

MATILDA



OF THE MANY unusual animals in Australia, undoubtedly the strangest are the platypus (above, right) and the echidna.

They are the only known living members of a very primitive family called Monotremata and are a mixture of reptile, animal and bird.

The platypus lays eggs like a snake or lizard, has a furry coat like an animal, and webbed feet and a bill like a water bird.

It is found only in the eastern part of Australia, where it lives in burrows on the banks of streams.

The platypus finds its food under the water, using its bill like a duck to muzzle

in mud and slush for worms, small prawns and water insects.

The echidna, or spiny ant-eater, is the nearest relative of the platypus, being the only other living animal known to lay eggs.

It lives on land and is found in most parts of Australia.

The echidna's body is covered with coarse hairs, some of which grow long and prickly like the quills of a porcupine.

It lives on ants which it smells out with its sensitive, tapered snout and catches with its long, sticky tongue.

When alarmed, the echidna digs straight into the earth with its sharp claws until it looks like a pin-cushion with only its pins showing.

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FROM THE STATE COMMISSIONER

The most important event during April was, of course, participation in occasions connected with the Royal Visit to Melbourne and especially the call of H.R.H. The Princess Anne at Headquarters. Full accounts of this exciting time were included in the special section of your last copy of "Matilda".

Several Region events took place throughout the month. Miss Shaw and I were present at the happiest of days at the Ballarat campsite, Lingbogel, when the Region held its Jubilee celebration, and we were most impressed with the imaginative programme in which all members were able to participate. Every possible detail had been well planned, and this resulted in an occasion when the Region showed how its Guiders are successfully giving leadership to the girls; Brownie Guides demonstrated some aspects of Pack work, and Guides and Ranger Guides enacted scenes from the life of the Founder in a pageant which was most entertaining to watch and obviously fun to perform. How the Chief Guide would have loved their portrayal!

North Metropolitan Region chose the same day — 4th — for their Jubilee celebration. I am unable to give details, but I hope that someone will be writing this up for "Matilda". We all like to hear about happenings in YOUR area — Miss Shaw and I are working on an idea to encourage members to contribute interesting and well-written articles. More of this when we have a concrete scheme.

The Headquarters' team participated in two Region Conferences during the month. Mrs. Turnbull and I were at Geelong on the 15th for the Barwon Region L.A. Conference; Mrs. Kirkman was accompanied by Mrs. Baldock when she visited Birchip for the Conference of the Wimmera Region.

I shared the rejoicings of the Bayswater District upon the opening of their District Guide Hall on the 18th. This vigorous District will benefit greatly from the possession of its own home — not complete as yet, but with all the essentials to allow for meetings and for events to help progress towards their goal.

State meetings held at Headquarters during the month were:

State Training Conference — attended by personnel from most Regions.

Division Commissioners — when the theme was "Conservation".

Publicity Secretaries' Training — another helpful day organised by the Public Relations Department.

Screening of film on Resuscitation — arranged by Mrs. N. E. Richards.

An Open Day was held on the 26th at Tapestry, the property donated to the Ranger Section by the late Lady Rylah. The Section is deeply appreciative of this gift — a living memorial to Ann Rylah — and I know that they will find much joy in its use.

St. Paul's Cathedral was a stirring sight on the 17th on the occasion of the Annual St. George's Day Service. Every seat was filled, and the last arrivals had to be accommodated in the aisles.

Commonwealth Youth Sunday is observed in many Districts; at the Central Service a number of Scouters attend, and I continue to represent our Association, but the bulk of the congregation consists of boys and girls in school groups. It is, however, the custom for members of our Movement to read the Message to the Queen and Her Majesty's reply — this year two Queen's Guides played their parts most creditably.

The Movement was also represented at the Annual Mothers' Union Corporate Communion and the Salvation Army's Congress-women's Rally.

For more than a year the heavy responsibility for the running of the Training Department has fallen upon Miss Barr, who volunteered to be Acting Training Adviser until such time as the right person to head the Department was found. Peg has done a most praiseworthy job, not merely dealing with immediate essentials, but planning also for continued progress. Following some re-organisation, I am very glad to be able to tell you that Mrs. K. Grandin has agreed to take the heavy responsibility of Training Adviser. Miss Barr will continue her work with Training, thus it is possible to achieve the smooth running of the Department whilst leaving each of these folk with sufficient time to spare for the inspiration and original ap-

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ASSISTANT STATE COMMISSIONER

I am very pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs. J. A. Hutchinson as Assistant State Commissioner from 22nd May, 1970.

Some of you knew Mrs. Hutchinson when she held office as District Commissioner for Kew; however, she will be more widely known throughout the State for the magnificent manner in which she handled arrangements for hospitality in connection with Camp Southern Cross. Whilst coming to join my team with Miss Shaw and Mrs. Kirkman, Mrs. Hutchinson will continue to be the State Convener for Hospitality.

Charlotte Renshaw Jones

State Commissioner.

Last night deep in the starlight still
I dreamt that I received this bill:
On account of Life.
Five thousand breathless dawns all new,
Five thousand flowers dipped in dew,
Five thousand sunsets tinged with gold,
Five thousand snowflakes served ice cold.
Five quiet friends
A baby's love,
One heart that loved and understood.
I wondered when I woke at day;
How
In God's name can I pay.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD PRESENTATION

There it was — H.M.Y. Britannia — and there were we—56 of us—waiting our direction to go “on board” to receive our Gold Award Certificates from His Royal Highness, the Duke of Edinburgh. There were 19 girls and 11 boys from South Australia and four girls and 24 boys from Victoria. These included some who had completed their awards in Canada, N.S.W. and New Zealand.

On board, after being given our Badges by the Victorian Director of the Award Scheme, we waited excitedly, trying to control our shaking knees. Then H.R.H. stepped out on to the covered deck, and one by one we were presented to him to receive our certificates. We were impressed by the Duke's accent, tanned face and sunbleached hair. The sparkling blue eyes and warm grin, accompanied by a soft voice, calmed me down immediately as we chatted about the service I had done for the Gold Award. I thought it was wonderful how he managed to talk to each one of us with just as much interest.

After we had all returned to our seats, the Duke addressed official guests, parents and friends, stressing the importance of the service and interest sections as the most important part of the Award Scheme.

As if meeting the Duke were not enough, we were just in time to see Princess Anne (she had been to our H.Q.), Prince Charles and Her Majesty arriving back. Prince Charles came over and spoke to those nearest his car, which just seemed to prove his

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EMU AWARD

MRS. DOROTHY KIRK's many friends in the Movement will be delighted to know that the Executive Committee has approved the award of the Emu for her ability to organise and to lead Guiders in the work being done for the children of this State, and in particular her understanding and knowledge of the needs of the handicapped which enabled her to give wise guidance and inspiration to members of the Extensions.

Dorothy joined the Hawthorn L.A. in 1950 and served on the L.A.'s of Tallangatta and Yarram, where she was President, then at Northcote until 1961. She then served as District Commissioner, Croxton-Thornbury (which later became Northcote West District), Division Commissioner for Merri, and later Division Commissioner for Preston. During these terms as Division Commissioner she acted as District Commissioner for many Districts in the Division who were without a Commissioner. She later became Region Commissioner for Yarra Valley Region.

During the visit of the Chief Guide in 1967 she was responsible for the arrangement of "Link Up" which was a most successful venture and enabled many country Guides to visit Melbourne to see their Chief.

As Assistant Adviser for the Extensions, and an elected member of the State Executive Committee and State Council, Dorothy has given outstanding service.

The award will be presented on 20th June at a special function being organised by the Extensions.

—N.D.Y.

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stressing of informality and genuine friendliness.

For me, this will be an unforgettable day, and I just hope that more girls will have the opportunity to go for this Award and benefit from the scheme.

—Sue Seefeld, A.R.F. Skylark.

Note from Ranger Adviser:

Miss Sue Seefeld and Miss Margaret Lanyon, both of A.R.F. Skylark, received their Gold Awards on this occasion, and we extend our congratulations to them both.

It was an exciting month for Sue — she has also been chosen as our "Miss Ranger Guide" — so its congratulations again, Sue.

A FIRST FOR THE TREFOIL GUILD

With a Conference of State Trefoil Guild Advisers convened by the Australian Adviser, Mrs. E. G. Cameron, and hosted by Victoria, the Trefoil Guild has taken a big step forward, appropriately in Diamond Jubilee year.

Much emphasis was on the ninth General Assembly of the International Fellowship of Former Scouts and Guides to be held in Melbourne in September, 1971. The opening of the Conference was by the Chief Commissioner, Mrs. J. R. Price, who attended with Advisers and some members of Headquarters staff.

Five States were represented at the Conference with Western Australia, with Papua/New Guinea being our absentees.

Tuesday was Victoria's day, with the State Commissioner, Mrs. R. Renshaw Jones, opening the day's proceedings.

Wednesday became International Day, giving the Advisers and visiting interstate Scout Guildmasters an opportunity to join the National Joint Council in discussions on the ninth General Assembly.

The emphasis of the whole Conference was on the future development of Trefoil and the importance of all members of Guiding recognising it as an integral part of the Movement, the natural follow-on from uniformed service for a Guide of 16 or a Guider/Commissioner of 60.

Each and everyone should have the opportunity to appreciate the continuing privilege of being a member of Guiding.

As Mrs. Price said, "Australia has the great privilege of hosting the ninth General Assembly in 1971 — an international event, listed as such — and all of us, the active part of the Movement of Scouts and Guides as well as Trefoil and the Baden-Powell Scout Guild, feel that this is something that is going to be good, and it is going to be a great success, and, what's more, it's GOT to be good. There's no question of it whatsoever, and it's in wonderful hands led by Mr. Homer Fraser, supported by our Australian Trefoil Guild Adviser, the National Joint Council and the members. . . . It is for us, the middle-age group, to bring the young into the forefront of Trefoil Guild, so that we shall have this enormous potential actually functioning throughout the whole world. . . . We, through Guiding, have a

great satisfaction of living a life based on a physical and a spiritual core of a Promise; and this, I know, that you will be able to encourage thousands and thousands of young people, middle-aged women and older women, to combine in a great Trefoil Guild with great power, and so stimulate similar things happening in other countries in the world."



(Note: A new Guild has recently been formed at Headquarters by Rangers now leaving the Branch because of the altered age due to the new programme. Information can be obtained from Miss Christine Gunson, 1 Wallan Court, Broadmeadows, 3047. If you have left Guides or Rangers recently, contact her and join the "Wrinklies".)



WORDS

Are the atoms of thoughts;
Thoughts
Are the atoms of deeds;
Deeds
Are the atoms of creation;
Creation
Is the hand of God
Writing the history
Of the Universe.

—From "Circuit", a magazine linking friends of the Netherlands throughout the world.

OUR FASCINATING LANGUAGE

You will have read in the State Commissioner's letter this month that there will be an opportunity for us to get together to find out more about our fascinating language — to use it better — to write it more freely. . . .

It is thought there could be some newsletters with hints—some meetings—a workshop maybe?

EVERYONE will be most welcome to join in, and if YOU are interested in learning and/or helping, would you, in the first instance, send your name and address to — Miss M. Shaw, Unit 2, 90 Yarrbat Avenue, Balwyn, 3103 (phone 83 4682).



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proach which is so necessary if leadership in training is not to become stale.

We are fortunate to have Mrs. D. L. Halligan willing to accept appointment as Guide Adviser in Mrs. Grandin's place, and I know that you will join with me in wishing her happiness and success in that office.

The five-year terms of office of two more Advisers draw to a close at this time, and it is with sadness that we say "farewell" to our Brownie Adviser, Miss Norma Sims, and to our Trefoil Guild Adviser, Mrs. J. H. May. Norma is much loved and respected in the Brownie Section, which just seems to be part of her, but she will, as a Trainer, still be with us, and I am pleased to be able to report that Mrs. C. Caple is to be our next Brownie Adviser, bringing her new ideas to the job.

The "new look" of the Trefoil Guild is gradually becoming fact, and we thank Eileen May for all the groundwork she has done in this regard. The incoming Adviser, Mrs. E. Lister, will continue to develop and strengthen Trefoil, and I hope that you will soon have the opportunity to meet and assist her.

At the request of the Australian Executive Committee, Victoria has formed a Sub-Committee to look into the feasibility of operating a scheme of development for Guiding in the rapidly expanding areas in the city and suburbs. Any workable scheme which is evolved will be used in similar areas throughout the Commonwealth, financed from the Australian grant money. Mrs. E. Lane, representative of the Y.W.C.A. on State Council, and a most experienced worker in this field, has graciously agreed to be Chairwoman. A preliminary meeting was held on 30th April; it will be of great interest to follow the findings of the able members of this Sub-Committee and of the many other experts who have so generously offered to assist.

I hope to meet many of you at the Guiders' Conference on 6th June and at the Commissioners' Conference, 14th to 16th August.

Warmest good wishes.

Charlotte Renshaw Jones.

MATILDA tells

Letter received 26th February states: "Would you be able to put this in the March issue of 'Matilda' please?"

A Commissioner writes: "Our Brownies would very much like to see this in the next issue of 'Matilda.'"

A Guider says: "Material in 'Matilda' isn't topical," and another says, "Some of the material is out of date by the time we get it."

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"Matilda" would like to be able to print everything she receives from every member of the Movement the minute she receives it, but we thought it just MIGHT be of interest to our readers to know something of the routine which precedes the day when you find the magazine in your letter boxes. It might help you to understand too why a function held late in one month is not reported until an issue dated two months later.

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1st of any month.—This is the date we EXPECT the material for the next month's issue—1st March for April issue, 1st April for May, etc.

Probably by 6th we've chased up the contributors responsible for regular pages who have forgotten the date, and reminded anyone who is doing perhaps a "special" article or so for this next issue.

Somewhere in these days we edit what we get—cut the article if necessary; sometimes we have to write a bit more to give atmosphere or clarify detail; correct the grammar and the spelling (I wonder if dictionaries are sold in the shops these days!!), read carefully the letters which came with the articles in case that vital piece of information is not in the article but casually mentioned in the letter. (One advertisement for uniform didn't mention any price, but this was mentioned in the letter—the advertiser said later, "Oh, I wasn't sure how much I really wanted for it!" "Matilda" tries to be helpful, but we are not, unfortunately, psychic.)

By about 9th—all material and photos. if any suitable have been received (for blocks are made by a special block-maker from the photos. and this takes time) to the

printer. With the material goes a request for the proofs to be available by a certain date—for proof reading and the following paste-up have to be organized into evenings or week-ends which aren't involved with the Editor's daily job.

About 24th—delivery from the printer, who has fitted "Matilda" in with all his other jobs—of page after page after page of galley proofs and "pulls" of blocks of all sizes and shapes.

Then we go back to kindergarten days—cut up the galley proofs into each individual article after numbering each section for identification with the original galley. Separate the articles into their sections—training pages, special pages, unit activities, notices, articles about special events (such as Camp Southern Cross, Princess Anne's visit), etc. Find a previous copy of "Matilda" and proceed to pin in the articles—will that article for the training pages run over space? Will that article be just a few lines over the page and where will we put the overflow? Will we need to "break" that article with a "filler" block? Will we need to find a "filler" poem or quotation so that page won't be too "loose"?—and so on. Have we got a reasonably balanced variety of articles? Unit activities are helpful for ideas for other Guiders—so one or two reports may be held over until next month—they can still be helpful then. Find that an article doesn't really fit where you'd planned so you unpin page after page and start again. . . .

Eventually you're ready to "paste" it up.

These days we paste it with Durex tape—seeing that every section of proof material is stuck down adequately, and numbered, that blocks have been put in in their correct place, the captions and acknowledgments in too; the page numbers and the months at the bottom of the pages have been altered; the cover block has been organized and the cover design planned; the volume number altered; the numbers to be printed arranged by H.Q. to ensure that all new subscribers will be sure of a copy and yet we won't have hundreds over; list of any special copies to be posted made out.

About 28th—delivery of the paste-up copy to the printer who has now about ten days to get some 3,000 copies each month set up, printed in the form in which you receive it,

stapled and delivered to H.Q., where L.A. members and friends will wrap the copies in their individual wrappers, checked and organized by H.Q. staff who handle "Matilda" subscriptions and distribution.

About 30th—the Editor starts on the NEXT "Matilda." . . .



DEAR GUIDES,

Guides from 1st Lara Company had a holiday at Mildura — 18 of us gathered at the Lara Station and went by train to Melbourne, then taxi to the Ansett depot and from there to Swan Hill by bus.

Later on to the Deakin Motel in Mildura, where we spent Saturday morning shopping, while the afternoon saw us on the paddle steamer. Some of our other activities were swimming in the motel pool; a visit to Wentworth, where we saw the junction of the Darling and Murray Rivers, the museum and the old gaol; a visit to "Rio Vista", the original home of William Chaffey, "father" of Mildura.

It was altogether a wonderful trip and everyone enjoyed it.



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6th ALL-INDIA JAMBOREE, 1970

An invitation has been received for a group of Australian Guides to attend the sixth All-India Jamboree to be held from 27th to 31st December, 1970.

Venue: Aarey Milk Colony (Dugdha Nagari), situated on the outer area of Bombay. This is in lovely surroundings, with hills and the National Park close by.

Camp Fee: Rs. 15 (approximately \$A.2).

Qualifications: (1) Be a Ranger; or a Guide of 15½ who **intends** to transfer to the Ranger Section in 1971; (2) Rangers must have camping experience — Guides should hold the Bushcraft Emblem; if not, the Patrol Camp Permit.

No finance is available for this invitation.

Application forms available from State International Adviser, Headquarters. These must be returned no later than 1st August, 1970. Air fare is \$755.50.

A visit to Sangam will be arranged after the camp, then a visit to Delhi (taking in a visit to Agra before flying home from Delhi). In Delhi the Guides could stay at the Headquarters of Bharat Scouts and Guides.



Guider asked girls: "What do we do on Thinking Day?"

Reply: "Bring five cents and think!"

FOUR-DAY MUSIC CAMP

"I would like to tell you about some camps we have had here—we had a four-day music camp for Guiders. Delegates came from all over the province to learn new songs to take back to their own Divisions. We found it very valuable. Since attending that camp I've been put on the Division Training Committee, so I'll be teaching what I learned to the Guiders at monthly workshops and a few training sessions.

"Then there was a similar camp for Guides and Rangers. And there was a ten-day Arts and Crafts Camp where they learned some drama, crafts, songs, etc. They all learned a lot to take back to their own Companies and Divisions.

"At all camps, including the adult one, we were divided into Patrols in keeping with the theme of the camp. The theme for the Guide Music Camp was "Around the World in Eight Days", so the Patrols were all names of the continents. Each Patrol had their daily chores and they planned their campfires around their continent. The menus were also planned the same."

—From a letter from Mrs. Grace Conner, of Surrey, B.C., Canada, to "Matilda".



THINKING DAY IS A WONDERFUL DAY

... for Guides and Girl Scouts around the world. It is the day when we Think and Act so that our Movement may grow stronger and reach out to more and more girls who need our help wherever they may live, whether in a remote village, or in a big city in any continent in the world.

Of course, we Think and Act on other days in the year, but isn't there something special about 22nd February when we know we are among more than six million other people all Thinking and Acting at the same time?

As the World Chief Guide said many years ago, "With us Thinking leads to Action", and happily we can all act by giving our contributions to the Thinking Day Fund.

In 1968, Guides and Girl Scouts contributed £36,000 — a great sum — but we hope to do even better in Diamond Jubilee Year!

And how was your money spent?

Whenever you read in "The Council Fire" of a World Association Trainer or Adviser working in one or more countries, or of a World Association sponsored gathering, you may be sure that your Thinking Day contributions were involved. In the most recent issue you can read of the first-ever training course for Arabic Commissioners and of Monique Carrabin's training camp in the French speaking West African countries.

Training is a big item in the budget, and perhaps we can look at it in its widest sense because any international gathering of Guides or Rangers or Leaders means learning to live together and understand one another and this must surely be classified as training.

Equally a tour by a World Association Adviser is just as valuable as one undertaken by a person technically qualified as "Trainer", because whether "trainer" or "adviser" the representative's work is concentrated on helping that country to help itself in every possible way, in attracting public support, in fund-raising for a camp-site or training centre, in administration as well as in such subjects as camping techniques.



In all these ways, thanks to the Thinking Day Fund, international understanding is furthered, and even a small grant to a country suffering from flood or earthquake or similar disaster becomes a symbol of Guide sympathy and friendship. And one should add that such a grant is invariably used by the local Guides to assist the service they are giving to the victims.

No less than 47 countries were helped in 1969 in one way or another by the £36,000 contributed in 1968. You can read their names in the "Council Fire", and why not at your Thinking Day ceremony, have a large map, find the countries and pinpoint each with a small flag of friendship?

—From the "Council Fire".



—Block by courtesy of "Ringwood-Croydon Mail".

MISS RANGER GUIDE, 1970

Judging of Miss Ranger Guide was held at Headquarters on a recent Sunday. The Quest attracted 29 entrants, giving the judges a very hard task. Eventually, Susan Seefeld of A.R.F. Skylark was chosen Miss Ranger Guide, 1970. The winner's sash was presented by Mr. Ray Chapman, Director of 3AW Appeals Committee.

Over 29,000 cards were sold through Ranger Units at the Guide Annual Meeting and a State Council Meeting in 1969. Thank you all for supporting Miss Ranger Guide by buying cards.

The high standard maintained by entrants at the 1970 judging was very gratifying. Our picture shows last year's winner, Lianne Borch of Colac Lands, congratulating Miss Ranger Guide, 1970, Susan Seefeld.

THE PROMISE and LAW

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Remarks concerning the content of the Law and Promise

Some points of major importance were considered.

(1) That of the promise to God.

It is of interest to note that the reasons given by certain associations for not including the reference to God as a mandatory clause of their promise are extremely varied.

For some it meant bringing Guiding not only to the believers of different faiths, but to the youth having backgrounds and families of non-believers. These young people are numerous in some countries. They are looking for an extremely high human ideal which cannot be confused with materialism.

For others, one must accept the world as it is and offer a healthy education, based on moral principles, to the young people of our modern society who refuse to assert their faith in God even if they have spiritual problems.

Finally, for yet others, the aim of the Movement is to educate the faith of young people, but only by means of a gradual disclosure which respects each one's freedom. We must help the young to find God in and through Guiding, but we must not insist on a promise to God a few months after they have joined the Movement.

Speaking personally, and in order to achieve greater clarity, I would say that this very important debate on the promise to God is one which is in the Christian context and is relevant to those countries which have been very much influenced by Christianity even if among the believers the majority do not practise their religion.

One country felt that the word God does not apply in the religious context of its country because it has too Christian a connotation, and would like to replace the word by the name of its own God or by an appropriate formula.

Finally, one country felt that if adherence to the Guide Law is shown in the text of

the Promise, then the reference to God should more suitably be written into the wording of the Law.

Having said this, the great majority of the national associations represented here felt that the promise to God was absolutely essential and intangible. I also believe that unanimity was reached, in a more or less explicit fashion according to each group, on affirming the need to establish the Guide/Girl Scout Movement more firmly than ever on the basis of spiritual principles, at a time when the different demonstrations of materialism constitute a growing threat.

(2) A second aspect of the content of the Promise was debated, that which concerns service to one's country.

Some delegates made it clear that they were using all possible means to stress service to one's country, to make the young people realise that it referred to **their own** country, for which they were responsible.

Others, on the other hand, felt that an exclusive reference to country might encourage too nationalistic feelings or restrict the development of an international spirit which is a necessity in our present age and a need felt by the young. They suggested that we should at least add to the reference to the nation a reference to the **world**, to **humanity**.

(3) Some speakers were anxious that the Guide Law and Promise should be in line with the high aspirations of youth and meet the challenges of the contemporary world. Generous young girls wishing to devote their lives to an ideal of peace and justice, should be able to find in our Movement the way to respond to the ideal. These delegates felt that after a certain age these notions of peace, of justice and of truth should be presented to them as the necessary deepening of the simple demands expressed in the Law.

For instance, from a certain age (14 to 16 years) loyalty and obedience should lead to a search for truth; the fraternity which unites all the Guides of the world must widen into the will to build peace.

(4) Some at times very controversial and impassioned discussions took place on the significance and usefulness of one particular article of the Law. What does the article, "A Guide is a friend to animals", mean,

especially in those countries where man is obliged to fight against wild and hostile beasts in order to survive?

What is the meaning of "A Guide is pure" in different social and cultural contexts, in certain countries where the very free moral climate is regarded as normal and not held to be reprehensible by the main body of public opinion?

Interesting exchanges took place on these points, but the groups would have needed more time to consider their deeper meaning. In the present state of our study we can only note that young people refuse words which are in contradiction with reality. They reject rules for living which are put before them by educators who do not live by these rules. On many occasions it was stated that the value of an example was far greater than that of words.

(To be continued)

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SOUVENIR PROGRAMME

A copy of the Souvenir Programme of Lady B.P.'s visit to Australia in March, 1958, autographed personally by Lady B.P. — is anybody short of a copy of "Matilda" dated December, 1926, for a complete collection?

These are but two of the treasures which have been unearthed from boxes of material which have come into the hands of the Lone Adviser. Registration certificates dating back to 1928; budgets dated in the 1930's; names of Guiders who have passed through the Lone Section; Rangers and Guides who are probably Guiders these days, if their married names were available; a stack of the English "Guider" from 1948 to 1958.

What visions passed through my mind as I sorted through this material, thinking of all the women and girls who have been "touched" by Guiding! The knowledge that has been transferred to them, and through them to others, and on and on. Doesn't it leave a tremendously warm feeling to belong to a Movement which has the strength to carry on through so many human difficulties and to grow continually stronger in numbers and "togetherness".

—B.D.L.

EXECUTIVE NOTES — APRIL, 1970

The April Executive Committee meeting was a meeting about people . . .

About new Advisers — people you will have read about in the last issue of "Matilda" . . .

About public relations and our representatives on various Committees . . .

About international activities and those who represent us at functions overseas, and how we might best select them . . .

About who might help in the planning and organisation of a group which might help all the World Centres . . .

About who might attend the Australian Council meetings to bring forward the ideas to help progressive Guiding . . .

About new Commissioners coming forward to take up work in Districts and Divisions . . .

About how people feel in their attitude to the Guide Promise and their relationship with other people . . .

About Trainers and their Conferences and how best these can help Guiding . . .

About the many people who are helping us as a Movement to build and use halls for our meetings and activities . . .

About the need for and the plans for development and help in the urban areas and the people who live there . . .

All these things, and others besides, were given earnest consideration by the people who make up the Executive Committee . . . people who went home with homework and reading to do before the next Executive meeting. . . .



APPRECIATION

Miss Meg Riseley and the Guiders of Leon-gatha, in their appreciation of recent training given, remind us that we should all be most grateful for the talent, thought and time given by everyone who helps our Movement in so many facets of training our Guides and leaders.

**SERVICE
TO KNOW . . . TO CARE
TO BE INVOLVED . . .**



This was the theme of a "Reach Out" planned by six Michigan (U.S.A.) Girl Scout Councils when they organised "a large-scale event where we (the Scouts) could gain knowledge and experience in the areas of service, conservation, international friendship and leadership."

—From the "Girl Scout Leader", U.S.A., April-May, 1970.

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Some ideas for service recently tried in some Victorian Regions: Bunches of scented flowers specially picked for gifts for a Blind Home. Pot plants, small, grown specially to be presented to the people receiving meals on wheels.

An L.A. Good Turn on a Division basis for Freedom from Hunger Campaign. Cleaning up after the local Church Fete.

Transport for the Extension Guides.

Regular cleaning of the windows of an Opportunity Shop.

Guides running a Creche at Christmas for mothers to be free to do their Christmas shopping.

SERVICE WITH A SMILE

What would the Girl Scout Movement be without service as one of its pillars? It would be like a tree which bears no fruit; it would be an association devoid of vigour and idealism; it would be a dream without purpose. Without service, Girl Scouts would not be able to feel a sense of identity with the communities where they live.

Let me point out two qualities that should characterise service:

1. It should be done willingly and cheerfully, and
2. It should be enduring.

If we have to be very honest about ourselves, we will admit that at one time or another we served other people unwillingly. Take the girl who pouts or grumbles when asked to do an errand or take care of the baby. The long face or the sour look she exhibits tends to lessen the value of the service rendered. In contrast to this, wouldn't

it be wonderful if every Girl Scout could say, "May I help you" when she sees an opportunity for service? This desire to help offered at the right moment will certainly be acknowledged with deep gratitude.

Having been a stranger in some foreign countries I know how it feels when one gets the help which is needed very badly. Visit offices and when there is a least one person there who smiles and offers to help you, wouldn't you feel good? Let us therefore be alert to offer our services to those in need. The expression — "May I help you?" — brings sunshine to a troubled soul or a lost stranger. Willing service is the call of our nation. As Girl Scouts, let us answer that clarion call.

Service should be enduring. The second part of the Girl Scout Promise says, "To help other people **at all times**". This is a very difficult part of the Promise to keep, what with the phrase — at all times. Evidently, we show great enthusiasm in serving other people during the first few years after making the Girl Scout Promise. We can lose interest in the programme, and the ardent soul, so to speak, entertains thoughts of helping other people **sometimes**, no longer **at all times**. If this should happen, it would be well for us to draw inspiration from people who have dedicated their lives to the service of humanity. Perseverance is called for in keeping the promise of helping other people at all times.

Within the framework of our programme, opportunities for service are limitless. Take the area — God, Family and Home. There are many things that we can do to vitalise our belief in God and to show our respect for our home and family. The world of the Girl Scout is centred first of all in her home life. After service to God, comes service to one's family. To serve the family is to live by its ideals — unity, love and peace. Take away these ideals and we have a broken home where quarrels abound and dissensions mar relationships. On the other hand, take a family whose members are ready, willing and able to serve one another, and you will observe the quintessence of all that is noble in Philippine family life.

As a Girl Scout grows older, she moves to a bigger world which is the community where she lives. We are told that we do not

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EIGHT-POINT PROGRAMME

How are you getting on with the Eight-Point Programme in your Unit? **Sailing** ahead smoothly and confidently? Meeting a query or two, which you would like clarified? If you belong in this latter category, the following questions, answers and suggestions may help you — we hope so! If other questions arise, please send them into us — your question may be the very one which is bothering someone else, too, and by raising it you may be helping another Guider, another Unit.

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Brownie Section Guiders have been asking: When does a Brownie Guide receive her **Journey Badge** and for how long does she wear it?

When the Brownie has completed the journey she has chosen to do (and by completed we mean she has met the required number of challenges in that particular journey and has been actively involved in pursuits relating to the remainder of the eight points), then she is eligible for her Journey Badge, and this would be presented to her at a ceremony contrived by the Pack.

She may wear this Badge until she has completed another journey, when it is replaced by the Badge of the newly completed journey.

What distinguishing marks do Brownie Guides wear when they progress to the Guide Company?

The cloth Service Star, which the Brownie Guide wears on her left shoulder, above the Title Tapes, is worn on the left shoulder of her Guide uniform.

When a Brownie has decided upon the journey she will work on, how does she decide which of the suggestions in the Challenge she will do; and how much help should she receive in this from her Guider?

Choosing what she will do to challenge herself is the Brownie's prerogative. Usually, she will discuss this with her Guider, who

would naturally encourage her to try something that is new or different. The Guider should also help by ensuring that suitable materials are available to her, i.e., balls, ropes, handcraft and art materials, reference books and by providing activities and opportunities for the Brownie to practice and try herself out.

In the Brownie Guide Handbook, the **Interest Badges** are set out in three sections following each of the journeys. Does this mean that the Badges relate to that particular journey and may only be taken while the girl is engaged on that Section?

The Interest Badges listed at the end of each journey certainly are linked with the Challenges and indicate how a knowledge, skill or interest first aroused in a challenge may be extended and developed further through an Interest Badge. But they are not restricted to that particular journey. There are 32 Interest Badges, and a Brownie may begin working on any one whenever she feels ready.

Supposing a Brownie chooses for her Challenge, something which is not listed as a suggestion in the Handbook. Is this acceptable?

If a Brownie is interested and has the initiative to construct her own Challenge, so much the better. The ideas in the Handbook are suggestions to help stimulate our inventiveness.

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When are **Venture Badges** gained?

When the Brownies have decided upon and planned a Venture, all those participating — and it is usually, though not necessarily, the whole Pack — will wear the Venture Badge and will continue to wear it after the Venture is completed. Later, when a new Venture is planned, the small metal disc denoting the number is changed. Venture Badges are worn on the right pocket of the Brownie uniform.

Many **Guide Guiders** want to know:

My Guides find it hard to make full use of their Handbooks. How can I encourage them?

The Handbook is full of ideas. Guides should be encouraged to refer to it often and to use the ideas to stimulate their own thoughts. Perhaps the Patrol Leaders, when planning the programme, may like to use page numbers in the Handbook and set Challenges relating to particular pages.

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- (a) When we do an **Interest Badge**, does the assessor need to sign the Handbook?
- (b) What do the words, "Your Promise", mean?
- (a) This is a personal matter. You may have the book signed as well if you would like it. An Interest Badge Certificate must still be signed.
- (b) This is for you personally to record in the way you feel this particular Badge relates to you and your Promise.

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Who tests **Patrol Pennants**?

The District Commissioner appoints people to do this, just as she does for Interest Badges.

Often there are things to do in the Handbook, but no instruction?

This is where you accept the challenge and find out how to do it.

Do we still do Drill and Inspection?

This is for the Unit to decide. Some Guides like to do it often, others once a month, others not at all.

Has the introduction of the Eight-Point Programme and its freedom of choice turned the Movement into another Social Club?

There is no reason why this should be so. Surely it is far better for a Guide to learn something, e.g., First Aid, because she is interested or needs to acquire the knowledge for some special purpose and not just for the sake of passing a test. The very much wider scope for learning about what interests them and being able to follow it right through is surely a better idea.

How do we learn skills such as tenting, hoisting colours, etc., when they are not a set thing?

Guide skills are still required for carrying out many activities. The Guide who is interested in hiking, for example, would want to know how to treat snake bite and perhaps how to cook in the open before she goes out. The same would apply to camping. Would this not be the time to learn how to hoist colours and tenting?

Is there a prerequisite age for a Guide to commence **Queen's Guide**?

No. Queen's Guide is the culmination of a Guide's progress in understanding of her Law and Promise, putting this into practice in her everyday life, taking full part in her Patrol and Unit activities and at the same time becoming proficient in a number of skills; in fact, becoming a good all-round person who is setting the example to all who come in contact with her as to what Guiding really is.

A leaflet, "Hints on Queen's Guide", is now available in the Guider leaflet series.

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... and some **Ranger Guiders** are wondering:

How do I plan the programme for my Unit?

You don't.

However, let us re-phrase this question so that it reads: How do I help my Rangers to plan their own programmes?

Under the guise of "Leadership Certificate" plan several sessions on "Programming in the Pack, Company and Unit". Discuss such questions as:

What do we gain by having a planned programme?

What factors do we have to consider when planning a programme?

Who is responsible for planning the programme in the Pack, Company and Unit? Why?

How far in advance should these programmes be planned?

What educational methods should we use to ensure that variety is in the programme?

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Activity

Divide the Unit into three groups to plan a programme for a Pack, Company or Unit. Then put each one into practice with all the Rangers writing an unsigned assessment note which is given to the group responsible.

Remind them to check for: Suitability for age group, to times of year, to size of hall. Equipment necessary and the handling of same. Manner and clearness of directions given; flexibility and timing. Did each individual gain? Was it "Learning through fun?"

Now that the Rangers have an idea of what is required, the working details need to be decided. Will the programme be decided by an Executive Committee or the whole Unit working in small groups? Will they take it in weekly turns or for several weeks in order to give continuity? These decisions come from the Rangers. With practice the standard will improve especially when they reach the stage of being able to balance the activities, between what they **want** and **need**. Do not forget to mention that the programmes do not need to be only planned for indoors, but for outdoors, too.

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Several of my Rangers want to work on the Leadership Certificate. Do they transfer to one of our old Cadet Units?

No. The work for this Certificate is done by the Rangers in their own Unit and in close co-operation with the Pack or Company. At your District meeting you should discuss this with the other Guiders and request their help as "outside experts".

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I have three young children and find it difficult to get away at weekends, in order to give my Rangers the necessary outdoor experience. How can I overcome this problem?

Yes; this is a problem, and one which means that you miss out on a valuable opportunity of getting to really know your Rangers. However, you can "get out" during weekly meetings and perhaps you could manage day activities.

You can train your girls on meeting nights yourself or make sure that the outside expert visits your Unit. He or she comes in the guise of a Bush-walker, a Rover, a Naturalist, your C.A., other Ranger Guiders or people with hobbies which take them out of doors.

For the camping and cooking part, training days could be held in your back garden. Then, when putting the knowledge into practice, a licensed Ranger Guider or one who

has held and used a lightweight camp permit for two years could include some of your Rangers in a weekend activity. With permission from your C.A. your Rangers could gain experience by running their own small camp in conjunction with one from your local Guide Company.

It is your responsibility to see that the Rangers get the training and put it into practice — but try for at least one weekend away, with the Rangers — for this is a valuable and memorable experience for you, too.

AUSTRALIA GETS YOUNGER

If birth and death rates and immigration keep around present levels, Australia's population should approach 16¼ million by 1981.

The proportion of young people is increasing — 53% of Australians are now under 30 years of age, compared with 49% in 1947. By 1981, 56% will be under 30.

The table below compares the number in various age groups in 1968 with what it is expected to be in 1981.

	Numbers in Age Groups		% Inc.
	1968	1981	
	(Thousands)		
0 - 4	1,147	1,980	73
5 - 9	1,217	1,790	47
10 - 14	1,130	1,570	39
15 - 19	1,071	1,380	29
20 - 29	1,790	2,610	46
30 - 39	1,465	2,300	57
40 - 49	1,512	1,610	6
50 - 59	1,220	1,520	25
60 and over	1,479	1,960	33
	12,031	16,720	39

The big projected increase in the 30-39 age group and the very small increase in the 40-49 age group, is explained by the effect of the war on the birth rate. It fell away sharply from 1940 to 1945 and rose after the war.

The marriage and baby boom over the next decade or so will create a huge demand for housing, furniture and general requirements for young families. It will also add to the existing immense pressures on governments for roads, sewerage, water supply and child care, maternal welfare and education services.

—Institute of Public Affairs.

A CONSERVATION PROJECT FOR GUIDES

In a previous issue suggestions were given for conservation activity programmes for Brownies, Guides and Rangers.

For the Guides these programmes could take the form of visits to local natural areas and artificial shelter belts.

Alternatively, backyard or front garden diary records could be extended to include actual counts along a set path over a given time. All sorts of measurement activities, together with the essential recording are well within the scope of this age group, as are simple identifications at family level.

These activities become meaningful if the build-up of maps and time-lines takes place gradually on a large, vivid scale in front of the children. A large caneite-backed map of the local area could gradually build up a picture of the favoured territory of these animals with a coloured mapping-pin indicating where each animal of a certain species is seen. If vegetation zones are drawn on the map, the special associations between animals and plants will soon be recognised.

Time-lines for various species may be built up which not only indicate occurrences, but also the population peaks.

For example, the Wood White Butterfly occurs in Somers between September and December, but the Ringed Xenica is seen between January and April. The average sightings over each month for the Wood Whites are 1, 3, 1, 1, but the averages for the Ringed Xenica are 50, 40, 15, 6.

Here are the roosting numbers of White Ibis at Coolart Lagoon in 1963: 5th January, 270; 20th January, 280; 10th February, 170; 17th February, 155; 3rd March, 145. Notice that numbers appear to be gradually falling.

At Somers, the children also counted the number of dead sea birds washed up. Looking through our records we found Fairy Penguins from January to December totalled 0, 2, 5, 1, 3, 1, 3, 0, 3, 1, 0, 2, so that they appeared right throughout the year.

The attractive little Fairy Prion totalled 0, 0, 0, 8, 11, 13, 4, 1, 2, 0, 0 over the same months, occurring mainly in winter and spring.

Gradually, simple pictures of population distribution and density are built up in the local areas. Sequences of events, seasonal differences and associations between individuals or between individuals and their local environment are recognised. Breeding, shelter and food requirements also become evident through the children's involvement with the environment. We know that the children would recognise the impact on their own environment if the lolly shop were blown up. If they know the magpie movements well, they should also recognise the implication of uncontrolled bulldozer operations in open forest areas. "Hey, Mum! The bulldozers are knocking down the magpies' nesting tree!" "Hey, Dad, Farmer Jones is draining that swamp where all those water birds live!"

The Guider-awareness through such a programme, together with the interest of and communication with concerned adults, could yet save the tree and the swamp.

Group reports could then be constructed and copies sent to the local Council, local library and one held for group records and guidance for next year's activities.

—Alan J. Reid, Education Officer,
Australian Conservation Foundation.

ACTIVE MEMBER?

Are you an active member? The kind that would be missed?

Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?

Do you attend meetings and mingle with the flock?

Or do you stay away—and criticise and knock?

Do you take an active part to help the show along?

Or are you satisfied to be the kind that just belong?

Do you ever go to visit or ring a member who is sick?

Or leave the work to just a few, and then call them "the clique"?

Think it over, members. You know the right from wrong;

Be an ACTIVE MEMBER and do not just belong.



Lilydale Guides at Britannia Park.

—Courtesy Mr. E. Bates.

• BRITANNIA PARK •

Did you know . . . that the little bungalow on Harrison Site, which we call "Harrison House" (with due apologies to all football enthusiasts), is available to Guiders who would like to take their family camping? It provides solid shelter, and there is enough cleared space for tents on the site. The charge is \$1.00 per 24 hours, or part thereof, and we provide a bungalow, 20ft. by 10ft., which is lined and which has a wooden floor covered with lino. There is a wood stove set in one wall. Water is obtainable from a tank just outside the door. There are two beds and some blankets, and there are two deep sinkers on the site. A car can be driven right up to the bungalow. This site is very private, not overlooked by any of the other sites, and yet is only a 400 yards walk to Guide House. Mrs. McNally at H.Q. is prepared to take bookings for this. Guiders, how about giving your family a little holiday there?

Well, the Thursday Specials have really started work for the year. We are clearing the gully above the swimming pool, which turns out to be a gigantic task. The black-

berries and honeysuckle are the most luxuriant and affectionate that we have met. Some of you will say, "Oh, what a pity not to leave it in its natural state!" but if we leave it much longer we will lose all those beautiful gum trees which the ivy is rapidly killing. The blackberries and honeysuckle have become so dense that, for the last few years, this has been a useless part of the property — too dense for the children to walk through and a fine harbour for snakes in the summer.

When cleared, this area will be planted with wattles — won't they be lovely amongst the gum trees? We could call it "The Valley of Wattles" or "Acacia Glen". We're open to suggestions — and with careful planning we hope to get the right varieties of wattle so that there will be at least one tree in bloom right through the year. There should be room for about 30 trees there. Would anyone like to plant one in memory of someone? Four have already been donated. One tree will be planted in appreciation of the help that "Bill" has given us there, for without his amazing strength we would not even have attempted to clear that gully.

GUIDERS, Peg Barr is arranging to have a working bee at Britannia Park on Saturday, 4th July, and Saturday, 1st August. Please keep one or both of those dates and try to join these working bees. So much was achieved by these "first Saturday in the month" efforts last year, and there is still great need for them this year.

Will those who would like to help, please contact Miss Barr at H.Q. a week beforehand.

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The Britannia Park Committee, after much consideration, has decided on a long-range plan, to have toilet blocks built on some of the campsites. This, of course, will be very expensive, but now that the water supply is better, THIS part of the problem has been overcome and money is the only need. ONLY . . . ?

If we are able to put in one block a year, consisting of three toilets, two showers and basins and hot water, we will be lucky, so those who prefer the more primitive type of camping will be accommodated for many years to come. We try very hard not to spoil our lovely campsites, but the amount of use they are having has increased so much in recent years that the constant digging is making it difficult to keep some of the well-established sites looking their best.

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Some improvements to Brownie Cottage will be started after the May holidays. It is proposed to increase the accommodation there from 21 to 24 persons. This will allow a Brownie Guider to take 18 Brownies away for a Pack holiday to Brownie Cottage.

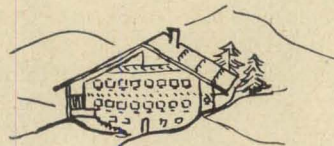
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The Maintenance Fund was a little better in March, which is good because we are saving to have the floor on the back verandah at Brownie Cottage repaired. Your Chairman has been petrified for some time, that someone would break their neck on those boards. We are grateful to the following for their contributions to the Maintenance Fund during the month of April:—

- 7th—Glen Iris L.A.
- 9th—Park Orchards L.A.
- 9th—1st Glen Waverley North Coy.
- 10th—Spotswood L.A.

- 11th—6th Kew Coy.
- 15th—Burwood L.A.
- 16th—Ashglen Trefoil Guild.
- 23rd—1st Skipton Coy.
- 27th—Mrs. E. Rodeck.
- 28th—Charlton L.A.

My plea for a carload of helpers to come up on a Thursday (any Thursday) seems to have fallen on deaf ears, but we are grateful to Nunawading and Blackburn L.A.'s who came up for a day and did some work there. Oh gosh, we do need every bit of help we can get there!



THANK YOU CHALET

Our fund for the Chalet is slowly creeping up. Our Treasurer, Miss Holtz, has just put another \$1500 into the Building Pool at H.Q. We now have a total of \$3500. With all the masses of appeals for money, I think you are all marvellous the way you have supported this fund. Generations of Guiders, Commissioners, Trefoils and L.A.'s will bless you all, and I am sure that those who have passed on will be playing their harps all the better because they have been remembered by us. Not being able to play any musical instrument, what WILL St. Peter give me to do when I get up there? As I'm good at stoking fires, perhaps he has other plans?

A very touching little letter came from a Guide Company away up north, saying, "We are very proud of our Britannia Park. We wish we could send more money for the Chalet." Bless you, Guides.

Miss Denny is doing a magnificent job, inscribing names in the Thank You Book. It's a thrill to see how many of our earlier Guiders are being remembered in this practical way.

N.B.: The Garden Party on 17th October at Britannia Park. Write it on your heart in letters of fire and then save all your money for the best bargains in Victoria. Oh, and concentrate on a fine day for it, PLEASE.

1st TERANG GUIDE COMPANY HIKE

Six members of 1st Terang Guide Company went for a marvellous five-mile hike recently. It was wet and windy, but we were all well clothed and equipped, and had a tremendous day.

My two sons, aged 11 and nine, came with us and, apart from the obvious difference, they acted just like the Guides.

We left the hall after an hour of waiting for weather observation. We stopped for morning tea near the Terang Racecourse, at which stage our collection of seeds had grown to about 20, after only 1½ miles travel. Some of these included hawthorn berry, pinecone, pod of ash tree, rose hips, Morton Bay fig, dandelion, strawberry clover, acorns, Scots thistle, milk thistle, several grasses, and an apple core and peach stone, the latter being the result of litter on the roadside (not ours!).

After the break we continued on to the lake, where Mr. Fenton gave us water and permission for a fire to boil the billy inside an old, roofless, tin shed on the shore. The light showers did not dampen our spirits and we "enjoyed the out of doors" till 4.30 p.m.

Once on the lake bank, the Guides went wooding and provided enough fuel for a reasonable fire, which I confess took more than one match.

While the Guides were wooding, I hid their lunches and also marked apples over a wide area. On their return the hungry hikers had to discover the apples and work out the clue contained in letters on them, which would lead them to their lunches. This was quite fun, until an enterprising youngster found the lunches BEFORE the apples!

After lunch we explored excavations for fossil shells, some of which I had previously had identified at the National Museum as being of the Miocene Age and probably about 30 million years old. Another find I had had identified was the tibia of *Macropus Giganteus* (red kangaroo), and the girls were fascinated with the history of the area and its previous inhabitants. I endeavoured to explain to them the origin of the salty lake which had once been part of the sea which covered much of Australia, until tremendous

upheavals caused the sea floor to be raised and the sea to subside. *Diptrodon* fossils have been discovered in this locality, this giant wombat-like creature being one of the earliest grazing animals.

A bird count during the day revealed only a few magpies on the wing, ducks on the lake, and spur-winged plover standing quietly at the water's edge.

For the benefit of two new recruits, older Guides treated me for "snakebite", and found an actual use for their first aid kits, for two girls who suffered splinters and, of all things, mousebite. The latter was the result of investigating the cosy little homes of mice under the hay bales. They resembled tiny tunnels in the warm, soft soil. We were fortunate to meet a litter of new-born baby mice in this way and were particularly careful when replacing the bale, so that their home was intact.

All the children enjoyed the day tremendously, and I was very proud of their keen interest and enthusiasm with each venture we tackled.

On return, they called at the farmhouse and thanked Mr. and Mrs. Fenton for the opportunity to enjoy such a wonderful day.

I only hope that we find further opportunities to take Guiding out of doors in this way, as there is a spirit here that cannot be found indoors.

—Anne I. Fraser.

AN ECHO OF CAMP SOUTHERN CROSS

Dear "Matilda",

After the opening ceremony, several Guides said they would like to have a copy of Lady Hasluck's address. I now have these, and would be glad to post a copy (a typed sheet) to anybody who cares to write to me at the address given below, enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

—Enid Bunning,
15 Kent Street, Kew, 3101.



JORDANVILLE PACKS

1st and 2nd Jordanville Packs and parents and friends worked with the 3rd Jordanville Pack to raise funds to help Camp Southern Cross at the Fancy Dress Parade and Stall recently reported in "Matilda".

MATILDA NOTICES....

BUSHCRAFT TOUR — SEPTEMBER, 1970

If applications warrant it, a Bus Tour, which will take in some of our National Parks and other places of special interest to nature lovers and bushcraft enthusiasts, will be conducted for Guiders for one week of the September school holidays.

Those interested should advise the Training Department, which will forward further information as it becomes available.



THE LONE GUIDES AND L.A. ANNUAL MEETING

All welcome to come to the meeting at H.Q., 2.30 p.m., 27th June, 1970. Our guest speaker is Mrs. Barnes on "Life in Austria".

BIRDS OF THE URBAN AREAS

Now that the first book of the Gould League series has appeared it is opportune to say another word about it.

It is called "Birds in Urban Areas". Many Guides have to observe nature in suburban gardens, so this book fulfils a need. It is pocket size.

One advantage is that when showing a certain bird, such as a golden whistler, it also mentions a similar bird it could be mistaken for — e.g., E. Shriketit; or the tree sparrow, which could be confused with an immature goldfinch.

Margot Pederson is the artist responsible for the attractive plates and Jack Hyett has written the general introduction. There are 59 species described and their identification is made more simple by the full colour drawings.

The book costs \$1 direct from the Gould League, Abbotsford State School, No. 1886, Lithgow Street, Abbotsford, 3067.

The printer is McLaren & Co. Pty. Ltd. of Melbourne.

—J.H.

WINDSOR MUSTER, N.S.W., 1970 ATTENTION, PHILATELISTS!

22nd to 29th August, 1970

There will be a special stamp cancellation issued, and a commemorative cover showing the Camp Badge, and with a filler giving information on the Windsor Muster.

Orders may be placed with Mrs. J. E. Skillington, 28 Bimburra Avenue, St. Ives, 2075. Please send correct money when ordering, allowing extra postage for quantities. There will be a limited number available, so avoid disappointment by ordering early.

Lady Wyndham, N.S.W. State Commissioner, has kindly agreed to autograph a small number.

Prices in Australia:

Unserviced (envelopes only without stamp)—
8c each.

Serviced (stamped and addressed)—20c ea.

Unserviced and autographed—30c each.

Serviced and autographed—40c each.

All proceeds from these envelopes will go to the N.S.W. Eileen Marchant Fund—established to assist Guides, Rangers and Guiders to attend trainings and functions such as the Muster. —From "Waratah".

BACK TO 2nd CAULFIELD

20th June, 1970, from 2 to 5 p.m.

St. Stephen's Hall, Balaclava Road, Caulfield.

Invited are . . .

All ex-members of the Company, parents and friends; husbands and children most welcome.

Everyone connected with Miss Mavis McDonald and the Company over the last 29 years. Pass on the date and details.

Please bring . . .

Photos, souvenirs, log books — you will meet the present Guides, renew old friendships and reminisce.

Enquiries to . . .

Mrs. Shirley Hopwood, 14 Sylverly Grove, Caulfield, 3162;

phone 53 3248 —

and advise her, please, of numbers attending.



"OPERATION PETTICOAT"

The Captain Cook Bi-Centenary Celebrations in Queensland included "Operation Petticoat" — the nickname of the display by the Women's Committee in Brisbane.

The "Women in Youth Groups", in which the Girl Guide Association was active, produced appreciative comments and many enquiries from the younger generation.

Intense interest was shown by the public in Mrs. Cook's kitchen, staffed by the Hospitality Committee of the Girl Guide Association.

Mrs. Cook's plum cake was served as a speciality and proved extremely popular. A gift of a cake was sent to Her Majesty, and a letter of warm thanks has been received. A cake was also sent to Government House.

"1770 Dampers" were another item served by the pantrymaids from the Hospitality Committee, L.A.'s, etc., who worked so hard to make the function the success it was.

—From "Coo-ee".

FIREWORKS DISPLAY

At the Sydney Royal Easter Show there was a big fireworks display. Among the fireworks was one of the Guide Badge, with the inscription, "Fifty Years of Guiding".

(Note: This referred to 50 years of Guiding in N.S.W., not, of course, the Diamond Jubilee of the Guide Movement.)



YOUNG AUSTRALIA IN CHILDREN'S BOOKS

To mark the 200th anniversary of the discovery of Australia by Captain Cook on 19th April, 1770, the International Youth Library in Munich is organising a "Young Australia" Exhibition of outstanding books for children and young people from down under. With a taped background of authentic Australian birdsong, the exhibition also contains some of Captain Cook's journals, and books on the coming of the white man and his treatment of the Aborigines, the gold strikes, pioneer families, and other aspects of the country's development.

—"Unesco Features".

SEED TIME

Autumn is a good time to make a collection of different seeds — and a knowledge of how seeds are distributed is one of the requirements of the Naturalist Badge.

One of the first seeds to ripen is the acorn, from an oak tree. It is called a nut. You will think of other kinds of nuts also. Seed cases are classified according to their shape and structure. Many plants have pods or legumes, e.g., peas, beans, broom, sweet peas and wattles. The snapdragon has a capsule. These seed boxes look like tiny skulls with little holes near the top through which the

seeds can be jerked out. Poppies are somewhat similar. Winged fruits are found on sycamore trees, limes, silver birches, elms and maples.

The common dandelion seed has a pappus of hairs, which helps it to be wind scattered; clematis seed has a feathery stem (old man's beard). Many a garden has a liquid amber tree. In the autumn the seed is hard and round, with many pointed spikes. It also has holes through which the seeds drop out. The red berries of cotoneaster bushes are eagerly sought for by the birds.

—J.H.



THIS IS THE LOCAL ASSOCIATION'S PAGE

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

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It is most enjoyable for Headquarters personnel to attend Region Conferences and to meet many of the Local Association people. You are all so kind to us and endeavour in every way to make our visits happy and rewarding. A keen interest in what we say, lots of questions, and pleasant conversation over lunch and cups of tea make our visits to your areas so very worthwhile. This is all part of our public relations with each other and people not in the Movement. Visitors, perhaps the Shire President and his wife, go away with a lasting impression of busy, happy people, and a feeling of the warmth and fellowship of the Guide Movement.

HOBBIES EXHIBITION

HAMPTON L.A. finished its activities for 1969 with a most interesting hobbies exhibition. Hobbies were displayed, the most successful being a potter's wheel, where the children tried their hands at making a small pot. Brownies entered a decorated floral saucer competition and the usual Christmas stall was held in the hall. This was found to be a great improvement on having it in the street and taking a chance with the weather.



RUTHERGLEN Local Association have held a sandwich bar at the 1970 Wine Festival in March and, besides helping to cater for the large crowd, it boosted their funds.

WANGARATTA Local Association were hostesses to the New Zealand Extension Guides who had attended Camp Endeavour.

A New Zealand Guide, Ngaire, entertained those present with a display of poi dancing. A shining N.Z. halfpenny was given to each of the Brownies.

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WANGARATTA L.A. have also sent us some games which some of you might like to try:

1. A mystery parcel which could only be opened with a knife was placed in the centre of the room. A dice at each end of the room was thrown in rotation, and anyone who threw a six could open the parcel until some one else threw a six. The activity and traffic in the centre of the room was remarkable. We wondered how many sixes were on each dice.
2. A simple but remarkably difficult game of skill was then played. Six pegs had to be dropped, one at a time, from a standing position into a coffee jar placed on the floor. Very few fives or sixes were scored!

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The District Commissioner and two L.A. members of NORTH KEW and one L.A. member from GREYTHORN volunteered to drive five Post Trefoil Guild members to the Blind Association Holiday Home at Kerry near Romsey, 38 miles from Melbourne. Here, at an enjoyable three-day camp, they played scrabble, dominoes and sevens in Braille besides enjoying the change of companionship, chatter and the refreshing noises of the bush around them.

BARK PICTURES

How about a Bark Picture Night for "Exploring the Arts"?

1st Keilor Guides had a wonderful night making their own and were surprised at their effective finished products and the enjoyment they had in creating them.

A few clues for Captain:

- (1) Peel the bark carefully from tea trees, paperbarks and fuchsia bushes about six months before needed. (The fuchsia gives a delicate red, paper-thin bark after being sunburnt.) Dry well, taking care to keep silverfish away. It is amazing the range of colours obtainable even from one tree. Some bark artists like chunky bark from gum trees, too, but it does not produce a delicate picture.
- (2) Collect lichens, grasses, reeds, ferns, seaweed, everlasting, etc., for foliage, bushes and flowers, etc. Dry them with the bark. Mosses keep their colour if dried quickly, i.e., in an airy room.
- (3) Plastic picture frames can be obtained wholesale direct from the factory where the owner is only too pleased to help Guides and Scouts, providing the order is large enough. (Details from Mrs. McNab.)
- (4) Other requirements are: Glue; a cheap, fine paint brush for applying the glue to the cardboard backing; rags to wipe gluey fingers; and skewers or tweezers to hold the bark pieces in place where necessary. I'd recommend covering the table with newspaper and wearing an apron, too!
- (5) It is advisable to tackle these fascinating bark pictures in warm weather, so that the glue can dry quickly, as some children are heavy-handed with it, and the picture may become mildewed.
- (6) Now all you need is an imagination and, if you are lucky, a bark picture artist with some spare time to give advice.

You start by having a vague idea of what sort of picture you wish to produce, then place the bark in place on the cardboard to get the colour and arrangement effect. Then remove it all, paint glue on the upper half of the cardboard, and stick the sky pieces in place. You may use up to 20 pieces of paper-thin bark to get the desired effect, or just one strip might contain all the colouring and character you want.

As well as pale, calm weather skies, my Guides produced thunderous skies, windy skies, a delicate pink sunset and a mysterious moonlit sky.

The background is glued in place next. If several layers of hills are required, it is O.K. to stick the bark on in layers, overlapping to give a realistic effect.

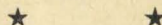
Often the piece of bark you choose gives you different ideas, and the picture may develop into an exciting masterpiece, so different to the one you originally had in mind.

Last of all, add the trees, foliage, grasses, etc., as desired.

Some of my Guides concentrated on realistic things like trees, fences, flowers, rivers, etc., while others created fascinating abstract scenes.

Our bark picture artist who gave us such valuable advice, suggested we take the pictures home and prop them up in a place where we could cast a critical eye on them every now and then. For a couple of days you'll find you'll add a bit here, take a bit off there and add it somewhere else, so creating a satisfying expression of art, and a strong desire to make the time to create more masterpieces. What creative talent has YOUR Company got?

—Rosie McNab, Captain, 1st Keilor Guides.



DEAR "MATILDA",

What a grand time we have had planning our Venture over the past few months. We made puppets, learnt Scottish dancing, made up poetry, and have also been very busy sewing for our money-raising effort.

Then we invited parents and friends to come along to the Church Hall, as our Guide hut would not have been large enough for this activity. It was lovely being able to put on the puppet show, which we produced ourselves; and to show our parents how we enjoyed doing the dancing for them; and we sold all we had on the stall and we raised over \$47.

This will be divided, we have decided, between the L.A., Pack Holiday Equipment, and a Good Turn which we have not yet decided.

—Julie Beggs,

Tintookie's Sixer, 2nd Kilsyth Pack.

WARRANTS AND REGISTRATIONS

A warm welcome is extended to the following:—

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Mrs. A. B. Bell, Barwon.

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ST. GEORGE'S DAY CELEBRATION

The Dimboola Guides were camping at a farm house some five miles from the Gerang Gerang Church, but the five miles and rain did not deter them when they decided to celebrate St. George's Day by hiking to Church. The people at Church thought that Guides didn't walk very much these days, and were delighted to see them. We thank the local newspaper editor for his thought in sending the block of the photograph to "Matilda".

Guides from Coleraine with their leaders had a planned bus trip of Gippsland.

Some of the places visited and activities enjoyed included our lunch at Ballarat Gardens, a tour of Philip Island and the penguin parade, an inspection of the Milo factory at Leongatha and being entertained by the local Guides that evening.

At Wilson's Promontory we hiked to the summit of Mount Oberon, and at Foster the L.A. members and Guides had the hall ready and welcomed the bus with the urn on the boil. At Sale we were entertained to supper by the Scouts. At Buchan we saw through the caves and at Yallourn visited the S.E.C. Through Walhalla and Moe and on to the

The mind is like the stomach — it is not how much you put into it that counts, but how much it digests.



Guider at camp, enjoying scrub in hip-tub in bath tent.

Enter intruder, namely, one very excitable kangaroo.

Confusion reigns. Each stares at the other with disbelieving eyes and thumping hearts. Eventually — exit one terrified roo!

Upwey Guide Hall. From here we went to Melbourne by train to see the Art Centre and the zoo.

Coleraine pennants were left at all the Guide halls we used.

Then—home. Everyone enjoyed the trip immensely and shared in all the duties, including loading the bus.

Guides and leaders would like to say thank you to our driver, Mr. Cameron, who was so helpful and kind in every way. Thanks too to the leaders—I'm sure they enjoyed the trip as much as the Guides did.

A. P. KNIGHT,
District Commissioner, Coleraine.



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—(Mrs.) Judith Quick,
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When they are available the prices of the new Brownie Guide Sixer and Second stripes will be 10c each.

CONGRATULATIONS . . .

to the recipients of the following Awards:—

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YARRAWONGA RANGER UNIT — DISASTER DAY

The day began at 9.30 a.m. after an overnight lightweight camp. The Unit worked in two groups, but the groups did not remain constant. The first group proceeded to the Warby Range area, where they were to collect first aid supplies, and then proceeded to Yarrowonga, encountering two flat tyres en route. During this time full use was made of mapping knowledge.

Meanwhile, group two were treating every imaginable injury, after which they proceeded to a set destination. Surprisingly, they also encountered several flat tyres! Although full use was made of their mapping knowledge also, they arrived an hour late at their next destination. Some considerate person had shifted "the position"!

Back to group one, and they have become involved in a farm accident involving a grass fire, two seriously injured farmers and a (very convincing!) hysterical farmer's wife. Fortunately, there are two other farm hands available to help fight the fire and they quickly bring this under control; nobody knows how the two snakes got amongst the fire fighting equipment, but they bit the two farm hands!

After this most eventful morning we all proceeded to the Guide Hall for lunch, but not without that inevitable flat tyre en route!

Just as we are finishing lunch we hear that there has been a two-car collision just a block from the Hall. Two people are injured and about 10 children are wandering round in all the confusion — could we help? And so a group set off. They even had to treat a dog for minor cuts and shock. Naturally, there was petrol spilt and the Fire Brigade had to be called to help. Was that fireman deliberately smoking, or did he just happen to be standing near all the spilt petrol?

The remaining two Rangers begin to relax, thinking their day is over, when they hear a boat has overturned at the foreshore, not more than 200 yards away. The foolish father had no life jacket, therefore by the time he has rescued four children, he needs treatment!

We returned to the scene of the car accident to find the District Commissioner having a fight with the fire hose. The Fire Brigade were demonstrating how to fight a petrol fire with water, something very useful to know, especially for the Commissioner!

Then came afternoon tea and a summary from all the officials involved!

Their conclusion: we are an extremely capable group of girls, certainly up to the standard of the Civil Defence of Victoria.

Our conclusion: all the hard work for six months was well worth it. To receive such praise from the official certainly boosted our confidence. Our aim now is for every member of the Unit to become a member of the Disaster Squad.

SERVICE

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live for ourselves alone, for no man is an island.

In community service activities, we should strive to involve the persons we are trying to help. There is greater merit in doing things **with** others than in doing things **for** others. In the former case, the dynamic potentialities of all those concerned in the process are put on play and there is a greater sense of involvement. People seek to identify themselves with their tasks. Pride in shared responsibilities as well as achievements develops the community spirit. Let us, therefore, work relentlessly in keeping our lay people involved in our community service projects, time and resources permitting.

In closing, I would like to express my appreciation for the wonderful work the girls in green are doing. I have everything to thank the Girl Scout Movement for. It was in Scouting where I first learned of the joys that await anyone who serves with willingness and cheer.

Let me conjure you to keep our theme for this programme — **Service and a Smile** — ever in mind. Service should be performed willingly and cheerfully. To strive to help other people at all times is a challenge to our persevering efforts. Let not the day come when we shall be found wanting in the spirit of service which inspired the Founder of the Girl Scout Movement.

—By Dr. Lazara Julianda,
from the Philippines "Girl Scout".