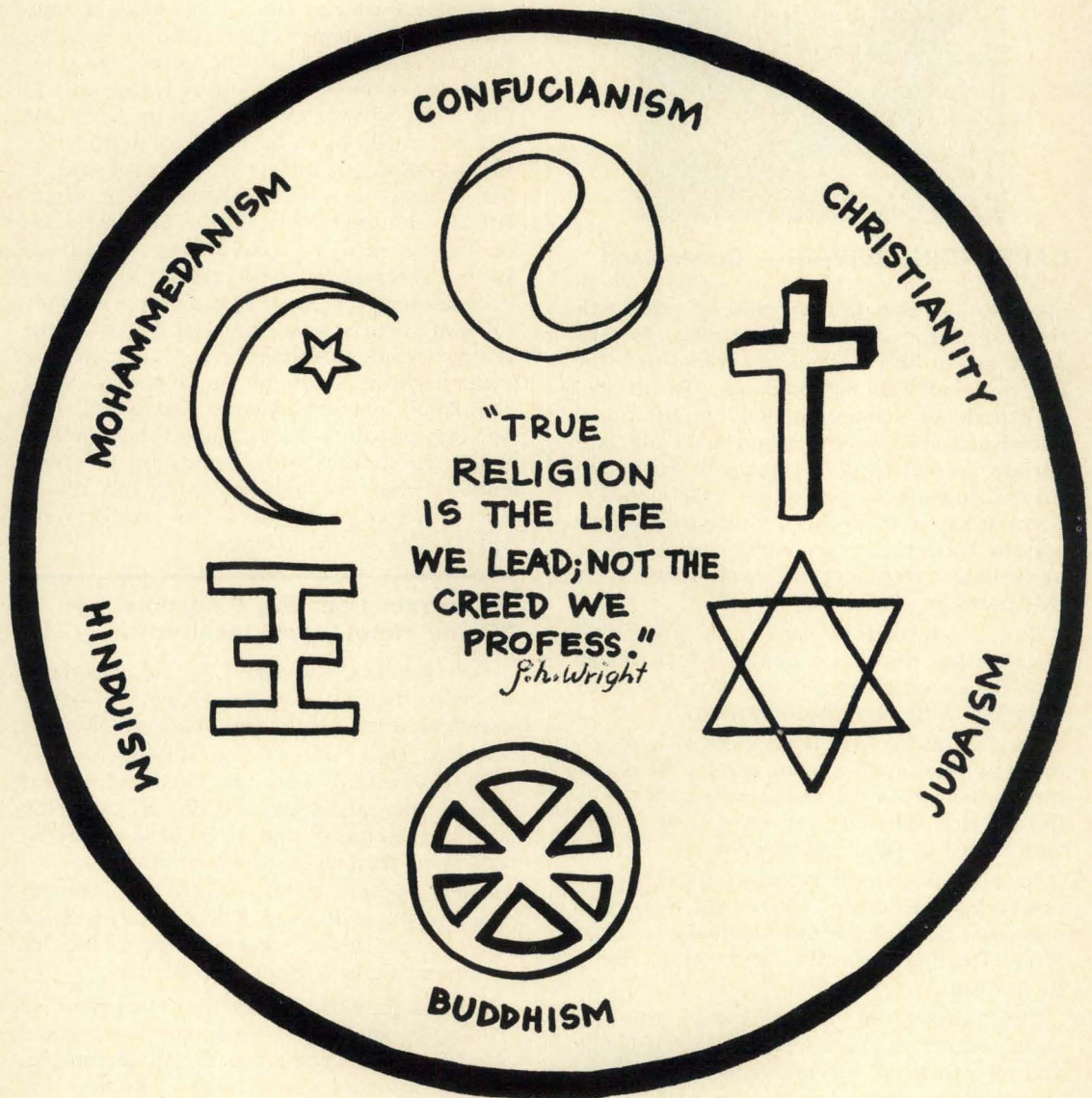


MATILDA





CAPRICORN SERVARI — Queensland

"Capricorn Servari" was a venture which every Guider and Ranger who attended will remember for quite some time. Thanks must go to the organising committee for giving us such an opportunity. To be able to experience such immediate international friendship was something that made all "Servarians" proud to be members of a wonderful world-wide organisation. Co-operation was the key note of this venture because we had to keep to a very tight schedule; the immediate acceptance of each other made this possible.

Our coach drivers were very good, and always ready to lend a hand. I feel though that the coach company will have learnt by mistakes with regards to catering.

Serving during our trip enabled us to get to know one another even better. It was a time when we were working together, and the service carried out gave every "Servarian" a feeling of satisfaction.

In all, an extremely interesting venture combining friendship and service, very well organised en route by our Guiders in charge, Mrs. Heather Beedell and Mrs. Betty Richardson.

The purpose of the "Servari" was for young adults to meet together in friendship and also to be of service to the community. It was organised to give the participants every opportunity of seeing Queensland's vast and beautiful places of interest including primary producing areas (sugar-cane fields, pineapple farms, tobacco plantations,

dairy and beef cattle country), coal and copper mines, and the islands around the Great Barrier Reef. The party travelled by coach from Brisbane to Cairns and back, mostly camping en route. The party was made up of these: from Papua/New Guinea, 4; Japan, 3; Canada, 2; West Pakistan, 1; Korea, 1; Hong Kong, 1; Taiwan, 1; New Zealand, 12; Australia, 44 (including 12 Victorians).

Service Projects: One group made a complete filing system for the office at an Aged Persons' Home where all their office files consisted of bundles of letters rolled up and tied with string; another group iced 400 dozen lamingtons (a first time something for the overseas girls in this group); 2000 sample Show bags were filled by another group (much amusement here at the pronunciation of the N.Z. girls — "Freddo" chocolate frogs were "Freedeeds"); one group taught an occupational therapist in a children's hospital some action songs and games; Grandmatisiting was done; kitchen work in preparing meals; three walls of an L.A. hut were completely painted and the fourth wall had one coat of paint — not enough time to finish; anti-litter stickers were pasted on to street bins. These are only some of the things which we enjoyed and which really were appreciated by the recipients.

An extract from the Singapore "Guide News", just received:

Girl Guide Chew Lee Ling, 17, has been awarded the first ever President's Award for excellent work for the Guiding Movement.

A Girl Guide Association statement today said the award was for outstanding Girl Guides who possessed qualities of leadership and perseverance and who have rendered sustained services to the community.

Lee Ling is a Pre-University Two student and Vice-Head Prefect of the Convent of the Holy Infant Jesus. She belongs to the 3rd Company Central Stamford District.

Lee Ling, who joined the Movement in 1967 when she was in Secondary One, served the Convent's Orphanage for three months, helping to feed, bathe and look after the babies, for her Sick Nurse Badge.

She served a Chinese luncheon to American World Guider Miss Jean Tuerck to win the Home-maker Badge.

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BUT WHAT IS "THE COUNCIL FIRE?"

By Alix Liddell, its Editor

Who originally thought of producing an international news-sheet? I suspect that Dame Katharine Furse, the first Director of the World Bureau, and my mother, Mrs. Mark Kerr, first Chairman of the World Committee and later first Commissioner for Countries which were Tenderfoot Members (now Associate Members), had more than a little to do with the "World Bulletin", which made its appearance in April, 1926; certainly they were its most faithful contributors.

Strangely enough, we have no copy of the first issue at the World Bureau, but we have the second and third numbers, each consisting of four yellowing pages, brittle with age. I wonder if a first issue exists anywhere?

The proposal to change the rather pedestrian name of "World Bulletin" to something more inspiring came from the 4th International Conference, "The Torch" was one suggestion and "The Council Fire" another, this in memory of the great campfire, when a delegate from each nation threw a log on to the flames to symbolise some great gift which her country had given to the world.

The Scouts had offered their sisters four pages in their world magazine, "Jamboree"; but, while it would be a good thing for the boys to read about the girls, the cost of supplying this more expensive journal to the various countries, without charge, was more than the United Kingdom, which was financing the project, could afford.

The fourth issue appeared under the title by which our world magazine has been known ever since.

The first Editor was Miss S. J. Warner. I do not suppose she ever dreamt that a harum-scarum young Guider in her London District would eventually succeed her; but that is what happened, for Jane Warner was my Commissioner when, on leaving school, I became Tawny Owl to Mrs. Leigh-White's daughter, Rachael.

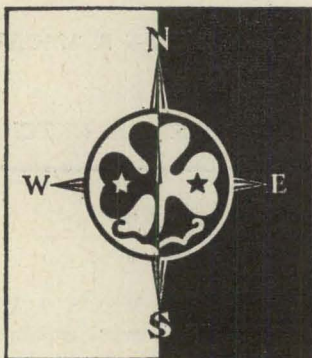
When Jane resigned, a professional Editor was appointed, but when it became clear that the paper could not carry even her modest salary, we reverted to amateurs, and my mother, in her capacity as Head of Publications at the recently established World Bureau took over the "Council Fire".

My young sister was responsible for the first full-page cover design — a globe supported on the shoulders of two semi-recumbent Guides, who are depicted in what was then thought to be a very "modern" style!

The 1930 competition for a cover design attracted a great many entries, which were displayed in the barn at Foxlease and studied by the delegates to the 6th World Conference, who then voted for the one they preferred. The successful artist was Rosalie Brown, a young Scottish Guider, whose winning design appeared on the cover of the "Council Fire" from 1930 to 1956, when, just for the centenary year, we reproduced Kenneth Brooke's drawing of the head of the Founder; later on, for another special year, we chose the Diamond Jubilee Badge.

The World Conference in Brazil in 1957 discussed the question of a new look for our paper, but reached no conclusion. On my return to London I received, by a remarkable coincidence, a message from Rosalie

saying she felt a more up-to-date design was needed, and offering to submit some "roughs". The result was a simple and striking cover that lasted until 1966 when the present design appeared, and I hope you are all familiar with this one!



A great many things happened to me during the last three months of the year 1944. In October my younger daughter was born and my husband was invalided out of the R.A.F. with a missing leg; in November we moved house; in December my mother died, and a few days later Mrs. Leigh-White, then Director of the World Bureau, asked me to take over editorship of "The Council Fire".

Looking back to that time, I think I must have been mad to accept the appointment, and without a second's hesitation! The clue is that I knew nothing whatever about publications; if I had, I should no doubt have refused equally promptly — and how wrong I would have been! For this invitation brought me back into Guiding and opened the door into the fascinating world of "pubs" — an abbreviation which I trust nobody will misunderstand.

I served my apprenticeship under Miss Dennis, a "character" if ever there was one. She was Assistant Head of Publications — a title she insisted on retaining to the end of her life, although no other "Head" was ever appointed — and also Assistant Editor of "The Council Fire".

The January issue was half completed when I took over, and I had the bitter-sweet task of adding the wonderful tributes to my mother, and also those to another great Leader, Mrs. James Storrow, who had died a few weeks previously,

I say "I had the task" but, of course, it was really Miss Dennis who managed the whole business, for my ignorance was so abysmal that for me "galleys" meant slave-propelled ships and "make-up" was the stuff you put on your face.

When I first went to work at the Bureau there was a desk next to mine with this notice in red chalk: "Dame Katharine's desk. Nothing is to be put on it." She was now "Adviser" to the World Bureau, having been succeeded by Mrs. Leigh-White as Director.

Dame K. rarely came into the office, and my papers used gradually to spread themselves over this beautiful expanse of emptiness. Suddenly I would hear her footsteps on the stairs, and in a wild scramble would gather up armfuls of copy and throw it on the floor to join the piles of papers already reposing there.

And so Dame K. would stride in, waving her hands to dispel the blue fog emanating from my ever-burning cigarette. "All this smoke!" she would mutter, "all this smoke", to which the obvious reply was "No Council Fire without smoke".

Mrs. Leigh-White used to pass around all letters of interest to be read and initialled by members of the staff, and, our office being at the top of the building, they used to end their journey in a heap by the door. This delightfully haphazard system came to an end with the next Director, who had more of a "pigeonhole mind". During her reign letters would get filed so rapidly that often we attic-dwellers failed to hear of world-shaking events until it was too late to report them in the paper . . . but this is a complaint common to all Editors!

As the work at the Bureau increased, the building seemed to shrink, and during our last year at Palace Street we became so crowded that I used sometimes to bring with me a shooting stick in order to be certain of a seat, while the Director, Dame Leslie Whately, would retire to her parked car to interview callers.

It was with a sigh of relief that we moved to Ebury Street, when the Boy Scout International Bureau emigrated to Canada. Here "pubs" shared the first floor with "Public Relations", the particular advantage being that visitors simply could not escape us. Our

continual moan at Palace Street was that they were sometimes reluctant to struggle up the last flight of stairs to what we naturally considered to be the most interesting part of the Bureau. The valiant ones who did manage the climb were immediately pressed into service.

I can still see Miss Dennis's appealing face begging for an article for "The Council Fire" and when she was told, "But writing isn't my strong point" replying, "That doesn't matter a bit, you won't recognise your article after Mrs. Liddell has finished with it". A most unfair remark, as all my contributors would agree!

The four pages of "The World Bulletin" have grown with the years into the forty or more pages of the present "Council Fire", thanks to the support of contributors all over the world; but, alas! one still meets too many Guiders who ask "But what is "The Council Fire?"

Perhaps YOU will help to make our world paper better known, so that we may increase our subscribers?

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"Matilda" reprints this article (originally written by Mrs. Liddell especially for her in 1961) for your interest and, may we suggest, action as necessary.

"Matilda's" Editor wholeheartedly echoes some of the comments, and I'm sure some of her readers do, too!

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COMMUNICATIONS mean being — Careful:

Communications can become confused when going "up and down" the line; e.g., an army officer sent this message back to base, "I am going to advance — please send reinforcements". It arrived at base "Please send three and four pence — I am going to a dance!"

Concise:

George Bernard Shaw said—

"Forgive me for making this letter so long — I did not have time to shorten it."

THANK YOU REG GREGORY . . .

Figures? "Oh", you say, "Not for ME! I don't know the first thing about finance."

How particularly fortunate then has our Association been to have had as Honorary Treasurer for twenty years a man who knows and understands not only the first thing about figures but so many other things about them also.

REG GREGORY has helped the Association to its currently healthy state of finance, and has done it with a genuine interest in the children of the Movement as a background.

Arranging investments, organising the building pool, negotiating with the bank, conferring with auditors, helping with staff superannuation, helping and advising with the Movement appeal, planning ahead with budgets, attending Finance and Executive and Annual meetings — all these, in addition to the more routine facets of the Association's accounting, have added to the burden of time and thought taken on so willingly by Mr. Gregory.

He has always had an eye to forward planning with the view that the Association should be in the best possible position to allow for new techniques within the Movement and to face increasing costs.

We are most grateful to Mr. Gregory for his expert handling and development of the Association's finances, and we will miss his wise guidance and advice.

It is true, as we have often heard our Honorary Treasurer say, that the Victorian Movement's best assets are its 46,453 members. That these assets have the opportunity to give service throughout the Association and the community is to a marked degree due to the stability the Association has enjoyed in its finances.

For this — and so much more — we say **THANK YOU** to Reg Gregory — for the time, thought and talent given in service to the Guide Association.

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WELCOME . . .

At the same time we say **WELCOME** to Mr. Ken Colhoun, who is taking over the job of Honorary Treasurer.

Ken Colhoun is already quite well known to many of us, and we all look forward to knowing his calm and pleasant personality even better. We thank him for being so willing to help us in the days ahead.

DEAR MATILDA,

I'm writing to you about 2nd East Doncaster Brownie Pack. On Saturday we went to the Berry Street Babies' Home. We had fun with the babies and saw them have their bath. We went there to give the babies some toys which we had been making for five to six weeks.

At the home there were two little rascals, a boy and a girl. They both go to kindergarten.

Best wishes from 2nd East Doncaster Brownie Pack.

—Jane Boreham

GIRLS HELPED THE QUADRIPLÉGICS

Fourteen Brownies from 2nd Strathmore Brownie Pack, accompanied by Alkoomi, Wangie, Brown Owl and District Commissioner, Mrs. Betty Bull, recently visited Miss Carol Davies.

Carol was the local entrant in the "Charity Queen" Quest to aid Victorian quadriplegics.

Brownie Leanne Skillicorn presented a cheque for \$60 to Carol on behalf of the girls from the Pack who had raised the money for the quadriplegic appeal. The girls had spent some "Pack nights" and time at home making things to sell, and were able to stock two stalls with the help of other interested Guiding folk.

It was a magnificent effort and I'm sure a most worthwhile cause to benefit from the help given by these Brownie Guides.

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3rd Williamstown Guides have been working well chopping up foam which was donated, and finally finished 20 quite lovely colourful soft cushions.

Then came the big night we visited the Elderly Citizens' Club to present them; imagine our surprise after greetings and introductions were over, the president said "Hands up those who would like to sit on a cushion". I counted about 100 — I believe that there are 300 members altogether.

The Guides' cushions were very much appreciated. They had done a marvellous job (they are a very young company), but I felt 20 cushions were very inadequate.

If any other districts have an Elderly Citizens' Club, like ours, I'm sure they will be grateful for anything done for them.

—Joan Nikoliev

1st HARTWELL BROWNIE PACK'S 40th BIRTHDAY PARTY

Brownies came into the hall buzzing with excitement. They all brought a plate of food, which was to be served later to the parents. We organised the tables and settled down to a sort of mixed up dinner. Hot frankfurts, cold sausage rolls, apple pie and goodness knows what else. An important visitor had dinner with us because she wanted to spend a little time with us, but had to leave straight after. When we had finished eating we cleared up and had a few games in the space we had, as chairs took up most of the room.

Parents started coming and when everybody was settled we did mimes to do with each point in the eight-point programme. Then we did some more mimes about our Pack holiday at Berwick. This was Brown Owl's first time at taking girls on a Pack holiday. Getting back to the party, we served tea and coffee to the parents. We passed around cakes, biscuits and various other snacks. Gaya-dari (Tawny) poured the tea and some of the older girls helped her. Brown Owl had bought two cakes, one a large ice-cream cake, and the other an enormous cake with forty candles around the edge. Brown Owl and Gaya-dari tried to cut the ice-cream cake but it had not thawed out properly. Mr. Thomas, a parent, ended up cutting it. Most of us had a piece of this. After that Brown Owl lit all forty candles with four matches. Then five Brownies blew them out. The hall was once again buzzing with talking, laughing, and playing. Brownies took around plates of food. Parents got to know other girls and their parents. Everybody had a wonderful time.

—Maria Gough, 1st Hartwell Brownies

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SLOGANS FOR TEENAGERS

Live carefully. The soul you save may be your own.

Don't let your parents down. They brought you up.

Showing off is juvenile. Don't act your age.

If you hesitate to obey, remember: you may give orders yourself some day.

NUNAWADING/MT. PLEASANT DIVISION WEEKEND

Guiders of Nunawading/Mt. Pleasant Division spent a most enjoyable weekend at James' Cottage, Scoresby. The programme was wide and varied and provided all who attended with much discussion and many new ideas to take back to their units. Nine Guiders stayed overnight with peak hour rush at Saturday's lunch when 26 were present.

Discussions covered the Patrol System and Pow Wows; there were demonstrations of handcraft ideas; and the Nunawading Council youth worker told us of his role in the community — this resulted in a stimulating discussion.

Much informal chatter went on in between programmed activities allowing Guiders to get to know each other better.

It was voted by all who participated a useful and enjoyable weekend well worth the effort of organisation by our Division Commissioner.

—J. Alford, 2nd Vermont Company

We went to Como House in South Yarra. Como House is a lovely big old white house. The family must have been big to fill it.

They had a ballroom and in that ballroom they can have a ball with 400 people. In the ballroom they have chandeliers. At first they used candles for light, then gas and now electricity. The ballroom has long windows and some of the windows were made into doors. Tents are put outside the ballroom and you can go straight out these doors to the tents.

Down in the kitchen was a huge stove they used to bake bread in. There was also another big stove. On the wall were some big pans for cooking in and some pans were heated for the bed.

Upstairs we saw a playroom. It had some wooden dolls and lots of tea sets in it.

In the mother's and father's room there was a huge wardrobe, a pretty screen and a bowl and jug.

In the bathroom we saw a toilet, bath and wash basin.

—1st Richmond Pack

DEAR MATILDA,

This is the first time we have written to tell you of our activities. We are a fairly new unit, having been going for 20 months after many years in recess.

We had an Australian flag given to us and at a church parade we had it dedicated.

Our outdoor activities have consisted mainly of breakfast hikes which are very enjoyable. We also had a pancake night to entertain another unit in our division. We are planning a family night too at which we are to have debating teams — Guides v. Parents.

The unit went down to the Seeing Eye Dog home and presented a cheque that we had raised by holding a stall, and after tea at a restaurant we went on to the "Gang Show".

We are very proud of our Guide captain too, for she has been selected to play in the State golf team.

—Kerrie Musgrove, 1st Meredith,
Koala Patrol

A QUEEN'S GUIDE . . .

At the Newborough Guide hall, Geraldine and Lynette were presented with their Queen's Guide badges, and our Division Commissioner and the Region Camping Adviser were present. Newborough Guides and some Rangers were present too.

The Guides performed a play in which the two girls were put on trial by a judge and jury who decided that the girls were worthy to hold the Queen's badge.

The badges were presented by the Division Commissioner and the girls thanked their parents and friends.

—J. Hooper, 1st Newborough Co.

As we review the past and plan for the future it may be relevant to record the following anecdote from the U.S.

Engraved in stone on the face of the Archives Building in Washington are the words: "What is past is prologue".

On seeing the inscription, a Washington tourist asked his taxi-driver what it meant. After some hesitation the driver replied with more insight than he knew: "That means you ain't seen nothin' yet".

"FIRST THINGS FIRST"

Conference time again — how quickly a year passes. The first thoughts I have are of meeting old friends and making new ones. Over 200 Commissioners from near and far, small, large, short, tall, all with smiling faces — looking forward to a weekend sharing our views and experiences and all hoping to gain some knowledge that will help us to help the girls under our care.

For eleven of us the fun began with a trip to Britannia Park — special thanks here to our chauffeurs, Mrs. Grimwade and Mrs. Cox — with an informal lunch in the warmth of the Thank You Chalet — before a tour, between showers, of Guide House, Brownie Cottage, the Chapel, etc. It was too wet to visit the campsites, but we could see what a lovely place it is for a holiday in a natural bushland setting with everything being done to preserve beauty.

We arrived at LaTrobe in time to settle in before dinner. We were pleased to have Mrs. Hamer as our dinner guest and later she very charmingly declared our conference open.

Distinguished guests at the Conference were Lady Delacombe, who shared part of Saturday afternoon with us, and Mr. David Scott, Executive Director of C.A.A., who told us of the changes taking place in social work in our modern society.

The session on our Promotion Drive in October put everyone on the way to helping achieve success in putting Guiding before the public in the best possible way.

Question Box always creates a lot of interest and our advisers do their best to answer the problems that beset each one of us at different times.

Our afternoon session closed with an amusing skit "Lines of Communication" — showing us what shouldn't, but can, happen along our lines.

We all thoroughly relaxed in the evening and the Rangers entertained us. A short report on "Capricorn Servari" with slides gave a glimpse of service and enjoyment with visitors to our country. Laburnum Rangers showed the film they had made called "Carry off Commissioner", with which they must have had much hilarity.

Peg roused us all with bright campfire singing — we always enjoy it.

True Religion is the life we lead — not the creed we profess. Our Guides Own (with

emphasis on six of the main religions of the world) was to me the highlight of the weekend.

A beautiful brass plaque with symbols of the religions strategically placed was a focal point. This had been made and presented to the Movement by Mr. John Lee, a Scouter from Ocean Grove.

Items by Guides from the R.V.I.B. and Miss Doris Kane were added enjoyment and a talk on "The Brotherhood of Man" by a Ranger gave us something of the young people's point of view on this wide subject.

In the Law and Promise panel discussion a young speaker joined with Guiders and Commissioners in telling us what the Law and Promise means to them.

It was very nice to welcome two S.A. girls for the weekend and we hope they enjoyed their time with us.

We feel sad that Mrs. Renshaw Jones is leaving us soon, but thank her very sincerely for a job well done; also thanks to the committee who worked so hard to ensure a worthwhile conference.

To our new State Commissioner and the new committee a welcome — we hope you are going to enjoy the time you are in office and we all look forward to a stimulating conference next year.

—Beryl Harris

CLOSING PRAYER AND GUIDES' OWN READINGS — COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE, 1972

O God, grant us this day,

Clear sight, that we may recognise the things that matter and the things that do not matter;

A sense of proportion, that we may see which things are worth getting excited about, and which things are not important;

Wisdom, that in all life's choices we may choose aright.

Independence, that popularity or unpopularity may not affect our decisions;

Perseverance, that, having begun a good thing, we may not lay it down until we have completed it;

Determination, that nothing may deflect us from our chosen way.

Kindness, that no one in need may ever appeal to us in vain;

Generosity, that we may be concerned, not with how little, but with how much we can give;

Loyalty, that, though all men deny you, we may still be true;

Love, that we may serve our fellow men to the best of our ability.

That we may so live each day that at the end of all days we may hear you say, Well done . . .

Amen

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CONFUCIANISM: "Love is its own reward. Love offers peace. A heart set on love can do no wrong."

MOHAMMEDANISM: "Praise be to the Lord, the giver of all good. The Wonderful One, who created man out of clay, and gave him a soul and understanding, wisdom and a heart."

HINDUISM: "Our duties are kindness towards all creatures, patience, humility, truth, purity, contentment, decorum of manners, gentleness of speech, friendliness, freedom from envy or avarice, or of speaking evil of others."

BUDDHISM: "May we learn to think without prejudice, love all beings for love's sake, express our convictions fearlessly, lead a life of purity, so that the sunlight of truth will illuminate us. If theology and dogma stand in our way in the search for truth, let them be put aside."

JUDAISM: "O God, guard my tongue from evil and my lips from speaking deceitfully. To those who wrong me, may my soul be silent; yet let me be humble as the dust to everyone. Open thou my heart to thy will; strengthen my desire to obey thy commandments. May my thoughts and my prayers be acceptable unto thee, now and evermore."

DEAR MATILDA,

This is a prayer which Rosella Patrol of 2nd Deepdene Co. made up and used after the dark events at the Olympics:

Dear Lord,

Help us to forgive the dreadful inhumanities inflicted on man, by man, in a time of companionship and union, which brought all nations together.

Amen



"JUMBUNNA" — TALK TOGETHER

Theme — Good Leading makes Good Following.

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PATROL LEADERS' IMPRESSIONS

Well organised, informative, good fun, friendship builder, character improving.

Learnt a tremendous amount about life in general — it is a week I will never forget.

Great opportunity for Patrol Leaders of Australia who attended.

I am sure every P.L. will be able to take many ideas back to their unit, district, division, region.

A friendly camp and chances were given to pass on useful things to other P.L.'s and you don't realise how State's ideas vary until you can actually discuss them with others.

It broadened my outlook on the Eight Point badge.

Taught us how to lead our Patrols properly.

A camp of a lifetime. Surely each Guide has learned something over the week.

I am very proud to be one of the Victorian contingent and proud to be a Jumbunnian and I hope future Patrol Leaders will have this experience.

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WATCH FOR MORE DETAIL IN NEXT MONTH'S "MATILDA" — this report was written on the day the Victorian contingent arrived back — at 6.40 a.m.!



FROM THE STATE COMMISSIONER



Through the training programme we aim to make our girls RESOURCEFUL — this month of August I have been very mindful of resources — financial resources!

On the 30th I witnessed 35 of our Patrol Leaders boarding the aircraft en route for Camp Jumbunna in Perth, W.A. A large number of family members, friends, Guides and Guiders were present to farewell the girls at the start of this exciting adventure. A few of the girls were a little apprehensive about their first flight, but the seasoned travellers were full of eagerness to set off. How wonderful it would be if we could send representatives to more interstate and international gatherings!

By forward planning, one of our large, outer suburban Regions raised the finance required for its girls by donations from each district. This enabled them to select the girls best qualified for the event rather than from only those able to "pay their way". There was, of course, a Region selection at which two Patrol Leaders were chosen to attend selection at State level with two from each of the other 25 Regions. It transpired that both of these girls were included in the Victorian contingent, which was made up of one girl from each Region plus nine others selected by the State panel. This method generated interest and enthusiasm throughout the Region and I know the area will gain much from the participation of the two chosen representatives.

The other big State event this month was the annual Commissioners' Conference, held at the LaTrobe University. This is always the highlight of the Commissioner's year and, here again, I could wish for an endless supply of money to enable more to attend. Lack of finance is not the only reason for non-attendance, of course, but I know that some areas find it possible only to send representation rather than all who wish to attend. The University is wonderfully comfortable and ideally suited for this purpose and successive Committees have found it impossible to obtain alternative accommodation for more than 200 in residence at less cost.

We made, and met, friends; laughed, learned, thought, sang, talked together. Each

Conference adds another page to the history of Guiding in Victoria — each Conference is different from previous ones — the personalities of Committee members and participants are largely responsible for this. The 1972 Conference (with two years' experience of the venue) was notable, I believe, for its friendly informality and lack of fuss.

The Association's accounts and balance sheets for the year ended 30th June, 1972, were presented by the Honorary Treasurer at the Finance sub-committee meeting and we were gratified to know that, thanks largely to the wise guidance of Mr. Gregory, our financial position is sound. Looking to the year ahead, however, we could not anticipate quite the same good result. The constant increases in costs in every item in our budget reflect the same picture seen by every housewife — everyone in business — but we are convinced that, with sensible economy, we can meet and overcome the present challenge.

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The Honorary Treasurer, for the final occasion prior to his resignation, presented the financial statements to the Executive Committee at the August meeting and reported discussions on the suggested budget for the coming year. As always, his lucid explanations aided us to understand clearly our present financial position and to assess proposed plans.

The Executive Committee received with regret the resignation of Mrs. K. G. Colhoun, who has been such a valued member for the last five years and has given especial sterling service in the production of the State Council newsletter. We are pleased to know that she will remain a member of the Council.

Plans are well in hand for the Children's display to take place over the Moomba weekend, 1973, and I was pleased to pass on the news that we are able to hire the Badminton Centre, Albert Park, for the main venue. Approval was given by the Executive Committee to a "link-up" between town and country members for the occasion.

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TRAINING PAGES

THROUGH B.P.'s EYES



"Guiding is an out-of-doors game, and, when properly played, gives plenty of scope for exercise through hiking, wide games, tramping and exploring."

Observation plays a big part in our daily lives and in Guiding. "Giving service to others in need" . . . Can we help others as we have promised, if we are not observant of their needs? Can we track, stalk, map or do other exciting challenges, if we are not observant?

Are you challenging your Guides to be alert, ready to help whenever they can? Are you helping them to use their eyes and to look wide? Are your Guides learning skills to help them to live up to our Motto, "Be Prepared"?

How about starting your Patrols off on an Observation Challenge? You will have lots of fun and meet the adventure you are looking for!

B.P. says, "Sign . . . is the word used by Scouts to mean any little detail, such as footprints, broken twigs, trampled grass, and so on . . . it takes a lot of practice before a Scout really learns to let nothing escape his notice".

Here are some ideas for a Guide to practice daily — use them between your Patrol meetings — Start practising, and a Guide will soon develop her skill to become alert and observant:

AS YOU TRAVEL ON TRAMS, BUSES and TRAINS: Observe the person sitting opposite you. What she is wearing and how she wears it. But — and here is where the fun comes in — she must not be aware of the fact that you are observing her — a point

against you if you are noticed! When you leave, have you a clear mental picture of her? Could you write down details accurately? Try it!

AS YOU WALK TO AND FROM SCHOOL OR WORK: Observe the streets, shops, outstanding buildings, which you pass every day. Play a game with yourself, saying as you go along, "Next I come to . . ." Score a point if you are correct! Knowledge of an area or district may come in handy for Finding Your Way.

When next your Patrol meets together, check on how your Guides are progressing with their observation skills. On your next outing with the Patrol, try this game "SECRET SERVICE AGENT" — Divide your Patrol into couples and send them out for ten minutes. They all go the same way — either a circular tour or round a certain block of buildings and back. Tell them there are suspected spies in the district. "A lady wearing a red hat, and a boy wearing a navy blue jersey." They may not be together, and they may not be seen at all!

If a couple spies either, they must bring back a description of the suspect, such as height, clothing, and any outstanding distinguishing mark! The exciting part is that each Guide is a Secret Service Agent, and is given a note of some special information, which she herself must bring back, such as: "Handbag left in shop by Mrs. Jones, whilst buying apples." "Shop has green blinds — bring back name of owner" or "When is the next collection of letters?"

Each Guide endeavours to bring back her own information, and, at the same time, discover what her partner is trying to find out! You will need to fix a definite time limit, and make rules clear before starting the game.

If your Patrol enjoys this game, why not make up another on the same lines?

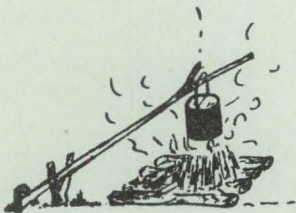
Another game for the out-of-doors . . . **LISTENING . . .** Divide your Patrol into pairs, and post each pair in a different place. Give them five minutes to hide themselves,

trying to match their clothing to their surroundings. Then they remain quiet for three to five minutes, listening. If in daylight, keep their eyes shut. When time is up, in pairs, they make a list of sounds heard, and decide what they were. This game will develop the "Listening" Skill; a little something that is necessary for stalking.



Are your Guides alert and ready to help. Can they get a message to the nearest telephone one mile away? Get your Patrol to try practising Scout's Pace — 20 paces walk and 20 paces running. Develop this skill through practice, and cover one mile in 12 minutes, and arrive in good condition. This skill will give training for Guide Action.

Can your Guides remember and repeat a message accurately? Try this game with your Patrol — "MESSAGE CARRYING" — Give a message to first girl, who learns and repeats to next girl, and so on down the line. Get the last girl to repeat the message she has been given. Check the results. You will be amazed at the variance in words. Develop the skill of being accurate, and give your Guides training for the Challenge of "Be Prepared".



How many of us take time out, just to close our own eyes, and try to see things through the eyes of another person?

I wonder what B.P. would think if he could see our Brownie Guides in action today. Are we really DOING THINGS in the way B.P. visualised when this wonderful Game of Guiding started?



Throughout his Campfire Yarns, B.P. stressed the importance of SENSE TRAINING. Every single thing we do involves one or more of the senses — Sight, Sound, Smell, Touch — but how well do we use them? It is so easy to look without really seeing; or to listen without hearing the important things.

A Scout had to learn to be observant — of places, things and people. He had to learn to notice any little detail. In the same way he had to observe any strange sound or peculiar smell, and work out what they meant.

At night he had to trust much more to his ears and nose, and sometimes his sense of touch — by feeling his way.

B.P. knew that in developing these senses to the utmost, youth was also being taught AWARENESS of things and people, DEDUCTION, APPRECIATION and TOLERANCE of every living thing. In other words — Character Training by DOING THINGS.



Have you watched your Brownie Guides' arrival at an Outdoor Day, or Pack Holiday? They want to run and feel the freedom of space around them. They want to see everything; to shout and hear their own voices.

How are we to pass on B.P.'s ideas to our Brownie Guides?

By capturing their interest with games and activities, we can help Brownies to use and develop their senses to the fullest extent. Nature objects are great for games which involve all the Senses.

B.P. wanted to give youth the fun and joy of adventure Out of Doors; the challenge of learning and creating.

How delighted was the little Brownie who discovered the tiny wild violets in the bush around the campsite; and how much fun the Brownies had collecting, then creating dried arrangements from grasses and seed-pods.

Through these games, your Guides will develop the skills of Observation, Memory, Listening, Scout's Pace, Message Carrying, and Fun of Participating. Perhaps you can make up other games to give your Guides opportunities to develop skills and challenges, as B.P. did on giving us our Motto "Be Prepared". Participation and Practice will assist your Guides to give service to others in need.

On a Nature walk, a magnifying glass can open up a whole new world of insects, flowers, etc.

There is the challenge of keeping absolutely still, in order to catch a glimpse of the songster in the tree; or just relaxing and making pictures in the clouds.

A close look at the Brownie Handbook will show you that most things centre around the home and the Brownie herself. This is the life of a child of Brownie age.

It is much more fun to do things Out of Doors when you can.

Following a compass trail is definitely more exciting than the equivalent in a hall. What Brownies don't like making a spatter print, or doing bark rubbings? Perhaps your Brownies have tried weaving a mat from reeds.

We as Leaders cannot be knowledgeable on every subject. We can ask the expert to come and help, or there are many books available for reference, e.g., "Australian Nature Series", "Australian Wattles", "Australian Banksias", "Periwinkle Series — J. Child.

The Brownie Guider Handbook provides many and varied games and activities to help with the Brownies' development.

Are **you** looking through B.P.'s eyes?

"DOING IT OUR WAY" — WITH THE WARRIMOO RANGERS Through B-P's Eyes

The door banged and in flew Ginie, eyes shining, and positively bubbling over with enthusiasm. "Girls! I've just been reading the most fabulous book — all about the early days of the Scout Movement — and boy! **was that man with it!**"

"What man?" chorused the others, not yet infected with Ginie's fervour.

"Oh, you **know!**" somewhat impatiently, "Baden-Powell, of course, our Founder! Listen to this!

'First I had an idea. Then I saw an ideal. Now we have a Movement, and if some of you aren't very careful, we shall have an organisation.'"

"Hm. Looks as though people then were much the same as they are today", commented Ann, a thoughtful 17-year-old, "I suppose you could have called him an early psychologist".

"Well", I said, "I don't know that he would ever have called himself a psychologist, or even a philosopher, for that matter — he was a student of human nature, and human nature doesn't change, though fashions in coping with it may. He was a man who read a great deal, and he had the typical English point of view. You know — 'Does it work?'"

"An inquiring mind?" suggested Jess, always quick to pick up an inference.

Before I could answer, Ginie was off again.

"Well, he didn't have much time for red tape and detailed trivia. Just listen to this bit!



'I don't care; what really matters is the head under the hat!' and he didn't seem to care for centralisation, either:

'Don't try to do everything yourself. Shift the responsibility on to your leaders and let them pass some of the responsibility to the individual . . .'"

I said, "He was a remarkable man — and a farsighted one. He made some very direct

and pertinent remarks from time to time, many of which continue to have amazing relevance today."

By now their interest really was kindled, and I began to have visions of the evening's planned programme being shelved in favour of this fascinating dip into the past.

Phyl was saying "What's in our library by B-P? I'd like to take something home."

Judy joined in "If we each took a book, we could make notes and share them next week".

"Perhaps", I murmured, "you might find something in books written by people who knew B-P, who worked with him in the early days".

Out came the library box — and books that had been passed over for years suddenly assumed a new glamour. You'll be familiar with the titles — "Scouting for Boys", "Here Come the Girl Guides", "World Adventure", "Adventuring with Baden-Powell", "The First Ten Years", "Aids to Scoutmastership".

These, and many more, were eagerly flipped through.



"Maybe we could make a list of subjects", said Ann, "and each look for quotes that seem to apply to them".

"Like what?" Lindy is our sceptical one.

"Well, like Leadership — and Challenge, and Assessment." Anne is working for her Guide Leadership Certificate and has a special interest in these things.

They set to, and soon had quite a sizeable list to show for their efforts.

"Would they? really?" I wondered, "or would next meeting begin with a frantic effort to browse quickly through for quotes because 'I just didn't have time, honestly'."

My fears proved groundless. The following week enthusiasm still ran high.

"Well", I began brightly, "What else were you able to find about B-P's ideas and attitudes?"

"He certainly seems to believe in keeping close to the root of things", remarked Phyl.

"... the higher the rank held in the Movement, the nearer these privileged people should be to the Guides themselves."

"Wow!" breathed Jess. "Do you suppose we ought to invite the Commissioners to share in our activities more often? We could, you know."



"I bet he didn't suffer loudmouths very gladly, either", chimed in July, "listen to what he says about 'rights'.

'Don't imagine that you have got any rights in this world except those that you earn yourself. You've got the right to be believed if you earn it by always telling the truth, and you've got the right to go to prison if you earn it by thieving; but there are men who go about howling about their rights who have never done anything to earn any rights. Do your duty first and you will get your rights afterwards.'"

"Goodness! Some of our professional demonstrators would have got short shrift!" Lindy looked at Ann. "He was pretty definite about 'leadership', too.

'... Guiders are those who lead through the enthusiasm they arouse in the mind of the girl.'"

"You know", said Ann, "that's the whole key to coping with the eight-point programme. He always manages to get to the real heart of the matter, like when he asks

'Can we not interpret our adult wisdom in the language of childhood? Why push against the stream when, after all, it is going in the right direction?'

If a fisherman bait his hook with the kind of food that he likes himself he will not

catch many. . . . So with boys; if you try to preach to them what you consider elevating matter, you won't catch them!"

Genie came in, "He said to 'Put yourself in the boy's place!'"

"Remember that you must give them the LEAD and not the PUSH." giggled Judy. "Do you know his attitude towards 'luck' and 'opportunity'?"

'Luck is really the chance of getting something good or of doing something great; the thing is to look out for every chance and seize it', and

'Opportunity is a tramcar which has very few stopping-places!'"

"I think that's awfully true", commented Jess, "he was pretty forthright, too, on 'initiative' and 'perseverance' when he said

'Don't give up because you do not find everything you need made to order at your hand. But take what you have, use your wits, and make the most of it.'"



"Too right", agreed Judy. "He also reckoned

'It is no fun to walk by easy paths, the whole excitement of life is in facing difficulties . . .' and

'Remember that a difficulty is no longer a difficulty when once you laugh at it — and tackle it.'"

The Rangers had truly done their reading well — before the evening was out the following gems were all discussed.

On 'challenge' —

'Softlee, softlee, catchee monkey, put the boys at an easy fence to start with and they will jump with confidence and keenness, whereas give them an upstanding stone wall to begin with, and they will shy off leaping at all.'

On 'standards' —

'Our real object is to instill into EVERY boy an idea of self-improvement. A fair

average standard of proficiency is, therefore, all that is required. If you try higher than that you get a few brilliant boys qualified, but you dishearten a large number of others who fail, and you teach them the elements of hopelessness, which is exactly what we want to avoid.'

Regarding 'assessment' —

'It must depend on the effort the boy or girl has put into acquiring such knowledge or skill.'

Towards the end of his life, shortly before leaving England to live at Nyeri in Kenya, he said that he felt

' . . . that the Girl Guide Movement would eventually become a leadership movement and that these leaders would not only be leaders in the Guide Movement but in whatever particular job they may be doing.'

The Rangers agreed that the record of Guides and ex-Guides in assuming positions of responsibility in war-time and post-war Women's Services and in avenues of education and social welfare work bears out his prediction.

He also had this to say.

'I know many people give up Scouting and Guiding because they get bored with routine, and because they think that the Movement, which has moved with the times, is not so exciting or adventurous as it used to be. This may be so, but it is up to the people who are IN the Movement to keep it going and we must not give up our faith in the world of today.'

And, in his own inimitable way, he exhorts us to

'Take life at the flood tide, and go with it. It is going in the right direction.'

'You cannot stand still. You will either progress or relax. Let us progress — and with a smile.'

And — our sequel?

Jess has decided to tackle a Leadership Certificate, too. I think she will probably choose to work with Brownies.



STATE COMMISSIONER — Cont. from p. 82

The Camping Department received confirmation for two exciting interstate visits by Guide Companies; to Flinders Ranges/Alice Springs and to Western Australia.

Ratification was given to the appointment of Miss Heather Cathcart as Assistant Ranger Adviser. We extend good wishes to her and hope she will find this new assignment truly satisfying.

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Miss Margaret Shaw and Mrs. E. H. Lane attended the Ballarat Region Conference, held at the Region Campsite, Lingbogel; they had a happy day and I'm sure their participation was helpful to the Region.

I was privileged to attend the Barwon Region Annual Meeting — an event which was well-attended and well conducted. Knowledge that five years ago I went to the Annual Meeting of this Council with Mrs. Price made me feel "this is where I came in"!

Representing the Association, I accepted an invitation to the official launching of a specially produced colour film "The Good Life" in the State Government Film Theatre. This film, produced for the Keep Australia Beautiful Council, is available from the State Government Film Centre. Problems of pollution, environment control, causes and remedies are graphically illustrated; there are, incidentally, some splendid sequences of Guides performing conservation service. Three catchy songs are used throughout the film and I have passed on the news that words and music will shortly be available, so maybe we will be singing them together in the near future.

By the time this edition reaches you the Ampol Competition will be concluded but I hope that everyone will continue to "Know Your Australia" — I have seen quite a lot of badges being worn, so many members are already increasing their knowledge of their own country — remember that this badge may be purchased at the **start** of any project in this connection.

At this time, too, I shall be returning to Australia after a brief visit to Kuala Lumpur, Singapore, Bali and Djakarta. My husband and I will be away for only a little over two weeks, but I hope to make contact with sister Associations in each country.

Good Guiding to you all,

Charlotte Rosslaw Jones.

GUIDE AND SCOUT STAMPS

Members of the Guide Movement will join us in congratulating Mrs. Betty Matthews, Division Commissioner for Sunraysia West, on winning two Silver Medals at the Australian National Stamp Exhibition in Adelaide. Her entry of Scout and Guide stamps, First Day Covers and other related philatelic material was also awarded the Vice-Patron's Trophy for the best Thematic entry in the Show.

For those unfamiliar with the term "Thematic" it means the practice of collecting stamps according to the subject of the design or the reason for the issue; a Thematic entry will usually include stamps from many different countries.

Mrs. Matthews' collection included the famous stamps from Mafeking, printed by order of Lord Baden-Powell for use when the town was besieged by the Boers in the South African War. The judges all commented on her wide philatelic knowledge, which, together with her very great knowledge of the history of Scouting and Guiding combined to produce an extremely comprehensive collection which well deserved the award of Best Thematic Entry in the Show.

—Mary Lambe

THROSTLE AND THRUSH

What a pleasure I had this morning in July! An English song thrush was singing outside my kitchen window, perched on one of the bare trees. It is a long time since I heard one here. Too many cats and too many cars! Although it is an introduced bird, it causes no harm, and eats the snails. It is "at home" in our gardens, and its song is famous.

My thoughts flew to a lawn-like fire-break in the Dandenongs. Here I have often seen two Australian ground thrushes, feeding quietly over the turf, close to my friend's fence. With head on one side, they listened for worms. They are slightly larger than the English bird, and are distinguished by black half-moons on the breast and the back.

They are very quiet birds, and although the bird book says they have a song, I do not remember ever hearing one.

Perhaps one of my readers may have heard it?

The dictionary says "throistle" is Anglo-Saxon — "the thrush that sings"; song thrush or mavis (an old name) — or throistle as he used to be called . . .



MATILDA NOTICES . . .



SCOUT AND GUIDE "BROTHERHOOD SERVICE"

SUNDAY, 29th OCTOBER, at 3 p.m. — SIDNEY MYER MUSIC BOWL
???? DID YOU MARK THIS SPECIAL EVENT IN YOUR DIARY ????
OF COURSE YOU DID!!!!

We remind you that this Service will be one of ACTIVE participation —

It will be preceded, whilst members are arriving and being seated, by music items and a song service.

There will be an appropriate dramatic presentation given by a group from the Gang Show.

The Guide Choir will sing a special contemporary item.

A Ranger Guide and a Rover will respectively read a Thanksgiving and the Intercession.

All hymns, led by the Stirrer's Band assisted by the Guide Choir and a group from the Gang Show, will be contemporary.

This service, being planned by the Scout Religious Panel, is for ALL members of the Scout and Guide Associations (with parents and friends) — we know that you will wish to participate in this official combined Act of Worship. Jewish members may attend if they wish.

Please note that there will be a parallel Service for Jewish members, which will be held at the Melbourne Synagogue on Saturday, 28th October, at 10.45 a.m. ALL members of the Scout and Guide Associations are invited to attend this parallel Service.

DON'T FORGET — 29th OCTOBER, AT 3 p.m. — SIDNEY MYER MUSIC BOWL

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INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD MASS

This Mass will be celebrated in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne, on Saturday, 24th February, 1973, at 1 p.m.

Members of the Guide Movement are invited to take part — further details later.

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A meeting of all Catholic Leaders will be held at Guide Headquarters, 20 Russell Street, on Saturday, 21st October, at 2.30 p.m.

M. Lacey, Catholic Guiders' Council
36 Stott Street, Box Hill South, 3128

Phone: 288 1708

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INTERNATIONAL

An invitation from Malta to celebrate their Golden Jubilee Celebrations —

When? — 25th May to 2nd June, 1973.

Programme — will include: Thanksgiving Service — Welcome ceremony — Plant a Tree event — A day's visit to sister island of Gozo, including lunch and a swim — Historical Outing, including old Maltese family house — Receptions — Exhibitions of Art and Crafts — an evening with a Maltese family — International Campfire.

Language — English — Italian —

Climate — Warm to hot — Summer uniform.

Cost — No finance available.

If interested please contact International Adviser, Mrs. L. L. Dwyer, at Headquarters, immediately as applications must be sent during October.

CHILDREN'S DAY — 25th OCTOBER

A focal point for the work of U.N.I.C.E.F. — "by children for children".

U.N.I.C.E.F. mini note cards are available from U.N.I.C.E.F., 134-136 Flinders Street, Melbourne.



EMU BOTTOM

With my Brownie pack I went to Emu Bottom, 35 miles from Thomastown. The drive of it is two miles long, and after parking in the car park we went over a bridge. Nearby there was a blacksmith making all sorts of things, and then we went into the house, built in 1836. A lady was baking damper in the kitchen and we each had a piece — it tasted like scones. In the souvenir shop Koala wrote in a log book what we thought of the damper, then we had another piece — mine was hot.

The school room had two desks and a teacher's chair. Each desk had an ink pot and a feather to write with. In the children's bedroom there were not many toys and in the parents' bedroom there was a chest and also a baby's cradle.

While we had our lunch a friendly turkey came begging food of us. Then over a stile into an orchard — we passed a landslide and a windmill and walked along the edge of an unpolluted creek. We had not gone very much further when we came on a cow blocking the track so we had to take another track. Another landslide though turned us back — and we went to see the blacksmith again. He was making horseshoes. Then we had our photos taken in a carriage. The milking shed was our next call, there are hens living in it now. In the shearing shed there were rams' skulls. A man with two sheepdogs rounded up some sheep and put them in a pen as the shearing shed was too big for him to use to shear them. He was shearing them outside, and we had to go home after he had shorn one sheep.

—Jane Turner, 1st Thomastown

A CAR DRIVER'S PRAYER

Grant me, O Lord, a steady hand and a watchful eye,
That no one shall be hurt when I pass by.
Thou gavest life, and pray no act of mine,
May take away, nor mar, this gift of Thine.
Shelter those, dear Lord, who bear me
Company,
From evils of fire and all calamity.
Teach me to use my car for others need.
Nor miss, through love of speed, the beauty
of Thy World.
That thus I may, with joy and courtesy, go
my way.

INTERESTING NIGHTS AT BOORT

The evening finally arrived, after much practice for our Entertainers' and Hostess' badges. Patrol Leaders and Seconds were putting on a surprise 21st birthday party for Lefty.

During the evening Lefty was given a tour of our hall leading to her "throne". She was crowned with the crown of joy, and presented with a cape of good hope and with the key to the future. She became "Princess" for the evening. All present enjoyed the evening and after the cutting of the cake during supper time, the evening concluded with Campfire.

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We had a Mother and Daughter Australiana night to commence our "Know Your Australia" Challenge. The Guides dressed up as pioneers of Australia and brought a poster depicting the person they were representing. A Guides Own was held around the flag pole. Four girls were enrolled and it was pointed out that pioneers set a good example for all to follow. During the night five Guides went for their Speaker's badge, each talking on an Australian subject. Each Patrol had a table display on an Australian subject.

—Lindy Parker, P.L. Rosella Patrol



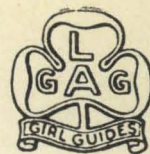
A St. John First Aid Course of 10 weeks' duration held at 3rd Nunawading Scout Hall, had as participants:

Scouts from 3rd Nunawading South, Mirabooka Troop; 11th Nunawading South; and 6th Nunawading South; with Guides from— 3rd Blackburn South; 1st Blackburn South; and 2nd Blackburn South, and Rangers from Blackburn.

The examiner was Captain David Watkins, from the Box Hill Branch of St. John Ambulance Brigade.

The course was organised by Mr. Ernie Stermole, Scout Leader, 3rd Nunawading South, and the presentation was attended by many parents. Fifty-six out of 60 Scouts and Guides passed the exam.

THIS IS THE LOCAL ASSOCIATION'S PAGE



L.A. PLEDGE

We have been told of a Local Association "Pledge" which members in the Hamilton and MacArthur Districts repeat at the opening of their meetings:—

"It is with a duty to God and Queen that we, the Local Association members, serve the Girl Guide Movement."

Members in these districts would like to know how this pledge originated, and whether it is unique to their area. They have made enquiries in their Region, but no one else seems to have heard of it.

People hearing of this way of keeping Guiding ideals to the fore seem to like the idea.

Can anyone tell us anything more about Hamilton's L.A. pledge?

COLERAINE L.A.

Coleraine L.A. has recently celebrated its 50th Anniversary Annual Meeting.

Miss Jess McDonald, who was a member of the Wannan Mounted Group, thought to be the first of its kind in Australia, gave an interesting talk on her experiences.

Reference was made to Mrs. Winter-Cooke, of England, an original Guide, and her very generous gift towards the new Guide and Scout Hall.

MANANGATANG

Recently Manangatang celebrated their Brown Owl's 15 years' service. A combined evening with Guides, Brownies and Mums and Dads.

There were enrolments and Colours and a little play for entertainment, climaxing with Brown Owl being presented with her 15-year service badge.

The L.A. Mums had the privilege of serving supper.

CHELTENHAM L.A.

Cheltenham L.A. had Mrs. Pat Gray as a speaker at their annual meeting. The meeting was at night and what a night! The fogs, my spies tell me, were appalling and it was something of a feat that Mrs. Gray was able to fulfil her commitment. She spoke about Britannia Park and was a huge success.

L.A. CONFERENCE

It won't be long before we begin to think about next winter's State-wide Local Association Conference.

L.A. Members will be looking forward to meeting friends from far and near. Questions will be prepared to put before the Conference. Some of us will be travelling long distances, others will be offering hospitality.

Watch "Matilda" each month for details.

EXPERIMENTAL CAMP 1972

Recently 3rd Horsham went on an experimental camp. We arose each morning (very frosty!) to "Ho every sleeper waken", seeing which patrol could sing the loudest. A meal was completely ordered and cooked by each patrol in turn — jaffles, pancakes, savoury mince, kabobs, etc. Our leader experimented for tea by cooking two fowls under the ashes (beautiful!).

Kerry made a weather vane (recordings were made night and morning), Gillian made a map of the area. There were two hikes, where birds such as magpie, blackbird, willy wagtail, sparrows, swallows, two species of grass parrots, galahs, and robin red breasts were seen. Waratah arranged our Guides Own Service held downstream from the site and on the return walk different species of leaves were collected, taking into account where the trees grew.

Narelle was enrolled at a campfire with an Indian setting. For each eight point a coloured feather was placed in her headband and finally a small trefoil in front. Gillian and I were enrolled using an idea in the Handbook. Each eight point was an arrow and the trefoil placed at the top. Our parents and friends sat around the campfire too. Each Patrol had to mime a song, then each Patrol mimed something from everyday life and we had to guess what it represented.

Each evening when we were all in bed we closed the day with Carra-Carra wirra Cana. This has all been recorded in a camp book, with photos.

Galah Patrol, 3rd Horsham
—Sarah Brown,

IRENE FAIRBAIRN FUND — Part 3

The Irene Fairbairn Fund has not been widely known in the past. The fund committee is usually notified of a need, and that need is met from the fund, after investigation by the Committee.

Each State is asked to notify the committee of camps, trainings, etc., for which help from the fund would be appreciated, and over the years grants have been made to every State in Australia.

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Now, in order to take money OUT, money needs to go INTO the fund, and this is where we come in.

Mrs. Fairbairn has great hopes that the fund can grow sufficiently for it to be able to do something really worthwhile each year, using **only the interest**, not capital.

In 1969 the fund stood at \$7274, to which Victoria had contributed \$2632.

Queensland has a special day each year when money is raised for the fund. In Victoria the proceeds of one Lady Delacombe Golf Day were put into the fund, and daffodil bulbs from Mrs. Fairbairn's garden have been sold on occasions.

Maybe the time has come when we in Victoria could have some special day, or week when everyone contributes just a little to boost the fund, so that it could grow, be widely known, and be able to be used to help more Guides, Ranger Guides and young Guiders learn by travelling to meet other members of our Movement both in Australia and overseas.

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Have YOU any ideas of how this could or should be done? Do YOU think we should have a special week as the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. do for their Juliette Low fund?

Or do you think perhaps an exhibition of Movement art, craft and other activities at H.Q. would be a good idea?

Please let me have your ideas — ask anybody who has travelled to represent Guiding in another State or overseas if she thinks it was worth while!

Send ideas to "Irene Fairbairn Fund", c/o Headquarters, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne, 3000.

BOOKS AND LIBRARIES . . .

For those interested in reading more about Lord and Lady Baden Powell there are several biographies in the local library, including "The World Chief Guide", "Baden Powell" and others.

There are also several other books about Guides and Scouts: "Girl Guiding", "Tenderfoot to Queen Scout", "The Girl Guide Annual", "The Scouts Pathfinder Annual" and "The Commonwealth Pack Story Book".

Guides and Cubs who want to win their Reader Badge and Brownies their Book Lover Badge will find a list of the requirements at the library check-out desk. The library staff will be happy to help select books and discuss the library and how to use it properly.

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This report is extracted from an item in the local newspaper in Alberta, Canada. Has your local library any books on Guiding? You might like to celebrate World Book Year by arranging to present one the library hasn't got on its shelves . . .





TREFOIL GUILD — 10th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Notes re the 10th General Assembly:—

It opens Monday, 9th July, 1973, in the evening, and closes Wednesday, 11th July, 1973.

Thursday, 12th — Big Coach Tour of Austria, ending 17th July: Vienna, Semmering, Styria (stud of famous horses), Lake Corinthia, Klagenfurt, Grosslockner Pass, Zell am See, Salzburg, Lakes District of Salzkammergut, Linz, thence Danube steamer to Vienna.

Accommodation in Vienna at modern student hotel, and hotels of moderate standard throughout the tour.

Costs of General Assembly and tour is about \$135, the G.A. itself being roughly half the cost.

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The travel in Austria is being handled for the 10th G.A. by Primus Travel, whose agent in Australia is Stewart Moffatt. They have mapped out three itineraries for Australian members who want to go and would like to have some kind of planned tour.

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Application for the G.A. and tour must come through the National Australian Fellowship, the closing date being 30th December, 1972.

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For further information, please contact the Australian Trefoil Adviser, Mrs. A. Morrison, 3/14 Charles Street, Burwood, 3125. Phone 29 8766 after 6 p.m.; itineraries may be obtained direct from Stewart Moffatt.

Anyone wishing to attend must register through Mrs. Morrison. If you send your name, even as a prospect, you will be placed on the mailing list and kept advised of any developments.

TREFOIL GUILD FORMED IN MANNINGHAM ROAD DIVISION

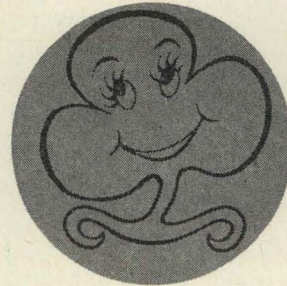
The Division Commissioner of Manningham Road Division organised a luncheon to ascertain the amount of interest in the formation of a Trefoil Guild in the Division.

She was ably assisted by the Commissioners in her area. Twenty-seven ladies attended, and apologies were received from another 20 so it was decided to appoint office-bearers and arrange venue and date for the next meeting.

Region Commissioner Mrs. Rosemary Hepburn spoke of the great interest in Guiding in the East Metropolitan Region. Mrs. Phyllis Jochimsen and Mrs. Beryl Buesst — both members of Southern Cross Trefoil — attended and spoke on Trefoil Guild aims and activities.

People in the area who are interested in joining us may enquire from Mrs. Soderlund at 857-6212 regarding meeting dates, times and place.

Anyone needing transport should let us know as we hope to be able to provide interested people with this to enable them to come to our meetings.



RECIPE FOR A HAPPY HOME

To 3 cups of love and 2 cups of understanding, add 4 teaspoons of courtesy, and 2 teaspoons each of thoughtfulness and helpfulness. Sift together thoroughly.

Mix them in an equal amount of work and play and add a teaspoon of responsibility. Season to taste with study and culture, then fold in a generous amount of worship.

Place in a pan well greased with security and lined with a sense of humour. Allow to set in an atmosphere of democratic planning and of neutral showing. Bake in a moderate oven.

When well done, serve in a platter of friendliness and cover with smiles.

AUSTRALIAN TERRITORIES

The Australian Government is responsible for the Administration of nine external territories. These are:

- Papua and the Trust Territory of New Guinea (now treated as a single entity, Papua New Guinea);
- Norfolk Island;
- Christmas Island;
- Cocos (Keeling) Islands;
- Coral Sea Islands;
- Ashmore and Cartier Islands (included with the Northern Territory);
- Heard Island and MacDonal Islands;
- Australian Antarctic Territory.

The first six are the responsibility of the Minister for External Territories. Ashmore and Cartier Islands are administered as part of the Northern Territory by the Minister for the Interior. The Minister for Supply is responsible for the Heard and MacDonal Islands Territory and the Australian Antarctic Territory.

The Cocos Islands consist of 27 small coral islands in two separate atolls with a total land area of about five and a half square miles. The population is between six and seven hundred people, most of Malay origin.

The islands were uninhabited until 1826. In 1857 the islands were formally declared part of the British Dominions by Captain Fremantle. In 1878 supervision of the Islands was vested in the Government of Ceylon and supervision transferred to the Government of the Straits Settlements in 1886.

In 1886 Queen Victoria granted all land above high water mark to George Clunies-Ross in perpetuity, reserving the right to resume all or any of the lands for public purposes and prohibiting its alienation without prior consent of the Crown.

In 1903 the islands were incorporated in the Settlement of Singapore but were again attached to Ceylon during World War II while Singapore was under Japanese occupation.

By the **Straits Settlements (Repeal) Act 1946** and the **Straits Settlement (Repeal) Order in Council, 1946**, the Straits Settlements (the Settlement of Singapore; the Cocos or Keeling Islands; Christmas Island; the Settlement of Penang (including Province Wellesly); the Settlement of Malacca; the Settlement of Labuan; and the dependen-

cies of these settlements) ceased to be a separate colony on 1st April, 1946.

By the **Singapore Colony Order in Council, 1946**, the Colony of Singapore was constituted from the Settlement of Singapore, the Cocos or Keeling Islands and Christmas Island.

In 1951 the Australian Government bought land on the West Island from the Clunies-Ross Estate as a site for an airfield.

The **Cocos Islands Act 1955** made provision for Her Majesty by Order in Council to direct that the Islands cease to form part of the Colony of Singapore and be placed under the authority of the Commonwealth of Australia. The Cocos Islands Order in Council fixed 23rd November, 1955, as the date of transfer.

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Christmas Island is about 815 miles from Singapore and 875 miles from North West Cape, Western Australia, and is about 52 square miles in area. The population is about 3500, mostly people from Malaysia, Singapore and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands. There is a small European population, some Indians and Indonesians. Chinese form the largest racial group and Malays the second largest.

The first recorded landing on the island was made by William Dampier in 1688. When it was annexed by Great Britain in 1888 it was uninhabited and in 1891 George Clunies-Ross and Sir John Murray were granted a 99-year lease of the Island. In 1897 the lease was transferred to the Christmas Island Phosphate Co. Ltd. The Island was incorporated for administrative purposes with the Straits Settlements in 1900, and the laws of Singapore generally applied.

Christmas Island was separated from the Colony of Singapore and was governed and administered as a separate British Crown Colony under the provisions of the **Christmas Island Order in Council 1958**.

The **Christmas Island Act 1958** made provision for Her Majesty by Order in Council to direct that the Island be placed under the authority of the Commonwealth of Australia. The **Christmas Island (Transfer to Australia) Order in Council 1958** fixed 1st October, 1958, as the date on which the Island was to come under the authority of the Commonwealth of Australia; and by the **Christmas Island**

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CONGRATULATIONS to the recipients of the following:—

Guider Long Service (25 years):

Miss R. M. King, Montone.

Local Association Long Service (15 years):

Mrs. K. Mussett, Castlemaine; Mrs. A. Paulett, Stawell.

Thanks Badge:

Mr. S. Barlow, Waaia; Lions Club, Bairnsdale.

APPOINTMENTS AND WARRANTS

A warm welcome is extended to the following:—

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Mrs. G. T. Coulson, Goulburn Valley.

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We regret that in the August issue of "Matilda", Mrs. R. M. Hess was listed as Assistant Ranger Guider, instead of Ranger Guider.

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REGISTRATIONS:

3rd West Doncaster Coy.; 3rd Cheltenham North Pack; 2nd Glen Iris Pack; 4th Highton Pack; 1st Stratford Coy.; 1st Echuca Coy.

RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

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

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Mrs. J. W. Every, Goulburn Valley; Miss M. Forsyth, Wannon River.

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AUSTRALIAN TERRITORIES

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Act 1958 the Island was declared to be accepted by the Commonwealth, as a Territory under the authority of the Commonwealth, to be known as the Territory of Christmas Island.

Under the **Christmas Island Agreement Act 1958** an agreement, providing for the Governments of both Australia and New Zealand to participate in equal shares in the production and distribution of phosphate was approved.

(From the article "Constitutional Development in Two Island Territories" by J. Mattes — from "Australian External Territories".)

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Blue T-shirts — bust 30", 32", 34"	\$1.30
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Camp hat 21", 21½", 22", 22½",	
23", 23½", 24"	\$2.30
Anxle sox	70c
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Sleeping Bags — Acrylic with hood, zip	
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waterproof bag	\$11.75
Superior Dacron with hood, zip and	
waterproof bag	\$14.35
Sleeping Bag Sheets	\$1.60
Blanket Pins 4"	5c
Rucksacks — 3 pocket	\$10.00
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