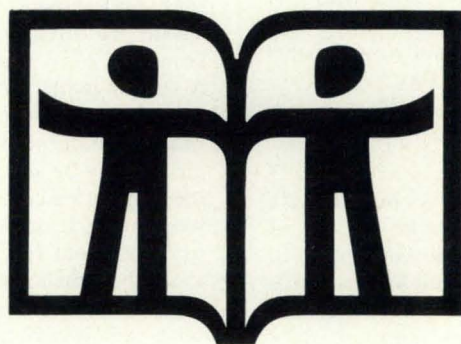


# MATILDA



## **A SYMBOL FOR INTERNATIONAL BOOK YEAR 1972**

The symbol for International Book Year 1972 was designed for Unesco by Michel Olyff of Belgium, whose services were obtained through the International Council of Graphic Design Associations (ICOGRADA).

The two men linking hands on the pages of an open book symbolise international co-operation, and their sturdy, upright figures, the importance of books in national development. Postal authorities, the press and national and international organisations will use the symbol in any form suitable to them.

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The Unesco General Conference last November proclaimed 1972 International Book Year. It will involve a series of national and international efforts to promote production and distribution of books, particularly in the developing world. (Unesco Features)

## Thinking Day — How did YOU think?

(Tune "Clementine")

All the guides from many countries  
Celebrate this special day  
To remember Baden-Powell's  
And his wife's birthday.

In Australia, in South Africa,  
And the guides that live in Spain —  
We all think of them with friendship  
As they form the links of chain.

Cents for friendship, cents for friendship,  
To help guides from far away  
To keep their law and their promise —  
Now we know about Thinking Day.

—1st Marnoo Co.

The Thinking Day Fund is increasingly becoming an important factor in the life of the World Association and thinking back to its origins we recall the marvellous incentive of a Belgian guider in 1932, who suggested that Guides and Girl Scouts from all over the world might give a small sum of money towards a fund that would help Guiding spread and reach more and more children.

This initiative has developed into the thousands of pounds — from so many currencies — which today supports our whole work of promotion around the world. In 1932 there were 29 recognised countries with a total membership of 1,100,000 compared with 87 Member countries today and well over 6,000,000 members.

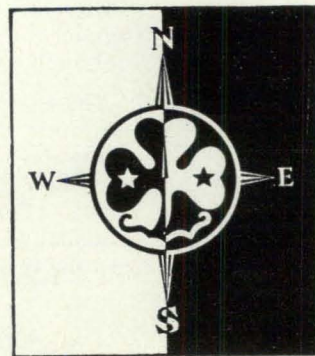
Do the Brownies, Guides and Rangers realise that when they contribute their coins they are helping other girls to become members of the Movement, to enjoy the thrill of being a Guide, and of belonging to a World Family?

But that is not all, far from it; girls are learning to read and write, they are learning skills with which they earn their living, in some countries they are helping to change the pattern of their villages with this new knowledge of health, home economics, first-aid, etc. — more and more girls are taking a stand in their countries to promote human rights. Entire new areas are welcoming Guiding which, with its flexible and extensive programme and its universal membership, "brings the World" to them.

Yes, Guiding is fun, but it is much more than that, and what is most important is that through the Thinking Day Fund **all** the members of the world are involved in making it such a worthwhile Movement.

Your pennies are collected together and enable Guiders to train others in the ways of Guiding, and indeed in ways of improving their livelihood and those of the people around them; it pays for guiders from one side of the world to go thousands of miles and assist Associations in remote parts of the world; it enables seminars, meetings, gatherings, and music festivals, etc., to take place. These are all things which will bring Guides from all over the world together, in unity. A unison which is not only ideal in guiding but in the furtherance of racial and inter-human understanding. This is why your gifts must be given from the heart, with an idea of sacrifice and not obligation. In the words of a Swedish Guider in reaction to the first proposal for the Thinking Day Fund, at the 7th World Conference: "I think if the children help us with the funds it must be with real joy, because they love to do it; the children must do it with their hearts".

—Lyn Joynt,  
Director, the World Bureau



### Mrs. PARKER-BOWLES, C.B.E.

Guides who met Mrs. Parker-Bowles, Chief Commissioner for the Commonwealth, during her visit to Australia last year will be delighted to know of the honour bestowed on her by H.M. The Queen.

# MATILDA

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## *The Law and Promise — ASSESSMENT*

I have completed my reading and assessment of the notes, letters and questionnaires compiled in some Regions, regarding the Law and Promise. It is most gratifying to note that many hundreds from all areas of Guiding in Victoria participated in this research even though I have evidence that, once again, not all channels of communication were working and, as a consequence, some guides did not have the opportunity to submit their viewpoint.

With such wide co-operation from Victorian Guiding I now feel competent to present at Australian level the views of the State upon this fundamental aspect of the Movement. When our opinions are added to those of the other States we can be sure that the Australian delegation will, with confidence, be able to join debate and discussion at the 21st World Conference, stating the policy of the Australian Association — just as I expect many delegations from other members of the World Association will present theirs.

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There is overwhelming (almost complete) agreement that our Association should retain the ideals of the existing Law and Promise and the vast majority of opinion is that no further change should be made to the wording. The point was frequently stressed that, in the presentation of the Law and Promise, the understanding and the interpretation of the Guider was all-important. Many thoughtful, beautifully-phrased contributions expressed the writers' thoughts and feelings about Guiding and similar impressions were conveyed in sincere but often less articulate form.

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Although theirs is the dominant voice, I would also like to bring to your notice some minority points of view.

In answers from the girls I detect confusion as to what is DESIRABLE and what is DIFFICULT TO ATTAIN. Of the suggestions put forward for change, it is obvious that lack of understanding prompted very many substitutions and a bonus from this enquiry will be the benefit to our Training Department, enabling it to know the aspects to which it is advantageous for help to be directed.

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### **The Promise**

A few Guiders regret the omission of "ON MY HONOUR" — seen as a high standard set by each individual.

Another expression is that our standard is **too** high — we cannot possibly hope always to keep the promise; "TO DO MY BEST" should be changed into "TO TRY (OR STRIVE) TO DO MY BEST. Some members felt that GOD referred to

the Christian religion only and their suggestion of change to accommodate other religions makes it obvious that they are unaware that the wording differs in the Associations of some countries.

There was a comment that "DUTY TO GOD" should be deleted so that girls who do not believe in God could be admitted to the Movement, but this idea was supported by a very small minority. However, one Ranger company thought the genuine athiest should be permitted to make a similar promise (omitting DUTY TO GOD) in the hope that she would grow in faith in the Movement; later perhaps she could affirm the full promise.

The idea that MY or OUR should be used to indicate a personal God was put forward, but I wonder if the writers had thought fully of the commitment to "do MY duty to God" already stated. A contrary point of view was also put by a Company with the thought that Australia is principally a Christian country, with a belief in one God, and to speak of more than one God would be to deny this faith.

Queries about the significance of Guiding in the life of the girl elicited the information that, just as there were Sunday Christians, so there were Tuesday Guides.

Although, as I pointed out earlier, majority opinion is opposed to change there is a real feeling that "TO SERVE THE QUEEN" is either inadequate or undesirable. The opinion was that Her Majesty, once an active guide, is a splendid example, especially to women, but many girls consider that she is too "remote" and is not immediately identifiable with patriotism for Australia. Amongst those who support this change the number is equally divided into those who would have the phrase read "TO SERVE (BE LOYAL, TO, or HONOUR) THE QUEEN AND MY COUNTRY" and those who would delete "THE QUEEN" and substitute "MY COUNTRY". Here, again, there was ignorance that other countries used a variation of our Promise and attempts were made to find wording suitable for world-wide acceptance.

It was pointed out that the present wording, although phrased to contain three promises, actually has four parts and the suggestion was made that "TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE" be omitted — it being one of the laws, anyway.

Suggestions advanced for alternative wordings were:

On my honour I promise that I will do my best to please God, the Queen and others with the aid of the Guide Laws.

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LOVE God, SERVE country, HELP fellowmen, OBEY Guide Law.

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On my word of honour I shall devote my time and thoughts to the world of Guiding and dedicate my love and action to God and the Queen.

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I promise that I will try to do my best in giving myself and my services to my country and to the people with whom I come in contact.

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I will try to grow in understanding of and do my best to — (this followed by the remainder of the Promise as at present).

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One Brownie Pack suggest the last phrase be "and be a TRUE Brownie Guide" because a TRUE Brownie Guide would keep the Law.

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### The Laws

Discontent with "The Laws" stems largely from dislike on the part of the girls about having to learn them, remember them and the number of each as they are written. It could be that, as Guiders, we have placed too much emphasis upon teaching the girls to know and recite the laws by number — many pleas were received to shorten the text, also to have a rhyme which would make them easier

to remember. Priorities seem to have got a bit mixed here! Surely the content is more important than the ability to recognise them by number — and what a challenge here for each company to compose its own rhyme!

A few Guide companies suggested the combination of laws to cut down the number but they envisaged no change in the actual content.

I was surprised to see adverse comments about friendliness and the sisterhood of Guiding — it seems at variance with today's concept of universal brotherhood. Even discounting the literal interpretation of SISTERS, which to some girls is obviously associated with disagreements within the family ("if you've sisters you're bound to fight and I THINK it may be better to be friends to everyone and not have millions of sisters") there ARE those who cannot envisage friendly relationships over a wide circle.

"KINDNESS TO ALL LIVING THINGS" brought forth comment about flies, lethal spiders and deadly snakes, making it apparent that the intention of the Law is misunderstood.

CO-OPERATION with her elders, or those in authority, was suggested as an alternative to obedience.

The idea of remaining cheerful whilst suffering the (oft quoted) broken arm or leg was queried by more than one guide. From other comments it seems this law too, is often badly interpreted. A clarification suggested was "a Guide has courage and looks on the bright sides of difficult situations" — or — "a Guide is cheerful and has courage when facing a difficult situation".

Although one guide said she never had spare time to make good use of, some felt that "other people's time" should be added here. A Ranger company stated that at their age they cannot make good use of their time because they often feel like just sitting and doing nothing — usually watching T.V.

There was indication that the ninth law was well understood, but some older guides missed the familiar word THRIFT as in the old wording.

By general agreement it seems that the tenth law is considered the most important AND the most difficult to keep — "If you were always self-controlled there would probably be no fun in life" said one Guide. Three people doubted their ability to control their thoughts. A Guide THINKS before she acts was suggested here. Absolute self-control would stifle the ability to speak out and voice full opinions and ideas — not just agree for the sake of peace, was another Ranger contribution.

A question about points not covered by the present ambit of the Laws brought forth suggestions of "TOLERANCE: A GUIDE MUST AVOID BAD COMPANY" and "A GUIDE WANTS OTHER PEOPLE TO DO WHAT SHE HAS DONE FOR THEM".

A re-written form appears as:

A Guide is someone who strives to do her best at all times;  
Someone who can be depended on;  
Who offers herself, even when she doesn't want to;  
Who tries hard to like everyone and to offer them consideration;  
She protects all living things and, in her consideration for other people,  
she protects their possessions.  
A Guide uses common sense at all times and tries to maintain self-control.

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Finally, two remarks in lighter vein:

"I try to keep the laws but my sister sometimes makes me lose my cool."  
"I like ten laws because if I break one there are still nine left."

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It seems obvious, from comments received, that many guiders have found

discussions at company level stimulating and plans are being made to gain further benefit from this start. There has been surprise at the depth of understanding and insight in some instances and consternation at misconceptions or lack of interest in others. Guiding in Victoria will undoubtedly be improved, by our recognition of these strengths and weaknesses.

*Charlotte Renshaw Jones.*

## DEAR VICTORIA,

Although most routine meetings in guiding are suspended during January, the leisure-time activities brought crowds of guides, brownies and helpers into Headquarters for enjoyable days together. An additional outdoor activities day when archery, obstacle courses, square-dancing, tie-dying and canoeing were sampled, created fun and interest. I suspect that the numerous photographers were just a little disappointed, however, that neither the State Secretary nor I provided them with subject matter for "a dip in Gardiner's Creek"!

It was a great pleasure to welcome to Headquarters participants in the Australian camp for Lones as they gathered together for morning tea before setting out on a tour of Melbourne. The inclement weather of Tuesday persisted for the first day of camp, but it was fine for the opening (on Thursday, 13th), planned by the girls, and good for the duration of Camp Noonameena, enabling all to enjoy the lovely setting of Britannia Park. I hope that everyone gained great pleasure and benefit from this gathering.

On Australia Day, 26th January, the Ranger, Guide and Brownie Advisers, their husbands, and Miss Macartney represented the Association at the civic flag-raising ceremony at the Melbourne Town Hall, whilst I attended with my husband in his capacity as a Consul-General. We were also present at the luncheon arranged by the Australia Day Council when Miss Evonne Goolangong was presented with a plaque as Australian of the Year. Later I represented the Movement at the annual ceremony in the Pioneer Women's Gardens. Did YOU celebrate Australia Day?

From 29th to 31st January the first Australian Sections Conference was held. You will, I hope, read in "Matilda" of this meet-

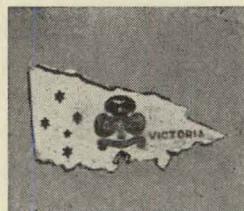
ing of Advisers — practical leaders from the Sections in each State.

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I shall have a special message for you in the next issue of "Matilda".

Every good wish to you all,

*Charlotte Renshaw Jones.*



At the Muezzins call to prayer,  
The kneeling faithful thronged the square.  
Amid a Monastery's weeds,  
An old Franciscan told his beads.  
And on Kupara's lofty height,  
A dark priest chanted Brahma's might.  
While to the Synagogue there came  
A Jew to praise Jehovah's name.  
And one great God looked down and smiled,  
And counted each his loving child.  
For Monk and Brahmin, Turk and Jew,  
Had reached Him through the gods he knew.

# NOONAMEENA

"Bush-sleeping place" for guides, rangers and guiders from all States of Australia and New Zealand. The occasion — to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Lone Guiding.

The girls really experienced camping — many for the first time — under varying conditions — rain to pitch camp, heat, and a thunderstorm.

The opening ceremony, performed by Miss James, saw a ribbon from each State and New Zealand being tied in a knot of togetherness bringing all Lones into an active appreciation of Guiding principles.

Noonameena had four sub-camps — three for Lone Guides and one for Lone Rangers. A remarkable percentage of 30 per cent of all Lones in Australia attended Noonameena. Togetherness was achieved by combined campfires, excursions to Healesville Sanctuary and Maroondah Dam, and by doing the Noonameena Challenge; going through the Adventure course. Mrs. Heard, Victoria's Lone Adviser, was the star of that day.

Noonameena provided an opportunity for girls in the same company to meet each other and their guiders often for the first time. This can be hilarious, as neither look as the other has imagined from opinions formed through correspondence; an opportunity for tests to be passed, enrolments and investitures to be held; but the greatest opportunity — to share the spirit of Guiding actively with others.

The closing ceremony saw the knot untied and the ribbons returned to each State and New Zealand to take home the spirit of guiding to continue and to spread more widely the things gained from this camp.

## Guide Sub-camps

The guides were divided into three sub-camps of approximately fifteen guides plus their leaders. The camps were arranged so that as many different States as possible were represented in each camp, but guides from the same company camped together.

The guides were kept very busy with the central camp programme plus the usual camp chores. Few of them had camped before in ridgepole tents, but they coped admirably with the rain as they pitched camp.

Any free time was spent passing badgework, learning general campcraft and completing the Noonameena Challenge. Much hilarity resulted from the section of the challenge which required the guides to act as a "manito" for another guide in camp and to surreptitiously do good turns for them. Some tents were tidied so well that their occupiers could not find their belongings!

It was an enjoyable week of fun, hard work and laughter; a time to meet guides from all States and a time to confirm and change impressions you had of the members of your company.

## Ranger Sub-camps

Rain and more rain — we thought it would never stop as we struggled to pitch auto tents as temporary accommodation until it was dry enough for hike tents. But by tea camp was set up and many first-time camping Lones had learnt a great deal.

The Rangers were kept very busy with a breakfast hike where they sampled lightweight food — museli and black bread were not well received; swimming; official opening; setting up the Adventure course; being taught how to map read by a group of Rovers then hiking through some rough country; a day excursion to Healesville Sanctuary and Maroondah Dam; Church services; visitors; arts and crafts — with the H.Q. team plus outdoor craft with a Western Australian ranger guider; making Maori poi; combined campfires; very inspirational Rangers Own — another first for many; and a thought provoking candlelit investiture ceremony for several rangers including a New Zealander. Cooking a lightweight style dinner for their guiders without help — quite an experience; drying out "dog" biscuits on their hike — no broken teeth reported; sleeping in a hike tent; and midnight feasts with the ants.

A very valuable experience because they learnt to share their guiding. They learnt to work together as a team and to communicate with others. Friendship, fun, hard work, good food, a well run camp with exciting activities have inspired them to take a more active part in guiding and to want to join in more activities. The rangers are planning another all-Australian Lone Camp — so who knows what will happen!



**LONE GUIDES DIAMOND JUBILEE 1972, BRITANNIA PARK, YARRA JUNCTION**

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Don't resent growing old; a great many are denied the privilege.

The only trouble with a sure thing is the uncertainty.

Things do not change; we change.



This camp badge was sold by 3rd Jordanville Guide Co. as a means of raising funds for the Jordanville District Guide Hall. The design is a simple camp scene.





## "CENTS FOR SERVICE" DRIVE — 16th-23rd APRIL, 1972

Cents for Service literature will be available for collection from Headquarters after 4th February. We would be most grateful if parcels could be collected and so cut down on postage and freight charges.

All **metropolitan** parcels are to be **collected**; however, any parcels for country areas still at Headquarters after the Region Commissioners' meeting on 1st March will be forwarded by rail, or, where there is no rail service, by mail.

If the dates planned for "Cents for Service" do not suit your area they may be altered but please notify Headquarters of any change.

Please make use of the "Cents for Service" posters available — or, if you have talented people in your area, you may devise your own.

Any queries about "Cents for Service" may be addressed to the Publicity Secretary, at H.Q.

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Did you see the list of drives, etc., in "Matilda" in the January/February issue (page 164). This would give you ideas for unit, patrol or group activities.



## CENTS FOR SERVICE

It is a good way for Brownie Guides, Guides and Ranger Guides to say "thank you" for all the fun, friendship, opportunities and learning they have received.

To show the public that we **DO** try to help to support our Association, and do not just ask for "hand-outs".

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Decide in units, whether they will work in pairs? Sixes? Patrols? A whole unit? Individually? As a team they may be able to do **BIGGER, BETTER** and **BRIGHTER JOBS**.

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### Have you tried these?

Button sewing or mending service; silver cleaning depot (advertise prices and take bookings); mending books and music; backyard fete; book auction; child-minding service at a local happening (funds could be shared with organisation concerned); stall for Mother's Day gifts; making and selling jam and pickles; cleaning bicycles; mending punctures; staining outdoor furniture; painting fences; delivering handbills; shoe-cleaning depot; caring for pets when owner away; raking leaves; altering hems on dresses; backyard barbecue; baby sitting; cake stall or taking orders for lamingtons; mending sheets.

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1. Have your Units decided how they will use **their** share of Cents for Service money?
2. Have you a telephone number on your poster?
3. Have you a group ready to do the larger tasks which may be required?
4. Does the public in your area know the kind of jobs that you can do?
5. Take all your "equipment" with you and don't forget your card, the Brownie smile and the fifth Guide Law.

**Girl Guides Association  
of Australia  
National Development Scheme**

**YOUTH DEVELOPMENT  
PROJECT ADVISER**

**Project**

In Outer Suburban Housing Commission Homes Area.

This is a pilot project to serve as a prototype of similar activity in other cities in Australia where rapid growth has brought in its train social problems to which Guiding could appear to offer some solution.

**Duties**

To lay down guide lines for the development of all facets of Girl Guiding in the Dallas-Coolaroo area 13 miles north of Melbourne, Victoria.

A special supporting Committee available to offer help in any way.

**Qualifications**

Experienced Leader in Youth Organisation; Social Worker; or Graduate.

Special requirement is initiative with enthusiasm.

This appointment offers challenge and responsibility.

**Term of appointment**

Commence duties early 1972.

This is an on-going project and applicants will be expected to give a minimum of twelve months service.

**Salary**

Good basic salary will be negotiated.

Allowance for transport in own car and other expenses.

**Applications**

To the Australian Secretary,  
Girl Guides Association of Australia,  
G.P.O. Box 675,  
Sydney, N.S.W., 2001.

Openings will also be available for similar work in other States.

For any further information apply to the Australian Secretary.

**ALWAYS PREPARED  
FOR EMERGENCIES**

Stitch in time came in handy for this member of 1st Keilor Guide Company on a hike in rough country recently.

Wielding the needle is patrol leader Sonja Midderam.

Receiving the emergency attention is Julie-Ann Evans.

The girls were taking part in a combined hike with 4th Keilor Scouts.



**On a Guide/Scout hike at Keilor running repairs were called for! P.L.'s sewing kit came to the rescue.**

—Block by courtesy "Keilor Messenger"

## DEAR MATILDA,

On a recent Company outing to the Healesville Wildlife Sanctuary our Guides were thrilled when approached by a visitor from Canada, who, recognising them as Guides, introduced herself as a former Guider/District Commissioner from Toronto.

As the tour she was on was due to leave we had very little time to talk to her, but we were delighted when the following week we received a card in the mail, giving us her name and address with a request to write.

This we did and we received a reply, which I felt may be of interest to you.

This chance meeting with Mrs. Melsom has illustrated to our Company that by being a Guide and wearing the Guide uniform we have friends all over the world.

—June Cooke, Captain, 5th Colac Company

Dear Miss Cooke,

I telephoned the editor of our church paper, "The Record", and told him about our meeting, and he asked me to send an account to him for publication in next month's paper, which I have done.

I have been a Guide since 1916 (during the First World War) when I joined Company 3, Toronto, one of the oldest companies in Canada. The lieutenant of that company is still living, but our beloved captain died in Jerusalem a few years ago and is buried there. Latterly she was a missionary.

I went to Toronto to work when I was 14, and worked there in various offices until 1921 (12 years), when I came back to Woodstock. In 1923 I started the first registered company of Girl Guides in Woodstock, and that company is still active. Some of the original girls still meet four times a year, as a "Trefoil Guild".

I had a warrant for 37 years in Woodstock, as Captain, District Commissioner and Division Commissioner, but now I just do testing. Recently I tested two girls for their Conservation badge.

## HOME AWAY FROM HOME

London — a big, noisy, exciting, magic city but it can be a very lonely one too. For Guiding folk however, there is a home away from home at the Guide Club, 46 Belgrave Square. Within the walls of this three-storied Victorian house you regularly meet members of the Guiding family from all over the world — the United Kingdom, U.S.A., Switzerland, Spain, Holland, South Africa, New Zealand, Germany and of course Australia. Merry laughter and bright chatter can be heard as old friends reunite and new friends meet. The warmth and friendship of the staff is always present whether you are arriving from Ireland in the morning, Canada during the day or perhaps from "Our Chalet" near midnight. You get excellent value for your membership fee — good food, a comfortable library, T.V. room, pleasant writing room and drawing room as well as a spick and span room with a comfortable bed — most important after a day walking London streets! You never know who will walk through the front door next — it could be the Chief Commissioner for the West Indies, a member of the Trefoil Guild in Bristol, a Brownie Guider from Edinburgh, a Guider from France, or our own Australia Chief Commissioner, Victoria's International Adviser, or even Lady B.P. herself. Life is never dull at "The Club" where Guiding folk from all over the world are one big happy family, really living the law that "a Guide is a friend to all and a sister to every other Guide".

—Anne Smith, Box Hill



## VISIT OF CHIEF COMMISSIONER FOR AUSTRALIA, 21st-29th APRIL

Next month, 21st to 29th April, we will have with us here in Victoria, Mrs. J. R. Price, O.B.E., M.Sc., Chief Commissioner for Australia, and we are eagerly awaiting what promises to be an enjoyable and stimulating occasion for all.

A large number of our members will have the opportunity to meet Mrs. Price at the functions which are being planned for her visit. Her first engagement will be the St. George's Day Service at St. Paul's Cathedral on Friday, 21st April — Mrs. Price will give the address at this service — and the next day she will drive to Gippsland to meet personnel from Baw Baw, Gippsland and Woorayl Regions. On Sunday there is to be a Guides Own in Melbourne for all Guiders, Local Association members, Trefoil Guilders, parents, husbands and friends. From Monday until Friday Mrs. Price will be visiting country Regions to meet members and friends living in Northern and Western Victoria, and a wide variety of activities will take place during these few days. On her return to Melbourne, on the Friday evening, Mrs. Price will be the guest of the Ranger Section and on the following morning she will go to Britannia Park to "Camp Warrawee" where she will meet Brownies, Guides and Rangers from the metropolitan area.

Mrs. Price has been associated with Guiding since joining a Guide Company in South Australia as a small girl. When her children joined the Movement, she became an active and able L.A. member and she subsequently accepted appointment as District Commissioner for Caulfield. By this time her scientist husband was well established in C.S.I.R.O. in Victoria so it was Victorian Guiding that had the special benefit of her natural ability and leadership at this stage. After serving as a District Commissioner for several years, she became Division Commissioner for South Eastern (now Malvern and Caulfield Division) and she also gave service as a member of the State Council and on our Finance, New Commissioners and Boundaries and Public Relations sub-committees. Hospitality was another field in which she was a ready helper and many overseas and interstate visitors were welcomed in her family home.

1963 saw the beginning of her five-year term as State Commissioner for Victoria, a period in which she made an outstanding contribution to Guiding both in this State and at Australian level.

Always interested in overseas people and places — Mrs. Price has represented the Guide Association on the Good Neighbour Council, the Pan-Pacific South-East Asia Women's Association and the United Nations (Victorian Division) — she made the most of every opportunity to further her knowledge and understanding of other countries, particularly those of the Asian area. In 1966 she led Australia's delegation to the World Conference in Japan and in 1968 saw her representing us at a National Leaders' Conference at Sangam. She led Australia's delegation to the World Conference again in 1969, this time to Finland. All members of our Association were thrilled indeed when she was invited to be Chairman of the forthcoming World Conference to be held in Canada later this year — this in itself is a great honour and shows the high esteem in which World Guiding holds her.

For her outstanding service to Guiding both within Australia and overseas, Mrs. Price received the Award of the Silver Fish.





# TRAINING PAGES



## Is this YOUR District Meeting?

Commissioners and Guiders should work as a Patrol and to do this effectively an essential communication link such as a District meeting should be as regular as possible.

Ideally this meeting should be held monthly with notification one week before the intended date with an agenda enclosed. As a simple example, an agenda **may** be as follows:

1. Welcome and Promise.
2. Apologies.
3. Minutes of previous meeting.
4. Business arising.
5. Correspondence and Newsletter.
6. Finance.
7. Commissioner's Report on L.A. meeting (if needed).
8. New Business.
9. Unit Reports.

Of course a main topic of conversation is the old favourite "Newsletter", and information pertaining to **all** sections should be read or distributed. Do you pass it all on Commissioners? or only the parts you think your guiders would be interested in? How are the guiders to develop new interests and be kept informed of new projects and happenings or new opportunities? Remember the variety of ages and experience amongst your guiders' patrol, and give them a chance to have their own individual ideas and views.

Are unit reports just handed in or are they read (or summarised) aloud to share all the joys the girls are having in Guiding?

Views of guiders all favour a combined sections meeting rather than a separate time for brownie guiders, guide and ranger guiders. It enables them to learn of the happenings of their sisters.

If **your** meetings lag, is it because your district is suffering due to "class distinction" between sections? Each is of course entrusted with more than a small part of the development of a young female mind and character. All guiders should see each

other's task in perspective. Encourage this by finishing earlier and allow a chat time over a cuppa. This may help break any barriers and give harmony, understanding and communication within your District. It is the responsibility of both guiders and Commissioners to keep their district contented and informed.

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## SELF-SERVICE

Here are some of the questions and statements that I hear regularly:—

1. How do I get more girls to join the unit?
2. The knowledge from a pioneering day with Rovers has hardly been used.
3. I cannot get my Rangers interested in World Guiding.
4. Where do I go for help with Leadership Certificates?
5. The Rangers do not seem to find many avenues for Service in the Community.
6. There was a fully paid trip to America and only three Rangers applied. Some of my unit would have applied if they had known.

These and many other problems can be solved at "The One-Stop-Shop" — your monthly District Meeting! Any guider who comes from her district meeting and says "I never get anything from my meeting", is obviously not **GIVING!**

Your meeting consists only of reading the Commissioners' Newsletter? Well, bring out your long list of outside experts and suggest one speaks at your next meeting.

Thinking Day in the District can be quite a headache for your commissioner and fellow guiders. Why not ask the rangers to plan the activities with the help of representatives from the brownie and guide units?

Why not plan a Field Day for all district units — the L.A. too, could be included on this day. A grand chance for your rangers to air their knowledge and a wonderful opportunity for the guide section to meet and work with the rangers.

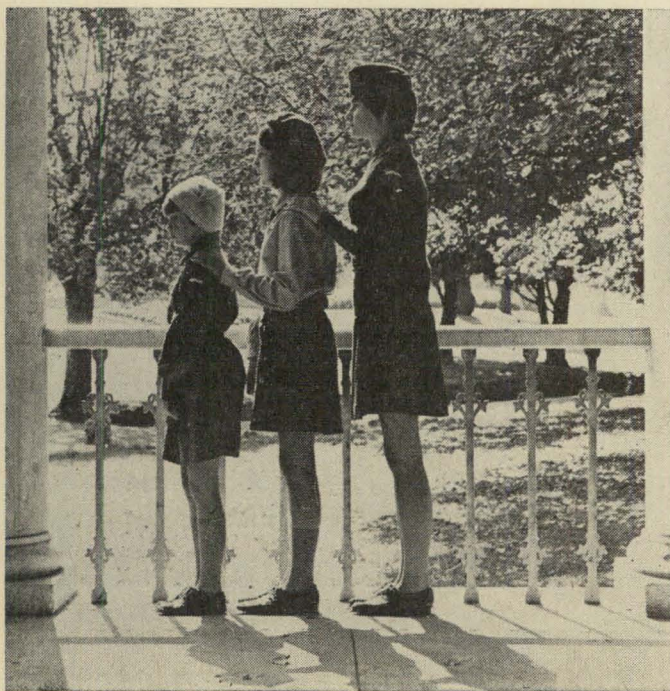
As for those Leadership Certificates — the brownie and guide leaders will give you all the help you need and make arrangements to take the rangers into their units for the practical side.

Giving a monthly report on unit activities is excellent publicity. The guide leaders will be able to take it back to their girls, and "Last month the rangers did . . ." will soon arouse the guides' enthusiasm.

As for the opportunity to travel — did you just "tune-out" thinking that the newsletter was only for guide and brownie sections? Even so, remember that this news is of interest to the rangers doing their Leadership Certificates apart from the background knowledge gained for yourself.

Do **you** listen **and** contribute as individual problems are discussed? For the knowledge gained will certainly help when Mary Jane becomes **your** problem!

Don't just sit back — join the Team! For apart from giving and gaining knowledge and practical help, you are missing out on the fun and fellowship your fellow District Guiders are enjoying.



## AID FOR METRIC SHOPPING

To assist the public, and particularly the housewife, the Metric Conversion Board has designed a prototype "cost comparator". It will become available to the public through private industry, and not from the Metric Conversion Board offices.

The main function of the comparator is to assist shoppers to make quick and easy comparisons of cost for goods marked in metric quantities against costs for imperial quantities.

Based on the slide rule principle, the comparator provides also direct conversions of imperial unit quantities of mass (weight) and liquids (volume) to metric equivalents and imperial unit measurements of length and temperature to metric equivalents.

In most cases, conversions to metric quantities will result in consumer goods being packaged in slightly larger or smaller packages because of the desirability of arriving at a rounded metric figure. Tea for instance will be in 250 g. packs whereas the present half pound pack is equal to 227 g.

During conversion, which for consumer goods will begin this year, the shopper will inevitably be faced with making a choice between the same commodity packed basically in imperial and in metric quantities.

Even if the packets were marked with both imperial and metric values comparisons between the prices of goods would not be easy unless the quantities happen to be very simply related to one another. In all such cases the Metric Conversion Board's "cost comparator" will help shoppers check for value. It will show, for instance, that 1 lb. at 41 cents is equivalent to 500 g. at 45 cents, or 1 pint at 18 cents is equivalent to 600 ml. at 19 cents.

It can show also that  $3\frac{1}{2}$  yd. of material will become 3.2 m.; a 26 in. waist measurement will become 66 cm.;  $1\frac{3}{4}$  pt. will become a litre (1) and that 10 degrees Celsius is the same as 50 degrees Fahrenheit.

The comparator fits easily into a man's pocket or woman's handbag.


Production of the cost comparator will be sponsored by private enterprise. A slide chart manufacturer has been granted the non-exclusive right to produce a production copy of the Board's prototype.

(By courtesy of the Metric Conversion Board.)

## BLOCK BOOKING

TO: MELBOURNE SPORTS DEPOT, 121 ELIZABETH STREET, MELBOURNE, 3000. PHONE 60-1911.

Please send the following tickets:

	Front Stalls		Back Stalls		Dress Circle		Upper Circle		Back Upper Circle	
Friday, 19 Evening	\$13.00		\$10.00		\$10.00		\$7.00		\$5.00	
Saturday, 20 Matinee	\$11.00		\$8.00		\$8.00		\$7.00		\$5.00	
Saturday, 20 Evening	\$13.00		\$10.00		\$10.00		\$7.00		\$5.00	
Thursday, 25 Evening	\$13.00		\$10.00		\$10.00		\$7.00		\$5.00	
Friday, 26 Evening	\$14.00		\$10.00		\$10.00		\$8.00		\$6.00	
Saturday, 27 Matinee	\$11.00		\$8.00		\$8.00		\$7.00		\$5.00	
Saturday, 27 Evening			\$10.00		\$10.00		\$8.00		\$6.00	

**Note:**

Please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Blocks of 10 only. No returns accepted. Upper Circle and Back Upper Circle: Cubs, Scouts and Guides in uniform only. Matinees at 2 p.m. Evening performances at 8 p.m.

Cheques payable to M.S.D.

NAME: .....

ADDRESS: .....

TEL. NO: ..... SCOUT GROUP: ..... TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ .....

**BLOCK BOOKINGS BY MAIL NOW**

PERSONAL BLOCK BOOKINGS FROM M.S.D., SCOUT SHOPS AND THE GUIDE OFFICE FROM APRIL 16  
FOR INDIVIDUAL BOOKINGS SEE OVER



# THE ROARING 20'S GANG SHOW

MAY 19, 20, 25, 26, 27

PRESENTED BY THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION (VICTORIAN BRANCH)

Twenty years of success is quite a theatrical record! At the Palais Theatre, St Kilda, we're getting ready to give you a great night out at the "Roaring Twentieth Gang Show".

\*IT'S YOUNG' NON-STOP AND SMILE-FULL AND COMES TO YOU IN MIND-BOGGLING COLOUR

\*IT'S MODERN AND IT PACKS A MESSAGE FOR WRINKLIES AND NON-WRINKLIES ALIKE

\*IT'S GOT A CAST OF 120 - 15 OF THEM GORGEOUS GIRLS!

If you've never been before, make this your year at Gang Show.

If you haven't been for years, you'll find it's greater than ever.

Groups, Units and Social Clubs can make money on the side by purchasing blocks of 10 seats at the special low rate and re-setting at the regular price. For the Scout Group or Guide Unit who sell the most seats there's a \$100 prize!

There are five nights and two matinees to choose from. Check the Individual and Block Booking Forms attached and book early by mail or over the counter.

See you at the **Roaring Twentieth.**

"Matilda, April 72"

## INDIVIDUAL MAIL BOOKING

TO: MELBOURNE SPORTS DEPOT, 121 ELIZABETH STREET, MELBOURNE, 3000. PHONE 60-1911.

Please send the following tickets:

	Front Stalls	Back Stalls	Lounge	Dress Circle	Upper Circle
Friday, 19 Evening	\$1.60	\$1.30	\$2.00	[Checkered pattern]	
Saturday, 20 Matinee	\$1.20	\$0.80	\$1.30		
Saturday, 20 Evening	\$2.00	\$1.50	\$2.20	\$1.60	\$1.00
Thursday, 25 Evening	\$1.60	\$1.30	\$1.80	[Checkered pattern]	
Friday, 26 Evening	\$2.20	\$1.60	\$2.50		
Saturday, 27 Matinee	\$1.20	\$0.80	\$1.30	[Checkered pattern]	
Saturday, 27 Evening	\$2.30	\$1.80	\$3.00		

If seats are not available as requested above, alternative dates are.....

Note: Please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Children under 8 years half price. No returns accepted.

Cheques payable to M.S.D.

Evening Performances at 8 p.m. Matinees at 2 p.m.

NAME:.....

ADDRESS:.....

TEL. NO:..... SCOUT GROUP..... TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$.....

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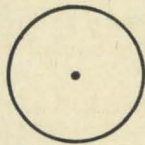




### CONSERVATION IN COLAC

On page 172 of the January/February "Matilda" you will have read a note of conservation activities in Colac.

Here is a picture showing two competition winners receiving their prizes from the Region Commissioner.



It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mrs. D. B. (Bonnie) Rook, on 27th January, 1972. Bonnie helped to start the 1st Pakenham Brownie Pack in 1957, and was Brown Owl until late last year, when ill health forced her to retire. She was a member of the Dandenong Region Training Team and a former member of the Brownie Section Committee. She completed 14½ years of active leadership, and also gave freely of her time to help with catering to raise funds for the Guide Hall. She lived her Promise and Law and was a wonderful example to all. Guiding will miss her, but Dandenong Region and Pakenham District are the better for having known her.





## ANTARCTIC TREATY AND COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS

The Antarctic Treaty came into effect on 23rd June, 1961. The stamps on sale from 23rd June, 1971, marked the 10th anniversary of the Treaty.

The 6c stamp depicts sastrugi, the name given to wave-like parallel ridges of snow, formed by wind action. The ridges have a long even slope to windward and usually end in a perpendicular wall of snow with an overhanging shelf. The pancake ice flows on the 30c stamp are caused when pieces of sea ice break up and collide with other pieces of ice in the swells of the polar seas; constant spinning and buffeting results in the circular form and raised rims. The motif shown on the top left hand corner of each stamp is the emblem of the Antarctic Treaty.

Antarctica, the windiest, driest and coldest of the continents, has an area of 5½ million square miles — almost twice the size of Australia. Approximately 98% of it is covered by ice, which in places is 15,000 feet thick. There is evidence that forest once grew there, and it is conjectured that the continent was once joined to Australia, India, South America and Africa.

A number of countries have scientific interests now in Antarctica. In 1959, Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Chile, France, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Republic of South Africa, the United Kingdom, U.S.A. and U.S.S.R., signed a treaty to preserve the Antarctic for peaceful purposes so that the investigations and co-operation developed during the International Geophysical Year could continue.

All forms of military activity, nuclear explosions and the disposal of radioactive waste in Antarctica are expressly forbidden in the 14 articles of the Treaty. Perhaps the most immediate benefit of scientific activity in Antarctica is the daily plotting and forecasting of weather, which in Southern Aus-

tralia is greatly influenced by the cold masses of air which come from the polar regions. However, in 43 bases around this southernmost continent, scientists are studying many diverse problems, ranging from cosmic rays to what prevents polar fishes' blood from freezing. Some of the scientific activities are shown on the Australian Antarctic Territory stamps. The commemoratives will be taken to the Australian bases at Macquarie Island, Mawson, Davis and Casey in the annual relief ships which will leave Australia during the southern summer (December, 1971 and January, 1972) and the first day of issue will occur as each post office in the Territory receives its supply of stamps. An official first day cover and pictorial first day postmarkers will be provided.

—Extracted from "Philatelic Bulletin",  
Vol. 18, No. 6, June, 1971

## A GRANDMOTHER

A grandmother is a lady who has no children of her own. She likes other people's little girls and boys. A grandfather is a man grandmother. He goes for walks with the boys and they talk about fishing and tractors and stuff like that.

Grandmothers don't have to do anything except to be there. They're old so they shouldn't play hard or run. It is enough if they drive us to the market where the pretend horse is and have a lot of dimes ready. Or if they take us for walks, they should slow down past things like pretty leaves and caterpillars. They should never say "hurry up".

Usually, grandmothers are fat, but not too fat to tie your shoes. They wear glasses and funny underwear. They can take their teeth and gums off.

It is better if grandmothers don't type-write or play cards except with us. They don't have to be smart; only answer questions like: "Why do dogs chase cats?" and "How come God is not married?"

Grandmothers don't talk like visitors do, because it is hard to understand. When they read to us they don't skip, or mind if it is the same story over again.

Everybody should try to have a grandmother, especially if you don't have television, because they are the only grown-ups who have time.

—From a third grader who lives in  
San Diego, U.S.A.

## PSYCHEDELIRUM TREMENS

Remember when HIPPIE meant big in the hips,

And a TRIP involved travel in cars, planes, and ships?

When POT was a vessel for cooking things in.

And HOOKED was what Grandmother's rug might have been?

When FIX was a verb that meant mend or repair,

And BE-IN meant simply existing somewhere?

When NEAT meant well organised, tidy and clean,

And GRASS was a ground-cover, normally green?

When lights and not people were SWITCHED ON and OFF,

And THE PILL might have been what you took for a cough?

WHEN GROOVY meant furrowed with channels and hollows,

And BIRDS were winged creatures, like robins and swallows?

WHEN FUZZ was a substance that's fluffy like lint,

And BREAD came from bakeries, not from the mint?

When SQUARE meant a 90-degree angled form,

And COOL was a temperature not quite warm?

When ROLL meant a bun, and ROCK was a stone,

And HANG-UP was something you did to a phone?

When CHICKEN meant poultry, and BAG meant a sack,

And JUNK trashy cast-offs and old bric-a-brac?

When JAM was preserves that you spread on your bread,

And CRAZY meant barmy, not right in the head?

When CAT was a feline, a kitten grown up,

And TEA was a liquid you drank from a cup?

When SWINGER was someone who swung in a swing,

And a PAD was a soft sort of cushiony thing?

When WAY OUT meant distant and far, far away,

And a man couldn't sue you for calling him GAY?

When DIG meant to shovel and spade in the dirt,

And PUT-ON was what you would do with a shirt?

When TOUGH described meat too unyielding to chew,

And MAKING A SCENE was a rude thing to do?

Words once so sensible, sober, and serious  
Are making the FREAK SCENE like  
PSYCHEDELIRIOUS.

It's GROOVY, MAN, GROOVY, but English  
it's not;

Methinks that the language has gone straight  
to Pot.

—From "Kuringal"



## DEAR MATILDA,

Recently the members of the 1st Tongala company invited the guides of the Echuca Company for a social visit.

During the afternoon two teams from each company enjoyed some very competitive netball with Tongala taking the honours in both matches.

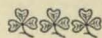
At the guide hall we entertained our visitors to a hot savoury tea after which captain led us in campfire songs.

All present voted it a most enjoyable time of fun and fellowship in Guiding.

—1st Tongala Guides  
(Heather McKenzie)



# MATILDA NOTICES . . .



## GUIDERS' CONFERENCE

Saturday, 24th June

Dallas Brooks Hall, Victoria Parade

10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

KEEP THIS DATE FREE

## WHO'S FOR TENNIS?

WHO? — everyone plus friends.

WHEN? — Monday, 10th April, starting at 9.30 a.m.

WHERE? — Elsternwick Park Tennis Centre, cnr. Glenhuntly Road and St. Kilda Street, Elsternwick.

WHY? — a pleasant way of raising funds for our association.

HOW MUCH? — \$2.50, including a delicious luncheon provided by our Social Activities Committee — or we should be happy to see you just for luncheon at \$2.

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Obviously we should like your reply as soon as possible, both for catering purposes and arranging the draw for players. Please don't be shy — **all standards** of players welcome — even if you have not played for 10-20 years, there will be a special fun section for you!

Please reply to (Mrs.) Della Hutchinson, 8 Marshall Avenue, Kew, 3101 (80 3820); or (Mrs.) Margaret Tucker, 2 Kembala Street, Hawthorn, 3122 (81 3230).



## CAMPING DEPARTMENT

**SOMETHING YOU HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR! A STATE CAMP.**

WHEN? 9th-18th January, 1973.

WHERE? Britannia Park, Yarra Junction.

WATCH FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

## GUIDERS — L.A. MEMBERS — FRIENDS OF THE MOVEMENT

Did you know that Mrs. J. R. Price, Chief Commissioner for Australia, is to chair the World Conference in Canada later this year? Have you heard Mrs. Price speak? or would you like to hear her again?

Then come to—  
A Guides Own,  
Independent Church, Collins Street,  
Melbourne,  
Sunday, 23rd April, 1972, at 2.45 p.m.

Join in a varied and interesting programme. Hear an inspiring talk by Mrs. Price. Enjoy renewing friendships over afternoon tea after the service.

See you there.

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The Young Guiders' Group will be active again in '72, and we need your support. Our next meeting is in April, watch Commissioners' news letter for date.

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Coming to our "Who are you" camp? 18th and 19th March at Minda Killara.

Further information: Miss Kerry Fitzmaurice, 1 Howell Road, Plenty, 3090, 43 3719 (Chairman); Miss Ann O'Connor, 2/34 Tramere Avenue, Carnegie, 3163, 569 0532 (Secretary).

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## REGION BADGES

Some regions have kindly sent in the stories of their region and/or camp badges with samples, from which "Matilda" has been able to print illustrations.

We would be interested in hearing the story behind YOUR region or camp badge — who designed it? why was that particular design appropriate? etc.

Stories and badges should be sent to the Editor of "Matilda" — Unit 2, 90 Yarrbat Avenue, Balwyn, 3103.



# BRITANNIA PARK



Having promised in the last issue of "Matilda" that I would not be contributing again to that magazine . . . here I am once more. I want to thank those who have supported the Maintenance Fund during the months of December and January, and also to say a few words about the "Thank You" Chalet.

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December—

- 2nd — 1st Ashburton Pack.
- 5th — Yallourn District.
- 6th — Montrose L.A.
- 10th — Collingwood L.A.
- 11th — Yarragon District.
- 12th — 1st Hartwell Pack.
- 13th — Narre Warren North L.A.
- 17th — Healesville L.A.
- 18th — Mount Waverley District.
- 24th — Whittlesea L.A.

Omitted last time:

- 24th November — Geelong Trefoil Guild.

January—

- 1st — 1st Brighton Beach Pack.
- 2nd — Templestowe District.
- 7th — 1st Hartwell Pack.
- 9th — Templestowe District.
- 13th — 1st Cohuna Pack.
- 21st — Wangaratta L.A.
- 24th — Mount Waverley District.
- 31st — Nauru Division.

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While writing about Britannia Park may I congratulate Miss Margaret Wright, a Guider from Monbulk, who killed a snake there in January. I think there ought to be a medal for people who kill snakes in places reserved for children. I suppose the conservationists are breathing fire down my neck.

Also may I express my admiration for the leaders in Robinvale (299 miles from Melbourne) who brought a bus load of guides and brownies to stay four days at Britannia Park. Their bus left Robinvale at midnight and arrived just before noon. It was a very happy and successful holiday. Who says Britannia Park is too far away?

## The "Thank You" Chalet

The "Thank You" Chalet is now being enjoyed by some of our members, which is most gratifying, but in one region there has been criticism of the rent being charged. This is a subject which was discussed at great length by the committee and it was decided that as the accommodation is equal to that of first class motels (except that we don't make your bed or give you breakfast) we would base our charges accordingly. We

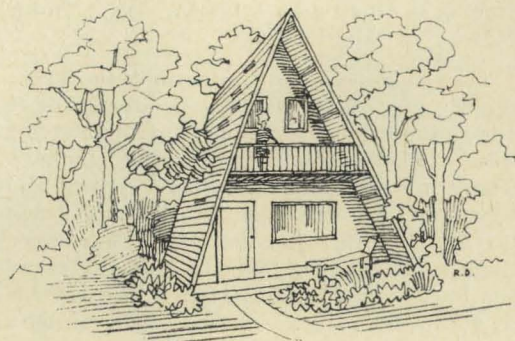
are charging \$2.50 per person per 24 hours and we doubt if you would get motel accommodation under \$6.50 anywhere.

If you book the "Thank You" Chalet then it is all yours. Therefore one person could have the whole chalet for \$2.50 a night or \$12.50 a week, and this includes lighting and fuel.

Miss D. Holtz will take all bookings for the chalet. Phone 82 4661 or write 16 Rowell Avenue, Camberwell, 3124. It must be booked by a member, past or present, of the movement, but she may bring with her up to seven people who need not necessarily be members of the movement, but **THEY MUST BE OVER 16 YEARS OF AGE.**

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This is a "**THANK YOU**" Chalet — please remember that the fund is still open. If you feel that you would like to remember someone, we would joyfully accept a donation of money, and the name of the donor and the person she wishes to remember will be inscribed in the beautiful "thank you" book.



The boy who never tells the truth may grow up to be a weather man.

One of life's hardest jobs is to keep up the easy payments.

## BIRDS OF VICTORIA, No. 3 OCEANS, BAYS AND BEACHES

I was able to read through this book during summer holidays at Phillip Island. I commend it to all lovers of the sea and the beaches.

It begins with Albatrosses, those ocean loving birds which often follow ships — birds with enormous wing spans; and is followed by Shearwaters, which include the Mutton birds, also great ocean travellers. Then come Storm-Petrels, small birds which actually walk on the water's surface as they feed — hence the name "Peter". Petrels, Shearwaters, Prions and Storm-Petrels have the nasal tube and aperture on top of the bill. Albatrosses have it on the side. The only penguins that breed in our waters are the Fairy Penguins of Phillip Island.

Terns (or Sea Swallows) have long narrow wings and forked tails, and are beautiful flyers. Phillip Island has the Crested Tern, also the Caspian, with scarlet bill. Their cousins the Silver Gulls are well known to all. They are scavengers, young birds have brown legs and bills, and brown mottling on the side of the wing. The Pacific Gull, 25 inches long, can be distinguished by its bigger size, black and white plumage, and orange, red-tipped bill. The young Pacific Gull is brown for the first two or three years, and sometimes gets confused with the smaller Albatrosses known as "Molly Mawks" or "Molly Hawks".

Then there are the Cormorants or Shags, which are fishers, as are the diving birds called Gannets; also Pelicans, with their big bills. Black swans are quite common. There are also several ducks — Gray and Chestnut Teal, Black and Musk Duck. These are found on tidal flats and lagoon-like areas. Such a place is The Nit, the haunt of many sea birds and of wading birds. The latter is a most interesting group. The smaller waders include Sandpipers and Dottrels of different kinds which come here in September and leave in March to breed in Siberia or on Arctic isles. Other wading birds include Plovers (two common ones do not migrate) Snipe, Turnstones and Whimbrels. Two of the larger shore birds are the Pied and Sooty Oyster-catchers, with red legs, beaks and eyes. Bigger yet is the mottled brown Eastern Curlew, with arched bill of

seven inches with which it quietly probes the mud or sand for worms. It has a weird cry of "cur-loo". Watching and identifying waders is fascinating but demands patience. Other large birds associated with the coastal areas are White Ibis, White-faced Heron and White Egret.

—J.H.



### GANG SHOW 1972

Come and enjoy yourselves! The great thing about Gang Show is that everybody does have a good time because there's something in it for everyone.

If your lot have been to Gang Show before chances are they'll be coming anyway. If they haven't seen a Gang Show then how about arranging a booking? A booking form has been inserted in this issue. You can book immediately by mail or over the counter at the Melbourne Sports Depot, the Guide Office and some Scout Shops from 6th April. Booking forms will be mailed to all G.S.L.s and are available from Scout Shops and Guide Headquarters.

The Roaring Twentieth Gang Show offers a prize of \$100 to the scout group or guide unit which sells the most tickets and there's a profit to be made by selling the low-priced blocks of ten seats at the regular price.

The Show begins at the Palais, St. Kilda, on 19th May (Friday). Further shows are on Saturday, 20th (matinee and evening), Thursday, 25th, Friday, 26th and Saturday, 27th (matinee and evening).

**Remember — book early.**



I have been thinking about money, Lord.  
This is the time of year for that sort of thinking.

And I have been thinking about the lack of it, too.

Seems like the supply is always insufficient.  
Insufficient for what, though?  
For the necessities?

No—my house is roofed and warm.  
My children are clothed and fed.

(I can talk to you about sunsets and purple finches, Lord—but I get uncomfortable talking about money.

Could that be incriminating?)

Lord, **stewardship** involves all of life.  
But it involves money, too.

It requires an awareness of what I am spending, and what I am spending it for.

It requires an examination of **wants**.

It requires a consciousness and study of the needs of thy children.

What do I really want?

I know we enjoy our own warm house and pot roast so much more if we have shared it.

But the bills aren't paid. And that is a nagging burden.

Lord, forgive. It is an excuse, too.

Keeping up with the Joneses is a luxury I cannot afford.

But sharing the burden of another family's leaking roof and empty larder is a responsibility I cannot evade.

Money means nothing, except for what it can buy.

Let me spend mine for things that matter.  
Amen

(Printed by permission from "Too Busy Not to Pray" by Jo Carr and Imogene Sorley, published by Abingdon Press.)

IT RESTS WITH US, the adults, to decide whether we want to help our young to encourage them to participate in healthy activities; to develop in them a sense of understanding between purposeful living and a life of mediocrity; to give them a training in HUMANITY through love rather than the perpetuity of ill-will through fear. As responsible citizens of the country, we have this duty to perform.

On the part of the young — take this advice:

Appreciate all that your parents and leaders have given you.

Be understanding and tolerant to the older folk.

Have courage to face all difficulties.

Be active in doing rather than passive recipients of instructions.

Be loyal with a sense of honour.

Build up a resistance to all unethical temptations.

Join in all healthy activities that eventually will give yourself the character, the integrity, the health and the competence to face a world of changes.

Be able to contribute something towards making a meaningful life for the suffering, and last but not least,

Understand that you are a vital individual in the productive and active life of a nation and be prepared with steadfastness for what may befall!

—From "Guide News", Singapore



## BOOKS FOR ALL

As we embark on the year 1972 which has been unanimously proclaimed International Book Year by Unesco's General Conference, I invite all the countries of the world to join in this great venture, each according to its resources and needs, and to adopt the Year's slogan "Books for All".

There exists in the world today a tremendous need for reading. So great is this need that for large portions of the world's population one can speak of a veritable "book famine". Yet while the technical revolution that has taken place in the production and distribution of books has made it possible to place on the market an ever-increasing number of relatively inexpensive, good quality books, the developing countries are suffering from a scarcity of books that is becoming more acute as educational opportunities grow.

The developing countries at present produce no more than one-fifth of the total number of books published in the world, so they must rely on book imports from abroad to help meet at least part of their needs. In the long run their full requirements can only be met by setting up their own national publishing industries.

Unesco's world programme for the promotion of books aims specifically to redress this serious imbalance between the developed and the developing countries. But the problem is not only one of quantity.

It is equally or more important that the book promote individual fulfilment and social progress; that it give all persons a chance to appreciate the best that the human mind has to offer the world over; and that it serve to create a better understanding between peoples as a necessary step toward a true and lasting peace.

Even in countries with a thriving publishing industry, the book has by no means as yet become an integral part of everyone's life. These countries have no problem of getting the book to the reader, thanks to their extensive distribution systems and outlets. More often than not, the real problem for many of them now (though it varies considerably from country to country) is how to get the reader to the book. This is borne out by the high percentage of non-readers revealed by recent surveys.

Has the time not come for a full re-appraisal of the problems of publishing so

that electronics and audio-visual techniques which are exerting a growing influence on books may be placed at the service of the publishing world? Since the book can no longer be isolated from the other major information media, should we not re-examine its role in society?

These are the kinds of problems the world community is invited to ponder during International Book Year, so that solutions may be worked out with the help, of course, of public authorities but also with that of all types of institutions whether they be regional, national or international as well as private individuals.

In view of the immense needs of the developing countries, governments and bodies administering aid programmes should make available to these countries the necessary technical and financial assistance to promote national book production and distribution.

During International Book Year, a preponderant role will naturally be played by the organisations grouping the professional members of the book world — the authors, publishers, librarians and booksellers who have been closely associated with the launching of International Book Year and who have further demonstrated their co-operative spirit by adopting a common "Charter of the Book".

But International Book Year is above all the concern of the millions of ordinary people for whom reading books is part of their daily occupation, or a means of personal enlightenment or a source of escape and reveries — in a word, inseparable from happiness and the dignity of living.

Let us all work and act together to make "Books for All" a reality for all.

(Unesco Features)

## Some International Book Year Events Around the World

### Unesco

Books for children that make a special contribution to international understanding are being listed in a selective bibliography being prepared by Unesco. Each Unesco Member State has been asked to submit the titles of ten such books, published since 1965, and intended for young people up to about the age of 14.

### Canada

Girl Guides of Canada are collecting money to assist International Book Year.

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# THIS IS THE LOCAL ASSOCIATION'S PAGE



Please send all contributions to Mrs. J. M. Kirkman, 161 Charman Road, Mentone, 3194.

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By now all Local Associations should be back at their regular meetings and planning for the year well in hand.

We do hope you all read the article last month about accepting a Challenge. What a wonderful start to the year that was, what a lot it gives us to think about and act upon.

The L.A. Page Committee will be very keen to hear from all L.A.'s as to Challenges taken up. Perhaps we could challenge you to make this the best year yet for contributions. This page is for you and we want to pass on to others all the good ideas and wonderful things you do.

Could you appoint one L.A. member to be your correspondent, letting us have anything of interest? We are waiting to hear from you, and you, and you . . .

## A FAMILY OUTING

BALWYN L.A. held their annual meeting at the Campsite Donvale on a Sunday. After the meeting parents were invited to inspect the campsite. Lunch was cooked on portable barbecues, and afterwards Rangers, Guides and Brownies gave demonstrations of their activities.

The day concluded with "Taps" at about 3 p.m.

## A MOTHER AND DAUGHTER TEA

An annual meeting with an attendance of over one hundred instead of the usual two dozen?

DEEPDENE L.A. held a Mother and Daughter casserole tea prior to their annual meeting. Card tables covered with gay check cloths with candles in bottles as centre-pieces were scattered around the hall, creating a very gay atmosphere. After tea, guiders organised games for all to join in.

## TENNIS, ANYONE?

ASHBURTON L.A. does not consist of a group of betting enthusiasts but it definitely took a chance during the year's racing season and came out winning a beautiful day for the tennis tournament it organised.

When the tournament was first suggested there were gloomy prognostications: "It would be a tremendous amount of work", "Not worthwhile financially — balls too expensive", "Need at least three courts and where would we find them without a great deal of expense involved?" Fortunately the District Commissioner is a keen tennis player and an optimist; the result was the use of courts in return for a donation, balls lent to us, non-players looking after morning tea and a basket lunch, and 37 tennis players enjoying a Round Robin tournament.

Mental, as well as physical, exercise was involved, for the rules were that 1st and 2nd players opposed 3rd and 4th for four games, then 2nd and 4th players moved in a clockwise direction, and the resulting pairs played four more games, each player keeping an individual score. That method ensured meeting lots of people and prevented embarrassment for the not-so-good and the outstanding players.

Each player had four sets and plenty of chatter in between games and the L.A. is the richer by about \$30 — and thinking "How lucky can you be!"

## MALAYSIA

After the 1967 Local Association Conference, following the conference theme "Local Association — World Wide Interest", JORDANVILLE L.A. were put in contact with Malaysian Guide H.Q., and a good deal of correspondence has been exchanged since then, as well as gifts of various kinds.

Guiding in Malaysia is very active and thriving. In 1971 they had a Fashion Show, raising \$M2509.75 towards equipment for their new hostel. During the celebrations for the 15th Anniversary of Malaysian Independence, one of the items shown to the public was the Girl Guide Camp Fire, held at

Lake Gardens in the centre of Kuala Lumpur.

The Guides in Malaysia celebrate Thinking Day each year with ceremonies organised by the Associations in each of their 13 States. They also take part in many service projects, and have been busy helping flood victims, particularly in the States of Panang, Treuganu and Kelantan.

—M.K.

L.A. MEMBERS — we would be pleased if you could join in a "Tennis Day" on 10th April — please see details on the notice page of this edition of "Matilda".

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### A PRAYER FOR THE WORLD

We pray today not only for the suffering,  
The hungry, the war-torn, the lost,  
For they are always in our prayers.  
But we pray for the wealthy,  
The prosperous, the comfortable of the  
world.

Open the sleepy eyes of men, Lord.  
Awaken us from over-fed slumber  
To responsibility for our brothers and sisters  
in need.

Teach us again how much we have that we  
do not need,  
And how much they need that they do not  
have.

Persuade us, set the conviction deep within  
us  
That our comfort is at their expense,  
Our well being, at the cost of their misery.

Set us free Father, from our clinging to the  
over-stuffed life.  
Set us free, Father, for the providing of life—  
Basic life — to all mankind.

Show us our task, in these deeply shadowed  
days,  
Never simply the preserving of our national  
way of life,  
Rather the preserving of the human way of  
life.

Amen

—J. Barrie Shepherd

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**GO PLACIDLY among the noise and haste,**  
and remember the peace there may be in  
silence. As far as possible without surrender  
be on good terms with all persons. Speak  
your truth quietly and clearly and listen to  
others, even the dull and ignorant, they too  
have their story. Avoid loud and aggressive  
persons, they are vexatious to the spirit. If  
you compare yourself with others you may  
become vain and bitter, for always there will  
be greater and lesser persons than yourself.  
Enjoy your achievements as well as your  
plans. Keep interested in your own career.  
however humble, it is a real possession in  
the changing fortunes of time. Exercise  
caution in your business affairs, for the  
world is full of trickery. But let not this  
blind you to what virtue there is; many persons  
strive for high ideals, and everywhere  
life is full of heroism — Be yourself. Especially,  
do not feign affection. Neither be cynical  
about love; for in the face of all aridity  
and disenchantment it is as perennial as  
the grass. Take kindly the counsel of the  
years, gracefully surrendering the things of  
youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield  
you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress  
yourself with imaginings. Many fears  
are born of fatigue and loneliness. Beyond  
a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself  
— You are a child of the universe, no less  
than the trees and the stars; you have a  
right to be here. And whether or not it is  
clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding  
as it should — Therefore be at peace  
with God, whatever you conceive Him to be,  
and whatever your labours and aspirations,  
in the noisy confusion of life keep peace  
with your soul — With all its sham, drudgery  
and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful  
world. Be careful. Strive to be happy.

Found in old St. Paul's Church, Baltimore,  
Dated 1692

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Laughter and tears are meant to turn the  
wheels of the same machinery of sensibility;  
one is wind-power, and the other water-  
power, that is all. — Holmes.

Sometimes the message has to be blunt so  
you will see the point. — Proverb.

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A proportion of the funds will purchase Unesco Gift Coupons to aid the Adult Literacy Centre run by the Girl Guides of Jamaica.

### Thailand

During the first week of April, Thai publishers and booksellers will sell their publications to the public at half-price to mark the country's first Book Week.

### United Kingdom

During January selected post offices will frank mail with the slogan "International Book Year 1972: Books for All".

### United States of America

The Asia Foundation plans to provide institutions and individuals in Asia with 1,000,000 books and professional journals during 1972. Operating through the Books for Asian Students Programme, the Foundation, a non-profit institution, will not only endeavour to promote donations of books but also to provide the funds necessary to ship them to Asia as part of United States activities for International Book Year.

### Zaire

During International Book Year, Zaire (formerly Congo-Kinshasa) plans to establish the structures necessary for the development of national book industries. A literary prize will be awarded to the best Zaire writer and a stamp will be issued commemorating IBY. Attention will be given to publications and tape recordings designed to conserve the country's rich oral literature.

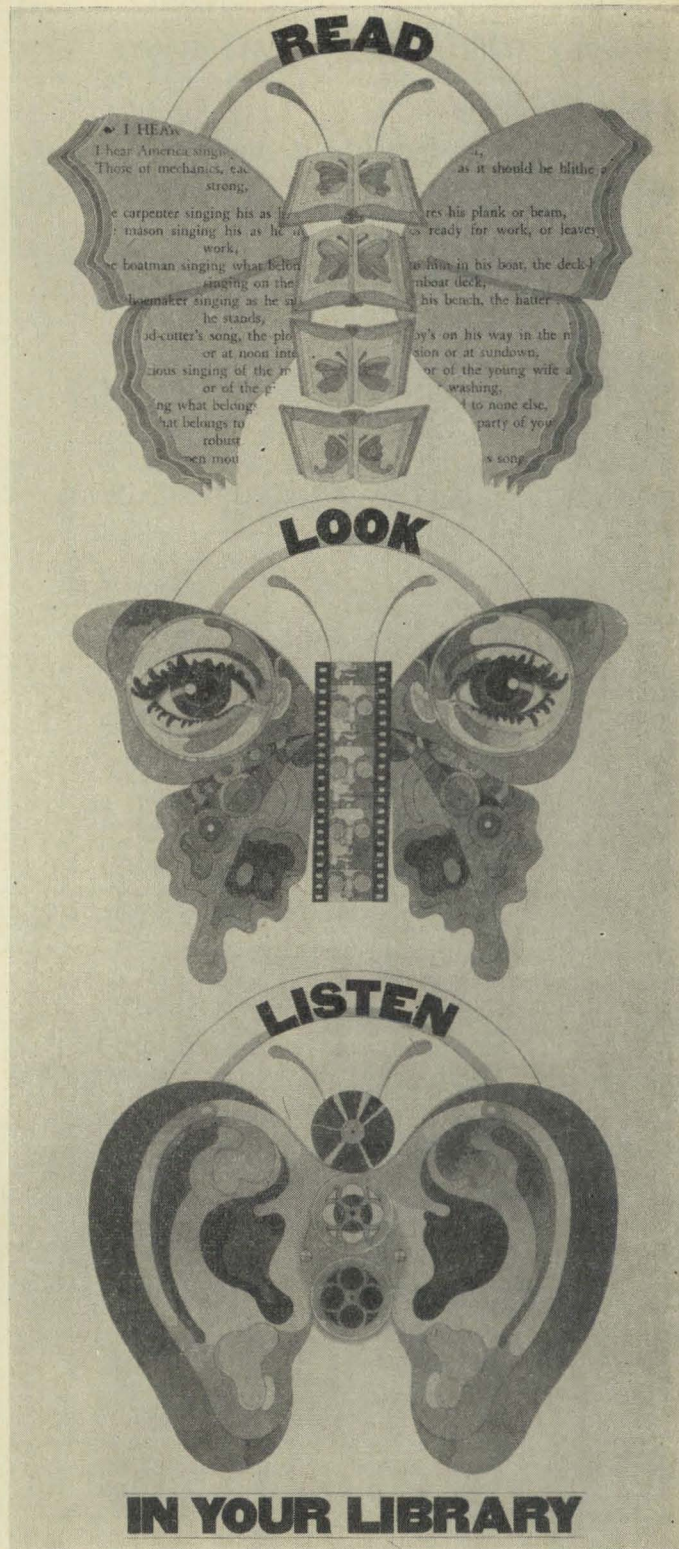
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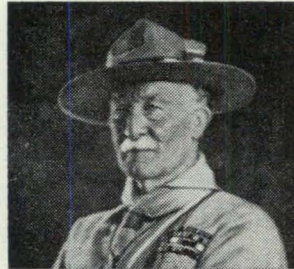
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However, some of the functions (such as the camp and the Guides' Own, page 206) will continue as planned — watch for further details.



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