

MATILDA



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DEAR "MATILDA",

Following my article in the September issue of "Matilda", I have been inundated with advice and suggestions regarding our query on Grace for camp meals.

It is reassuring to know we have so many friends who will take the time to try and help, and to explain their views.

A large number has expressed a very definite opinion on the subject and given us much food for thought.

The most valuable advice has come from a Melbourne Guider named Jean, who puts her view this way:

"Why skip grace in camp? It is an integral part of camp and has always been planned to be so. Why not suggest that the Guides put it to good use just as they do the knotting, cooking and first aid, etc., and teach their families and friends?"

As Guiders we are required to set the example in so many things, including how to say thank you for so many things in so many ways.

So when the Guides query grace in camp, perhaps our reply could be, "Why don't you say grace at home, Jane?"

"Oh, we just never do!"

"Then perhaps you are learning something to take home and try, just as you did with the cooking you learned today!"

"Do you really think so?"

"Well, you can only try, just as you are trying today."

Thank you, Jean, for your thoughtfulness and thank you to all who have contacted us in answer to this query.

We are the richer for the discussion, thought and spiritual involvement resulting from the appearance of our query and are most grateful to "Matilda" for allowing us to seek advice through her pages.

Yours faithfully,

Anne L. Fraser,



AUSTRALIA — ALSO? . . .

It is a land in which every individual has the opportunity to make of himself and of Canada whatever his energy and imagination and talent permits. It is a land in which every Canadian chooses his own direction and his own pace of achievement.

It is a land with a single restraint — the knowledge that the strength of Canada, the source of this freedom and this variety, the opportunity for initiative and satisfaction, comes from its oneness — and that the only qualification to any act must be the avoidance of injury or deprivation to other Canadians.

Canada is a product of its history and of the men and women who have made that history. We were formed by good old-fashioned convictions, the most powerful of which was the belief by Canadians in decades past that accommodation and goodwill are superior to confrontation and vindictiveness. Because of the efforts of those generations, because of the generosity of nature, our future is what we wish to make of it.

It is more, it is an opportunity to demonstrate to ourselves and to the world the benefits of a society guided by principles of tolerance and understanding.

There are few other countries possessing the freedom, the confidence or the resources to make that assertion.

—from Prime Minister Trudeau's
1972 Canada Day message

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You don't have to tell how you live each day.
You don't have to say if you work or you play,

For a tried true barometer works in its place,
However you live it will show on your face.
The pride and deceit that you wear in your heart,

Just won't stay down there where it first had its start —

For sinew and blood have a thin veil of lace,
What you wear in your heart you wear in your face.

If your life is unselfish and for others you live —

Not for how much you can get but how much you can give —

If you live close to God in his infinite grace,
You won't have to tell it — it will show on your face.

—Anon

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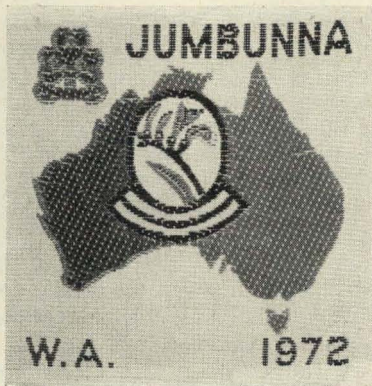
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"JUMBUNNA" Australian Patrol Leaders' Gathering, W.A.

The Victorian contingent of 35 Guides left Melbourne Airport, Tullamarine, at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, 30th August. After being billeted overnight in suburbs of Perth we travelled by bus to St. Mary's Church of England Girls' School in Karrinyup.

The boarding house had six wings — each holding the name of a prominent woman leader chosen by one of the six States. The wings held 36 girls which became a specific Patrol. In each wing were four partitioned rooms of six, and six partitioned rooms of two. These rooms then had a W.A. wild flower as their second Patrol name. So I was in green dormitory called Jackson (after Marjorie Jackson the athlete) and Grevillea Patrol which was the name of my room.

There were 216 Guides in all from all over Australia and five came from Papua/New Guinea. Sixteen Guiders joined the Guides and there were twelve Central Staff.

The three-storeyed boarding house provided facilities for a canteen where items such as films, stamps, postcards, swap badges, souvenirs and munchies could be

purchased. The dining room, common room and Guiders' offices were also on the ground floor of this building. The first and second floors held only the six wings of dorms. During the day the school's quadrangle of classrooms and the Undercroft were used for lectures and discussion groups. The swimming pools and tennis courts were used during free-time.

On the first day the theme was "Good Leading Makes Good Following". The Chairman of Jumbunna, Miss D. Paxton, gave us an introductory lecture to this using each letter out of the words "Leaders" and "Followers" as the qualities a P.L. must have. After the talk each Patrol had to express their feelings about the theme on paper in poster form. These posters were also to decorate the Undercroft for the Opening Ceremony. After dinner we gathered in the common room for a bit of campfire singing, and to learn the Jumbunna song.

Day 2 the theme was "Understanding Yourself and Your Patrol". Miss Y. James gave us a talk and some examples of this before

we proceeded into Patrols for questions and discussions on this topic. That afternoon we worked in Patrols again, but this time on ideas for the first ever in Australia "Patrol Leaders' Ideas Book". Ideas from past experience as well as new ones were discussed and written up. On this night the spectacular Opening Ceremony was held in the Undercroft. It was a mass of colour from the gaily decorated pillars; the posters on the walls; the flags representing each State; blonde, brown and black hair and the spick and span uniforms of Guides and Guiders. Mrs. Price, Australian Chief Commissioner, addressed us after Mrs. Aitken, State Commissioner for Western Australia, gave us a warm welcome to Jumbunna. Mrs. Price spoke on her trip overseas to the World Conference at which she was the Chairman. Each State was represented by one girl who gave a report on Guiding in her State. At the end of Victoria's report, which was the last one, each Victorian gave out "Sunny Sues" as a token of friendship.



On the third day Miss James spoke on the Eight-Point Badge and problems with Interest Badges. During Patrol time we had the chance to exchange ideas and to finally convince everyone that Interest Badges should still be taken off when a Collective Emblem is awarded or gained. On this Saturday afternoon we finished the session early so that anyone who wished could go swimming or play tennis. Those who did not lazed about on the lawns writing letters or so forth. For the evening session several members from the W.A. Drama Club took us for Creative Drama. Later on in the night they spread out among the contingents to help us work on skits on our prominent women Leaders.

On Sunday, the fourth day of the gathering, everyone attended their churches in the local area. After morning tea it was visiting time for those who had relatives or billets who wished to see what Jumbunna was all about. Those who did not have visitors had free-time which was taken up with washing in the laundry facilities in the dorms, letter writing or sleeping! After dinner, at which Mrs. Price and Mrs. Aitken joined us, we had Creative Arts at which you had the choice of two from macrame, Danish hand weaving, clay modelling, copper enamelling, paper sculpture, crochet. There was an hour at each of these then a gem stone specialist took groups and gave a talk on gem stones in W.A. — you then had the chance to set a stone with an attachment so that it could be used as a necklace. This evening was one of your own choice. You could watch W.A. Tourist Bureau films, finish off Creative Arts, write letters, play guitars or sleep!

The fifth day was Excursion day when everyone had the choice of one of the three excursions. This was the only day that we had the chance to see a bit of the countryside of W.A. The National Parks showed us some terrific examples of the W.A. wild flowers. The evening was taken up with practising for the contingent acts for the "Jumbunna Thing". Emmeline Pankhurst was Victoria's woman so we were all for women's votes and rights.

Day 6 the theme was "After Guides — What Then? — Rangers?" To show a few examples of what goes on in Rangers there were a couple of groups displaying things. There was a ju-jitsu team displaying the art of self-defence, two men teaching archery, land and sea Rangers showing slides and articles. We then saw a film on the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold, Silver and Bronze awards. Also there were questions to discuss in Patrols. In the afternoon several men from an Army Air Service group taught us topographical mapping and compass work. This was the night for the "Big Jumbunna Thing" when each contingent presented their work on their prominent leader. It was a great success and very enjoyable.

On the last day there was a big clean-up of the dormitories as well as a summary of Jumbunna given by Miss Paxton. After lunch we discussed a few matters brought

up during the camp, as well at the recommendation to the Australian Headquarters that there should be a gathering like Jumbunna every three years, but in a different State each time. The Closing ceremony took place at 3.30 p.m. when the State flags were taken down and the W.A. Guides presented everyone with a token of friendship from W.A.

The Victorians stayed at Perth's Guide House for a huge buffet tea given to us by our billets before going to the airport. We left Perth at midnight arriving in Melbourne at 5.05 a.m.

I was so thrilled to represent not only 1st Ocean Grove and the Barwon Region but to be one of the 37 Victorians representing Victoria at the first Patrol Leaders' Gathering in Western Australia. It was tremendous to meet so many girls from all over Australia as well as learn so much to bring back to my Region. Thank you to everyone who made Jumbunna possible and those who chose me to be a representative of Victoria.

Alison Cross, 1st Ocean Grove,
Barwon Region



SCOUT GANG SHOW 1973

Rangers and young Guiders are you interested in auditioning for the cast for the 1973 Scout Gang Show? If so, you would need to be free on a Monday evening from February until May for rehearsals.

Apart from cast, there are several other interesting departments needing help:

Secretarial: Typing/Shorthand.

Public Relations: Typing.

Costumes.

Front of House: Usherettes.

Make-up.

V.I.P. Hostessing.

Application forms may be obtained from the Secretary to Advisers, Mrs. B. D. McNally, 20 Russell Street, Melbourne, by sending a **stamped, self-addressed envelope**. Applications close 31st December, 1972.

GOLDEN JUBILEE IN BENDIGO

In August, 1922, twelve enthusiastic girls met with Miss Merle Bush at St. Paul's Church, Bendigo, to discuss the formation of a Guide Company . . . in August, 1972, 1st Bendigo Guide Company entertained the other Bendigo companies at a party to celebrate fifty years of Guiding in their District, and 1st Bendigo's own continuous existence during the whole of that period.

The celebrations continued on 7th-8th October, when former Guides and Guiders returned to Bendigo from all parts of Victoria; they gathered first at the Guide Hall "Coonda" on the Saturday afternoon when, with the aid of collections of old photographs, nostalgic reminiscences were exchanged, and old friendships renewed.

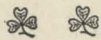
A buffet dinner party that evening was the occasion for further reunions and reminiscing, which subsided temporarily whilst the fifty candles on the large birthday cake were lit by those who had been Guides prior to 1930, and by former Guiders. Miss Merle Bush, as the first Captain of 1st Bendigo, then cut the cake with due ceremony, and the evening progressed with campfire singing. Eventually everyone reluctantly dispersed until the next day, with newly-remembered songs running through their heads, and vocal chords almost exhausted!

On Sunday morning the uniforms and flags of the Brownies, Guides and Rangers made a splash of colour as present and former members of the Movement joined forces for a special church parade at St. Paul's Church; many were the memories of company church parades in days gone by which were evoked by the scene.

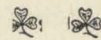
Bendigo's first District Commissioner, Mrs. B. A. Giudice, and Mrs. H. N. Butt, whose term in that office commenced in 1931, both still reside in Bendigo, and were visited by a delegation with greetings from the reunion.

The final gathering was over a basket lunch at the Guide Hall on Sunday, when Mrs. Bolton (District Commissioner) and Mrs. Fisher (Division Commissioner) were thanked for all the planning and organisation which had made the reunion possible. Then came the time to say goodbye, but it

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FROM YOUR STATE COMMISSIONER



A widely divergent diary of events to tell you about in my report of happenings during September?

Representing the Association at the Annual Meeting of the Victorian Scouts' Association, I was interested to hear how our brother Movement had fared during the past twelve months and to learn of plans for the ensuing year. The guest speaker on this occasion was the Victorian Chief Commissioner, who, with Mrs. Butchart, had just returned from an extended visit overseas.

Mrs. Lane, our Public Relations Adviser, and I met over lunch with Mrs. Cynthia Walker to learn about "A Guide is a Girl", which she is arranging for presentation at the Annual Meeting of our Association on 30th October. I hope this innovation of participation by the girls will add interest to the occasion.

The special meeting of the State Council convened to consider information gained from the questionnaires circulated by the committee set up to consider "The State Council, its Role and Purpose", was well attended. Much valuable discussion took place and, in addition, we glowed to the warm tributes paid to Guiding by Council members who have no other role in the Movement — these valuable people who take Guiding into so very many spheres in the Community and who help us from becoming too "inbred". Suggested alterations to the Constitution were subsequently forwarded to the Constitution sub-committee for translation into correct form. When this has been done they will be submitted to the Council again.

Following the quarterly Advisers' meeting we had another "special" meeting, but its purpose was not a satisfactory one — we met to reduce by more than half the sums requested by the Sections and Departments for next year's budget. This means that, either the planned projects will not be undertaken, or each Department will need to do some fund-raising — not an easy thing to ask of these already busy people. I hope that the Special Activities Committee will be able to assist but the few members must have more support — if a hundred people would help just ONCE a year we could make a very worthwhile contribution.

The Rangers enjoyed a "Grampians week-end" as the September Central fixture. If you would like to know more about this Section, why not subscribe to the girls' own magazine, *Kuringal*?

The Extensions are supported splendidly by a faithful Auxiliary and I attended their Annual Meeting this month. I was interested to learn that the main source of funds is the annual Chemists' Golf Day. This enables transport, outings, equipment to be provided for the Section and, sometimes a valuable item (such as calipers or a wheel-chair) is purchased for a member.

1st Malvern (Extension) Brownie Guide Pack celebrated its third birthday on 16th September and I went along to the party, in company with the District Commissioner, the Extension Adviser and the 3rd East Malvern Brownie Guide Pack. We enjoyed games, followed by "tea" with a beautiful cake and orange juice.

Three Region Conferences were held this month: Barree at which Mrs. Dwyer and Miss Barr were the Headquarters team; West Metropolitan, when Mrs. Grandin and Mrs. Spurgeon took part; and Goulburn, in which Miss Shaw and Mrs. Halligan participated.

Our quarterly meeting of Region Commissioners took place without our State Commissioner elect, Mrs. Grimwade, Mrs. Hamilton from Barree and Mrs. Stirling from Ballarat — all of whom have had spells in hospital.

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At the September meeting the Executive Committee:

Considered items on the Agenda for the Australian Executive Committee meeting in October.

Discussed a "holiday exchange" scheme which had been submitted.

Considered suggestions of the Uniform sub-committee regarding a dress for wear at International gatherings overseas for which participants from other countries have "national dress".

Appointed Miss Margaret Shaw to be Acting State Commissioner during the short period I shall be out of Australia.

Granted leave of absence to the other two Assistant State Commissioners, who are travelling to Europe — Mrs. Kirkman from 1st October to 8th January, 1973 — Mrs. Hutchinson from 23rd September to the middle of December. (We "travelers" hope to make contact with sister Associations and see something of Guiding in the countries we visit.)

Received, with regret, notice of the retirement of our beloved State Secretary, Miss Macartney, to take effect from 31st January next.

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The response of the girls to my Challenge to KNOW YOUR AUSTRALIA has been most heartening; many girls are wearing the badge. I hope that "Matilda" will be able to publish as STOP PRESS the names of winners in the Ampol Competition which is being run in conjunction with the Challenge.

Our Public Relations Department is humming with activity — combining with the Promotion Committee (Chairman, Mrs. Kearney) for activities at the beginning of October and with the Display Committee (Chairman, Mrs. Winchester) for Moomba Week, 1973.

I hope to see many of you, and your friends, at the Annual Meeting at Kew Town Hall on 30th October.

With Guiding greetings to you all,

Charlotte Renshaw Jones.

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was only "au revoir" after all, as plans for the sixtieth anniversary were already being discussed!

We still remember — though the fires have died,

And the woodsmoke is out of our hair—
The dark of the trees, and the firelight and
moonlight beyond,

And the prayer. —A.B.

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In growing older we're supposed to get more like a peach inside as we get more like a prune outside.

SERVICE IN A WIDER WORLD

Yes, I have helped an old lady across the street. I have worked beside a nursing sister on her rounds in a hospital ward. I have worked with my peers raising money for a good cause. What is service, how can one help others?

I was once on a village truck in Papua New Guinea along with many other people. Not only people mind you, for amid the bodies of adults and children were chattels of every order. It was a fun ride over tracts of land which were apologies for roads. We were dependent on the skill and intuition of the driver. It was a long drive from Port Moresby and very late at night in the pouring rain when the truck became bogged. The driver got out and cursed loudly, whilst the men aboard stirred. Then everyone looked at my Papuan companion and me. We must have cursed too. They stared. We had uniforms on. We surely must know what to do. We felt bound at that stage to get out into the mud and slush and do our bit. Men started bossing us around and handing us tools. The village women sat and sang and giggled and tried to quiet screaming children. We heaved and sweated with the best of them and helped relieve the truck of a flat tyre tyre too. Finally the old heroic feeling hit us. Everyone cheered and on we went.

My Papuan mate and I were working for the Girl Guide Association of Papua New Guinea. We were headquartered in Port Moresby amid certain European luxuries but our work mainly involved us in travelling throughout the mainland of the country promoting the work and activities of the Girl Guide movement.

This woman and I wore the same uniform. It was a bond and a reminder of the universality of Baden Powell's ideas. We were able to enjoy things together. Similar things. At the same time though we were able to swap ideas on an approach to a problem or situation. And when we joined with the Scouting section much friendship and enjoyment was shared. We had things in common.

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DIARY OF A BEAUTIFUL MORNING . . .

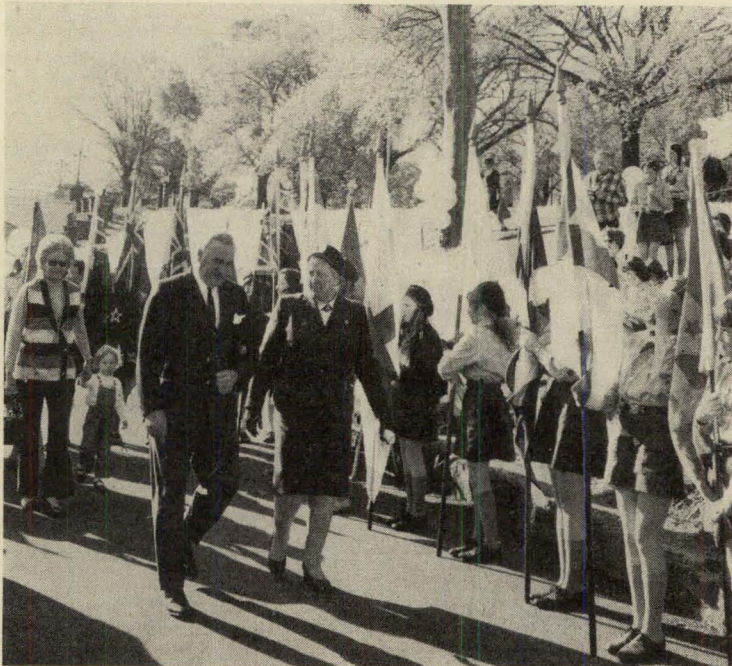
Sunday, 8th October



—Photo by courtesy "Age"

- 5.50 Sunrise. Everywhere peace. Yarra River flowing quietly by. Alexandra Avenue untouched by traffic.
- 6.00 Birds twittering. Lonely jogger around the track.
- 6.15 Two Council employees check and polish the gas barbecues. The Lord Mayor is coming to breakfast.
- 6.30 No. 1 Committee car arrives. Unpacks tables, chairs, flags.

- 6.35 No. 2 Committee car pulls into kerb. Within minutes helium filled balloons are tied to a nearby stake. Sunny Sue faces on them smile at the trees and the shrubs.
- 6.40 No. 3 Committee car unloads excited children, the P.A. system, the food. The P.A. is put in place and tried. It works.



—Photo by courtesy "Age"

6.45 At the Wesley College river staging, the Ranger Sailing School crews are putting in their six boats.

7.00 No. 4 Committee car appears with all the literature for the Guides Own Service, as well as chairs, and children.

7.30 Cars are beginning to park along the avenue. Happy voices are heard.

7.35 The Ranger boats pass by. The crews give a cheer and a wave. The land lubbers coo-ee back and call Good Luck. They go on to await the official party at the Swan Street Bridge.

7.40 At Princes Wharf gliding silently to a stop is the lovely launch which will carry the V.I.P.s to Morell Bridge. Skipper Ron Elliott, President of the Royal Melbourne Power Boat Club, and his crew wait.

7.45 Chairman of the Promotion Committee introduces reps from each section to official party. All aboard and they are away.

7.55 Activity in all three sections. The 300 people on the water's edge assemble between the roped off area, the 40 colour bearers take up their places near the staging. The Ranger crews stroke alongside the official launch which slows down to rowing pace, and together they arrive at the staging.

8.00 Acting State Commissioner greets the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, and their two children, and introduces them to the Section Advisers.

8.05 Everyone takes part in Guides Own. Lovely hymns, inspiring talk, special singing by Guides of the blind company.

8.20 Balloons taken from poles and distributed. Lord Mayor speaks about aim of the Promotion Drive, value of adult help, and in launching the drive he asks everyone to release their balloons as he cuts the group in front of him. What a sight to see them wafting away . . . away . . .



—Photo by courtesy George Thomopoulos

8.30 Chops, sausages, hamburgers are put on to cook. Official guests mingle with the crowd, and watch the national dancing of the Greek Guides.

8.45 Breakfast ready . . . Orange juice, bread rolls, cole slaw as well as the barbecued meat. Delicious . . . it soon disappears. Crews were hungry after all that effort . . .

9.30 Breakfast over. Families start to move off.

9.40 The Lord Mayor's car is ready for departure. Farewells are taken, the children happy with Sunny Sue Balloons.

10.00 The Chairman walks along the river banks. The people have gone . . . some to their homes, some to Church services, others to look at the gardens. No litter, no cleaning up.

10.15 Oh! What a beautiful morning.
Oh! What a beautiful day.
We came, we enjoyed, we took part,
and now we go forward — together.

QUEEN'S GUIDES AND SCOUTS . . .

Queen's Guides and Scouts attended Government House for the presentation of their Royal certificates. Approximately 500 Guides and Scouts, with their Guiders and Scouters, were there.

Representatives of the Guide and Scout Movements read messages of loyalty to the Queen and His Excellency will forward them to the Queen.

Awards for bravery were made to a small Brownie, and three Scouts. After the presentations Guides, Guiders and parents went back to Guide Headquarters for morning tea, which was enjoyed by us all.

—Sue Kilpatrick, 1st Underbool
—Michele McLennan, 5th Preston



MESSAGE OF LOYALTY — from the presentation of Queen's Guide Certificates at Government House — October, 1972:

We, the Queen's Guides of Victoria pledge to you, our loyalty and respect. During our years in the Movement, we have striven to uphold the Law and Promise to the best of our ability. Each of us, through Guide training, has learnt many things which have not only helped to develop our character and understanding of things, but have also helped us to serve the community. We realise the importance of the goal so far achieved, and intend to continue our service down the years.

Written by Anne Freeland,
2nd East Malvern Coy.
Read by Susan McPherson,
2nd Maidstone Coy.

MUTUAL AID . . .

Helping each other together . . .

The World Association tells us of countries needing help in all sorts of ways. These are a selection of various items from several countries:—

A country in Africa, which is beginning to get Guiding under way and would like help in obtaining books for all levels — \$600.

Portable gas stoves and lamps for Brownie pack holidays in a western hemisphere country — \$150.

Again in Africa—

- (1) Pencils and paper, chalk and slates, and games material for a service project for young children — \$100.
- (2) Handcraft and training materials for Brownies and P.L.'s — \$70.

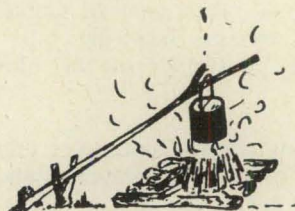
In Asia in a country coping with a very large number of refugees the national association is starting schools for the children and needs uniforms for the units to be started in the schools — anything up to \$2000.

An Asian country wants visual aids to help with training \$30.

An African country needs a portable typewriter for use by voluntary workers and at trainings — \$80.

If you feel you and/or your unit would like to help with Mutual Aid full particulars can be obtained from—

Mrs. G. Farrow,
3, Merrion Grove,
Kew.



People who have ideas about how to run the earth ought to start with a small garden.



TRAINING PAGES



JOURNEYING

When Jenny joined Brownies the pack was busy with a Venture. Brownies in England had sent the District a book of pressed wildflowers, and they had decided that as the English Brownies lived a long way from the sea, they'd send them a collection of Australian shells.

Jenny loved the pack's outing to the beach to collect shells and persuaded her parents to have a picnic at another beach so she could collect more shells from there. She helped look up names of shells and joined in the planning at Pow-wow of the best way of attaching names and packing the collection.

While this was going on Jenny was looking at her Brownie Guide Handbook, and the Guiders were helping the recruits to learn about Brownies and to understand and get ready to make their promise. Then the pow-wow made up a Promise Ceremony and the following week Robyn, Jan and Jenny made the promise and became real Brownies. Jenny was thrilled.

Next week at pow-wow she asked Wooloo, their Leader (whose name means "fun") if she could count collecting shells for the Venture as her collection for her "Pathway".

"If you'd like to start on a Journey Jenny, come and talk to me about it after our next game", said Wooloo. "Are there any other Brownies who'd like to come and talk about starting Journeys? What about you Kerry and Sharon?"

After a lively game Kerry, Robyn and Jenny went with Wooloo, while about six others went with Coose, a few others got busy on their own or in couples and Sharon, Jan and Carol played Kim's game with Packy.

"I'm glad you've been reading your Brownie Book Jenny. That's how you find out about Brownies", said Wooloo. "But everyone doesn't start on the Pathway, that's meant mostly for young Brownies. You're nearly nine and quite grown up for that, so I wonder if you'd like to go straight on to Roadway. What do you think?"

"Well", said Jenny. "I look after my hair, I wash it myself and brush and comb it and wash myself and take care of my teeth and nails, so Brownies Keep Fit would be easy, and I helped my six in a game today and if I could count the shell collection I could get a badge quicker."

"Could I count my stamp collection Wooloo?" asked Robyn.

"Pathway collecting is in Brownies have Fun Out of Doors and you don't look for stamps out of doors; but if you like collecting stamps Robyn, you might tackle Collector badge".

"Could I do Collector badge with shells and things?" asked Jenny.

"Yes Jenny, you look up Collector badge while Kerry, Robyn and I talk about what they would like to do." Kerry decided that she'd collect ten different shells or sea things for her Pathway Collection and would look after her nails really well for two weeks for Brownies Keep Fit; but Robyn had no thought for anything but doing Collector badge.

Jenny meanwhile had decided to do Collector badge and had started looking at Roadway.

"When we go on a journey we travel don't we?" said Wooloo, "so on our journeys we challenge ourselves to do something we haven't done before or to do a thing we have done much better; so if you accept what you do already instead of challenging yourself, you wouldn't be travelling would you?"

"I'd like to do 'Roadway Wide Awake'" said Jenny. "My uncle is a scout and he says scouts notice everything and everybody. When they're in a bus they can tell you about the other people without them knowing they were being looked at. Could I do that for Wide Awake?"



Wooloo thought that would be fine and suggested that Jenny worked out how hard a challenge she could do and then told her about it.

"But I'll never do 'Make Things', I can't knit or sew or anything".

"What about going with Coose next week. She is helping some Brownies to learn to knot nylon stripping into covers for coat hangers?" "Yes please", said Jenny, and then it was time to tidy up and have "Closing".

Next week Jenny was worried, "I couldn't do Roadway, Have Fun Out of Doors", she said, because we live in a flat and can't keep pets or have a garden, and I've got pot-plants already I grow seeds and bulbs in them so that wouldn't be travelling".

Silkworms or tadpoles were suggested but Jenny's Mum didn't like creepy crawlies in the house; so it was decided they'd think about it for next week.

There was no place at the hall for a pack garden and Wooloo was wondering whether something from the outdoor section of Highway would be best for Jenny who already had grown seeds and bulbs, when Coose had an idea. "What about striking cuttings", she suggested. "If she's never done any before, she could do something easy like pelargoniums or fuschias; or if that's old hat to her, I'll show her how to put a slip of camellia, daphne or azalea in a pot with a couple of sticks planted beside it so it won't move, water it once, then tie it up in a polythene bag so it's airtight: but they have to stay in a shady place for months, before you even look at them properly, though you can see through the bag, whether they're still green."

Jenny had never struck a cutting, neither had some other Brownies, so Coose took cuttings, pots and some sandy soil to Brownies and showed them how to plant them, and press the soil firmly into place. She divided the cuttings between those who wanted them and gave the soil to Jenny and Raelene who also lived in a flat.

As Jenny finished carefully planting three small cuttings of pelargoniums in a six-inch pot, she said to herself "Now I'm really on a Journey. I'm travelling."



"DOING IT OUR WAY" — WITH THE WARRIMOO RANGERS

Colours and Ceremonial

"You know", remarked Anne, "Faye and Barbie should be coming up from Guides soon. Do you think we ought to brush up our Ceremonial ready for the occasion? They're sure to want a ceremony, and it's quite some time since we used our Vee-formation for anything!"

"M'm'm", rejoined Phyl soberly. "If ceremonial is going to be used it needs to be done well, and I reckon we're decidedly rusty. Gosh, Skip, remember when the Unit started and we first tried to form a Vee with only four Rangers!"

"Yes", laughed Ann, "we spent half the meeting scratching our heads over how we could possibly manage traditional Land Ranger Ceremonial and finished up by inventing our own".

Phyl grinned, "Well, it was a lot simpler than the official version, and more effective, I think. I don't like complicated anything!"

Ginie looked up from the "Kuringal" her nose was buried in, "Is that the way we do it now? I mean, are we still using the way you worked out then?"

"Yes, Ginie", I answered. "It suited our small number then, and we've used it ever since! We just adjust it slightly depending on whether the Unit numbers are larger or smaller, and odd or even."

"How do we do it? Does it have to always be a Vee?" Judy is a fairly new addition to the Unit, and is still gradually acquiring Ranger lore.

"No." I said, "It doesn't have to be a Vee — it can be any formation you like to make it. Anyone got any ideas?"

A brief discussion finally settled for the Vee.

Ann explained. "It's not hard, Judy. Skip has us **'Fall In'**. We all fall in, shoulder to shoulder, in a horizontal line facing her, the first one being directly in front of her. When we are all in position, we stand at ease. She brings us to **'Attention'**, and has us **'Number'**. The middle one becomes Marker, that is, the point of the Vee — and also our Colour Bearer, if we're using Colours. Skip then says **'Into Formation, March'**, and we each take two, four or six paces forward, depending on our distance from the Marker. She then says **'Inwards Turn'**, which we do, and there you have it — a lovely uncomplicated Vee.

"When the ceremony is over, Skip says **'Unit, Fall Out'**. We all step one pace forward with the left foot, then back outside the Vee, and break away. If the order is **'Unit, Dismiss'**, we step forward and Salute, then step back and break away. It's quite simple and logical!"

"Do you think we'll need to use Colours?" Judy looked a trifle apprehensive.

"Probably not, infant!" rejoined Phyl somewhat loftily, "it would depend on how formal the Guides' ceremony is going to be".

"Well, I won't be youngest for ever, not when they come up!" retorted, Judy, a little stung and beginning to redden.

I felt it advisable to intervene. "Perhaps Ann could find out for us about the kind of ceremony they would like, at the next P.L.'s Council." Anne is working on Part II of the Guide Leadership Certificate.

Ginie mused aloud. "I seem to remember reading somewhere that English Rangers had designed their own Colour. Wouldn't it be beaut if we could make our own?"

I chose my words carefully. "I think the final design selected was for a quartered banner about four feet by three feet in which they included their 'new look' Ranger Trefoil, the County Badge, something to symbolise the District or Division, and something of particular significance to the Unit. Each Unit could choose between using this type of Colour or the traditional World Flag. Perhaps you might like to suggest to Central Council that we consider doing likewise."

Jess looked thoughtful. "Or we could put it forward for discussion at the next Ranger Conference."

Ginie's jaw dropped. "Oh, but that's not till next year! I thought it would be nice to have it for when the Guides come up!"

"Never mind, Ginie", consoled Phyl mischievously, "it just might be ready for farewelling you, when you phase out!"

"Well, girls", said Ann briskly, "time to get down to some solid practice".

On went the caps. And by coffee time we felt that our performance was quite creditable.

As Judy remarked between bites of biscuit. "It's tremendous how **good** you feel when you **know** you're doing it properly!"

Helpful reading:

Flag Ceremonial.

Guider Leaflet No. 19, "Drill and Ceremonial" by Cynthia Walker.

Guider Leaflet No. 12, "Ceremonies" by a group of Brownie Guiders.

WORLD ASSOCIATION OF GIRL GUIDES AND GIRL SCOUTS

Full Member and Associate Member Countries — World Conference, 1972.

Full: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Barbados, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Republic of China, Colombia, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Iceland, India, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Korea, Kuwait, Lebanon, Leichtenstein, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Republic of Panama, Peru, Philippines, Rhodesia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Sri Lanka, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, United Kingdom, United States of America, Venezuela, Tanzania, Trinidad and Tobago, Zaire.

Associate: Bolivia, Central African Republic, Botswana, Burundi, Cameroon, Chile, Congo (Kinshasa), Costa Rica, Cyprus, Dahomey, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guyana, Ivory Coast, Jordan, Kenya, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Paraguay, Portugal, Sudan, Togo, Surinam, Swaziland, Turkey, Uganda, Upper Volta, Uruguay, South Vietnam, Zambia.

Have you got your atlas beside you?)

COURTESY . . .

Courtesy is not spoken about as once it was, and yet we respond to it when we see it. Courtesy combines politeness and grace. To be courteous is to be considerate in one's personal relationships.

The word has about it the sound and flavour of royal courts, for it was a quality cultivated in such places. It was an expression of deference to one's superiors.

But courtesy is welcome everywhere. There is a politeness appropriate to the relationship between ourselves and those who are older or wiser than we are as well as those in authority over us. And there is a politeness which should be shown those who are younger than we are, and who are under our authority.

Parents fail in their duty if they do not exercise discipline within the family and demand obedience from their children. This is essential, but so also is courtesy — the willingness to recognise that each child is a person in his own right, one who should be encouraged to realise as fully as possible his own individual powers. It means being ready to step aside, so that the child has room and freedom to become what he is potentially, and this apart from one's own hopes or plans or expectations.

In his autobiography **Not the Whole Truth** Cardinal Heenan, of London, says that the chief influence in his life was his mother. But he acknowledges his debt to her with pleasing restraint: "Her greatest accomplishment was the ability to give herself to prayer and self-denial without those closest to her suffering the tyranny of her good example".

The tyranny of a good example — a surprising phrase. Yet not so surprising when we come to think about it. A tyrant is one who exercises power in an oppressive or unjust manner. But tyranny is not always obvious. In personal relationships, for example, it is often unconscious, or hidden, or subtle. "What I am doing for you is for your own good" — is ever the excuse of the public or private tyrant.

Who has not known or observed such tyranny? The boy of modest ability, son of a brilliant or successful father whose work and works are continually held up as inspiration and example, but who, not sharing his father's interests, cracks up under the strain of trying to follow in his footsteps.

Our best, and most welcome, exemplars are those who are least aware of being good examples.

—from the "Age"
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GIRL GUIDES' ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA MEMBERSHIP FIGURES 1972

| | 1972 | 1971 |
|--|---------|---------|
| Commissioners | 1,608 | 1,387 |
| Guiders: | | |
| Brownie Guide Section ... | 4,775 | 4,733 |
| Guide Section | 3,795 | 3,695 |
| Ranger Guide Section | 408 | 406 |
| Brownie Guide Section: | | |
| Brownie Guides | 46,528 | 46,669 |
| Extensions | 124 | 119 |
| Lones | 54 | 42 |
| Guide Section: | | |
| Guides | 42,278 | 42,417 |
| Extensions | 228 | 236 |
| Lones | 196 | 166 |
| Ranger Guide Section: | | |
| Ranger Guides | 2,674 | 2,849 |
| Extensions | 83 | 95 |
| Lones | 83 | 103 |
| | 102,834 | 102,917 |
| Local Association Members | 25,380 | 23,444 |
| State Council Members | 634 | 645 |
| Ex-officio — Executive | 61 | 48 |
| Secretaries | 212 | 198 |
| Sub-committee and Members not otherwise included | 157 | 176 |
| Trefoil Guild Members | 1,366 | 1,273 |
| | 130,644 | 128,701 |

INTERNATIONAL OLAVE HOUSE

For the first time Olave House is having a planned programme for Christmast Festivities and it is hoped that there will be many applications for this event. Particulars as follows:

Christmas Party at Olave House, London, 1972.

Dates: 22nd-28th December. (A further programme can be arranged for those who wish to stay longer.)

Cost: £16, to include accommodation, transportation within U.K., theatre tickets, etc. (Price does not include transportation from home to London and home again.)

Programme: Sightseeing in London, Ceremony of the Keys at the Tower of London, day tour to Cambridge and Church Service at Kings College Christmas celebrations, visit to Windsor, Fox Hunting, Brass Rubbing and a Pantomime.

Applications: To the Guider in Charge, Olave House, 45 Longridge Road, London, S.W.5, U.K.

PALO PRIETO

"Palo Prieto?" Now what in the world is that?

Do you know?

Well, it is the "Thinking Day Tree".

Do you know where it grows, and when it blossoms?

It grows close to the main entrance of one of the Guide World Centres, and it comes into flower in February.

Have you guessed which of the four World Centres has the "Thinking Day Tree" close by its front door?

It is Our Cabana in Mexico where, each year, the "Thinking Day Tree", Palo Prieto, just inside the entrance, is covered with white blossom on 22nd February, as it was on that Thinking Day of the dedication at Our Cabana in 1956.

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Would you like to know more about the four centres of World Guiding?

Then why not become a "Friend of World Centres"?

The subscription is just 75 cents each year.

Did you know about Palo Prieto?

Why not send 75 cents, now, to — Miss M. Callister, 7/43 Buckley Street, Essendon, 3040 — and learn more about the World Centres and the people who live there and visit there?

AUSTRALIANS ABROAD

Who knows? One day this could be you!

Many of our members are overseas: some on working holidays, some touring, one attending an International Camp, and two Victorian trainers will be leaving shortly for Sangam, where there is to be a Training for Trainers.

Ranger attends Olympic Games Opening Ceremony

"I've just seen the spectacular opening of the Olympic Games!", said Carmen Duxson, 1st Maidstone Ranger, in a recent letter. Carmen is staying with Rangers from New Zealand, England, America, Canada, Finland and Ireland in a huge multi-roomed converted farmhouse just outside Munich. The house overlooks woodland and mountain, and the musical sound of tinkling cow-bells fills the air. The girls actually enjoy bed-making. Each bed has the European eider-down covering instead of sheets and blankets. One shake and the bed is made!

Carmen says, "The Germans are absolutely fantastic — they go out of their way to make you feel welcome. I was met at the airport, helped with my luggage, shown the city of Munich, and taken to the Games."

Carmen is now on her way to attend an International Camp in . . . as an Australian representative.

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Guider at Olave House

Olave House, Guide Hostel in London is the present residence of Miss Wendy Smibert from Malvern.

Wendy went to London to nurse at St. Guy's Hospital, but during some leave-of-absence, is working at Commonwealth Headquarters, and is Assistant Leader of a Guide company at St. Martins-in-the-fields.

In a letter to her Commissioner in Malvern Wendy has written of the number of Australians she has met, at Olave House.

Wendy has travelled extensively through the Continent, including East and West Germany and she has some fascinating observations on Russia. "In some places there were women doing their washing in a small man-made lake, used by ducks as a pond, as well as by children for swimming. All the cattle, sheep looked like skeletons. I have no idea how the horses could pull carts. At times it appeared that all they could do was stand."

Two Victorian Trainers to Sangam

Mrs. Vicki Trembath, Guide leader and trainer from Yarra Valley, was the leader of the Australian contingent of six trainers who attended an international training for trainers at Sangam, in India, in October.

Mrs. Trembath is a woman of many interests — captain of a competitive basketball team, she also has great interest in trotting horses. These interests captured the eye of the Commonwealth newspaper, and the magazine has written an article accompanied by photographs of the basketballer and horsewoman for distribution through their Indian Office!

Miss Wendy Hawker of Otway, is the second Victorian to be selected to attend this world training. Miss Hawker is the Deputy Matron of the Warrnambool and District Hospital, and, like Mrs. Trembath, was very busy before her departure collecting and making souvenir gifts. Amongst these were things called "Gonks"! What are they I think you had better ask them.

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GIRL GUIDES

Six million members spread o'er the world,
A family of sisters who have worked and toiled.

For sixty years new flags have unfurled,
From Baden Powell the idea uncoiled.

A group of girls who do their best,
A group of girls who have courage and are careful.

A group of girls who work and rest,
A group of girls who have fun and are cheerful.

We as Guides are polite and helpful,
We are loyal and can be trusted.
We as Guides are courteous and respectful,
We are obedient and never flustered.

In our patrols we go hiking and tramping,
With our companies we go walking and camping.

At our campfires the air is ringing,
With our chants and with our singing.

—Jean Lade (Patrol Leader),
Thrush Patrol, 1st Bairnsdale Company

EPILOGUE

The last issue of "Australian External Territories" has been published. The journal was first published in December, 1960, as "Australian Territories" — successor to another journal called "South Pacific" which had been published by the Australian School of Pacific Administration for the previous 12 years, primarily for field officers in Papua New Guinea.

In his foreword to the first issue of "Australian Territories" the then Minister for Territories, the Hon. Sir Paul Hasluck, said: ". . . it will aim to provide up-to-date and authoritative material to assist readers to become well-informed on developments in the Territories, and to give a foundation of fact upon which reasoned opinions about Australian Territories can develop."

Until the end of January, 1968, the journal was a forum of opinion and ideas on the social, economic and political development of the Northern Territory, Norfolk Island, the Territory of Papua New Guinea, Nauru, Cocos (Keeling) Islands and Christmas Island.

From an initial distribution of 10,000 the circulation of "Australian Territories" rose to 25,000 — mostly through individual requests.

In early 1968 Nauru became an independent nation and the Northern Territory was transferred to the administrative control of the Department of Interior. "Australian Territories" subsequently became "Australian External Territories" and later, in 1969, included the Coral Sea Island Territories in its coverage. Papua New Guinea, however, progressively claimed more and more of its pages.

In the 12 years of its existence the journal has recorded the most dramatic changes in the history of Papua New Guinea.

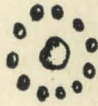
It is appropriate, therefore, that the last issue of the journal (June, 1972) records the opening of Papua New Guinea's third House of Assembly.

—From "Australian External Territories"

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You must excuse me, if in my haste to be brief, I become unintelligible.

—Horace



Mrs. John Searby (Miriam) died in Melbourne in September.

Miriam came to Warracknabeal towards the end of 1954 when Guiding was being re-established there after a lapse of some years. She had been a Guide and a young Guider in England, and when she offered her help she was joyfully received — and was soon District Commissioner.

Although she was young, Miriam's charm of manner and personality, as well as her knowledge and experience, gave great impetus to Guiding in Warracknabeal.

Qualified campers were almost nonexistent in a large area of the Wimmera. In a short time Miriam became a qualified camper, assisted in two State camps and somehow managed to look cool and fresh in that terrible heatwave during our first international camp.

Miriam became Division Commissioner for Lowan in 1960. There was great development in Guiding — East Wimmera had grown until it was necessary to divide it into two divisions. With Miriam's help Lowan grew until it was divided into three divisions; Lowan, Southern Mallee and Mallee Divisions.

At the end of her term as Division Commissioner she concentrated on camping and testing and started a Ranger company.

Early in 1969 Miriam was appointed Assistant Region Commissioner for Wimmera — a job she ably fulfilled until she and her husband, Dr. John Searby, left for Queensland late in 1970.

Miriam was beautiful in appearance, manner and personality. She had very high standards and definite ideas. Loved by children and leaders, Miriam was truly a Guiding light in this large area of Wimmera.

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"Keep your fingers on the near things and your eyes on the far things."

BROWNIE REVELS . . . Mullum Mullum Division

Ringwood East Brownies were hostesses for these revels. First we had Brownie Ring in a gigantic circle.

The theme was Alice in Wonderland, and each of the eleven packs represented a different character from the story. We were Alice, another the White Rabbit and so on. We all wore Brownie uniform, and every pack had something to show what they were. Being Alice, our pack had white aprons with blue trimming and blue headbands. We also had a blue cardboard bow pinned to our uniform pocket with our name and a number from 1 to 11. A number was placed on the toadstool each pack had brought along and all the number 6's went to number 6 toadstool and so on. Doing this we made friends with the Brownies from other packs.

The leaders of each pack came along and prepared games for us — we moved around in a circle and took part in all the activities. We had taken along two jam tarts for afternoon tea — like Alice had at the Mad Hatter's tea party.

—Jennifer Boer,
2nd Ringwood East Brownies

At Charlton . . .

Brownie Revels were held recently in Charlton for the first time, and over 130 Brownies attended the outing. The Brownies arrived at Charlton Showgrounds at 11 o'clock to start the day's fun, and the leaders mixed all the Brownies together.

We played various games until lunch time, and each Brownie had brought a picnic lunch. After lunch each pack either had a concert or acted a play. Every Brownie was asked to make a poster to promote Australia overseas. There were prizes for the best posters, and the open sections were won by Charlton and Wedderburn.

To end a happy day we all joined in Brownie ring and had a drink and a chocolate bear.

—Janine McIntyre, 1st Charlton Pack



DEAR MATILDA,

The Guides of Highton district are trying very hard to raise money for a Guide Hall.

The Building Committee and the L.A., as well as the Guides, have done a lot of things to help. One special activity Wattle patrol of 1st Highton company did was to organise a "Miss 1st Highton" quest. Each of the six patrols in the company chose a representative and sponsored her.

Buttercup patrol — held a popcorn night and participated in a type of "Cents for Service".

Waratah Patrol held a pancake night and sold drinks at a mannequin parade held by 2nd Highton company.

Boronia patrol, held a lolly and toffee stall, while Wattle patrol sold hamburgers and drinks, etc.

Blue Wren patrol organised a fancy dress night, it cost 5c to enter the competition. They also sold drinks at our annual meeting.

Flowering Gum patrol held a doughnut night.

Altogether we raised over \$40 which was presented to our District Commissioner, a member of the Building Committee.

On the night of the judging of the "personality queen" we had two guest judges. Our "old" captain and our Division Commissioner. We invited our mothers to the meeting, told them how we had raised the money, and generally had a fun night. At the end of the evening a personality queen and a charity queen were presented with sashes. We finished with supper.

We thought that this was an excellent effort by every member of the company, especially those in Wattle patrol, and we hope that other Guides may get a few ideas from this.

Yours sincerely,
Flowering Gum Patrol
Yvonne Evans, P.L.



If it's true that the mind is like a sponge I wish I could squeeze mine out once in a while and get rid of the stuff I don't need any more.

DEAR MATILDA,

Greetings from Wonthaggi.

We held our fete to raise money for the New Guinea Brownies to buy handbooks. We raised \$15.36.

During the five weeks before our fete we made pop stick wallhangings, coat hangers, book marks, and we learnt how to make scones and cakes.

We served afternoon tea for visitors and workers.

Our Commissioner and our 1st Wonthaggi Guide Captain and her lieutenants came.

We have also visited the Post Office and Exchange.

Cheerio for now,
from the Brownies of Wonthaggi



CONSERVATION

A report from Williamstown—

As part of their Conservation Challenge Williamstown Rangers submitted to the Williamstown Council a plan to beautify the reserve at the corner of Walter and Florence Streets, close to Kororoit Creek Road (North Williamstown).

This first plan was not acceptable and so the Rangers made some modifications and then the Council accepted it. It has recently become known that the Williamstown Council have allotted some money for the project and work has commenced, entirely using the Rangers' plans.

—J.N.



The two inter-locking links represent man's link with his environment. There are many ways in which we can give the earth a chance — remember, it's all we have!

THIS IS THE LOCAL ASSOCIATION'S PAGE



TEND YOUR TREASURER

The lady with the smiling face sitting at the table with the Commissioner, President and Secretary, is our treasure, the Treasurer.

Her happy look is really one of relief! She found that elusive five cents she was chasing through the books yesterday when she was getting them balanced for today's L.A. meeting.

What do Treasurer's have to tell us about their job?

- A little talk with the Hon. Auditor at the beginning of the Treasurer's term of office can be of long-term help to them both. The Treasurer won't have to wonder which book-keeping method would be best — it is all clearly decided from the beginning. The Auditor, for his part, will have the figures set out the way he needs them when it is time for the annual audit.

- One new Treasurer was worried because the Guides' former auditor had left the district and she didn't know where to find a new one. Neither she nor her husband knew anyone she could ask. The Treasurer put her problem before the L.A. meeting. No one could suggest an immediate solution, but several members offered to ask their husbands for suggestions. In the end, the Commissioner approached a well-known local accountant who was delighted to be able to help the Guides.

- Another Treasurer tells us that she spends a lot of time at the beginning of the year "chasing" annual subscriptions. Here is a way you can really be of help; do your utmost to see that all annual subs are in the Treasurer's hands, and that receipts reach members.

- If a Treasurer is fully aware of regular annual expenses such as insurance and affiliation fees, and when they fall due, it is easier for her to plan ahead.

- Only "paid-up" members may vote at a meeting. The Treasurer is the person who knows just who is a financial member and

who is not. Please don't put her in the awkward position of having to raise a point of order when someone's vote at a meeting is invalid because their subscription has not been received.

- "Please", say our Treasurers, "let us have accounts for payment as quickly as you can. Our books have to be made up in time for the meeting".

All Treasurers are agreed that the best way the L.A. can help them in their job is to see that there is always enough funds available to cover expenses.

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STATE L.A. CONFERENCE . . .

Mt. Waverley L.A. will be the convenors for the 1973 Conference.

Watch "Matilda" for details, dates, etc., and developments.

To mark the completion of fifteen years of work with Guides and Brownies in Hazelwood Mrs. R. Porter, who has announced her "retirement", was given a complimentary evening in the Hazelwood North Hall. It took the form of a District Reunion and Social, with items presented by today's Guides and Brownies. An interesting feature was a roll call of those present who had been in the Company or the Pack with Mrs. Porter over the years.

A presentation of flowers was made to Mrs. Porter by the L.A. President. A cheque was sent to the Lone Section where Mrs. Porter's Guiding days began forty years ago.

Attending the function were three of the four girls who were foundation members of 1st Hazelwood Coy. fifteen years ago.

During supper, much chatter marked friendships renewed, and memories lived again with a display of photos and cuttings of various activities in which 1st Hazelwood Pack and Company had taken part.

Recently, the inaugural meeting for a Strzelecki Division Trefoil Guild was held — guess who was there!

—Ann Hunter and District Commissioner

Dear Friends of Britannia Park,

Over the last two months a few campers have "braved the elements", and the House and Cottage have been filled. The "Thank You Chalet" is also being filled, and the adults who have stayed there are thrilled with this new home.

One corner I would like to see have more use is Harrison House. On this bush site there is a tin hut. It consists of one room with a wood fire stove, water laid on, two bunks and divan, table and chairs, and outside two deepsinkers. This is able to be used by families. There is space for a few tents or a caravan and is ideal if you want to get away from the "rat race" and rough it, with a roof over your head. Bookings are made in the usual way through H.Q.

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The grass is coming through on the back sites and is gaining strength, and will continue to do so if we get good rains. It has been hard work, but I think will be appreciated.

There have been a few "working bees", and to the L.A. members, fathers, husbands, Brownies, Guides and Rangers, I say a BIG THANK YOU. When I haven't been present, Mr. Gard, the warden, has helped the groups settle into their work.

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Great Excitement! the filter for the swimming pool has been purchased, and Dandengong is happy for their donation of \$100 to be put towards it, instead of maintenance. The little house is being built to protect it from weather and vandals, and I am looking forward to it being in action in the not too distant future.

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Next month I will acknowledge all the donations you kind folk have made to the Maintenance Fund for the months of July, August, September and October. For those of you who do not know about this fund — any person or group may nominate a day in the year on which they wish to help maintain Britannia Park. Some years ago \$6 was chosen as a suitable amount, and this has stayed. The Treasurer of the Fund is Mrs. R. C. Wallace, 59 Kooyong Koot Road, Hawthorn, 3122. You send her the money, she sends you a receipt and I try to remember

to let "Matilda" know, and to put a little card up in the Shop of H.Q., next to the photograph of Guide House. Each year the Treasurer sends you a little reminder, because it is a "life saver" for Britannia Park to get this financial help.

Thank you,

Margaret Tucker

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THE GREY SHRIKE-THRUSH

I like to go, in the early days of spring, into the bush, to see the wattles along the creek-side, or by the sea; and to hear the Grey Shrike-thrush's song. He is one of the first birds to proclaim the coming season.

The powerful swelling notes come in a glorious whistle of varied lengths. I have often whistled to a Grey Thrush, trying to answer the liquid notes. One call that I remember since childhood is "choke, choke, choke-on-a-cherry!"

The Shrike-thrush is easily recognised by the sober grey plumage, the whitish face, and the umber-brown patch on the back. A. H. Chisholm in "Mateship With Birds", calls him "the woman's bird", because of his friendly manner. But he is also known to take young birds from other nests!

The Grey Thrush belongs — despite his name — to the Wood-Shrike family. It is the introduced Song Thrush and the Black-bird, together with the native Ground-thrush, which are members of the true Thrush family.

—J.H.

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DEAR MATILDA,

We went round the city on Saturday. I liked going to Guide Headquarters and being able to spend 20c there. When we went to the museum it was very interesting, and so was the planetarium. I liked where we had our lunch, and the timid little birds were sweet when they came right up to us when we fed them bits of bread.

—Sharon Tucker,
3rd Templestone Pack

CONGRATULATIONS to the recipients of the following:—

GUIDER LONG SERVICE:

15 years — Mrs. A. Williamson (Greensborough); Mrs. B. Ouirk (Chilwell); Mrs. B. R. Herbert (Echuca); Mrs. E. W. Anderson (Camberwell South); Mrs. J. R. Stiller (Brighton); Mrs. D. G. Ginn (Irymple).

35 years — Mrs. E. J. Frizelle (Echuca); Miss A. Moffatt (Geelong).

COMBINED LONG SERVICE:

Mrs. A. Needham (Carnegie/Murrumbena); Mrs. O. G. Brewster (Gippsland South Div.); Mrs. I. F. Kilpatrick (Great Western); Mrs. D. Bacon (Koonwarra); Mrs. F. H. Thomson (Great Western).

LOCAL ASSOCIATION LONG SERVICE:

Mrs. E. Hauser (Sunshine West); Mrs. L. Lynch (Sunshine West).

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THANKS BADGE:

Mr. H. E. Deveson (Ballarat); Rotary Club (Corryong); Mr. K. Poile (Croydon); Mr. J. Lowe (Croydon); Mr. L. Skate (Croydon); Mrs. A. McLellan (Newborough); Mr. N. Eacott (ex Traralgon); Mr. T. Tiley (Traralgon); Mr. N. C. Gibson (Traralgon); Mrs. A. J. Brehaut (Great Western); Mr. J. Pink (Wattle Park).

APPOINTMENTS AND WARRANTS

A warm welcome is extended to the following:—

REGION COMMISSIONER:

Mrs. W. F. Sadler, Hume.

DIVISION COMMISSIONERS:

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

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GUIDE SHOP



CHRISTMAS GIFT SUGGESTIONS

Some of these are special lines, so order while available — don't be disappointed.

For Brownie Guides

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| Annual 1973 | \$1.95 |
| Autograph Book | \$1.00 |
| Bracelet or Watch Charm (Silver or Gilt) World Badge | 30c |
| Colouring Cards | 20c |
| Cut-out Dolls | 80c |
| Diary | 50c |
| Handkerchief | 30c |
| Handkerchiefs (box of 3) | \$1.55 |
| Miniature Promise Badge | 25c |
| Notebook | 12c |
| Plastic Mug | 30c |
| Promise and Law Bookmarks | 10c |
| Tea Towels (available November) | 60c |
| Writing Pad | 20c |
| Writing Paper and envelopes in folder | 65c |
| Story books— | |
| Brownies on Television | \$2.20 |
| Lucy's Brownie Road | \$2.20 |
| Lucy's Last Brownie Challenge | \$2.20 |
| The Magic Pudding | 95c |
| and many others | |

For Guides

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| Annual 1973 | \$2.30 |
| Australian Adventure by Ann Rylah (Girl Guiding under the Southern Cross) Limited quantity at special price | \$1.00 |
| Autograph book | \$1.00 |
| Badge Pendants (Silver or Gilt) | \$1.50 |
| Bracelet or Watch Charm: | |
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| Brownie Guide (Gilt) | 30c |
| Campfire Shirt: | |
| Size 28, S, M or L | \$3.00 |

The Lone Adviser and her leaders invite all ex-Lones — Local Association members, Guides, Rangers and leaders to join in a Basket Tea, to be held at Guide Headquarters, 18th November, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. We do hope you come along and join in this evening with us. Bring any photographs of your Guiding days. Headquarters will be open from 3 p.m. to enable country people to rest awhile. Invite anyone you know who has been in Lones and help us to make this a worthwhile effort to conclude our Diamond Jubilee year.

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| Letts Guide Diary 1973 | 95c |
| 1973 Diary in Plastic cover with Trefoil | 40c |
| Handkerchiefs: | |
| Guide badge | 30c |
| Day Camp Scene | 40c |
| Miniature Promise Badge | 20c |
| Notebook in Plastic cover with Trefoil | 40c |
| Victorian Wildflower Notelets in clear plastic folder stamped with Trefoil | 75c |
| Plastic Mug | 30c |
| Promise and Law Bookmark | 10c |
| Story Books— | |
| Ash Road | 65c |
| Bread and Honey | 75c |
| Dawn of Time | \$2.95 |
| Dreamtime | \$2.95 |
| The First Sunrise | \$2.95 |
| And many others. | |

For Guiders

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| Miniature Badge (Guide Promise) | 20c |
| Writing Compendium stamped with Trefoil containing Guide writing pad and envelopes | \$2.60 |
| Silver Souvenirs with Guide, Brownie or L.A. badge — as listed in 1972 Price List. | |
| New Victorian Silver Souvenirs with "V" and pink heath on badge — as listed in 1972 Price List. | |
| Guide Notelets (CHQ) | \$1.20 |

Australian Wildflowers Stationery

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| Notepaper in box (10 designs — 10 pages and envelopes) | \$1.00 |
| Cards in box (10 cards and envelopes 4 designs) | \$1.00 |
| Notepaper in packet (10 pages and envelopes — 4 designs) | 65c |
| Gift Cards | 5c |
| 1973 Calendar | 95c |
| Australian Flower or Bird Card and envelope — individually wrapped | 10c |
| Australian Flower and Bird Cards and envelopes in packets of 8 | 65c |
| Christmas Cards — Australian Flower and Bird designs | each 20c |

Also—

- Brownie Guide with Wattle
- Brownie Guide and Guide with Australian Animals
- Brownie Guide and Guide Holding Ribbon with Season's Greetings — all at reduced price of 3 cents each with envelope.

**AMPOL COMPETITION
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Ranger Guide Section — Group prize: S.R.S. INVINCIBLE (no individual award).

Guide Section — Equal winners' group prize: 1st Surrey Hills Company; Waratah Patrol, 1st Bentleigh Company.

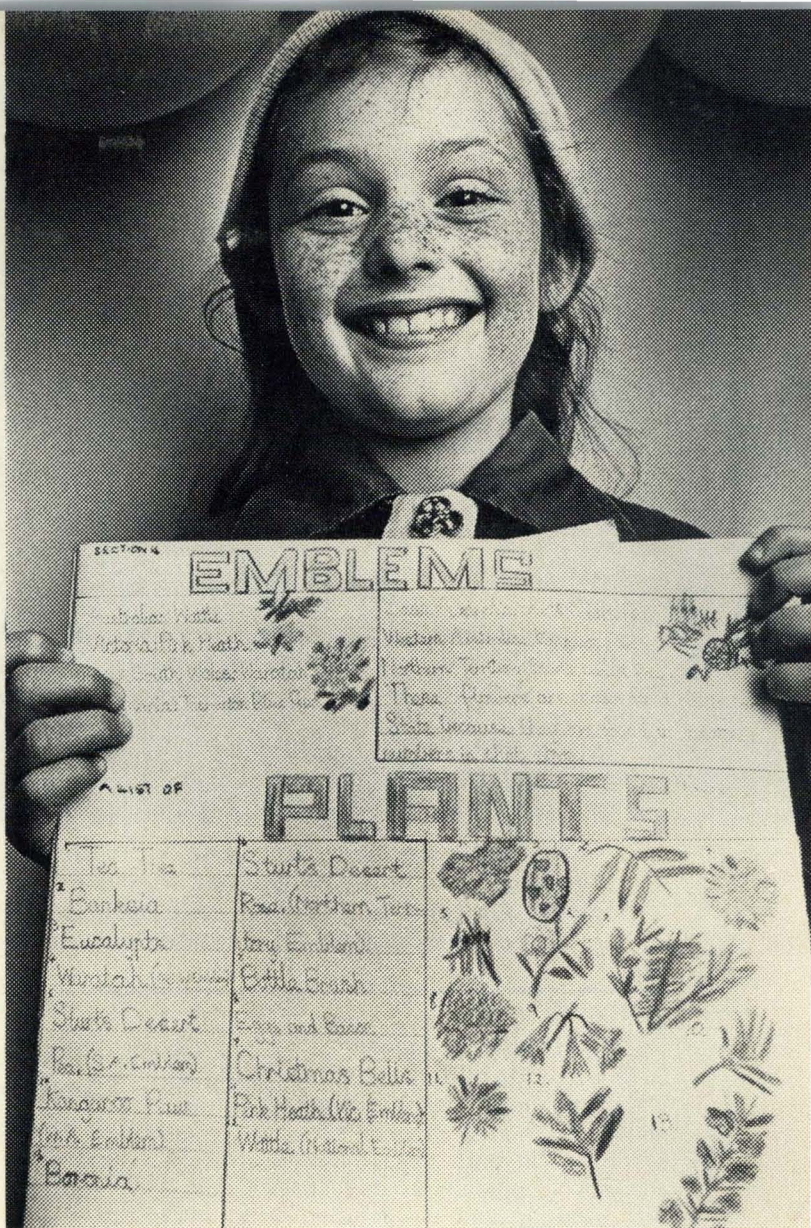
Guide Section — Individual prize: Robyn Moulton, 2nd Bentleigh Company.

Brownie Guide Section — Group prize: 1st Marnoo Pack.

Brownie Guide Section — Individual prize: Karen Reynolds, 1st East Doncaster Pack.

Heartiest congratulations to the winners — prizes were presented at Headquarters by Mr. David and Mr. Madden of Messrs. Ampol Petroleum (Victoria) Ltd. on Monday, 23rd October, 1972. Our warmest thanks to that company for their generous gift.

A large number of widely differing entries was sent to me and the high standard made the choosing of winners difficult. As I had special allegiances to some entrants, I sought the aid of the Training Department, who, in turn, enlisted the help of State Council and Executive members to perform this mammoth task. Our Public Relations Adviser,



—Block by courtesy the "Sun"

Mrs. E. Lane, assisted by friends, sorted and arranged the display — an enormous job which I regret I was not on hand to under take.

I take this opportunity to thank all Guiders who encouraged the girls to take part in the Challenge and in the Ampol Competition. I am sure that all participants will have gained in some degree and hope that it has been both enjoyable and the beginning of a continuing interest in Australia and things Australian.

Charlotte Renshaw Jones.



Guides planting bulbs in the grounds of "Allambie", Home for the Aged, Dimboola, The Home has attractive grounds with lawns and shrubs, but the old people cannot get down to gardening. 2nd Dimboola Guides thought that they would appreciate the colours of the spring bulbs when they flower.

UNESCO TRAVEL GRANT — for 1972 was awarded to Australia for a study tour in the U.S.A. and the United Kingdom for approximately five months to study Social Work and conditions in both urban and rural areas, and among migrants as they affect Guiding/Girl Scouting and co-operation with other youth organisations.

The Guider working under this grant is Mrs. Gillian Hogben, a Brownie leader from Perth.

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TRAINING DEPARTMENT

Our heartiest congratulations to the following on becoming members of their Region Training Teams:—

Mrs. Ydonea Bakewell, Mrs. Sheila Burnell, Mrs. Mary Christopher, Mrs. Josie Munro.

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