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**MAY PEACE AND JOY  
 AND HOPE   
ABOUND FOR YOU AND YOURS  
THIS CHRISTMAS-TIME**

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## FOXLEASE GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Nearly two and a half thousand people visited Foxlease during the celebrations which were held at the end of June to celebrate the fifty golden years that the House has belonged to the Movement.

A Flower Festival was held to mark the occasion, many of the Counties and Countries who have rooms at Foxlease helping with this. Incorporated in the Festival was an exhibition of Collage, which gave Brownies, Guides and Rangers an opportunity to contribute to the celebrations. The response to this Collage exhibition was overwhelming — in fact the few days before the closing date the postman was literally staggering up to the front door, only too pleased to relieve himself of his load.

Looking round at the Collages — which were displayed on every available inch of wall space — it was obvious that a great deal of time, effort and imagination had gone into the making of each exhibit, and all those who entered for the exhibition have every reason to be proud of their efforts.

Many of the exhibits were sold, and as we go to Press it is known that so far the Guide Friendship Fund has benefited from the proceeds to the amount of £12.

Foxlease is a lovely old house at any time, but its gracious yet homely atmosphere was given added emphasis by the glorious floral arrangements which greeted visitors as they entered each room.

As well as the arrangements of English flowers there were also a number of arrange-

ments which had been sent by overseas members — from Australia an arrangement of dried flowers collected during the summer of 1971; from South Africa a display featuring their national flower, the Protea, and from Rhodesia an arrangement of flowers made from feathers. In the sitting room of the Annexe — where Canada has responsibility for one of the bedrooms — attention was drawn to Canada and her role this year as host country for the World Conference which was held in Toronto.

No trouble had been spared by the staff at Foxlease both before and during the celebrations to ensure that the House was seen to advantage by everybody and that all who came were made to feel welcome. On the open days the kitchen staff must have worked non-stop all day to make sure everyone had the inevitable (but necessary!) cup of tea — as well as plenty of home-made food.

On Saturday, 1st July, the Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Foxlease was held, which was attended by some 200 members, while on the following day 250 people attended a special Service of Thanksgiving. Also at this service was Mrs. Parker Bowles, C.B.E., the Chief Commissioner, and members of the Executive Committee. Included in the service was a pageant of music and drama given by the Guides of Eling and Lyndhurst Districts, depicting the history of Foxlease. The service closed with a special Thanksgiving Song entitled **Foxlease Thanksgiving**, written by Margaret Newman.

That the celebrations passed so smoothly and with such apparent ease is due, no doubt, to the thorough planning and preparation during the preceding months, and here the organisers must take a bow for their efficiency.

In connection with this no small measure of thanks is due to the Guider-in-Charge, Miss Marjorie King, who was responsible for much of the overall planning and organising. In spite of her responsibilities Miss King managed to welcome personally all her guests — whether they came in ones, twos or twenties — and it was noticed she even found time to “lend a hand” in the kitchen!

Foxlease is, and always has been, a happy house: for fifty years hundreds of people have found fellowship and friendship in an informal and relaxed atmosphere, where they have been able to exchange ideas, discuss common problems and leave with a host of new friends and happy memories. Let us hope the next fifty years will serve to provide for the needs of as many, if not more, people in such a happy fashion as they strive to fulfil the needs of young people to whom they give so willingly of their time.



### WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT FOXLEASE?

Foxlease, Lyndhurst, Hampshire, was given to the Girl Guides Association in 1922 by Mrs. Archbold Saunderson, of Washington D.C., to mark the occasion of the marriage of H.R.H. The Princess Royal, after which, in a most generous gesture, H.R.H. endowed the house from her wedding present money.

Foxlease is open all the year for trainings, except for a short while in December, and it is possible to stay either in the House (which houses 48 people) or to stay in one of the ten campsites included in the 65 acres of grounds. It is also possible to spend a holiday at Foxlease, staying in the Annexe, which is just a short distance from the House itself. Here you can be completely independent and do all your own catering.

The original house — Cox Leyes, or Coxlease — was built about 400 years ago for one of the King's Forest Keepers. However, little of that old house remains, for a Georgian house was built around all that was left of the earlier Tudor one.

The House today is filled with treasures from all over the world — gifts from friends, which symbolise the internationalism of Guiding and which serve as a visible reminder of our overseas members.

A visit to Foxlease is well worthwhile, whether it be for a weekend, a day, or just a few hours; the peaceful surrounding countryside, and the historic house, with its warm, friendly atmosphere, usually ensure that the visit is repeated if at all possible.

—P.T.



### 1st PERTH — 1915

The oldest continuous-serving Guide Company in Australia, the 1st Perth (Pioneer) Company, celebrated its 57th anniversary in June.

Founded in 1915 as the 1st Swan Company, it was the second company formed in Australia and the first in W.A.

The company was formed at a home in Angove Street, North Perth, after a public meeting in the Perth Town Hall.

Its name was changed in 1933 to avoid confusion with other companies and the title Pioneer added because it had become the oldest-serving company in Australia after the original company, formed in Victoria, had disbanded. The original company has since re-formed.

1st Perth now meets in St. Alban's Hall, Highgate, and has a membership of 24 girls.

# From your State Commissioner

How wonderful it is to participate in the International aspect of Guiding. I was fortunate to meet a number of Guiders at National Headquarters when in Kuala Lumpur, Singapore and Djakarta. In spite of a little language difficulty, communication was easy as we chatted of triumphs, difficulties, successes and problems! A highlight was my attendance at a Brownie Pack meeting in Kuala Lumpur, when I presented a "Golden Hand". Malaysia has special problems to tackle — including that of differing languages — so they have not as yet made the change to the eight-point programme. The pack was attached to one of the schools and those present that afternoon were Malay, Chinese, Indonesian — and one Australian. It was a happy picture of Guiding I shall always remember but I WISH I had a photograph to bring back to you.

Meanwhile at home exciting things were happening! 156 Queen's Guides received their Certificates from His Excellency The Governor, Sir Rohan Delacombe; at the same ceremony Jodie Burke received public recognition, in the form of the Gilt Cross, for her brave act in saving a boy from drowning last February.



The launching of the Promotion/Leadership Drive took place on Sunday morning, 8th October, with a colourful Guides' Own, followed by a Barbecue Breakfast on the banks of the Yarra at the gas barbecue area in Alexandra Parade. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Melbourne, Councillor and Mrs. Whalley, were transported to the site by launch with an escort of Ranger crews in their own craft. Our thanks go to the Promotion and the Public Relations Committees for organising this happy occasion.

I am grateful to Miss Shaw for assuming the role of Acting State Commissioner during my absence overseas and, in particular, for acting in my stead at those two functions.

With Mrs. Kirkman and Mrs. Hutchinson both overseas, the team has been rather depleted!

A number of ladies from women's and young people's organisations joined us at luncheon in Headquarters on the Friday of "Promotion Week" — Mrs. Shave kindly convened this function, bringing in a number of helpers and the Special Activities Committee, led by Mrs. Molesworth, organised the food for the successful and thoroughly enjoyable occasion.

Mine was the solitary blue uniform in St. John's, Toorak, for Holy Communion that Sunday morning but I hope that most of our members attended their own churches in uniform; might be a good idea to establish this as an annual custom — possibly the Sunday nearest to Thinking Day, if that does not coincide with 22nd February.



Jamboree-on-the-Air, held this year on 21st/22nd October, continues to play its part in promoting international friendship and we are especially fortunate in Victoria to have this assignment in the capable hands of Mr. L. Marmo and of our liaison Guider, Mrs. L. H. de Marchi.

The Training Committee held a special dinner during the Training week-end at the Mayfield centre to farewell members going to the International Training at Sangam. A small donation was requested and the resultant sum was used to purchase badges and gifts for the Trainers to take overseas — items which frequently prove a financial burden to our delegates. It seems a pity that the specially selected representatives chosen for international and interstate events are known sometimes to comparatively few people, so it is proposed that more of these

occasions be held — the next will be a gathering on 7th December, 7.30 p.m., at Headquarters. This will be an opportunity to meet adult members returning from, or going to, overseas events. If you would like to avail yourself of these opportunities to meet outstanding members of State Guiding watch for notices in Matilda.

Fifteen Commissioners were present at the last residential training for 1972, held at Retreat House on 20th/22nd October. The Training Committee is to be commended for its constant strengthening and improvement of training in this field.



One of my happiest experiences in October was a visit to the Annual Orchid Show in the Mornington Peninsula Region. The magnificent exhibits are prepared by the Orchid Society and Divisions in the Region undertake responsibility for the domestic details — teas, entrance fees, stall, etc. The Show is held over two days and a visit to this feast of beauty is very well worth-while — watch for the date next October! The small entrance fee goes to swell Region funds — a fair result for the hard work of its members.

The Melbourne Synagogue was filled almost to capacity for the Special Sabbath Service on 28th October and I know that Jewish members of the Movement and their visitors enjoyed participation in this act of worship together. Owing to the arrival of overseas guests, I was unable to remain for the entire service and it was necessary for me also to miss the Brotherhood Service held at the Sidney Myer Music Bowl the following day. This, too, was much enjoyed and the organisers are to be congratulated upon a highly satisfactory event.

The business at the annual meeting of the State Council is confined to formal matters of administration.

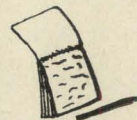
After I submitted the Annual Report of the Association, the Honorary Treasurer, Mr. R. E. Gregory, presented the Statements of Account — giving at the same time a clear explanation of our present financial position and of the budget for the year ahead. These

were then approved for presentation at the Annual General Meeting on 30th October. Election of members to the Executive Committee resulted in Mrs. C. A. Barratt, Miss E. Bunning, Miss E. Hepburn, Mrs. R. Molesworth, Mrs. N. E. Richards and Mrs. A. J. Turnbull being elected or re-elected.

As 31 nominations were received to fill the 34 vacancies upon the State Council, an election was unnecessary and all nominees were declared elected or re-elected.

Attention was drawn to the continuing plight of the former Chief Commissioner for Hungary, Madame Camarescu, and donations were readily given in the box provided. A reminder was given, too, that once again our "Greetings to the Chief" would be coordinated in to one, big Christmas card.

We were treated to a glimpse of the World Conference by Miss Bunning who kindly brought along a few slides to give colour to her impressions and anecdotes.



## STATE EXECUTIVE

As our October meeting took place during Promotion Week, Mrs. Lane gave the opening reading — the privilege of a different member each month.

Many items were of a routine nature. Discussion took place on recommendations from the sub-committee which has been looking into the role and membership of State Council. A letter from a State Council member on this subject was also considered. These matters will be taken to the Council's December meeting.

A report was received from Mrs. Hartley Watson of matters relating to the production of the State Commissioner's Standard and relevant departments were asked to take it to their Committees for further ideas.

The Committee, led by Mrs. Richards, which has been looking into the problem of improving necessary catering facilities at Headquarters, has done splendid work and put forward practical solutions at reasonable cost. Their plans are nearing completion and we hope the work can be undertaken soon so that we may use our building to its full potential.

## AUSTRALIAN EXECUTIVE

We were sad that the Territory Commissioner for Papua New Guinea, Mrs. A. K. Jackson, has tendered her resignation, due to a change in her husband's business appointment which necessitated leaving Port Moresby, but we welcomed Mrs. Moaitz, attending in the capacity of Acting Territory Commissioner.

Reports were received of events at world, international and interstate level at which representatives of the Australian Association were present.

Approval was given for the continuation of projects under the National Development Scheme — for urban areas in N.S.W. and Victoria and for aborigines in Western Australia. A pilot scheme submitted by Queensland for the development of Guiding in mining areas was adopted for implementation in the near future.

After much play with words, it was decided that the Guiders employed at national level to implement these schemes be known as "National Development Project Leaders". Provision was also made for the Australian Association to issue warrants to these Leaders.

Procedure for the appointment of the Chief Commissioner, Australia, was laid down.

Following the receipt of nominations, Miss Reita Pattison was appointed Australian Treasurer.

The Australian Public Relations Adviser Elect, Lady Harrison, was present for part of the meeting and aided our discussions upon the best use of the Annual Report of the Australian Association.

There was agreement in principle with Victoria's suggestion that a quarterly publication for leaders be issued, incorporating ideas from all States.

Forward planning was made for the next three years of Australian events, incorporating those in States to which other States are invited.

It was decided that Australia offer to hostess the 23rd World Conference in 1978.

Following the receipt of the report of the Chairman of the Australian Friends of World Centres Fund decisions were made on the distribution of moneys in hand.

Mrs. Price advised that a decision was made at the Asia Pacific Committee meeting that there should be a newsletter within the Region — Australia is to produce the first edition.

Reports on the use of allocations to Papua New Guinea, Tasmania, Queensland, and Western Australia were given and applications were received from Queensland, Tasmania and Papua New Guinea for the ensuing year. Distribution of the grant money was then decided upon.

After consideration of the question of the housing of the Australian Association it was decided that Australia build an Australian Headquarters premises in Canberra.

The welcome news was received that the Australian Commissioner's Handbook is almost ready for distribution.

Measures were taken to ensure the continuation of the emphasis of Conservation throughout the Movement.

A Publications Committee will be formed at Australian level.

Following a suggestion from Victoria, it was stressed that publicity be given to the aspect of interstate as well as overseas links through Post Box.

Ideas were advanced for occasional meetings of the Australian Association on a wider basis than the Executive Committee. These will be discussed in States and finalised at the next meeting.

The Australian representative on the N.Y.C.A., Miss Sue Ralston of Victoria, to be asked to attend the Conference on "De-schooling and De-colonising" Youth.

Mrs. Nelson Gracie, Queensland, has been appointed to act on the Australian Training Committee.

These items were in addition to routine business and out-of-meeting discussions — need I say it was a busy three days?

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The final event for October was the Annual General Meeting of the Association at the Kew City Hall. It was a happy and eventful evening — the change of venue possibly was responsible for an even greater attendance than usual — in spite of sudden and unexpected rain. Lady Delacombe, attending her last Annual Meeting (although she will be with us for many months yet), spoke of numerous

changes and of our growth during the ten years she has been our State President. Our Treasurer, Mr. Gregory, presented the final budget of his office, with the sad news that, due entirely to steeply-rising costs in all departments, our financial position is the most unfavourable for many years. Mr. K. G. Colhoun, for some time a member of the Finance Sub-committee, assumed office on 31st October and we extend to him a warm welcome.

The large audience of members and friends joined in echoing my thanks to Miss Macartney for her dedicated service and loyalty to the Association and help to its individual members; we all wish her happiness in her retirement and improving health with increased leisure.

It was then my privilege to ask Lady Delacombe to present to Miss Margaret Shaw the award of the Red Kangaroo in token of the Association's appreciation of 32 years of service to Guiding (details elsewhere in "Matilda").

I next had the pleasure of introducing my successor, the State Commissioner Elect, Mrs. F. S. Grimwade, to the gathering.

In place of a guest speaker, the evening concluded with a stage presentation "A Guide is a Girl with 'GO'". This show, written and produced by Mrs. C. Walker, drew its cast from Rangers, Guides, Brownies and a number of our brother scouts. It was voted a most enjoyable finale to a happy evening.

This is my final letter to you in "Matilda" as your State Commissioner. Naturally I am sorry to be relinquishing this appointment which has been of major importance to me during the last five years. The greatest challenge I have ever undertaken, it has brought me the greatest satisfaction. Though it is not possible to thank you all personally, I express my gratitude to all who have helped, befriended and encouraged me during my term of office — our State President who has supported me by her gracious presence; the Assistant State Commissioners, Miss Shaw, Mrs. Kirkman and Mrs. Hutchinson; Misses Macartney, Barr and Carter, the Minute Secretary, Miss Arland and all the Staff at Headquarters; my special teams of Advisers and Region Commissioners; the Honorary Legal Adviser, Honorary Treasurer and members of the Executive Committee; members of State Council and numerous sub-

committees; the many folk who have entertained me under their hospitable roofs during my country visits; to all of you, dear friends — THANK YOU.

I know that you will afford to Mrs. Grimwade the same loyalty and assistance that you have given me. During this five years I have endeavoured to strengthen our sense of TEAMSHIP — try to maintain this, working together for the advancement of Guiding for our girls through the ideals of the Promise and Law.

Good Guiding — and my love to you all,


*Charlotte Roslan Jones.*

### CHRISTMAS CARD FOR LADY BADEN-POWELL

So that all monies received could be sent on to the Chief Guide through Australian Headquarters, it was agreed that we should not post individual receipts to contributors, with which decision we were sure you would concur.

To all individual members and Units who sent in CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to the CHIEF GUIDE by way of donations and signatures, we extend a very sincere and warm "thank you".

Victoria's pages for the "monster" Christmas Card looked most decorative — Mrs. J. S. Cooke (a former Commissioner for Croydon) prepared our pages, which were decorated with Christmas motifs.



**TO ALL FRIENDS OF "MATILDA"**

God bless our friends,  
Be with them everywhere,  
Grant them Thy peace,  
Thy shelter from life's care.  
God give them joy  
While Christmas time is here;  
God bless and guide them  
Through the coming year.

(EDGAR A. GUEST)



## CHRISTMAS CAKE TOUR

Suppose you were able to look into different homes and taste what Guides abroad eat on Christmas Day, you would find an enormous number of cakes and pastries to sample.

In Holland for example you would be offered "Speculaas", little ginger cakes made in various shaped wooden moulds or "Boterletter". These are buns shaped like letters of the alphabet with an almond filling.

Over the border in Germany, Guides would expect to find "Lebkuchen", spicy honey cakes and "Pfeffernusse". Pfeffer is the German word for pepper so if you dislike "hot" food, you might prefer some "Christstollen", a kind of bread made with raisins, candied fruits and almonds. That is unless you are fascinated by the "Springerle" rectangular cake flavoured with aniseed and decorated with raised pictures.

Cross the sea to Norway and you will find Guides eating "Fattigmanns Bakkelse". The name means "Poor Man's Cake" but the recipe includes many eggs, butter and flour.

A bread flavoured with cardamon and filled with candied fruit is called "Julekake" but even more popular is "Hjortetakk", special fried cakes shaped like the letter E.

Nearby in Sweden, Guides began to celebrate Christmas on Saint Lucia's Day, 13th December, by eating "Lussekatte" or "Lucia Cats" — small cakes baked specially for that day.

Danish Guides pick rosy apples from their Christmas Tree while Austrians enjoy a chocolate cake filled with jam known as "Sachertorte". French Guides probably helped to cook the "Carreau aux Dattes", a cake made with wheatmeal flour, dates and plenty of brown sugar. After Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve the "Buche de Noel" is cut, the special Christmas cake shaped like a Yule log. Italians bake "Panettone", a rich fruit bread decorated with almonds for Christmas.

"Tirggel" makes Swiss Guides' mouths water. Supposed once to have been a German sacrificial cake, it is flat, cooked in carved wooden moulds decorated with Christian symbols. This must be one of the oldest recipes in Europe for it was thought of before sugar was used,

Roumanian Guides have a sweet tooth for their Christmas treat is "Turte", a cake made of layer on layer of thin dough with sugar, honey and crushed walnuts in between. Not far away Greek Guides enjoy "Christosomo", the "Christbread" decorated with iced symbols showing the father's occupation. Or they eat "Vasilopita", a cake shaped like a pie with a silver coin hidden inside it.

Guides in Yugoslavia never eat their ring-shaped coffee cake called "Kolach" until 6th January. Inside the ring three candles stand. One is lighted on Christmas Eve, the next on Christmas Day and the last on New Year's Day. Each slice of the cake is said to bring good luck for the next year.

Our Christmas cake and mince pies seem just as strange to Continental Guides as their own specialities do to you but whatever the cake, wherever it is, it is all a part of the happiness and goodwill at this season of the year.

(by Edyth Harper, in the "Guide")



### Dear Matilda,

On Saturday the bus we were in broke down on the way to Brownie revels, and we had to get another that took a long time getting to us, but we got there in time for Brownie ring.

They had sung the song already so we had to sing it again, and we clapped welcome three times.

When it was time to go on to the games Oragami was the first, then there was the wheat dip, carnation making, a nature walk and others.

Then we had afternoon tea, cakes, drinks, sandwiches and then we had a safe trip home.

Last week we had a barbecue to celebrate a Brownie's last day of Brownies. We also had a visit from Mrs. Mitchell, who belonged to our pack in 1939.

—from Ruth Cronin, 7,  
1st Echuca Pack

For those of you who were unable to be at the Annual Meeting of our Girl Guide Association, I would like to recall some of the atmosphere of the evening.

For the first time for many years the venue was changed from St. Kilda Town Hall to the new and modern Kew Civic Hall. Here the acoustics are excellent, and every word spoken from the dais could be heard. It always seems to me that this event is "the very model" of an annual meeting, to be enjoyed for its smooth running, as well as for the information so clearly presented, and the interesting personalities we meet. And this year was no exception, though the evening was perhaps a little sad, as many of those in office, whom we feel we know with affection, are soon to relinquish their positions.

Lady Delacombe, who was speaking as State President for the last time, recapitulated the past ten years, and reviewed the progress and change she has seen since becoming our President.

It was of course, Mrs. Renshaw Jones' last annual meeting as State Commissioner, and everyone was touched by her warm and heartfelt thanks to those who have been of much help to her — from her Assistant Commissioners, Headquarters staff, Executive Committee and the State Council, to the many folk she has met in many parts of the State during her term of office. In thanking Miss Betty Macartney, our State Secretary, Mrs. Renshaw Jones, told us of her retirement which will be taking effect early next year. It is sad to feel that so many whom we have come to know through our association with Guiding will no longer be in their familiar places, but as Mrs. Grimwade our State Commissioner Elect reminded us all — once in Guiding, it seems, one doesn't retire, one just changes jobs!

Of course you all know "Matilda", Margaret Shaw. I wish you could have been there to see the expression of incredulity on her face when Mrs. Renshaw Jones told us that the award of the Red Kangaroo, for outstanding service to the Movement, was to be presented to Miss Shaw. Amidst much applause this treasured symbol of honour was bestowed by Lady Delacombe.

It was also the last annual meeting for Mr. R. E. Gregory, our Honorary Treasurer, who once more told us so clearly of our financial position — showing us how and where those dollars and cents are used. Surprising isn't it, how clear and uncomplicated he can make it all seem, and how difficult it is for us in our own districts, as we strive to keep our books in order.



To end the evening and to "set our feet a-tapping" — and our tongues a-wagging afterwards — was a very bright, happy, swinging stage presentation, arranged and produced by Mrs. Cynthia Walker. Our very own "Gang Show". Enjoyed by viewers and participants alike. What fun they must all have had together, Brownies, Guides and Rangers — not to mention the Scout co-operation — **warm** congratulations to all those who took part.

To Mrs. Grimwade, who must be viewing the forthcoming year with some trepidation, may I say that you are assured of support and encouragement from the Guide movement in Victoria.

—Bobbie Coyne, D.C., Balwyn



The Carine Trefoil Guild of the Camberwell district held their first annual meeting. The Guild is continuing to help with Meals on Wheels and ferrying of elderly folk to club activities at the Canterbury Elderly Citizens' Centre.

Another project is making feeders for inmates at the Kew Homes.

A Theatre Luncheon was enjoyed by all, as well as raising money for the Guild.

Any Guides, Guiders or L.A. members wishing to join would be very welcome.

—Doreen Webb, Secretary

# TRAINING PAGES



## "DOING IT OUR WAY" — WITH THE WARRIMOO RANGERS

### Self-programming

"Know what?" announced Phyl, "I was talking to David at Youth Group and . . ."

"Oh, no-o-o-o", groaned the chorus, "and he-e-e said . . ."

"Oh well", retorted Phyl, unperturbed, "if you're not careful, I won't tell you what he said — and I bet you're all itching to know, really!"

"O.K. Phyl", came the resigned rejoinder, "fire away — what **did** he say?"

"Well, you know he's a member of the Life Saving Club, and he wanted to know if we might like to come to their Surf Carnival next month."

"Yippee!" Lindy's eyes shone, "wish I was better at using my camera, though. Just think of all the action shots! All those bronzed Sun-Gods with the surf rolling in behind them!"

Judy volunteered, rather shyly, "My Dad's secretary of the Camera Club. I could ask him if we could get some help from them? They might invite us to one of their meetings, or perhaps one of their members might visit us to give some hints or something."

"Say, that's got possibilities! I always manage to cut off someone's head or feet or something when I go 'click' with my little box." Ginie sounded a trifle rueful. "I sure could do with some advice about composition."

"Yes", agreed Lindy, "on how to get a really good picture — the right placements, and the best angles, and what not. How do you others feel about it?"

Enthusiasm was general, and Judy's negotiations with Dad saw us all at the Camera Club meeting a fortnight later being initiated into the various advantages and disadvantages of the different kinds of equipment. Later we were all exclaiming over the merits of the slides shown by the members in their monthly competition. It was fascinating learning how and where each one was taken, and why each photographer had chosen to take it in just that way, and listening to the suggestions from their fellows for improving the composition, or the lighting, or the exposure, or something.

Ginie, and indeed, all of us, certainly learned a lot that evening, although some of us privately wondered if we'd ever manage to remember everything necessary to make each slide "a good one".

Our follow-up came when Judy's father and another member offered to give us some practical help in an outdoor location — swift consultation resulted in us rendezvousing at the local beach the following Sunday afternoon.

Yes, Phyl's chat with her friend David, and Judy's rather diffident offer to approach the Camera Club has certainly kept us busy over quite a period.

Ginie and Lindy have now joined the Camera Club and are working on photography for part of their Ranger Challenge.

Phyl and Judy found the complexities of camera lore rather above their heads, but their enthusiasm was fired at the Surf Carnival. They have since joined the Life Saving Club and are working towards their Service Star, their immediate goal being the Surf Lifesaving Certificate.

All four have found that these activities will help further them in their progress towards Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Barbie and Faye, recently arrived from the Guide Unit, are busily engrossed in working out their progress in their Pre-Investiture challenges as a result of their participation in these "happenings". They argue happily about which "points" are most relevant!

I felt really thrilled when the Rangers decided to share their new-found camera expertise by offering to organise the next Region fixture. They have in mind a lightweight weekend at our local campsite; the emphasis being, of course, on "shutter-snapping".

They are also going to use some of their best slides as part of the entertainment for the annual Christmas Treat for the Elderly Citizens. I have also heard some whispers about printing some for Christmas Cards!

And, honestly, our log book now has to be seen to be believed! Funny how one thing leads to another!

### Helpful reading:

"Programme Planning" for Clubs & Voluntary Organisations — Peter du Sautoy. Relevant chapters in the Handbooks.



### Planning Ahead

Breakfast. Father, as he is leaving for work, "Goodbye Dear. I'll see you at the office at 5.30 and we'll go on from there."

Mother with a blank look answers cagily, "Yes Dear, you did say it was formal didn't you?"

Father. "Yes. You bring my dinner suit to the office and I'll change there. Bye."

Mother. "Bye."

Mother waves cheerily to Father as he leaves then turns to her Guide-age daughter. "Thank goodness I got your father's suit dry cleaned last week, I'd almost forgotten about that dinner tonight. All I have to do today is try and get an appointment for my hair and remind Nana to come for tea."

Daughter. "Dad's lucky Mum, you always seem to be organised well ahead, I wish everyone was like you. Only last night at Guides we heard about a campcraft day next Saturday at Britannia Park. It must have been organised for at least a month and some of the Guides can't go because their parents have made other arrangements. I know Jo was keen and they'll be away. The trouble too is these things aren't on very

often and if you miss out then it's ages to wait for the next one."

Mother. "Never mind dear I'll ask Jo's mother if she can stay behind with us and then I can take you both up together. Luckily we've nothing on so I'm free."

Daughter. "Gee Mum, thanks. You do make things seem so easy."

Wouldn't it be nice if we all had a mother or a leader like this?

Mind you she may have a natural flair, but I'm sure it takes a good deal of effort and organisation on her part as well.

It's the rare occasion that things just fall into place without any effort from us. Each year, for most days of the week there are at least three months in which your meeting night occurs five times in that month. Next year for example there are five Wednesdays in January, May, August and October. Therefore in those months you will have five meetings. If you make these fifth nights a P.L. council and P.L. training night you will be giving the Guides and yourself a reasonable opportunity to plan ahead. Let the other Guides have this night to work at home. This way and with short P.L. councils in between times you can ensure that everything is running smoothly.

Teach your Guides to:

**WORK OUT AN IDEA** — perhaps using an interest badge as a basis, or any of our eight points.

**PLAN HOW IT CAN BE DONE.** Remembering the equipment they will need.

(b) what help they will need if any.

(c) what part each member is to play.

Help them to **DO IT** all when they are ready and if they need extra time to finish something off, be flexible enough to allow this and likewise if it is a flop help them to resurrect it or be prepared to step in with something else. The Guides will let you know if it's a complete flop soon enough. So don't step in too soon.

After it's all over be prepared to let them **ANALYSE** how it worked at the next P.L. Council. We mostly learn more by our mistakes than our successes.

Remember, planning too far ahead sometimes cripples us by not leaving us free to take part in the unexpected, and a rigid routine can be very dull.

Being prepared by Planning Ahead should be fun.



Come and join in Pack Pow-wow. It should be rather interesting. Last Saturday the Brownies attended their Division's Brownies Revels and this year they were very special for the Pack. They were hostesses for the gathering and their Pack was responsible for the planning of the details required to make it a really enjoyable afternoon for everyone.

Before listening to them talk about it just let us go back to where the ideas for this Revels were born. When the Pack started to think about it their leader knew how much there would be to do and plan and while she also knew that it was the Brownies' day, so that it would be their ideas that would be followed, she felt she had to quietly offer some suggestions about the theme for the day and the sort of activities that could be held. She thought she needed to do this so that the Brownies could build on these seeds which were planted in their minds. It only took the slightest hint to the Brownies for their ideas to start to grow and she was surprised at just how it developed and where it ended up.

During the following weeks the Brownies were really busy with detailed planning—  
 what to do  
 who to ask  
 when to do it  
 and also with keeping a record of all their preparations.

They had thoroughly enjoyed Brownie Revels even before they attended.

In Pow-wow tonight the Brownies will review the results of all their effort. They will decide whether all their ideas were good ones, whether perhaps something else could have been done, or something could even have been done better and as you sit and

listen to them you will really learn just how capable a group of Brownies can be at planning ahead and enjoying planning.

When you leave Pow-wow, and here your own imagination can fill in the details of the discussions, perhaps you would like to review the last outing or activity your Brownies took part in—

Was it your idea and planning or was it theirs?

In order to answer that question you might like to look at the following check list and see how your planning rates.

### Check List

- With your last activity with the Brownies—
- who thought it up
- who planned it
- who wrote any letters
- who did the work
- who enjoyed it
- who kept a record of it.

If you answered five times that you did the things listed you must have been far too busy to enjoy the event and perhaps life in general.

If you answered three or four times that you as leader did those things, what a shame. Let your Brownies enjoy being Brownies, you are overworked. Relax, let your Brownies share the fun of planning ahead.

If you only scored one or two answers for yourself what a delightful time both you and your Brownies must have had. Keep up the good work.



The early arrivals for District Guiders' meeting were sitting around chatting, all except Helen who was deep in a copy of "Matilda" just passed on to her by her Leader, Sue.

"What did you think of this month's Training Pages?" asked Joyce.

"I liked them. That Brownie Pack sounded beaut", answered Kaye.

"Everyone seemed to suggest, say and do the right thing at the right moment", said Debbie, "I wonder if that really happens in some Units. It doesn't in ours."

"Not in mine either", agreed Joyce. "Trainers say 'Let the girls plan their activities' but when I ask for suggestions, they haven't any."

"I think it all depends on P.L. Training", said Barbara, "Our P.L.'s can't cope unless we guide them and have books and things for them to look up. Late last year I read an article which suggested that each patrol have a paper with three headings — 'Things I'd like to do with the patrol'. 'Things I'd like to do on my own' and 'Special occasions I'd like to celebrate'. We did this as soon as our P.L.'s were elected in February and they came to P.L.'s Council with quite good lists, including celebrating Thinking Day, and we had 'Trefoil Round The World', 'Council Fires' and suchlike handy: and they planned a really good meeting, leaving at our suggestion, each patrol to produce something typical of their chosen country. Then one patrol wanted to learn first-aid and have exciting adventures and another wanted outdoor cooking: and we based our P.L.'s training on first-aid, exciting adventures and cooking on buddy burners, which kept us pretty busy till fire restrictions ended, when we really tackled outdoor cooking."

"That's all very well for you", said Joyce, "But I wasn't a Guide and know nothing about first-aid or buddy burners, and anyway our P.L.'s are too busy to come out an extra night for P.L. Training. They just stay back one night a month, after Guides, for P.L.'s Council."

"What about that suggestion in the article about giving up the Unit meeting occasionally and having P.L.'s Training instead? That seems a good idea, I think I'll suggest that we do it" said Debbie.

"I will too", said Joyce, "I do want to help the kids and if P.L.'s Training is the best way, I'll try it".

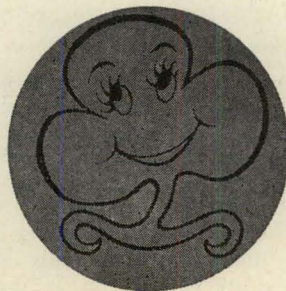
"But what about Brownies?" asked Kaye. "We don't have P.L. Training and our Brownies don't seem to want anything except games."

"When I was training", said Helen shyly, "the Trainer said that you could stimulate

Brownies by what you said — something like 'Some school children are writing to the papers about the Australian Flag. What do you think about it?' might start them asking and thinking about it. By what you showed interest in — they like to find and bring things to show you and by doing something about it when a Brownie asks to learn or do something, even if it means altering things you've planned, because ignoring requests is a good way of stopping them. She said too, that if the Brownies didn't have any suggestions to ask if they'd like to learn a new game or have an adventure meeting and if they choose a game you play one that taught something, or for an adventure you could have them moving round in sixes doing things like cooking, 'coconut-shy' ball throwing and playing a compass or semaphore game: and some of them might get interested and want to learn more about something."

Sue said nothing, but she was thinking hard; "I've never asked Helen what she learnt at Training or got her to help me plan programmes, and when she reminded me that Jan had asked to learn to crochet, I just said there wasn't time. I didn't even read those articles before I gave her "Matilda", I thought I knew it all and she was too new; but in future I'll discuss things with her and listen to her ideas. She seems to have learnt a lot; and I want to do my best for the kids too!"

The Commissioner had quietly joined the group and listened. She had made a note to ask if the Guiders would like Patrol Leader training or other special subject trainings to learn or brush up traditional Guide skills. The actual meeting would be late starting, but she felt that nothing which was to follow could be more important than that discussion.



## JODI'S A BROWNIE NOW

It was a lovely sunny afternoon when all the Brownies of the three packs of Mildura South met at Henderson Park for "Brownie Revels" and "Something Special". There were a few parents and L.A. members present, who later provided drinks and afternoon tea.

The afternoon began with games and tests of skill for all the Brownies, then all were called together to form a large Brownie Ring. Brown Owl then introduced our Commissioner, who welcomed everyone and called on Jodi Burke, of 1st Mildura South Pack, to come forward as she had a very important announcement to make. She then told Jodi that approval had been given by the Girl Guides' Association of Australia to present Jodi with the Award of the Gilt Cross for Bravery and this would be given her by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Rohan Delacombe, at Government House, in October.

Jodi, only seven years old, had been attending a ski club meeting at the river, with her parents, when she saw a little boy aged five, in trouble in the water. Jodi had rushed in and held him up, even though she was not a good swimmer, until other help came to rescue them.

When asked how she came to act so quickly she answered "I'm a Brownie now, and Brown Owl told us we must help people at all times".

Commissioner congratulated Jodi on her award and asked all the Brownies to join her in giving Jodi the Brownie Salute. A letter of congratulations from the State Commissioner, Mrs. Renshaw-Jones, was also given to Jodi.

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## GIFT FROM GUIDES

Two six weeks old labrador puppies were presented to the Lady Nell Seeing Eye Dog School last week by girls from 3rd Sunshine Guides.

The girls held a doll competition and stalls and raised \$80.

Mr. Ray Hannan, Public Relations Officer for the Lady Nell School accepted the dogs on behalf of the school. He was accompanied by his guide dog Dexter.

—from the "Advocate", Sunshine



## PRESENTATION OF AWARD OF RED KANGAROO

Many members of the Movement know Margaret Shaw as Editor of "Matilda", a position which she has held for a great number of years. Possibly not many members will know of the many other facets of Guiding which she has loyally served since she became a Guider in 1940.

For Miss Shaw's outstanding service to the Movement over many years the Girl Guides' Association of Australia has approved the award of the Red Kangaroo which was presented to her by Lady Delacombe at the Annual General Meeting of the Association on 30th October.

We know that you all would wish to join with us in extending very warm and sincere congratulations to Miss Shaw on her award.

Miss Shaw's current positions in Guiding are: Assistant State Commissioner; Editor "Matilda"; Member of State Council, Executive Committee and Finance Sub-Committee; Acting Chairman Publications Sub-Committee; Acting Chairman of group which considers papers received from National Youth Council of Australia. Her earlier service covered — Guide, Ranger and Extension Leader, Extension Secretary, Member of Australian Development Committee.

The Citation which was read at the time of the presentation of the award was "Miss Margaret Shaw is a person of high attainment in Guiding, Civil and Professional affairs, and for the past thirty-two (32) years she has given unstintingly of her talents, time and interest to the benefit of the Girl Guide Movement."

## THE OLAVE BADEN-POWELL ROSE . . .

Mr. Harry Wheatcroft, known as "Mr. Rose", has named one of his new species — Olave Baden-Powell. It is a fragrant, scarlet rose. Watch "Matilda" for further details.



## THINKING DAY

22nd February is the birthday of both Lord and Lady Baden-Powell and since 1926 it has been set aside as "Thinking Day". International Friendship goes on every day of the year, but during the month of February Girl Guides and Girl Scouts place special emphasis on this part of their programme.

On Thursday, 22nd February, celebrations commence when the day first dawns, near the International Date Line in Fiji, then New Zealand, and so the celebrations continue around the world as the new day lights each country.

Your unit may want to plan a special programme to celebrate "Thinking Day". These are some of the things your sister Guides do.

In New Zealand you will find that each year a group of Rangers climbs to the summit of Mt. Eden, near Auckland, to hold a sunrise service. In Belgium the companies gather together for a campfire programme. In Ireland, the Guides write to pen friends. In the Netherlands, the Guides of one town gather together in the morning to renew their Promise and to receive snowdrops and an ivy leaf. The ivy stands for friendship which is always fresh and strong. The snowdrops stand for our ideals which should always be kept pure and white like these blossoms.

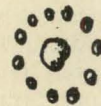
### Where does your Thinking Day Money go?

Thinking Day money is used by the World Bureau for furthering Guiding throughout the world. It helps trainers, both for administration and general activities. It enables training material to be written in various languages, and international contacts to take place.

The support that you give to the World Association on Thinking Day with your gift of Thinking Day money helps many countries to enjoy the advantages, which you have, of a thriving Girl Guides' Association.



—Block by courtesy "Waratah"



The Forget-me-not Patrol of 3rd Moorabbin Coy., has not been the same since the middle of September when our patrol second was killed while crossing a road. Joanne Read was to us a unique Guide. The few camps I went to with Jo had their memorable moments; at a camp I went to at Ferny Creek, Jo brought out her waterproof matches when they were truly needed. Our meetings haven't been the same either. She always used to bring her subs in small change. I now regret a recent fancy dress night that I missed going to. Joanne came as a greased up car mechanic and kept our leaders in fits of laughter all night.

However her presence won't be forgotten, especially when her little sister Debbie, a member of our company, is a constant reminder.

—Lyn Rowley,  
former Forget-me-not patrol leader





# INTERNATIONAL CAMP

Sue Davey, a patrol leader, and I were met at Copenhagen airport on arrival from London, by a Girl Scout representative, and sent by taxi to the railway station, where we were to meet another representative. No one came, and so we caught the afternoon train to Horsens, where we found no transport to camp. However, a bus driver who was waiting for Swedish Guides offered to take us, and so we drove into camp just as the main body of Girl Scouts, who had arrived by special trains, marched on to the campsite, from the station. Quite a sight — long lines of green and white uniforms, big and small!

Nothing, however, to the sight which greeted us when we had met the International Commissioner and had been taken to our sub-camp — Gyngé Heston (rocking horse) and had met our camp hostess, Mrs. Karin Kolling. Almost all the girls, and some of the leaders, were walking around in swimming costumes. The weather was unexpectedly hot and the Danes were making the most of it. This persisted for the rest of the camp, except when it rained, and when Princess Benedicte visited the camp.

Sue and I were billeted with Karin, in her tent, and had breakfast and usually supper there. The mid-day meal was eaten with the Girl Scouts at the huge three-sided table they had made. Breakfast was usually corn flakes, white or rye bread and jam or marmalade. Supper was usually bread again, with jam and cheese and perhaps potatoes and cucumber to have on our bread. Dinner was the main meal and was typically Danish.

Thursday night was the big camp-fire, which was mainly in Danish — all about the different sub-camps — different sorts of horses — the horse being the symbol of the camp. Friday the Danes arranged an International night for the foreign contingents. Items were presented mainly by the larger contingents, these being Japan, Canada, Korea, Scotland, Malta, France, Iran and Greece.

On Saturday we participated in International Corner, along with New Zealand and Germany. We were given extra time and

tried to teach "Snowy River Roll" and "Drover's Dream". The afternoon was taken up with a sub-camp hike, which was a camp activity, during which the patrols participated in different types of knotting, ball catching, crossing supposed river by hand, etc. and for which points were allocated. Alas, we didn't win!

Monday and Wednesday were "tour" days for the visitors, the first to the North Sea and the second to the city of Odense, where we were free to just wander. Tuesday, special Church Services were held for the foreign visitors, in English.

Most of the Danes went to bed at about 11 p.m. — we were usually there by 9.30 p.m. if possible.

On Friday morning, when we rose, the camp was partially deserted, as Girl Scouts had been leaving since 4 a.m. By lunch-time our sub-camp was cleared and we were on our way to our private billets for a week — I with Mrs. Kolling, our camp hostess, whose husband had a pig farm; and Sue to a family in the village of Svind, outside which I stayed. During our stay we joined with the Romanian contingent, who were billeted in Horsens, and our hostesses, in a bus trip to a Lion Park and to Legoland.

We enjoyed the different way of life and varied foods and appreciated the thoughts of our hostesses.

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I didn't leave Zurich until 9.30 p.m. bound for Stockholm. I finally reached the camp, about half an hour's drive from the station of Toreboda, which in turn is about four hours' by rail from Stockholm, on late Thursday afternoon. I was made very welcome by the Leader in charge of the International contingents, Mrs. Annalisa Haggard, with whom I was to share a cabin.

The opening camp-fire was held that night, with the participating countries' flags being carried in and then lighted torches being

brought in and around as well as from across the lake by which the camp-site was situated. This camp-site was in the midst of a pine forest, a permanent site, with cabins, toilets, messroom and kitchen and plenty of camp-sites for tents. Water was piped to various points throughout the area, although the lake was used as combined swimming and washing facilities.

Friday I spent in the nearby town, to attend to money matters at the bank, and to have my first and only sauna bath at Annalisa's house.

Saturday was spent on some of the trails through the forest — the Senior Scouts and Guides had made these — Woodcraft, Pioneering, International, etc., and the Junior groups followed. They took the form of pictures and questions, but these were in Swedish and so it was necessary to have Swedes accompany you.

Sunday was Visitors' Day and also we had our open-air Church Service — partially translated into French, German and English as well.



The final camp-fire was held that night, and once again the larger contingents took part. Afterwards it was arranged for the International groups to hold a supper, by ourselves for ourselves — which consisted of toasted cheese sandwiches and tea or coffee, and during which we all just sat and talked, as we had not had much opportunity. There were mainly English and Scottish leaders, but also some from Germany, Finland, Syria, U.S.A., Romania and of course Australia. That night at midnight we (Annalisa and I) taped "Drover's Dream" as my contribution.

Monday was my last day, as I was to travel to Laxa, with the Bishop, after he had held a church service just before lunch.

When I did leave this camp of just over one thousand, it was beginning to rain. I had had nothing but kindness from the leaders, and the Army cooks, who had several times provided me with innumerable cups of tea, instead of coffee! My many grateful thanks to Sweden.

—Robyn Myers

## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE WORLD CHIEF GUIDE

Dear All of You!

The months and the years go by so quickly, and I am writing this message to you in the early Autumn, so that it may reach you before Christmas.

I want to wish you a very HAPPY CHRISTMAS personally, and may the coming next year be a pleasing one too, and be made successful by the giving of your personal effort in not only improving your own standing in the Guide/Girl Scout Movement, but by also giving your service to help other people and sending out thoughts of goodwill and friendship to our thousands of members in this WORLD FAMILY of ours.

As I am at the receiving end of greetings for Christmas and shortly after that also for 22nd February as well, I want now to earnestly beg that, instead of buying and posting a card to me at this time, you may remember the **THINKING DAY FUND**, and give the money to that instead. I shall know, without being told, that you will all be wishing me well, for we belong one to another in this FELLOWSHIP of Guiding, and I love you and you love me.

I have learned that from the thousands of messages I have received in these past years, and feel deeply grateful to you all. My best wishes are always with you.

*Olave Baden-Powell*

# THIS IS THE LOCAL ASSOCIATION'S PAGE



During Mrs. Kirkman's overseas trip would you kindly send your contributions to the Editor of "Matilda".

## **AN L.A. MEMBER'S THOUGHTS ON "WHAT MAKES A GIRL A GUIDE?" "WHAT MADE MY GIRLS GUIDES?" "WHAT MADE ME WANT MY GIRLS TO BE GUIDES?"**

From their very earliest years, as suitable experiences presented themselves, I have encouraged my daughters to move gradually from my direct care into community life but in such a way that I could still watch and assist from the sidelines whilst they and their siblings, grew socially, culturally and spiritually in this wider world.

I felt that the Guiding Movement offered tremendous opportunities for girls to become aware of the world and their neighbours around them: broadening vistas that neither home nor school could demonstrate fully.

Guiding would assist my daughters to be self-reliant and resourceful and to learn from other women, as well as myself, about the art of homemaking; to learn bushcraft and be made aware of our wonderful natural environment; to be taught to think of others besides themselves and our family, and to find joy and satisfaction in helping others; to learn that the rules for living that they have been taught at home are echoed in and confirmed by the Guide Law.

It was not sufficient for me to hear of Guiding activities recounted at home when the ethic of Guiding, my daughters told me, was to be INVOLVED. As a parent, I knew that for my daughters to be able to confide me their experiences in Guiding that I would have to participate and support Guiding in a more tangible way than mere encouragement from the sidelines and, for me the Local Association became the way not only to participate with them in Guiding but to support our Guide leaders and be part of the means whereby other girls could share in these experiences also

I feel that the influence of parents working within the Guiding Movement adds example to precept in learning the effective use of leisure time but that the involved parent is still indebted to Guiding and Guiders in making her daughter more aware of her own potential.

## **A GUIDING FAREWELL**

It was with regret that WANTIRNA SOUTH farewelled Mr. and Mrs. Bill Little, two long-term, enthusiastic workers. Mrs. Little started the 1st Wantirna South Brownie Pack seventeen years ago and has been its leader ever since.

The Mayor and Mayoress of the City of Knox, L.A. President and Guiders thanked them for their years of service, honouring Mr. Little with the presentation of a Thank You Badge.

## **GUIDES AND BROWNIES PARTICIPATE**

The Victorian Guide Choir provided entertainment at the TRARALGON District Annual Meeting. Amongst the 150 people present were councillors, school principals and representatives from Apex, Rotary and Lions Clubs.

Eight L.A. members were enrolled, and made their Promise to the District Commissioner. Quite a feature of the meeting was the fact that a girl from each of the District's eight units stood up and read her unit's report. One Brownie had memorised hers!

## **AN IDEA IS PASSED ON**

COBRAM L.A. read on this page of a Mother and Daughter casserole tea and decided to copy it for their Annual Meeting. Thirty mothers and forty Guides and Brownies arrived with food and utensils. Willing Guides acted as hostesses.

After half-an-hour — horror! They found the urn cold and heaters not working. A fuse had blown! Not "Being Prepared" for such an event a father had to be called to the rescue, and the meal went on.

Cobram L.A. hope this get-together inspired more mothers to attend meetings, and showed how worthwhile Guiding is to their daughters particularly at this stage in their lives when they are at the beginning of their adulthood.

## **A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE**

The L.A. Page Committee would like to extend greetings to all L.A. members and their families for Christmas and the New Year.

And here is a holiday thought:

Christmas is a time when our thoughts go out to distant friends and relatives. Let us give these thoughts substance by taking the trouble to write that overdue letter or pay a visit to an old friend. These are REAL gifts!

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## **IMPRESSIONS OF A GUIDER AT CAMP JUMBUNNA — P.L.'S CONFERENCE — WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

What a thrill to be able to travel with the Victorian Contingent of Guides to Camp Jumbunna in Western Australia. We travelled each way by air and many of the girls were to enjoy this experience for the first time.

I remember the magnificent assistance given to us by Mr. Hinds of Ansett and Mrs. Renshaw Jones' unexpected kindness in coming to see us all off.

The Guides enjoyed the plane trip and drank the canteen dry of soft drinks. The hostesses were kept busy and the Guides behaved well.

We were met at Perth Airport by Mrs. Mansell, Hospitality Organiser, and Mrs. Foster, of Morley District whose parents and Leaders billeted us for the night. Mrs. Foster also treated we three Victorian Leaders to an unexpected visit to Paxwold. Oh, those wild-flowers!

The first few days were very concentrated with the Guides taking part in many teaching and discussion activities. The most exciting of these resulted in a Patrol Leaders' Ideas Booklet contributed to by all 216 Patrol Leaders present at Jumbunna.

Guides from all over Australia plus the five Papua-New Guinea representatives mixed well together. Four of the Papua-New Guinea Guides were native Papuan girls, the fifth a European girl, as one in every five girls is European. Other things to be noticed were the differences in uniforms, shapes and colours of eight point badges as well as other badges. The broad brimmed hats of Queensland, the short and long sleeved as well as no sleeved uniforms.

Victorian Guides presented all those attending the opening with their token of friendship — Sunny Sue.

Mrs. Price opened the Conference and Dame Dorothy Tangney was present as well as other local dignitaries. Dame Dorothy's presence was a special thrill for the W.A. Guides as they had chosen her as their particular woman leader for the skits.

Dame Dorothy came again when we presented our skits on the lives of the leaders each State had chosen. She did enjoy the presentation and even lent her Dame of the British Empire decoration for the final scene. An hilarious but emotional moment.

I will not forget the other skits either — Victoria's Emmaline Pankhurst being force fed; South Australia's Catherine Spence; New South Wales Olympic runner Marjorie Jackson, "Come on Marj i.e."; Queensland's Sister Kenny, and finally Tasmania's Dame Enid Lyons, Oh those 12 children!

This experience with the Children's Activity Times Society (CATS) under Joan Pope was the highlight of our lighter side. I shall never forget Geoff with his Aboriginal movements, and control games or learning to walk in spaces. Theatre is really a lot of hard work.

All P.L.'s present were excellent representatives of their areas and it was good to be able to see them make decisions for themselves. It was their decision that new Guides should be able to repeat the experience they had just shared at Jumbunna and in three years' time we plan to have another P.L.'s gathering in another State.

W.A. are to be congratulated on the fact that everything ran so smoothly. It was a crowded week and all were exhausted as well as exhilarated, by being part of this marvellous experience. I look forward to the next Jumbunna.

## SERVICE IN A WIDER WORLD

Continued from November

I found working for the Girl Guide Association that the movement was not looked upon with the same cynical scorn often its fate in Australia. It had a certain respectability among the Europeans and the native people found many aspects impressive. A uniformed person to their way of thinking had prestige.

I recall walking to a church service, for Founder's Day (B-P) in Hanuabada, a Port Moresby suburb one Sunday. Along the way we were shown much courtesy and we were offered seats in the crowded church. After the service a little old village man came up to us, he walked around us smiling and shaking his head. Then he shook our hands and asked, "Are you policewomen?"

My service with the Girl Guide Association was part of a commitment I had made. I was a member of the Australian Volunteers Abroad (AVA) programme. Like many other skilled Australians I had gone away to work in a developing country. This programme each year sends people to countries like Tanzania, Botswana, India, Malaysia, Indonesia, Tonga, Fiji and Papua New Guinea to work for one or two-year terms with the people of these societies.

This scheme is run by the Overseas Service Bureau, which is a secular, non-profit community organisation. They paid my return fare to Papua New Guinea and for my attendance at a briefing course in Melbourne before I left for my assignment. They covered me with a basic insurance policy for my health and goods. My employer in Papua New Guinea, the Girl Guides' Association, accommodated me, paid me an adequate living allowance and was responsible for my medical expenses.

Perhaps the premise, "by giving we receive", is the foundation for service in organisations in our community. I think of AVA as a people to people organisation and some of my happiest memories of my time on Papua New Guinea are of the people I met in my travels and of the women with whom I worked. I had skills to impart and I went about doing and showing, but the things I learnt and the opportunity afforded me by

this work awakened in me an awareness of the problems and aspirations of the people of Papua New Guinea, particularly the women. I would not have missed it for worlds.

Guide House, in Port Moresby, made it easy for me to observe the conflicts and awareness of change at first hand. Another part of my job was the training of three PNG women selected from Form 4 high school graduates throughout the country. They came to live with us in this sophisticated European type existence plucked from varying village environs. They had an opportunity to initiate changes and adapt them to the local environment so that guiding then has a distinctive Papua New Guinea flavour.

Campfires always generated great excitement. For hours, after training, I would join the village people in the songs we knew and songs and activities we thought we knew. The tape recorder was a bearer of comic relief, as we replayed our efforts amid giggles. I replay these tapes still with heaps of nostalgia for the grass skirts over the blue uniforms or the guitar slung nonchalantly over the khaki shirt.

Guiding offers an opportunity for the women of Papua New Guinea whether on a mission station, in a village or in the ever increasing urban areas to come to terms with the changes becoming evident in the developing nation. It gives greater dimensions to unity and sharing or common ideals. It can be difficult to convince some sections of the society that this sort of liberation is necessary.

One extended dialogue I had involved me in sitting with about 30 village men in their open village house for hours. I was required to call upon all manner of theory and idea to counter the plea, "Our women must stay in our houses and wait till we return. They are too busy, they have no need for your tricks."

"What? Sit nothing all afternoon, after working in the garden all morning, while you spend your days talking with your mates and chewing betel nut." I'd reply.

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# BRITANNIA PARK



Dear Friends of Britannia Park,

Last month I promised to acknowledge all the donations received for the Maintenance Fund since the end of June. We are extremely thankful to:—

July—

- 5th — Mrs. Tait.
- 6th — Balwyn L.A.
- 6th — Bundoora L.A.
- 8th — Tawonga L.A.
- 11th — Bright L.A.
- 13th — North Kew L.A.
- 15th — North Kew L.A.
- 18th — Caulfield L.A.
- 19th — Clayton West L.A.
- 20th — Miss A. Cockerell.
- 21st — Yarraville L.A. (Mrs. Dalziel).
- 22nd — Dingley-Springvale L.A.
- 23rd — Deepdene L.A.
- 23rd — South Yarra-Toorak Trefoil.
- 24th — South Yarra-Toorak Trefoil.
- 24th — South Yarra-Toorak L.A.
- 25th — South Yarra-Toorak L.A.
- 26th — Noble Park L.A.
- 28th — Mt. Eliza L.A.
- 30th — Dandenong L.A.
- 31st — Dandenong L.A.
- 31st — Richmond-East Melbourne L.A.

August—

- 1st to 5th — Dandenong L.A.
- 6th — Miss Norma Young
- 8th — 1st Bonbeach Brownie Pack for Mrs. J. R. Price.
- 9th — Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Crouch.
- 10th — 1st North Melbourne Brownie Pack.
- 11th — Ashburton L.A.
- 13th — Chadstone L.A.
- 14th — Miss M. J. Tharle.
- 14th — Mrs. B. J. Turner.
- 17th — Melton L.A.
- 19th — Plenty L.A.
- 19th — Wonthaggi L.A.
- 20th — 1st Sorrento Guide Coy.
- 23rd — Camberwell South Division
- 25th — 2nd Balwyn Brownie Pack
- 26th — Surrey L.A.

September—

- 1st — 1st Mentone Brownie Pack.
- 2nd — Footscray Trefoil.
- 3rd — Heidelberg-Ivanhoe L.A.
- 4th to 10th — Dandenong L.A.
- 15th — Heathmont L.A.
- 16th — Vermont L.A.
- 21st — Malvern L.A.
- 22nd — Mrs. R. C. Wallace.
- 22nd — 1st Glenhuntly Brownie Pack.
- 24th — 7th Malvern Guide Coy.
- 28th — Camberwell-Hartwell L.A.
- 29th — Camberwell-Hartwell L.A.
- 29th — Maryvale L.A.
- 30th — Strathmore L.A.

October—

- 1st — 1st North Balwyn Pack.
- 2nd — Highett L.A.
- 3rd — Box Hill L.A.
- 4th — Goulburn Valley Western Division.
- 6th — Mount Waverley L.A.
- 8th — Lake Boga L.A.
- 9th — Dandenong L.A.
- 10th — Dandenong L.A.
- 11th — Dandenong L.A.
- 12th — Miss D. Holtz.
- 17th — Mrs. Luke.
- 18th — 1st Murchison Coy.
- 22nd — Mrs. C. Osborne Shave.
- 23rd — Deer Park L.A.
- 26th — Camberwell-Hartwell L.A.
- 28th — Newport L.A.
- 29th — Forest Hill L.A.
- 31st — Overport L.A.

By the time you read this article, work should have been completed on the re-draining and re-surfacing of the roads. Monier-Besser have been very helpful, and have supplied some pipes which the men of the Yarra Junction Shire will lay, while they are working on our drainage problems.

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The swimming pool has caused a great deal of worry, but we are fortunate in being able to employ an expert. Although the pool may not be ready until the middle of December, I feel sure that most, if not all, our worries will cease. To those of you who have been up to Britannia Park and have been disappointed to find the pool empty and so you have not been able to swim, I apologise, but hope that when you see the finished article, you will feel it has been worth it.

The property will be used by a great many Guides this summer, during the State Camp, and before and after it, and I wish you all, as always, **VERY HAPPY CAMPING**. Please try to leave your campsite just as you would wish to find it. Thank you.

Merry Christmas to you all,

Margaret Tucker

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**Let us not spend Christmas, but keep it.**

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

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Mrs. D. E. James, Wantirna South Coy.; Mrs. T. Norton, Moorabbin Coy.; Miss J. C. Hawken, Leitchville Pack; Mrs. I. S. Hawken, Leitchville Coy.; Miss M. Herring, 1st Richmond Pack.

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"But they must feed the animals and feed the children."

"Let them have an opportunity to do something new, learn new ideas, hear and see different things."

"Why? They are happy where they are."

Interesting. Here I was promoting the potential of women to men! I did Germaine Greer proud. Soon, however, Guiding was underway and I even received a "thank you" note from the council . . . obviously some liberated pressure there.

Fathers of girls are reticent to allow their daughters "freedom" to leave the village to further their education or work. They still care about bride prices and the security of the family and particularly the place of women, and are wary of this new way. It is interesting that a girl, such as we had at Guide Headquarters, because of her European training could cost a young man wishing to marry her, \$3000 bride price.

Let us reflect on the motto, "Be prepared". How prepared are you to give service? There are opportunities all about us. Have you time to commit yourself to such a scheme as Australian Volunteers Abroad? If you have a skill, any skill, not just youth involvement, you may be a teacher, tradesman, graduate, accountant, farmer, engineer, nurse or librarian. If you are over 18 and are in good health there may be a position for you. Maybe as a service your unit may like to undertake the adopting of an Australian Volunteer Abroad. Groups throughout the community raise money to support the sending of people overseas. You can have first hand impressions by corresponding with the person you have adopted and maybe on their return will show slides or discuss their work. Think about service in a wider world.

—Roslyn Hayden

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## PROMOTING GUIDING TO THE COMMUNITY BY BENALLA DISTRICT GUIDES AND BROWNIE GUIDES

At the Benalla Agricultural and Pastoral Society's Annual Show the Guides set up a display. Each unit in the District worked hard beforehand, and contributed articles to illustrate one of the Eight Points of our programme.

In the foreground was a model camp; also clay model figures of various physical activities; raffia dolls and peg dolls dressed in uniforms of Brownies and Guides of different countries; a big doll dressed as a Brownie helping at home; also many well-made articles of craft work. This was backed by publicity photographs from Guide Headquarters on the wall.

The Guides took the opportunity of being of service to the community by running a very successful creche for children up to three years. This enabled many appreciative mothers to enjoy the Show without the encumbrance of prams and pushers. Meanwhile Brownies were kept busy doing a worthwhile job selling Guide biscuits outside the creche.

—Y.B.



## BROTHERHOOD SERVICES

The Guide Association was happy to accept the invitation of the Scout Association to join in two Brotherhood Services in October — one at the Toorak Road Synagogue and one at the Myer Music Bowl.

These opportunities to underline the emphasis, in the Guide and Scout Promise, of "our duty to God" were welcomed by the many members of both Associations who participated in the services.