clear. NOW, we want some implements for skimming the leaves and blossoms off the top of the pool. Perhaps if the Maintenance Fund improves we might get them for next summer!

We were pleased to receive a visit in February from the Trefoil Advisers from Tasmania and New South Wales, together with our own Mrs. May and also Mrs. Cameron, Trefoil Guild Adviser for Australia. This was the finale for their three-day Conference and they seemed to enjoy their day very much.

How are you getting on with arranging to take a carload of helpers to Britannia Park on a Thursday? I know Thursday is shopping day, but just once in a while couldn't you do your shopping another day? This is

my last year as Convener, and you know what it's like to get your house ready to leave for someone else! Well, that's how I feel. I would like it to be just right when I hand it over.

Once again may I implore campers NOT to disperse firewood, etc., before leaving when they are camping at Britannia Park! I thought everything had been left so well after Camp Southern Cross, but yesterday Bill and I took his tractor and his big 8ft. by 12ft. trailer to Stradbroke, Hamer, Chauvel, Moore, Somers and Brooks sites (we didn't have time to do the other 12 sites), and we collected 104 bricks and a huge trailer load of firewood and timber **all gathered from the bushes** surrounding the campsites. Of course, there were plenty of soft drink tins and tent pegs, etc., but I came to the conclusion, reluctantly, that Guides are not any more tidy than any other campers. Sixteen years ago, when I first visited Guide House as an L.A. member, I was reprimanded by a Guide Captain for throwing an apple core into the bushes . . .

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Our thanks to the following who maintained Britannia Park during the month of February:—

- 14th—North Ringwood L.A.
- 19th—Springvale North District.
- 22nd—Preston Division.
- 27th—5th Wattle Park Coy.

Gosh, doesn't that look sad! Dear old Britannia Park, which gives pleasure to so many in our Movement, only remembered by four different Units last month. March doesn't look as if it's going to be any better. I just can't tell you how we rely on the Maintenance Fund to do just that — to maintain the property in reasonable condition. Without it, we would not be able to employ "Bill", and who else would chop down and chop up all the dead trees, who would keep the campsites supplied with firewood, who would cut the grass on all the campsites, who would spread the super, mend drains and do a dozen other things which are always going wrong on a property of this size? I'm afraid that without "Bill" this Convener would feel she just couldn't cope. So please remember us when you are trying to think what to do with all your money!

I would like to record a late contribution from Maroondah Trefoil to maintain Britannia Park on 12th September, 1969.



THANK YOU CHALET

After three very lean months, the fund for the Thank You Chalet received a tremendous boost on 1st March, when a Guiding Reunion was held at H.Q. Money was donated by all who attended AND by many who were unable to attend. This money was given to the Thank You Fund. We are most grateful for all those donations and for those which are still coming in. Our total has now passed the \$3000 mark, so we have practically one-third of what we need.

The Thank You Book is looking very beautiful. The cover is something to be admired by all who see it, and Miss Denny is doing a superb job of printing in all the names. This will, we hope, be a continuing

task, but Miss Denny — who must spend hours doing it — has actually said that she enjoys it because she knows so many of the people whose names she inscribes. There will be special pages for the names of all who contributed to the Barfus Fund, so, too, there will be special pages for the names of those who remembered Lady Rylah in this way.

And now our State Commissioner, Mrs. Renshaw Jones, has written the following message to me: "Will you allow me, with this donation, to open a 'Thank You To Mother' page for the Thank You Chalet? I recall with gratitude how my mother encouraged and assisted me to enjoy Brownies, Guides and Rangers, and to take the responsibility of leadership in the Movement."

There must be others who feel the same and would like their name, and that of their mother, inscribed on the same page. Another member sent some money because she wished to remember a friend (also a member of our Movement) who was killed in a car accident recently. The donor felt that this was a better way to perpetuate her memory than to buy flowers for the funeral.

WHEN can we start building? That's the \$10,000 question, isn't it? Perhaps if we get further along the road we may be able to borrow enough to get started. Already we have our problems . . . there are orchids growing right at the back door of the chalet! What do we do?



We thank You for the trees that grow,
 For the grass that grows so green,
 For the birds that fly,
 For the rain that is so wet,
 For the sunshine that shines upon me—
 And help me to love You.

—From 1st Mirboo North Pack.

VICTORIAN
GUIDERS'
JUBILEE
CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, 6th JUNE

ENTHUSIASM FADING?

VISUALISING A NEW

ERA?

NEED NEW

THOUGHTS?

YOU WILL COME TO
THE RIGHT PLACE!



DALLAS BROOKS HALL,
MASONIC CENTRE,
VICTORIA PARADE,
MELBOURNE.

10 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.

MATILDA NOTICES....

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Editor of "Matilda"

Please note that, as from Friday, 20th March, 1970, the address for "Matilda's" Editor will be—

Miss M. Shaw,
Unit 2, 90 Yarrbat Ave.,
Balwyn, 3103.
Phone: 83 4682.

GANG SHOW '70 IS YOUNG-POWERED!

That's the theme for the 18th year of the ever-popular Melbourne Gang Show. And there's a lot of truth in it, too, — the talented cast of Scouts, Seniors, Rovers, Scouters, Rangers and L.C.M.'s average around 14 to 15 years of age.

If you haven't yet seen a Gang Show, you'll be asking the question which is the title of this year's opening number, "What Kind of Show is a Gang Show?" Here's Sun theatre critic, Howard Palmer's definition: "It runs with completely professional ease and pace, is well lit, bright, funny, tuneful and packed with half a dozen of those big choruses that we don't get anywhere else."

Now is the time for your Unit to plan a night at the Palais Theatre, St. Kilda, on Friday, 15th May; Saturday, 16th May (matinee and evening); Thursday, 21st May; Friday, 22nd May; or Saturday, 23rd May (matinee and evening). Individual bookings are available by mail from the Melbourne Sports Depot, 121 Elizabeth Street, and over the counter from the M.S.D. or Myers (6th floor) from 7th April. Blocks of 10 seats will be available from all Scout Shops and Guide H.Q.

Here's a chance of a great night's entertainment at the theatre at very reasonable cost. Organise a booking for your Unit now. Many people take advantage of the low-priced blocks available to raise funds. And the Scout Group or Guide Unit selling the most seats will have their money refunded up to \$100! If your Company could use that sort of money, then hop to it!

ANNUAL ST. GEORGE'S DAY SERVICE FOR SCOUTS AND GUIDES

To be held in the presence of His Excellency the Governor and Lady Delacombe.

WHERE: St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne.

WHEN: Friday, 17th April, 1970.

TIME: 7.45 p.m. to 9 p.m. approximately.

Cubs and Brownies are asked to sit in the front of the Cathedral.

Community hymn singing will again be held prior to the commencement of the Service. The hymns will be set to modern music.

Colours

Each Company is asked to select a well-trained colour-bearer (no escorts), who will carry her flag in the procession of Colours. Colour-bearers are asked to report by 7.15 p.m. in the Cathedral Close.

Guiders, it is essential that the bearers selected know how to handle Colours and that they are in correct uniform.

Holsters **MUST** be brought, otherwise bearers will not be permitted to participate.

Guider-in-Charge of Colours: Mrs. C. Osbourn Shave.

1st Montrose Guide Company celebrates 21 years of Guiding on 30th May at the Montrose Hall. It will take the form of a buffet dinner followed by an open evening. Interested people, please contact Mrs. K. Hogg, 9 Banksia Street, Montrose (728 2614).

CATHOLIC GUIDERS' MEETING

All Catholic Guiders and Commissioners are invited to attend a meeting at Guide H.Q. on Sunday, 24th May, at 2.30 p.m. sharp. Meeting will conclude at 4 p.m.

—M. Lacey (288 1708).

GUIDING IN SWEDEN

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to go away without the girls — it's like leaving half the family behind. Sweden has nearly 12% of its boys and girls in the Scout Movement. Since the amalgamation of the Scout and Guide Movements in Sweden the number of girls has almost doubled and the Movement has been most progressive, whereas here in Australia other organisations have moved in and taken up many Scouting and Guiding activities. The Swedish Associations have moved first and moved into many new fields including Scout-sponsored schools.

Since its re-organisation some 10 years ago Scouting in Sweden has gone ahead in leaps and bounds. Swedish Scouting is really moving and thinking in the 20th century. With its progressive thinking and imaginative leadership it has captured the imagination of the young people, especially the girls. They are no longer two separate families — they are united, with one name. The marriage of the Guide and Scout Movements has really put Scouting on the map in Sweden, while in other European countries, Scouting, and particularly Guiding, has declined. The Movement in Sweden now enjoys support from the government and considerable support from industry, which it has deserved because of its excellent record in the past few years.

—By Stuart M. Pike, now a Victorian Scout Assistant District Commissioner, who worked as a Scouter in Sweden.



Senior Guides and Scouts in Sweden.



A YEAR'S PROGRAMME OF ONE TREFOIL GUILD

1. Support to Girl Guides Association

Members assisted in preparation of food for Guides Association Ideas Day at Lingbogal . . . prepared sandwiches for meal for Ranger Guides taking part in Easter Train Trek . . . made and served soup to 120 Guiders attending Ballarat Region Guiders' Training Conference Day . . . supported Tupperware Party for Scout and Guide Association at Clunes . . . one member gives an afternoon's service monthly at the Guide Equipment Depot and another attended the Depot the Saturday morning of the Commissioners' Conference to allow the Organiser of Depot to attend same . . . one member responsible for the preparation of stencils and duplicating of reports for Ballarat Division Council Annual Meeting, 1969, and for typing and duplicating brochure on Lingbogal . . . donation to Maintenance Fund of Victorian Guides Association property, Britannia Park . . . contributed to the Guide Regional Fund to sponsor a Guide from the Gilbert and Ellice Islands to the International Camp Southern Cross.

2. Community Service

In January, 1969, we were addressed by Miss E. Johnson, Social Worker for Victorian Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and to support her work has been our selected avenue of service for 1969-70. Material was purchased from funds and several members have made garments for under-privileged people. Others have contributed household linen, articles of furniture and good used clothing. One member gave voluntary service as a typist for the preparation for printing of the Ballarat and District Social Service Register.

3. Social Activities

Our monthly meetings have been varied and interesting, including guest speakers on "Pioneer Women of Ballarat" and "Lapidary", a playing reading by members, also a guest speaker on the Eight-Point Programme; International Fellowship Night, a guest speaker, Mrs. L. Hillman, on "Adventure in and Cultures of Thailand".



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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Are you taking an interest in the Eight-Point Programme?

The new programme has been in operation for some months now, and if you have been taking an interest you should have some idea how it is shaping in your particular District.

What about asking your District Commissioner to arrange for the Local Association to visit one of the Packs or Companies to see how the Unit is working?

Do the Guiders seek your help to assist the girls to tackle Challenges? There is so much you are able to do which will make your life as a Local Association member interesting. There is more to being a support group than money-raising. No Unit can work effectively without parental backing, and the Guiders will appreciate your help and interest with activities, outings, displays, etc.

Learn to communicate with each other, and at your meetings discuss what is going on in the area, exchange your ideas, listen to the other fellow's point of view, tell of any ideas you may have. Communication is indeed the beginning of understanding.

FUND-RAISING

"Accent Candles" can provide a guest speaker who would talk on the origin, history and care of candles, along with a display of their wares. Please contact: Mrs. Joy Mankey, 15 The Boulevarde, Ivanhoe, 3079.

UNIFORM ALLOWANCES

We have been asked to make enquiries as to what L.A.'s do as a general rule to equip their Guiders with uniform.

A cross-section of people have been contacted and their findings are as follows:—

1. Full uniform purchased.
Yearly allowance \$2.00.
2. \$20 uniform allowance.
\$2 per annum after two years.
3. \$10 uniform allowance.
Either \$2 or \$4 per annum.
4. No allowance at all.

The most common use was No. 3, with the Guider being required to return her uniform if she left under two years.

If anyone has any further views or enquiries we will be pleased to receive them.

We take it that the L.A.'s realised that the District Commissioner comes under the same set of rules as the Guiders.

OUR COUNTRY HOME

Some of you may have spent a day at Guide House, our beautiful property at Britannia Park, Yarra Junction, helping or visiting on Open Days, or perhaps to hold a meeting or have a picnic.

Mrs. Gray, the Convener, is often glad of helpers to do small jobs in the house and garden — sorting linen, painting a garden bench, planting a shrub — and will always welcome a carload of willing L.A. members.

Have you thought of a picnic lunch and holding your monthly meeting at Guide House? Arrangements may be made by contacting: Mrs. R. E. Gray, 56 Balwyn Road, Balwyn, 3103 (83 9207), by anyone interested to spend a day at Britannia Park.

MOORABBIN'S PLEASANT SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

Some four or five years ago, when we were asked by Mrs. Grandin (then our Division Commissioner) to arrange a good turn to Elderly Citizens' Week, we never dreamt of the fun and satisfaction it was to give us.

After much thought by everybody in the District we decided on a Pleasant Sunday Afternoon. We approached the Elderly Citizens' Clubs, asked Meals on Wheels drivers to look out for suitable people to invite, and our Brownies and Guides asked lonely neighbours, and, of course, Grandma and Grandpa.

Came the day, and we wondered whether we might have nine or ninety there — so we were all thrilled to know our emergency car roster was being used to the full.

Our Guide Hall was overflowing, and we were under way. Now that it is a yearly event — here are some of the highlights we have laughed, and sometimes almost cried, over:—

The first year we told briefly the story of the Movement and had campfire songs, but, after singing "Kum Ba Yah", we were told by one outspoken lady to "sing something we can understand, not some stuff in a foreign tongue!" We quickly got the message, and from then on concentrated on "Daisy" and "Let Me Call You Sweetheart", etc. Then we almost brought the roof down with the hundred odd voices joining in.

We gave posies to the oldest lady, prettiest hat, etc., and then found out one gentleman of 94 was upset because we hadn't singled him out. A quick look in our garden at the Hall produced some flowers and he went home very happy. The following year, when this man and his wife had passed away, their grand-daughter, a Guide, had her girl friend dress up as an old lady so she could still bring Grannie to our "do".

One Guider lives opposite a hospital for elderly people, and each time she went into her front garden, she would hear, "If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands", etc.

We are lucky to have a mum who will dress up, imitate Gracie Fields, and lead action community singing. Our Senior Citizens

love her and to hear comments we wonder why the talent scouts have not caught up with her.

Many of our men visitors hint that they would love to give a solo—in fact, one Guide's father had to be asked, as he sulked when he knew Mum had been invited to sing and he had not — now they are down as regular guest artists.

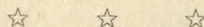
One elderly man came one year, and at the close of the afternoon told us he hadn't known so much happiness in years. Two days later he passed away.

Of course, the "concerts" are not complete without afternoon tea, and each person taking home something for their evening meal. One lady remarked she had never tasted such wonderful pikelets since she had stopped making them herself, whilst a man returned one of his and said it just wasn't cooked enough!

Over the years we have all contributed something towards the programme. We have performed "The Sound of Music", had Minstrel Shows, and enacted a typical morning camp scene with breakfast patrol, all in turn coming and putting salt in the porridge.

Why don't you try something like this? It is reward enough to be told, "I won't need to look for entertainment for ages. I've had enough today to last me all year."

—Gaye Lister,
Moorabbin Ranger Guide Unit.



QUEEN'S GUIDE PRESENTATION

Joycelyn Lydford of 1st Springvale North Company was presented with her Queen's Guide Badge by her Division Commissioner with parents, Guides, Testers and friends present.

In the darkened hall a candle, representing enrolment and Joycelyn's start in Guiding, was lit. Guides in the Horseshoe presented her with small candles, each representing a major test, and she lit these from the enrolment candle. When the final candle was lit, the badge milestone had been reached.

Joycelyn expressed her thanks to all who had helped her, and the evening finished with a campfire and a lovely supper.

—Wendy Lydford,
1st Springvale North Coy.

WARRANTS AND REGISTRATIONS

A warm welcome is extended to the following:—

District Commissioners:

Mrs. K. J. Gullick, Hopetoun; Miss G. B. Taylor, Aberfeldie; Mrs. W. Cockcroft, Sandringham; Mrs. J. J. Dobson, Beechworth; Mrs. J. C. Mander, Bellarine; Mrs. C. H. McCall, Ringwood; Mrs. J. C. Roos, Upwey; Mrs. D. McK. Jacka, Syndal North; Mrs. S. Blyth, Clayton East; Mrs. G. W. Burton, Pascoe Vale South; Mrs. W. T. Walker, Lancefield; Mrs. W. J. Dean, Mt. Waverley (1st May).

Registrations:

4th Springvale North Pack; 1st Crowlands Pack; 4th Sunshine Pack; Cranbourne Ranger Coy.; 2nd Mitcham (Extension) Ranger Coy.; 3rd Grevthorn Pack; 8th Kew (M.L.C.) Company; Emerald Ranger Coy.; Warrnambool District Ranger Coy.; 1st Boronia Ranger Coy.

Guide Leaders:

Miss J. Lawrence, 1st Whittlesea; Mrs. L. J. Hathaway, 3rd Janefield Extension; Mrs. L. J. Hathaway, 3rd Janefield Extension Ranger Coy.; Mrs. P. Webb, 1st South Croydon; Mrs. H. T. Davies, Hampton Ranger Coy.; Miss J. Bickford, 1st Prahran; Mrs. D. S. Grace, 2nd Boronia; Mrs. N. Carr, 4th Boronia; Mrs. L. M. Willis, 1st Euroa.

Assistant Guide Leaders:

Mrs. D. B. Shelton, 1st Whittlesea; Mrs. R. Blundell, 1st Glen Iris; Mrs. D. Lademann, 1st South Croydon; Miss M. Moore, 1st Berwick; Miss J. Murphy, Coburg South Ranger Co.; Mrs. F. Cross, 3rd Canterbury; Miss A. Wade, 1st Springvale North.

Brownie Guiders:

Mrs. H. I. Barrv, 1st East Keilor; Mrs. A. F. Coles, 1st Apollo Bay; Miss J. Hokin, 1st Yarra Glen; Miss S. J. Ashendon, 1st Dumbalk.

Assistant Brownie Guiders:

Mrs. L. Burgess, 1st Whittlesea; Miss S. Adderley, 1st Malvern Extension; Miss D. Sturgess, 4th Malvern.

RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

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

District Commissioners:

Mrs. D. W. Allom, Ashburton; Mrs. G. T. Evans, Echuca; Mrs. W. W. Roberts, Hopetoun; Mrs. E. L. Death, Bellarine; Mrs. W. T. Coate, Lancefield; Mrs. R. C. Norris, Shepparton; Mrs. P. M. Coats, Warracknabeal; Mrs. J. Mills, Aberfeldie.

Guide Leaders:

Mrs. A. R. Johnston, 1st Davlesford; Miss R. E. Saunders, 2nd Heme Hill; Mrs. B. McCutcheon, 1st Willaura; Miss H. R. Tenderson, 1st Whittlesea; Mrs. D. Lademann, 1st South Croydon; Mrs. A. Coleman, 1st Yinnar; Mrs. R. J. Vincent, 1st Avondale Heights; Mrs. D. G. Oldham, 1st Ferny Creek; Mrs. P. R. Cavens, 1st Colac; Mrs. K. B. Higgins, 2nd Moorabbin South.

Assistant Guide Leaders:

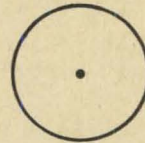
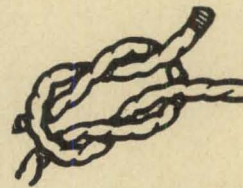
Mrs. C. J. Eaton, 1st Timboon; Miss J. Lawrence, 1st Whittlesea; Mrs. J. D. Capper, 2nd South Croydon; Mrs. J. G. Bath, 3rd Horsham; Mrs. I. M. Carter, 1st Warracknabeal; Mrs. J. P. Darby, 2nd Echuca; Mrs. R. Andrew, 1st Newport.

Brownie Guiders:

Mrs. A. Cook, 1st Walwa; Mrs. C. H. Walsh, 3rd Highton; Miss S. Moss, 1st Box Hill; Mrs. C. R. Todd, 4th Monash; Mrs. A. J. Birch, 1st Surrey Hills; Mrs. A. J. Caldwell, 1st Churchill; Mrs. L. M. Willis, 1st Euroa; Mrs. M. B. Logan, 4th Horsham; Mrs. D. L. Rees, 2nd Oliver's Hill; Mrs. M. Edwards, 1st South Warrnambool; Miss W. R. Hawker, 1st Warrnambool; Mrs. W. Bell, 1st East Keilor; Mrs. V. Fitcher, 2nd Upwey; Mrs. W. H. Tumer, 2nd Eaglehawk; Mrs. B. Tumer, 7th Malvern; Mrs. R. G. Shaw, 3rd Altona North; Mrs. K. Bridgland, 2nd Blackburn South; Mrs. D. W. Annett, 3rd Blackburn South.

Assistant Brownie Guiders:

Mrs. H. S. Taylor, 1st Somerville; Miss A. R. Selman, 1st Timboon; Mrs. R. Mark, 4th Monash; Miss J. Hokin, 1st Yarra Glen; Miss H. W. Hut- ton, 7th Malvern; Miss V. Manson, 2nd Benteigh; Mrs. C. M. Talbot, 1st Maryborough; Mrs. M. H. Harris, 3rd Altona North; Mrs. D. Saint-John, 1st Buninyong; Miss E. K. Lovell, 1st Dartmoor.



The tragic death of Cynthia Morrell in a car accident recently came as a great shock to her many friends in the Guide Movement.

Endowed with great presence and charm of manner — exceptionally gifted — she gave unstintingly of herself in the service of the Movement, as well as in C.W.A., the Mornington Hospital Committee, as Shire President's Lady, and with it all she had a keen sense of humour and an enthusiasm for whatever she undertook.

It is given to few of us to leave such a wonderful record of service to her fellowmen. Her life is an inspiration for us all and her memory will live in our hearts.

—T.J. C-W.

DEAR "MATILDA",

Was it **really** our Brownie Pack, or should we blame the broken mirror we'd been going to use for our "pool"? All but two were late — we start at 4 p.m., so time for roll call, subs., and Pow-wow (we thought) before District Commissioner due to arrive at 4.15. Punctuality is usually one of their virtues, but at 4.10, Brownie Guides still cleaning badges. At 4.10 also, one helpful Brownie decides to water our small garden, and was carrying a bucket of water through hall from kitchen, when disaster struck — the handle parted company with the bucket and water everywhere. "Oh well, cheerful under all circumstances", we mutter, and proceed to mop up. All hall boasts one mop, with approximately six hairs—rags hastily found, when the cry is heard, "The District Comm. has arrived; we'll show her in". We duly "welcome" D.C. on bended knees, with wet towels! Water seems to be spreading despite our efforts (is "help" too willing?) — and one Brownie's gleeful remark, "Well, we **did** want a pool for our ceremony"! Real help arrived, when a Brownie, who lived close by, borrowed Mum's mop and sponge.

Decide to hold Promise Ceremony outside, as weather quite warm. Signal given for Brownie Ring — all look blank, haven't they ever heard of Brownie Ring before? Brownie Song an utter discord, had they really sung it so well last week? Think — what would Training Adviser advise? — but mind's a Blank, in fact, can't even remember if it's "Tommy or Johnny", in Brownie story (when explaining to recruits' Mothers, why we wanted a pool) — promptly corrected by Pack, when wrong one mentioned! Bright spot, all three Recruits remember Promise and Law, even if one did salute with left hand. After welcome salute to District Comm., a games afternoon planned. Why did we choose that game? — Brownies obviously not in good singing voice. Next game — utter chaos, are we speaking in a foreign language? Rest for Pow-wow — where are those talking signs, and good manners? Posy presented to District Comm. to remember her visit (could she forget it?). Next game obviously didn't appeal, either, but Cheers! they did like the last two games. Despite remark of "Unruly Pack!" (which

we heartily endorsed), we decided District Comm. did have a good sense of humour — thanked us for a very enjoyable visit.

Even the most disastrous Pack meetings come to an end. Brownie Guides go home and two utterly demoralised Brownie Guiders are holding a "post-mortem", when down comes the rain! Thoroughly dampened physically and mentally, we arrive home to wonder why we sign ourselves—

"STILL BROWNIE GUIDERS".

—L.G., B.M.

(And I sometimes think I'd give up "Matilda" and go back to running a unit!—Ed.)



RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS

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Discussion of suggestions, ideas — for reporting back to Pow-wow. (Pack decision should be made there.)

Tasks such as making up charts, teaching aids and games.

It is more likely that friendships will be formed through working and sharing together for short periods of time than to allow the Six to gather merely to chat.

The girls will become aware of each other's talents and will be ready to suggest someone for a particular job because of her ability — this will lead to a reasonably smooth (always allowing for the first triers) delegation of duties and sharing of responsibilities. The Brownies will learn to recognise the need to acknowledge the abilities of others. They will also come to realise that their full co-operation is needed for the success of their Six and/or Pack activities — in small groups, the Brownie Guider has more opportunity to learn to understand a little, the art of developing good relationships with others.



YOUR GUIDE SHOP



PACK AND COMPANY EQUIPMENT

Revised items marked *

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*Parents' Consent and Pack Record Forms	per ten 15c
Service Stars Form	3c
*Ruled Form	3c
(Suitable for recording progress on Journey or Venture Badges — Interim Form until definite Form decided upon)	
Attendance Page	3c
Plain Page	3c
(Interest) Badge Certificate Booklet (Brownie)	20c

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Company Register

Patrol Record Pages	per ten 15c
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(Suitable for individual child's progress in each point of Eight-Point Programme — Interim Form until definite Form decided upon).	
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(Interest) Badge Certificate Booklet (Guide)	20c
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All sizes	\$7.90
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Victorian Diamond Jubilee Year Souvenirs:

Plastic Mug	30c
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Published by the Girl Guides Association.
Price 60 cents.

The songs for this delightful book were selected by Miss Peg Barr and Miss Margaret Shaw. The book contains a large and comprehensive collection of well-known and not so well-known campfire songs, including several Australian songs. All are easy and tuneful and many introduce simple harmonies in part singing and lively rounds. Some of the songs may be sung with a guitar accompaniment. This excellent little book is a must for every campfire singer.

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