

# MATILDA



—Photo by courtesy Abaronet Studio, Moorabbin

## IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA . . .

"In all your ways acknowledge Him."

Does that sound like the beginning of a Coffee Shop to you? Well it was!

This often-used phrase from the Book of Proverbs (3, 6): "In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct thy path" was applied when the idea of a Coffee Shop in Guide House first manifested itself, and the direction indicated was clearly revealed. The direction of our path led us to yet another stimulating challenge — the opening of the "Guide House Dormouse", the coffee shop downstairs in our H.Q., 15 Howard Street, Perth, open every Friday evening from 8 p.m.-midnight for all Guiding and Scouting members and their friends, supervised by a responsible and able adult, Mr. Stuart Paterson. Comments from many people enjoying the varied facilities offered to them there, illustrate the advantages it has and the needs it is already fulfilling.

To quote only a couple of instances made known to those in attendance, were the ex-Rangers who because of study or other pressures are not in a position to accept Guide leader responsibilities, are now happily helping in the Coffee Shop and also keeping in contact with all their friends and their activities. This is a mutual benefit as the Guiding link is maintained, intangible but viable.

Already it has a family atmosphere which relaxes and embraces all who venture down the stairs to become "part of the group". Those who are attracted to it subconsciously realise that it offers what they seek — the ingredient of fellowship, with their fun and food. We are in this way extending, without obligation, a friendly hand to unattached youth.

Could this be yet another unforeseen facet of community service?

Recently a complete Guide company spent a very happy hour at the "Dormouse", listening to the folk singers while drinking their coffee and eating cinnamon buns, Devonshire scones and apple streudahl. The Guide leader obviously enjoyed the Company's "Special Treat" as much as her Guides. For such a group booking the cost is 20 cents

per person which covers as many mugs of coffee as they require whilst listening to the music or playing some of the many table games available. The eats are extra.

Already other units are booking a fortnight or so ahead. As the leaders recognise the advantages of introducing these "tween-agers" to this type of environment so that when they are old enough to go out at night as individuals, they may more likely turn to this sort of activity which extends the Guiding influence in their leisure hours.

Although it warmly welcomes all members, facilities are mainly to make young people feel it's "their scene". It is another opportunity for older members to keep in touch with younger members and their way of life in this rapidly and ever-changing world.

—From the W.A. "Courier"



—Photo by courtesy of the "Australian"

**Baden-Powells in Australia — Hon. Wendy Baden-Powell, Carine, Lady Baden-Powell, holding baby David Robert, son of Joan and Michael Baden-Powell.**



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Moorabbin Guide Hall receives gift  
of portrait of World Chief Guide —  
painted by Mrs. Peg Shaw.  
The cover photo shows left to right:  
Mrs. Shaw, Hon. Michael Baden-Powell,  
Mrs. Roberts, Division Commissioner.  
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## FROM OUR STATE COMMISSIONER

With the end of June annual accounts and reports are finalised in Units, Districts, Divisions and Regions — now these are being collated it is time for me to write the Victorian Annual Report which, after presentation in the State, will be passed forward as the story of our Guiding year to the Australian Association and Commonwealth Headquarters.

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During this month I have participated in an unusually wide selection of Movement happenings.

Mrs. Kirkman and I joined a large number of members, parents and friends at the Camberwell South Division for their Annual Church Service, held this year at St. Cecilia's Catholic Church, Glen Iris. The guest speaker, Mr. Peter Norman, conveyed his very relevant message in terms which ensured the interest and attention of all the young people present.

The Businessmen's Luncheon, organised by the Special Activities Committee, brought a number of Melbourne's prominent citizens to Headquarters. The gentlemen obviously enjoyed the perfect meal supplied by Committee members, who agreed unanimously to try and make this an annual event. Whilst only a small number attended the function, many friends generously sent donations and this gives the Committee funds for other functions.

The Association was represented at the Annual Meeting of the C.W.A. this month by Mrs. Kirkman.

At their quarterly meeting, the Region Commissioners invited the Advisers to be "observers" during the afternoon session; I hope that, by this means, there will be a closer liaison between these two categories of Guiders, upon whom (with the State Commissioner) rests the responsibility for Guiding in this State.

The Chairman of the Safe Driving Campaign, Mrs. Chamberlain, was disappointed — after having received some 70 applications — with the final attendances at the excellent sessions conducted on this vital subject.

Speakers and films have been arranged by the National Road Safety Council and their most helpful advice has been of assistance to both new and experienced drivers. "Matilda" hopes to have a report of Capricorn Servari, Queensland, 5th to 23rd June.

### Executive Committee June Meeting

I submitted reports of the Australian Executive Committee meeting and the Australian Council meeting in Hobart.

Following discussion by the Victorian Brownie Guide Section Committee about a suggestion from N.S.W. that a "Faith and Life" type Interest Badge be introduced, opinions of the Executive Committee were sought.

Approval was given to our Association's participation in a special Service being arranged at the Sidney Myer Music Bowl by the Scout Advisory Panel.

An Investigatory Committee was set up to look into aspects of "New Settlers" and Guiding.

The relative importance of our State contribution to fund raising for special projects — Mutual Aid Scheme, Irene Fairbairn Fund, Sangam, U.N.E.S.C.O. Coupon Scheme and special appeals — was discussed and suggestions put forward for further consideration.

Mrs. Chamberlain, who has represented the Association on the Victorian Conservation Council during the last 12 months, has resigned in this capacity and the Executive Committee resolved to ask Mrs. B. Coyne to undertake this task. We know that Conservation is a subject of vital interest to Mrs. Coyne and I am glad to say that she has agreed to accept this appointment. We are grateful to Mrs. Chamberlain for her participation on our behalf during the initial stages of this Council.

In an effort to keep the Camp Fee for the State Camp in January next as low as possible, the Camping Adviser asked if the Association would be prepared to underwrite the Camp in case of an unforeseeable disaster — such as a bushfire. The Executive Committee agreed to do this, provided that the Finance sub-committee were also in approval. This approval was given at the Finance sub-committee meeting the following week.

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The Ranger Section Conference was held at the Burnley Horticultural College during the weekend of 16th/18th June and a wide representation of Leaders and girls participated with enthusiasm and zest.

The venue for the Guiders' Conference on Saturday, 24th June, was the Dallas Brooks Centre. Almost a thousand Guiders from all sections attended the sessions from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. during which time we had an excellent panel providing provocative points of view on "What makes a girl a Guide?" The guest speaker, Dr. Margaret Blackwood, presented vitally interesting material in an amusing and informative manner and her answers to the questions which followed were equally helpful. After lunch the sections separated for their special sessions and there was no difficulty in using the time — the day was just not long enough. The Australian Guide Adviser, Miss Yvonne James, spoke to us of "The different ones", a subject with which she is thoroughly familiar, and she expanded her talk to give help in the handling of the problem of accommodating

these young folk in our units. We laughed and learned with Mrs. Lane and Mrs. Kearney — "Looking at ourselves". At 6.30 it was OPEN HOUSE at Headquarters and Guiders joined in looking, learning, asking and, finally, singing. Owing to the large number we held the "sing along with Peg Barr" session in the basement and the setting was truly "tremendous". I'm sure all Guiders gained a great deal from the day.

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It was my pleasant task to have Mrs. Grimwade accompany me to Government House for introduction to our State President and we spent a happy hour with Lady Delacombe outlining plans and speaking of happenings in the Movement.



—Photo by Paul Farey

**Mrs. F. (Joan) Grimwade,  
State Commissioner Designate**

During the last week of the month I enjoyed a visit to the meeting of the 4th Moorleigh Guide company and was privileged to officiate at the enrolment ceremony of its newest member.

My final Guiding engagement of the month took me to the 1st Broadmeadows West Brownie Pack — one of the units started by

Mrs. J. M. McPhee working under the Australian Development Scheme. A quarter of the 16 Brownie Guides had already made their Promise in Packs in other areas, the remainder were admitted to the Movement in a simple, traditional ceremony when each girl made her Promise with complete sincerity. It is heartening to see the success of Shirley McPhee's efforts in this outer suburban area and we extend good wishes to her for an equally satisfying result when she moves on to her next assignment.

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Finally, I wish to convey to you two words of caution:

Beware lest fund-raising take the place of real service in the Unit. Of course money is needed, but true service **MUST** come first.

Let us all take stock to ensure that we do not stifle enthusiasm and initiative. Guiding is not "rules and regulations" and administration must not become the end in itself.

Good Guiding,

*Charlotte Renshaw Jones.*

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Mrs. Helvi Sipila, formerly Chief Commissioner of the Union of Finnish Girl Guides, has just been chosen by the Secretary-General of the United Nations as his Under-Secretary-General. This is the first time the post has ever been held by a woman. Interviewed in Geneva recently, Mrs. Sipila said that she owed all her interest in International Affairs to her membership of the Girl Guide Movement which she had entered as a child.

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Almighty Father, we pray for Thy blessing on those who Thou has joined together in the fellowship of Guiding.

Grant that we may all so work and play, think and pray together, that we may be more perfectly fitted to serve Thee in the daily calls of duty.

Help us to look wide, fill us with high ideals, inspire us with love and goodwill to all mankind, that we may follow in the footsteps of Him who died in the service of men, Thy son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

## KNOW YOUR AUSTRALIA Challenge

This outstanding design by Mary Lou Horne of the 2nd Belmont Company, Geelong, was sent to me for the badge. The picture was made in collage form, using blue, yellow and brown shiny paper and measured 4 in. by 5 in. It was pasted on to a larger white card, on the reverse side of which an explanation of the symbols was beautifully printed. In addition, the format was reproduced, scaled down to the planned size for the badge. Whilst the design was considered unsuitable for fabrication because of the great detail it contained, I felt that I would like to share it with you all.

Thank you, Mary Lou, for all the effort you put into this project.



It is pleasing to note that so many of the girls have accepted my Challenge and that the excellent material prepared by the Section Committee is being used extensively and to good purpose.

It is expected that, by the time this appears in print, the badges will already be available.

A number of designs for the badge were sent to me **after** the prescribed date and so were unable to be considered. Please "spread the word" that, for the Ampol Competition, only entries received by 30th September will be accepted. I'm looking forward to having these for display at Headquarters — I have seen at first hand what a great deal of talent our girls possess.

*Charlotte Renshaw Jones.*

## IRENE FAIRBAIRN AWARD FUND

Have you heard of it?

Do you know how it came to be?

What is it for?

What can we do about it?

All these questions I hope to answer over the next few months.

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Mrs. C. O. Fairbairn, O.B.E., was the first Chief Commissioner for Australia, and when she retired after eight years in this office, the six State Associations, at the Australian Council meeting in 1955, decided to set up the fund now known as the Irene Fairbairn Award Fund.

Before becoming our first Chief Commissioner Mrs. Fairbairn had been Federal Secretary for nine years. She played an enormous part in setting up the Guide National Association as we know it today. Because of this, and because too of her great interest and love of and work for the young people of our Movement, inspiration was given to set up this fund as a tangible expression of our appreciation and affection towards her. Mrs. Fairbairn endeared herself to all who knew her, and many of us now refer to her as "Gran", because she really is the "Gran" of Guiding in Australia.

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Today she is still a very busy person, and very much an "active" Guide. She lives on the most beautiful property, "Banongil" at Skipton, Victoria, some 100 miles west of Melbourne, where Guides held "Banksia" Festivals on her enormous front lawn and where Brownie Guides revel also. In spring time her garden is a yellow carpet of daffodils, all her own special varieties, and some of us may have been fortunate enough to visit "Banongil" at this time.

Mrs. Fairbairn tends and treats the bulbs herself, and cherishes the plants, but still finds time to be a member of the Victorian Guide Executive Committee and a member of the Sangam Sub-Committee of the World Committee — and we all know about Sangam, don't we?

Mrs. Fairbairn has always been enthusiastic about the opportunities Guiding can offer girls, particularly the opportunity to travel and meet other girls of their own ages and interests, and to live with these girls at camps and conferences. So, when this fund was started in 1956 it was envisaged that it would be used for members in the 15-25 years age group to attend camps and conferences in Australia and overseas, with the hope that later on it would be used to bring girls from nearby countries to camps and to visit us in Australia.

This was a dream that is gradually being fulfilled — a dream of a very wonderful woman who has given, and is giving so much of her life to Guiding.

**Next month:** The Fund and its use.

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## SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Guides from the Upper Goulburn Division gathered at Puckapunyal heated swimming pool for an Inter-Company Swimming competition.

Excitement reigned amongst the companies right from the start.

Puckapunyal won the last events to be outright winners by six points from Broadford and Seymour only one point behind in third place.

It was pleasing to have Kilmore a newly formed company also with us and participating.

An interesting event was the Guider-Commissioners' race when Kilmore's Guider easily beat Broadford and Seymour's Commissioners.

Tea followed in the nearby hall.

Mrs. Grimwade, Hume Region Commissioner, congratulated all participating and presented a Division Perpetual Shield, which had been donated by Mrs. Iddon of Puckapunyal.

—From the story in the "Seymour Telegraph"

# AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL

## TASMANIA

Have you ever been there?

Do you know **anything** about Australian Council Meetings? No? Well neither did we until a short time ago, but if ever you have the opportunity to attend a similar meeting, then don't hesitate . . . **GO**.

It was only a short flight from Melbourne which took us to Hobart and a week we'll never forget, and we would like to share it with you now. Our home base during our stay was the Jane Franklin Hall which is the residential quarters of the University of Hobart, and what a welcome the children had prepared for us. On each dressing table was such a lovely variety of gifts made by them, and these gifts have now been left on display in the lounge at Headquarters, for everyone to see. Two things not on display though are the can of cider and the pack of apples which naturally didn't last the week anyway.

Our "P.L." was unanimously elected to be our alarm clock each morning. What joy it was to wake up to a tap-tap-tapping on your door and a gentle voice asking, "Are you awake?"! Then to be able to sit down to breakfast and not have to do any preparations — as was the same for all our meals — well, it really was a great life.

Our Hostess State had planned a very full day for our first day; we spent more time changing clothes than you could believe possible, but we became very versatile by the end of the week. Don't think we are complaining though, we were given a "royal" time, with a reception given by the Governor and Lady Bastyan at Government House; a Lord Mayoral reception; invitations to dinner at private homes on two separate occasions; plus several excursions, with door-to-door service at all times.

By the sound of all this it seems there was plenty of play and no work, but that is not true. There was a considerable amount of work done, which kept our minds very busy in endeavouring to follow and understand all that was being discussed. At times we began to wonder just how much more our brains

could absorb, but somehow we kept on concentrating and learning all about the World Conference held in Canada, and the information our Australian Delegates to this Conference needed to take with them; and then there were the amendments to be made to the Australian Constitution — from all this — words, words, words, how we came to appreciate them.

The greatest stimulant was the togetherness we felt as a State delegation, and the opportunity given us in getting to know our interstate friends, with plenty of discussion and exchanging of ideas.

We wish you all could have had this chance to get to know more about Guiding on an Australian level; it was a tremendous experience, and through this experience we have a deeper appreciation of the State we live in, our State Commissioner, and all she is doing for the good of Guiding in Victoria.

Nan Squire, Verna Surry,  
Margaret Tharle



## HOW TO BECOME A BROWNIE

Two little Brownies (Bengalis) in the Congo worked hard to join their local Association. They spent a fortnight of their holidays at their school carrying loads of bricks. It was hard work, but they never complained. With the money paid for their labour, they were able to buy their books and to pay their membership subscription. We wish these enterprising little girls every joy in their Brownie life.

## LETTERS: Guiders' Conference

Dear "Matilda",

What a wonderful conference! Our guest speaker Dr. Margaret Blackwood was voted "the best", and we all offer her our sincere thanks.

We met lots of friends from country and city; had a very enjoyable lunch, and went home (rather late) feeling that "It's good to be a Guider".

A big thank you to all concerned with the organising of "Our Conference".

Yours in guiding,

Bentleigh District Guiders

Dear "Matilda",

While it is still fresh in my mind I would like to let you know my feelings on the Guiders' Conference which I attended yesterday.

What an interesting morning, but oh! what a waste of time I felt the Programme section was! Couldn't we have had more time spent with Dr. Blackwood or someone similar? Or more of a question and answer time, with more notice given so more questions could have been answered?

I do feel trainings cover programming quite well, "Matilda" deals with it too, so why take up such valuable time at a Conference with it? But apart from that session, I thoroughly enjoyed and gained knowledge from an excellent day.

Yours sincerely,

W. Noonan

(Asst. Guider, 1st Pine Forest)

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Dear Matilda,

This year, for our Cents for Service, the Brownies and Guides of Echuca combined to run an English style Fair.

We organised different types of stalls and competitions. There were also novelties such as a fortune teller and a coconut-shy.

The main attraction for the day was a Maypole dance display produced by the Brownies of the 2nd pack. There were other dance items as well.

A Devonshire afternoon tea was provided, and altogether it was a great success, and the different units had a chance to meet and really get to know one another.

The day's efforts realised \$80.

—Patricia Spedding,  
3rd Echuca Brownie pack

## ALLAMBIE RANGER SERVICE CAMP

Robin Hood and his merry men were recently sighted in the Somers area . . . first when a picnic van loaded with 24 ALLAMBIE girls and 16 Rangers arrived in the area. They have not been seen since that same van departed.

These outlaws raided rock pools of their riches, etc. They even held a gathering late one night on the beach with much festive singing, joking and laughing.

The gang learnt many new handcrafts. It was discovered that plaster of paris and shells go together in a variety of ways; the scarves and T-shirts screen-printed early in the camp provided effective costumes.

An instant hairdressing salon was set up for the maidens to have their hair washed, trimmed, set and combed up.

Exercise and general fitness was encouraged with football matches, shuttlecock, walks, etc.

A day at the nearby Educational Camp caused very stiff muscles after everyone tackled the rope commando course — it certainly separated the Tarzans from the Janes. Archery was included in the programme and this was very competitive.

Evening entertainments included campfires, skits, folk dancing, square dancing and party games.

The last night we celebrated the birthday of one of the girls and one of the Rangers, and even had three big cakes.

Packing up was a busy but sad time for everyone had thoroughly enjoyed themselves. I am sure all the Rangers feel that the ALLAMBIE Camp is a very worthwhile week, even though it is a very exhausting one . . .

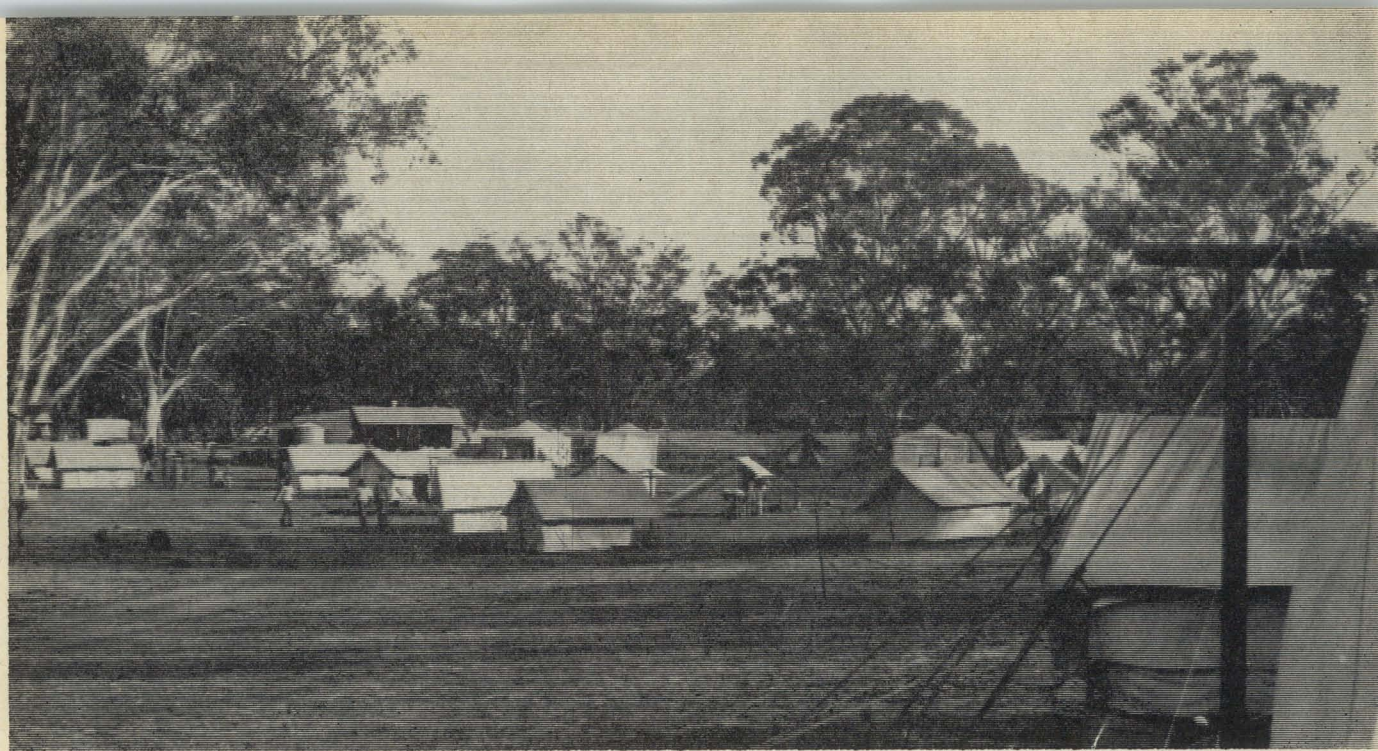
—By a Ranger who attended.



People who wonder where the younger generation is heading would do well to consider where it came from.

It is not the years of our lives that counts,  
But the life that is in our years.





—Block by courtesy of Dimboola paper

A Patrol Adventure Camp was held for West Wimmera Division at “Arura” our campsite at Dimboola. Eleven Patrols were present and two Guides gained their Patrol permit, while seven earned their Camper badge — the other two Patrols were practising their Camper also.

During the Camp our Wimmera Region Commissioner visited us and met the Patrols, which represented 2nd Dimboola, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Horsham, 1st Nhill and 1st Hope-toun. As well as the patrols, Lowan Division were holding a Division camp on the site, so there were a hundred personnel present and the banks of the Wimmera River, where the campsite is situated, was a very busy place.

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For health of body and strength of limb,  
We thank Thee, O Lord.

For the beauty of sky and earth, for sunshine  
and breeze, for hill and valley, for tree and  
flower, for food and running water, for toil  
and rest,  
We praise Thee, O Lord.

Give unto us the seeing eye, the hearing ear,  
the understanding heart,  
We beseech Thee.

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God of concrete, God of steel,  
God of piston and of wheel,  
God of pylon and of steam,  
God of girder and of beam,  
God of atom, God of mine,  
All the world of power is Thine.

Lord of cable, Lord of rail,  
Lord of motorway and mail.  
Lord of rocket, Lord of flight,  
Lord of soaring satellite.  
Lord of lightning’s livid line,  
All the world of speed is Thine.

Lord of science, Lord of art,  
God of map and graph and chart,  
Lord of physics and research,  
World of Bible, faith of church.  
Lord of sequence and design,  
All the world of truth is Thine.

God whose glory fills the earth,  
Gave the universe its birth.  
Loosed the Christ with Easter’s might  
Saves the world from evil’s blight,  
Claims mankind by grave divine,  
All the world of love is Thine.

—By Richard Jones, from “Reflections on  
hymns of our time”, published by permis-  
sion Galliard Ltd., London.

## I WORK WITH HANDICAPPED (EXTENSIONS) RANGERS

There's a friendly atmosphere in a Camberwell church hall every second Saturday when 1st Melbourne Ranger Unit and COGS (Trefoil Guild) meet.

The older Trefoil members help unload and set up wheelchairs (including mine) as we move inside to our separate meetings. Trefoil members prepare and serve afternoon tea for us all.

We have 12 Rangers and nine COGS ("Cap's Old Girls"). Some are employed in factories and sheltered workshops during the week, while others help in child minding centres.

My three helpers — Miram, Toowa and Kinta — take their turn to organise programmes for each meeting. My nickname is "Bow Wow" as "Bellevoyx" was too much of a mouthful for the girls!

They like to be kept busy and our programmes have included bowling, swimming, making puppets, preparing scrapbooks for children in hospital, a make-up demonstration and a talk and slides on Japan. We had a Ranger Revolution one afternoon, complete with mini skirts, hotpants and of course records!

Each year we do a Good Turn — these have included making rugs for Mt. Royal, packing parcels for pensioners, raising money from a luncheon to help a Multiple Sclerosis ward at Bethlehem Hospital and the Guide Dogs for the Blind.

We held a mannequin parade recently when the girls chose and modelled their own clothes. Proceeds from this will provide my transport costs to and from meetings for the year. (We try as far as possible to be self supporting and save egg cartons and used stamps to help the Ranger fund.)

Each year we hold an indoor camp and these are very popular with the girls. This year it will be at Hilltops, Yarra Junction, when all the cooking and general camp chores will be done by the girls.

As horse riding was the most popular choice for an outing we are to visit a Berwick Pony Club later in the year, taking a picnic lunch. The girls can't wait to get Miram on a horse!

Our year will finish up with a Christmas barbecue at my home. Altogether, my 20 years, first as lieutenant and then as leader of the unit, have been happy and rewarding ones.

—D.K.

## Dear "Matilda",

The EMU Award has been made to Miss Jess McDonald, Division Commissioner for Westernport. Although the award was announced earlier this year, the actual presentation was made later, at the Overport Guide Hall (Frankston) by Lady McCutcheon, formerly Division Commissioner for Frankston.

It was a wonderful occasion with a very large attendance — two of her former Guides of the Wannon Mounted company, two blind ex-Guides, numerous Guiders, Brownies, Guides and Rangers, representatives from the Scout Association and civic leaders from all over the Mornington Peninsula.

Miss McDonald marked the occasion by planting an oak tree outside the Guide hall.

—Kathleen Scarff

## LONE QUEEN'S GUIDE

On that Friday evening Lone Guides travelled to Marysville from various parts of the State, including Picola, Dookie, Shepparton and the city schools to attend a Queen's Guide presentation. At Marysville they were joined by 1st Marysville company, Brownies and Scouts and friends who had gathered to see Joanne Henderson presented with her Queen's Guide Badge by Mrs. Heard, our Lone Adviser.

The presentation took place by candlelight — each light representing one of the achievements leading to the Queen's Guide Badge. Joanne thanked all those who had helped her and the evening included games, campfire songs and a film of the Lone Camp, Noonameena.

Supper was served and a splendid cake decorated with the Queen's Guide badge was cut and distributed.

The Lone Guides were billeted that evening by the Marysville Guides, and next day enjoyed a barbecue lunch high on a mountain with a beautiful view of the valley below.



## ROPES

"That is a granny knot child", said Grandma, "I don't know what things are coming to! When I joined Guides in 1923 we had to know four knots before we made our Promise; and we used them. One Guide whose tie got too small for her sewed a tape on only one end (I think she liked knots better than sewing) and when a Guider said that she hadn't tied a reef knot under the back of her collar, replied in shocked tones that it was a sheet-bend because the ends were different thicknesses. Another who didn't like mending used a reef knot to join new elastic in her bloomers, because she knew it wouldn't slip.

"Of course, things sometimes went wrong: There was that time when we were practising Colours at a Training week and a knot came undone with the Commandant's morse flag at the top of a high pole and it had to stay there until the baker rescued it next morning.

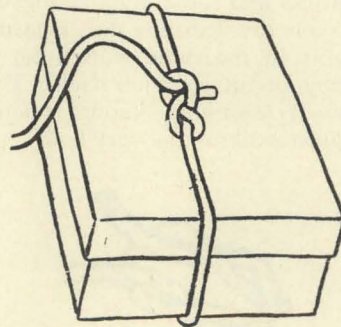
"But you've been a Guide for six months and can't even tie a reef knot. What's that? You learn knots when you need them for first-aid and camping. And I suppose you learn first-aid when an accident happens. In my day our motto was Be Prepared, and we learnt all we could to be ready for anything. And very useful I've found my knowledge."

Of course, most old people see their youth through the rosy mists of time and resent change. Right back to Grandma's days some Guides learnt knots on little bits of string, simply to pass tests, sometimes without even realising that knots are useful.

In the Eight Point Programme the Guiders' job is to foster in the Unit interest and a desire to know about worthwhile things, then to see that the girls get the best possible help to learn and use the skills they desire.

And is skill with ropes and knots worthwhile? Here are some very modern writers who obviously think so:—

The size of a rope is given in terms of its circumference, so that  $\frac{7}{8}$  in. rope would be the size used for tent guys, and  $2\frac{1}{4}$  in. or  $2\frac{1}{2}$  in. for pioneering. Most rope in common use is "right-hand lay", which refers to the way in which it is twisted or "laid" during manufacture, and it should always be coiled clockwise to prevent kinking (difficult to explain to left-handed Guides!). Tradition has it that in the days of the early sailing ships, apprentices were taught to watch the shadow of the mast on the deck as it moved round during the day and to coil their ropes the same way. It must have caused some confusion when the first ships ventured south of the Equator, and found that the sun had reversed himself!



When using rope, there are two factors which govern the size you will require for a particular job — the Breaking Strain, and the Safe Working Load. The S.W.L. for Sisal rope is approximately one-fifth of the breaking strain, and its strength decreases rapidly if part of a strand is chafed or cut. Rope should therefore always be inspected after use, and any damaged ropes "grounded" — set aside or marked in some way so that they are not inadvertently used for their original purpose. They should be stored in a dry, well-ventilated place, and protected from damage from rodents, oils, acids, paint, etc.

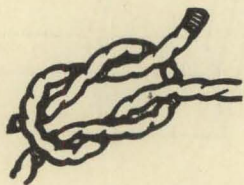
Knotting is an ancient device with which early man must have been acquainted. From

the earliest days man has wanted to join ropes, vines, creepers and other flexible fibres. Plants and hide strips were the prototypes of the varieties of ropes that are available now. By trial and error throughout the years he has evolved a great many knots, hitches, splices, lashings and other fastenings on which the lives of thousands of people depend daily. Today there are over 3000 known knots, and each has been designed for a specific need!

A knowledge of knotcraft is useful in almost every trade and occupation, so everyone should be prepared in an emergency, or whenever necessary, to tie the correct knot in the correct way. The importance of being able to make the knot best suited for the occasion rapidly and correctly may come in a new light when it is pointed out that both lives and property have over and over again been sacrificed to ill-made or incorrect knots.

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Whatever your reason for learning about knots there are several that are common to all ropeworks and these must be mastered — whether you are learning for pleasure, for fashion (as in macrame work), for use in your hobby, or for your job itself. The knot that almost everyone knows about, but doesn't always tie, is the reef knot.



Can you tie it?

Now?

When would you use it? For what? How?

In every book on knotting you will find the reef knot, and the where, when, how and why of it. The reef knot is the commonest knot for joining the ends of ropes, string, ribbons, etc. It is also called the sailor's or true knot, and when correctly made it is as perfect as a knot can be.

A "thumb" knot, bowline, sheet bend, clovehitch and a round turn and two half hitches can you make them? All of these, and many others, are common, simply made knots that have many everyday uses as well

as being used in decorative knotting, in boating, camping and specialised skills.



Find out about, and learn to make the knots that you think that you may need, and not just the first few in a knot book. Try the knots that you would like to try as well as the ones that you will need, and when you think that you know how to make them, try them in various circumstances — you may need to tie them in the dark; or under water; in a hurry; or with only one hand free; or you may need to work with someone else.

Practise these ways, and any others that you may think of.

And then, being able to make the knots, are you able to put them to their correct use?

Do you, in fact, **use** them?

On do you learn about them and practise them with a piece of cord in your meeting place?

When you are really using knots you should try to be consistent in the way in which you make them, e.g. on your tent, do you have the ropes "pulling" the same way all of the time? On a cold, wet night that's important!

If you don't know about knots: if you are unsure of those that you already know: if you would like to learn more about knotting, there are many books available. Some of these are listed below and libraries all have good reference books on ropes, knots and their uses. And there must be people nearby who know something of some of the uses and methods of knotting.

Will you find out?

Go ahead — learn more about the fascinating craft of knotting. It's useful, interesting, and most enjoyable!

Allen-Williams, E., "Girl Guide Knotbook", Brown, Son & Ferguson Ltd., Glasgow; Blandford, Percy W., "Your Book of Knots", Faber & Faber, London; Thurman, John, "Pioneering Principles", C. Arthur Pearson Ltd., London; Thurman, John, "Fun with

Ropes and Spars", C. Arthur Pearson Ltd., London.

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However, being able to make the knots is only half of the craft. Knowing the cordage to use, its construction, its strengths and its weaknesses makes up the second half. Some sort of cordage is used daily by everyone, in some form or other, but only a few can handle it methodically. So often people break their nails on their own knots in an effort to untie them, and time and material are wasted.

The most common cordage used is rope, in its many varieties. Ropes may be used for almost anything provided they are the right type for the task. Rope, though usually hemp, is made of other materials for certain purposes. It is most important that you should find out about your rope, or the rope that you may be going to work with. Find its safe working strain, its breaking strain and its uses and limitations. Buy good rope, and ask the retailer or the manufacturer for these details — they are readily available and quite easy to understand.

Coir rope is light and buoyant and useful for life-buoy lines and drift nets but it is not very strong so for equal strength it must be thicker than rope of other materials. Hide is used where great strength, pliability and small circumference are required. Cotton makes a smooth rope that is white, when new, easy on the hands, good for fancy knotting but not as strong as hemp. Hemp cords and ropes themselves are reasonably smooth to handle and quite strong. Cheaper rope is of sisal, and so is rough string. It is "whiskery" to handle.

Synthetic fibres are also made into rope and the best known of these are nylon and terylene. They differ from ropes made of natural fibre in that they are made from continuous lengths and not short pieces. There is none of the rough feel although with use they tend to become "hairy". Nylon is more elastic than terylene, stronger and lighter than fibre rope of the same size and usually easier to handle — but it has its limitations!

If you examine a rope you can unravel it until you have the separate fibres. During manufacture the fibres are twisted together to form yarns. The yarns are twisted to-

gether to form strands. Most rope is made of three strands twisted together the right-handed way. This is the "lay" of the rope. If the strands are laid up this way, the yarns in each strand will be laid up the left-handed way, for it is these two twists in opposition to each other that keep the rope in shape.

When a rope is cut it soon unravels itself and you may have quite a length of untidy and wasted yarns. The end of every rope should be prevented from unlaying and the simplest way to do this is to whip the ends of the rope. Or, better, still, put two temporary whippings on the rope before it is cut. Do you know three or four whippings that you could use? If you don't, will you find out what they are?

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What does the word "Rope" conjure up for your Brownies? Could it be skipping, knots, an exciting game of cops and robbers, or tying up a mysterious parcel? Whatever the answer I am sure all Brownie Guiders will find that an assortment of ropes and cords is a must among the equipment in the Pack Cupboard.

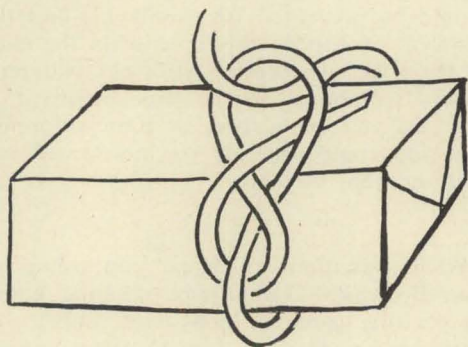
In our Pack we have a long skipping rope, one inch in circumference and about six yards in length. This can be used for early arrivers to play with before the meeting, for quick warm-ups on cold days and it makes a good boundary line, fence, seashore, etc., in various games too.

We also have individual ropes of different sizes for large and small Brownies who want to do skipping as a challenge on their various journeys. The Brownie Handbook describes how to choose the correct length rope and skip with a good action.

Cords and ropes are needed for knotting practice too. They should be in various sizes and lengths. Venetian blind and window sash cord is a useful size. The Brownie should learn to tie two separate pieces together, not the two ends of the same rope. Otherwise when she tries it out in real life she may find difficulty when there is a horse or boat on the other end.

Do your Brownies want to learn how to tie knots? They will if you use practical situations. For example, if Jenny's dog comes to the meeting and is a nuisance during a game, what sort of knot will we use to tie him up?

Or if you plan to make and wrap presents for Father's Day how about conveniently forgetting the sellotape and using string? The instructions for parcel wrapping are in the Brownie Handbook so don't forget to practise it yourself before the meeting! Then there is the reef knot for First-Aid. Bandaging is fun but we have to learn the correct knot first!



Rope is not cheap so needs to be looked after to get the most from it. The ends should be whipped to prevent fraying. Perhaps your Pack Guide's company would like to practise their whipping on your ropes. Until the rope or cord is whipped you can prevent it from fraying by wrapping sellotape or sticking plaster round the ends as a temporary measure. If the cord is nylon the ends can be sealed by heating them.

Rope and cord should be stored in separate labelled bags and the individual pieces can be doubled up to a suitable size and tied in a double overhand to prevent tangling.

Of course everyone should help to put away equipment after use but we also have one Brownie in charge of the rope bags. She is chosen in Pow Wow and enjoys her special job. Incidentally see how many different tasks your Brownies can think of to take over at meetings. After all it is their Pack so what better place to start Lending a Hand and accepting a little responsibility?

Finally some "rope" games for Brownies.

#### **Knot necklaces**

Required a 4' or 5' rope or cord for each Brownie and matchbox tops, curtain rings or even rubber bands for jewels.

Each player receives a cord and a jewel and at "Go" runs round a pre-arranged course, pausing where she chooses, to tie the ends of her necklace. As they return to the starting place each fastening is checked and those who have guarded their jewels well (with a reef knot fastening) receive another; anyone with a "granny" tries again, without an extra jewel. Continue until jewels, or time, run out. Learners fasten necklaces then put them on, good knotters fasten at the back of their necks.

#### **Skipping Olympics**

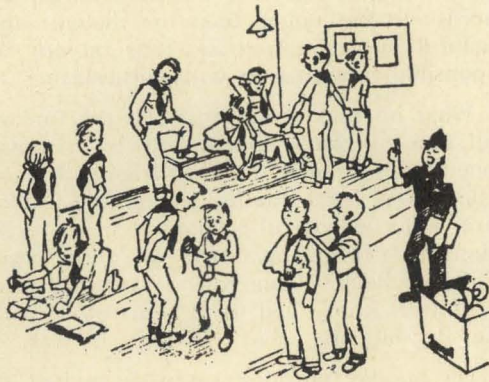
Pack forms one or two circles with a selection of skipping ropes. Each Brownie decides how many she'll skip "brownie style" (at least seven); and does so in turn. Others in circle vote as to how many tokens each should receive. Six is gold medal standard, five silver, four bronze; so one, two or three are the usual awards. This can be repeated a few weeks later with awards based mainly on improvement.

—Extracts from W.A. "Guide Courier" are acknowledged





"This is what he expected"



"This is what he got"

—Source unknown, but appreciated

Time: That which man is always trying to kill  
Which ends in killing him.

A car can help you see the world. It's  
up to you to decide which world.

It takes two thousand nuts to hold a car  
together

But only one to scatter it all over the road.

In this modern age there are too many  
people in too many cars in too much  
of a hurry going in too many direc-  
tions to nowhere for nothing!



## INTERNATIONAL

Victorians will remember with great joy and happiness our Sponsored Trainer from Trinidad — Tobago — Miss Phyllis Brown. She was a delegate for her country for the recent World Conference in Toronto — so perhaps we will hear first hand news of her from our delegates. She enjoys tremendously letters received from Australia. Did you know thieves broke into her office and stole so much — including her Victorian souvenirs?

Quoting from her letter—

"You ask what I should like replaced and I shall tell you, then you can decide whether it is possible or not. Most Regions and Commissioners gave me spoons, some presented friendship badges/pins. But I think the thought behind these and the other items that Brownies, Guides, Guiders took the trouble to make themselves, with their own hands were the most prized possessions which can never be replaced. The photographs, particularly those of the children at the various places where they turned out in such numbers to meet me are also irreplaceable, and up to now I do not seem able to find a camera which would replace my good old faithful Brownie Box — **not** fortunately the one you had had repaired for me, as that one belonged to my sister. I had already returned it when the theft took place. The viewer also went with **all** the slides and the tape of the 1st Nowa Nowa Brownies.

Do you think you can decide? I certainly can't. Perhaps, if you wish, you could suggest something Training Department can use — we need all sorts of equipment as we really have nothing except what we Trainers produce with our hands, our hearts, and our imagination!"



## TRAINING COMMISSIONERS . . .

I am writing on a train bound for Warrnambool — on a freezing July night with four hours ahead of me to reflect on the events of the past three days. My thoughts bring back a warm glow recalling the friendships I have made, the knowledge gained, the fun we had and the tremendous hospitality we received from the Sisters at "Retreat House", Cheltenham.

Now you have guessed that I am returning from Commissioners' Training and I am already attempting my first "challenge" by jotting down some of my impressions of that memorable occasion in a very cold, crowded carriage — full of young people, noise, smoke — which keeps bumping and rocking making my writing a good deal worse than usual.

I mention my journey down as a reminder to all who fill in forms — please do it properly or be prepared for any result. The train left about 6 p.m. which meant a race from work to the station. All was well I thought, coffee and sandwiches would be available en route. Alas! I was mistaken. But there would be time at Flinders Street Station. I was numb with cold and hunger when we pulled into Spencer Street only to be told I would have to change trains even to get to Flinders Street suburban platforms. So bags and Guider went racing down Flinders Street, glad of the opportunity of a warm-up run.

I had 10 minutes after purchasing my Cheltenham ticket to catch the 11 p.m. and it took me five to reach the counter of the kiosk, in spite of my uniform; once there I couldn't get served — oh well, I could make coffee when I arrived, so I settled down to a gloomy trip on a late train to Cheltenham. On arrival, the station was deserted, so I paced up and down the street in the cold and wet hoping for a taxi.

After two attempts I was on my way but it was almost midnight when I arrived at "Retreat House" — worst of all I couldn't rouse those girls from their warm slumber no matter how hard I knocked. Almost giving it away (my kind taxi waiting still). I finally heard a faint noise behind the door and a voice said "Who's there?" To my great consternation the door was opened by one of the Sisters who had to dress for her very late guest.

We crept up the stairs and I fell into bed, after making it, hoping that someone would know I was there and wake me in time for breakfast. What a wonderful breakfast that was and how we all laughed at my story next day.

What a lovely place "Retreat" is! Such a surprise to find its quiet solidarity in the centre of a large metropolis. We seemed to be isolated from all the noise, bustle and civilisation of the city — a world apart — and even more noticeable when we had to leave.

We numbered approximately 20 in residence plus our hard working trainers — all of whom we sincerely thank for their patience and ingenious methods of getting across to us enough food for thought and helpful information to start us on our responsible commitment with enthusiasm.

What impressed me most was the fun we all had. Perhaps second only to camping, one makes so many life-long friends that we come away from training feeling that Guides are rather wonderful people and the Association most inspiring. Will we ever forget Patchewollock? This town's worthy representative, Roma, had us in convulsions with her dry humour, what a delight she was.

On Sunday morning we were invited to share in the Sisters' Communion service. A beautiful service in a beautiful church. Thank you Sisters for your wonderful hospitality and good food.

Then a surprise, we had the pleasure of meeting our State Advisers and talking with them over luncheon. Some were able to stay for our Guides Own, the theme of which was chosen as an ideal ending of all our discussions gone before and I thought you may like to share the reading with us.

Theme — No Man is an Island:

"We all need faith in our lives to exist, as has been proven through the centuries and is so evident in our world today.

If we have faith in God we are strong enough to have faith in people, as faith in God teaches us to love Him and all He has made.

We ought to be proud and honoured to be part of the Guide Movement and realise our

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# MATILDA NOTICES . . .



## CAMPING DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Renshaw Jones, our State Commissioner, had the bright idea of a Spring Garden Stall at Headquarters for this project, but I should like to include everyone in Victoria, and ask each Brownie, Guide and Ranger Unit if they would also like to arrange a Spring Garden Stall in their own area to assist. A few packets of seeds or cuttings planted now would not cost very much, but, when you sell the seedlings and plants you have grown so carefully to your parents, relatives or neighbours, you would have the fun of seeing the flowers blooming all around you (or maybe eating your own home-grown vegetables). You would be helping to develop Shoreham at the same time as you would send your contributions to the Camping Department at Guide Headquarters, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne. We want you to be able to camp at Shoreham as soon as possible, so would you like to start "sowing and growing" now please?

## BROWNIE VENTURE

On Saturday the Brownies of 2nd Monbulk Pack visited a children's home in South Yarra. We had made some rag dolls, vinyl toys, and knitted golliwogs. 3rd Monbulk Pack helped make some of the knitted sambos.

There were about 20 children and we played with them. We couldn't see all the children as the older ones were down with the mumps. As we left we signed our names in the visitors' book.

—2nd Monbulk Brownie Pack

## CAMP WIRAKE

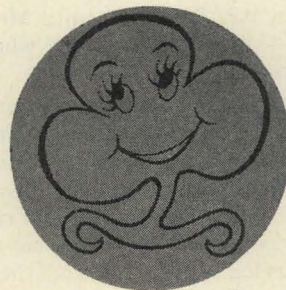
State Camp — Britannia Park

4th-11th January, 1973

Application forms for this camp are issued to Division Commissioners ONLY.

Guiders, it is hoped you have already sent the name of your Company representative to your Division Commissioner. Forms are returnable to Headquarters by 8th September. **They must reach your Division Commissioner by 1st September.**

One Guide from every Guide Company is eligible to attend. The Guide must be 11 years old and UNDER 16 years at date of camp.



"Hello—

I am 'Sunny Sue' — a cheerful, happy, ageless character. I would like to be a talking point between you and your friends. I am now for sale in the Guide shop, as a sticker, a brooch or a medallion. Please buy me!"

**AUSTRALIAN PLANTS AND NATURE EXHIBITION —**

Sunday, 3rd September, 1.30 p.m.-9 p.m.

Mon.-Tues., 4th-5th Sept., 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

at Camberwell Civic Centre

Seed and information available.

Admission 50c, children 20c.



## NILMA IN MELBOURNE . . .

Dear Matilda,

What an exciting weekend we had recently. Earlier this year we were invited to Nilma by the 1st Nilma Guides, and we had lots of fun staying on farms.

We asked them to come back to us on an exchange visit and the date was arranged.

They arrived on the Saturday in cars and we were anxiously waiting to renew friendships.

The afternoon they spent settling in with their host families and then back to the Guide Hall in the evening for a social night of games, dances and a beaut supper provided by our mums.

Some dads came too, including mine, and Cap's husband — they tried to play the sort of music they had danced to many moons ago, but we howled them down and soon the rafters were lifting with real groovy music. Don't suppose many Guides know what the hokey-pokey is? We didn't until Mr. Watkins taught us — plenty of laughter when all the mums joined in.

A Guides Own was arranged on Sunday with our visiting Guides participating as well as girls from our company. Miss Shaw, Assistant State Commissioner, gave a very good address on our theme of "Friendship". The hall was packed and everyone said what a lovely service we had put together. Emily and Heather Telford, two friends of mine, who with their family had recently arrived from Ireland to settle here, sang two hymns beautifully and they were congratulated afterwards by all. They used to enjoy singing in church groups before they came out to Australia.

We were honoured to welcome the Hon. Michael Baden-Powell and his wife Joan to the Guides Own.

Afterwards Michael spoke to us before unveiling a painting of his Grandmother, Lady Baden-Powell. This beautiful portrait had been painted and donated to our hall by Mrs. Peg Shaw. Mrs. Shaw is a member of the Trefoil Guild and gave the painting on behalf of "Cooper" Trefoil. Her two daughters, Julie and Elizabeth, were both Guides with our company.

Then we had a beaut casserole luncheon provided by our mothers who were all having a great time working together.

And then came fun — off to Luna Park.

We had rides on everything. (Guess what the Leaders went on? The River Cave ride.) Tons of fairy floss, etc. — were there Guides who had too much?

Then back to the hall where our hard working mums were still on duty with a light tea. Then sadly it was time for good-byes before the girls departed for home, tired but we hope happy.

I hope we can do the same thing again soon — it was tremendous.

—Rosemary Lister,  
3rd Moorabbin Co.



## LORD, BLESS MY TEDIUM

A certain amount of it has just got to be.  
Same old beds — thank you, Lord, for a  
place to lay our heads.

Same old dishes — thank you, Lord, for food  
to eat.

Same old dailiness. And thank you, Lord,  
for the security of daily jobs to do!

Thou, Lord, creator of all the mighty uni-  
verse, art also God of the common things,  
the homely, homey common things.

Let me delight in them.

Let me find little pleasures in them —  
in the sparkle of glass,

and the smoothness of wood,

and the smell of sunshine in the house.

And if I tie a shoe a thousand times,

let me remember to show him I enjoy  
tying his shoes —

let me enjoy also teaching him to do it  
for himself.

Tedium? Not really, Lord.

For thou art God of the common things of  
the common day.

And if thou art with me,

here in the routine of my common day,  
how shall any task seem trivial?

Lord, bless with thy presence my tedium.

Amen

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to Pray" by Jo Carr and Imogene Sorley,  
published by Abingdon Press, U.S.A.)

# THIS IS THE LOCAL ASSOCIATION'S PAGE



## EAST METROPOLITAN REGION L.A. GET-TOGETHER

Before we report on the actual conference perhaps some readers are wondering at the heading — Region Local Association — and have never heard of us. We believe we are a unique body in the Guide movement, comprising representatives of L.A.'s in the East Metropolitan region, coming together twice a year to discuss mutual problems — and by discussion helping one another with suggestions and/or solutions to difficulties.

Our annual social function is a luncheon held at Toole Pate Lodge, Launching Place (to be on 20th September this year) and it is always a delightful day. Our guest speaker will be from Australian Volunteers Abroad. Are you interested in coming along? Phone our Secretary for information (Mrs. Nina Speed — 857 7189). All proceeds will be donated to the Shoreham Campsite Fund.

Now to the conference: Our main speaker was Mrs. Lane, Public Relations Officer from Headquarters, who stressed that PR is not necessarily press publicity, but basically the picture shown to the public by ALL members of the movement. The estimate she gave was that, in PR, example counts for 90 per cent and talking for the other ten per cent. Be proud to be a Guide, Guider or L.A. member and don't hesitate to say so. But remember, by your actions make the Guide movement proud of you.

After lunch Miss Lambe and Miss Gross showed a display of handcrafts made by Guides. Miss Lambe spoke briefly about the display and then told us about the region training scheme, the types of training and the methods used.

We then had reports from the various discussion groups held during lunchtime. One question which concerns all L.A.'s is that of gaining parent interest, and two groups put forward suggestions which may help you to make that important first contact. Both were concerned with getting parents to the annual meeting. The first L.A. held their meeting as a family picnic day at Donvale,

the Region campsite, and the second held their annual meeting as a mother and daughter dinner.

Another question asked was why L.A.'s don't receive more publicity in "Matilda". Mrs. Lane's answer was brief but very much to the point! "L.A.'s don't submit material." We've made our contribution. How about you?

## A WASHDAY THOUGHT

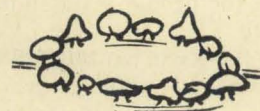
Having been blessed with five daughters, each of whom has at some time been a member of a Guide Company, I wonder how many mothers realise how individual each girl's uniform becomes.

A new blouse from Guide Shop is a great thrill but it is not many months before it gives a fair indication of the girl's progress in Guiding. Someone else's beret, scarf, socks, etc., may be brought home by mistake from a weekend camp, but I have yet to hear of a blouse mix-up. Mum, doing the inevitable washing, knows at once whose blouse she has; and can usually be relied upon to go off into daydreams, remembering the work that some particular badge or other has entailed!

## CLAYTON WEST SUPPORTS TREFOIL GUILD

CLAYTON WEST L.A. held their annual meeting and the guest speaker, Mrs. J. Barratt, gave a talk about the Trefoil and Youth Club at Kensington. This was most enlightening and revealed the work and endeavour the "Trefoil" does for children of the high-rise inner-suburban areas.

Donations of goods are urgently required for the Trefoil Opportunity Shop, Racecourse Road, Newmarket. As this is a charitable organisation, rail freight free to Newmarket Station.



## YOU MEET SUCH NICE PEOPLE!

If you, an L.A. member, want to meet new friends and widen your life, here is a suggestion. Next time your Commissioner asks for a Unit helper — volunteer!

I did. I went to a Guide Company on two nights to talk about the Conservation Badge. That was a year ago and I'm still there, but after attending trainings I'm a Guide Leader about to be warranted.

Certainly, it takes time, thought and effort, but it is not without reward. I made many good friends as an L.A. member and in these last months I've met many more nice people. First, the girls of the company, no longer a nameless set of children in blue uniforms, but now 30 individual friends. All different. All guides.

At the trainings there were all the other prospective leaders. Cheerful women all of them, some with young families, some with grandchildren, but all interested in the Guide movement, all with different ideas.

Then there are the trainers I've met. Their job is to teach new leaders by demonstrating, explaining and advising. I wonder if they know how much they teach simply by their cheerful example of giving freely of their time at night and at weekends, because they believe in the Guide movement and what it has to offer to children.

I have found more people in Guiding ready to offer help, advice and encouragement than in any other venture, and if you act on my suggestion you will meet these new friends and understand the breadth of the Law and Promise.

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If you give a man a fish, he will eat once.  
If you teach a man to fish, he will eat for the rest of his life.  
If you are thinking a year ahead, sow seed.  
If you are thinking ten years ahead, plant a tree.  
If you are thinking one hundreds years ahead, educate the people.  
By sowing seed, you will harvest once.  
By planting a tree, you will harvest tenfold.  
By educating the people, you will harvest one hundredfold.

—Kuan-tzu (4th-3rd cent. B.C.)  
Extract from the Unesco anthology  
"Birthright of Man"

## THE STORY BEHIND THE PAINTING OF THE FAMOUS PRAYING HANDS

When Albrecht Durer was a poor struggling artist, a friend of his who also aspired to be an artist made an agreement with him that he would do manual labour to earn their living while Durer studied and painted. Later, it was planned, he should have his turn to paint. But when success came to Durer his friend's hands had become so twisted and stiff that he could no longer paint. One day, seeing his friend's work-worn hands in prayer, Durer thought, "I can never give back the lost skill of those hands, but I can show my feeling of love and gratitude by painting his hands as they are now, folded in prayer, to show my appreciation of a noble and unselfish character."

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## TRAINING COMMISSIONERS

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responsibilities as leaders. Our fundamental principles are those of our Founder changing to suit our times. He taught us self-reliance certainly, but to share our knowledge with those less fortunate; to love and understand those we seek to train and, above all, to set a good example knowing that this carries more weight and assurance than all the talking in the world.

We cannot hope to be such an example without devotion and trust in God. As a Brownie Guide we look to our leaders and so on right through the Movement we seek advice and understanding, so binding us all together.

We must remember we are not islands, nor even a continent, but a World Association all striving to train our youth in the right way to live, love and serve.

We thank God for our weekend of learning; the new friendships we have made and trust that with the inspiration we have gained through our trainers we may go on to broader aspects of Guiding. Above all, we go back home with confidence, knowing that with God's help we will put into action what we have promised and ourselves be an inspiration to all in our loving care."

—Bea Swinton, D.C., Warrnambool



—Block by courtesy of "Geelong Advertiser"

## BELLARINE BROWNIE REVELS

Bright bangles, necklaces, ear-rings and scarves were worn by all the Brownie Guides and a true Gypsy atmosphere prevailed for our Brownie Revels.

The "Gypsy Queen" (our Region Commissioner), dressed in a gay costume with bangles and beads, entered Kingston Park, Ocean Grove in a horse and gig and was greeted by Brownie Guides and unit leaders as she drove around their Brownie Ring.

After the "Gypsy Queen" had dismounted and greeted each Brownie Guide, she stood back to watch proceedings. As each Brownie walked up to collect a coloured bracelet from a large basket, she placed a five-cent donation for the Brownie Cottage Fund in the "cauldron", then moved on to a "Caravan" of the same colour as the bracelet.

Each "Caravan" had a different activity and on a signal, Brownie Guides moved on to the next "Caravan" to participate in something new. "Caravan" activities included making paper flowers, sizzling sausages, listening to a Gypsy tale, playing games, singing songs and making paper animal shapes.

Picnic style afternoon tea was enjoyed by everyone and then a short talk was given on the importance of making friends. Each Brownie Guide was asked to be sure to make at least one new friend from among those present. Mrs. Bell told too, of an experience she had in France when she and another Guide met a girl wearing a World Guide Badge who befriended them despite the language barrier, and offered them the hospitality of her home.

This delightfully entertaining afternoon gave new friendships and lots of fun to everyone present.



"There was a little Indian girl at school today", announced my son proudly.

"Does she speak English" I asked.

"No", came his reply. "But it doesn't matter because she laughs in English."

—From "Adventuring"

# ... IN THE GUIDE SHOP

## New Books

The Woodland Book for Guides and Brownies ..... \$3.00

In this book are 100 woodland games and activities, a section on woodland handcrafts, and ideas for artists and poets. Guides will find ideas galore for activities when in camp or on hikes.

Brownie Guiders will find ideas for pack meetings, pack holidays and expeditions.

The Brownies on Television ..... \$2.20

## Career Story Books

Margaret Becomes a Doctor ..... \$2.80

Air Hostess Ann ..... \$2.80

First Job ..... \$2.95

The Best of Yourself ..... \$3.90

## Specially designed for the 7-12 years

My Learn to take Photos Book ..... \$2.50

My Learn to Cook Book ..... \$2.50

My Learn to Sew Book ..... \$2.50

## Illustrated Teach Yourself

Stamp Collecting ..... \$2.35

Embroidery ..... \$2.35

## Instant Series

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A Field Guide to Australian Wildflowers ..... \$5.50

Mushrooms, Ferns and Mosses ..... 69c

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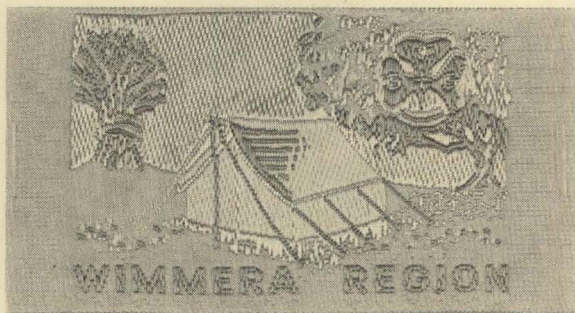
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## WIMMERA REGION BADGE

After a suggestion to have our own Region Badge it was decided to hold a competition amongst the guides in the Region for a design for same.

Many attractive designs were sketched by the Guides and it was difficult to decide on the most appropriate to the Region.

Wattle Patrol of 2nd Dimboola Coy submitted the winning design, which depicted a simple camp scene of Tent, Tree and Trefoil.

**CONGRATULATIONS to the recipients of the following:—**

**Guiders' Long Service (15 years):**

Mrs. C. Wild (Beaumaris); Mrs. V. Dickson (Manangatang).

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**Thanks Plaque:**

Apex Club (Tongala).

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## A PACK HOLIDAY

Sixteen Brownies and six Guiders set off on the trip to Belgrave Heights. A cup of hot cocoa at the end of the trip and then it was to bed. It must have been distressing for the leaders because we didn't stop talking till at least 11 o'clock.

In the morning picnic lunches were packed and with haversacks on our backs we all set off. We arrived at a grassy playground with picnic tables that was just the spot we needed for eating lunch. As we were eating our lunch a beady-eyed kooka-

burra swooped down and came up with a mouse in his beak.

A faint squeaking noise made the kooka-burra kill the mouse and fly away to eat it. On the way back to the Lodge a white goat was spotted, also some bright red toadstools.

After writing home next day we spent some time knitting. Also we went for a walk. That night we all slept much better.

Another day Wise Owl came and we had Brownie Ring with her.

Wise Owl found a fossil caterpillar and showed it to us. Later we did scrapbooks while the leaders had afternoon tea and a chat. Then Wise Owl left and we all saw her off.

After tea that night we had slides of camps including early ones and of different places. Next morning we packed our cases and stripped the beds and did our jobs. Then after lunch we made Mother's Day presents and looked for things in foil; inside the foil were little presents and after that we played Buzz and knitted.

Then the bus arrived so we all helped pack it. Soon we had started back home and all agreed that it was all a great success. All the Brownies thanked the leaders for giving them such a wonderful holiday.

—Rosemary Saxon and Clare Hacker,  
1st Glenhuntly Pack

## Dear Matilda,

Recently 1st and 2nd Inglewood Brownie Packs had a most enjoyable trip to Bendigo. First we went to Eaglehawk Gardens for tea. The flowers were lovely.

Then we went on the trams. The trams were to be discontinued on the Sunday. As there wasn't enough room in the first carriage some Brownies had to go into the last carriage. We sang songs all the way.

When the tram ride was over we went to see how the Bendigo "Advertiser" was printed. In the first room we saw were typewriters and in a very small room was another type of typewriter called a Teleprinter. We saw the printing press. It was a giant of a thing. Then we saw the big rolls of paper and had our photo taken standing around it.

Altogether we had a lovely time.

—From Helen Rose  
(1st Inglewood Pack)