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GUIDING CAME TO MOOMBA

Thank You

For some time members of the Association in Victoria have been saying "farewell" to my Assistants and to me and we **are** grateful to you all for your kind words and letters of appreciation.

Now it is OUR turn to thank YOU for your kindness, friendship, co-operation, help and, finally, for your very generous gift to mark our term of office.

We are absolutely delighted with the handsome pewter vases and will always treasure these graceful gifts — reminders of interesting, intensely rewarding and challenging years and of the countless friends of all age groups with whom we share this time.

It will give us enormous pleasure if the remainder of your wonderful donation can be used to bring continuing benefit to the girls in the Movement. We suggest, therefore, that it be invested and the interest used annually for the promotion of any aspect of our wide programme which requires "helping along". In keeping with B.P.'s spirit of each individual setting for herself a high goal, we would like it to be called the Challenge Fund. It may be that there will be reasons some years when no use is made of the Fund — then it can appreciate for another occasion. In the future there may be an urgent need, then part or whole of the principal, as well as the interest, could be used to meet the wants of all Sections.

Thank you for making it possible for us to continue to share with you in the advancement of Guiding in Victoria.

Will you be kind enough to ensure that our thanks, and the foregoing information, are conveyed to all who were involved in this presentation?

Charlotte Roslaw Jones.

Margaret Shaw

Yvonne Kirkman

Della Hutchinson

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From our STATE COMMISSIONER

ASSISTANT STATE COMMISSIONERS

It gives me very great pleasure to be able to tell you all that at the March meeting of the State Executive Mrs. D. O. Oldfield and Mrs. A. J. Turnbull were appointed Assistant State Commissioners.

Mrs. Oldfield was formerly Division Commissioner for Malvern and will be well known to those in South Eastern Region. Mrs. Turnbull, a former Camping Adviser, is at present a Guider with 1st Upwey Company.

I know both Jean and Lysbeth will be an invaluable help to me and I look forward to working with them over the next five years.

We are all looking forward to getting to know the members of the Movement throughout the State.



Dear Guides and Friends,

The month of February seems to have gone very quickly. I am gradually settling into my new work and learning how things run.

The Memorial Service for Miss Macartney held at St. Paul's Cathedral was a very lovely and moving service. It was wonderful to see so many of the members of the movement come to pay tribute to Miss Macartney and give thanks for her friendship and service to the Guide Association.

My first visit to a district was to the opening of the Belgrave Guide Hall. It was nearly the opening that "wasn't" as far as Ann and I were concerned. We went for a ride on Puffing Billy in the morning and 1.15 p.m. found us not back in Belgrave as expected but still at Clematis! After a great panic we arrived just in time. The hall is

delightful and a great credit to the Local Association who have worked so hard and for so long to obtain this hall. I am sure the district will be very happy in their new home.

I was asked to speak at a Founder's Service for Scouts and Guides at the Presbyterian Church in Broadford. I was pleased to be able to tell of the wonderful friendship Fred and I were shown by members of the Guide Movement when we visited Thailand and Singapore last year and to tell of all Guiding is doing in these countries. It is hard to fully understand this friendship until you have experienced it yourself.

The International Brotherhood Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral was particularly significant this year being held as it was during the Eucharistic Congress. It was very thrill-

ing to have Mrs. Price with us on this occasion — especially as she had a broken bone in her foot, and should have been resting.

At a Business and Professional Women's Meeting in Bendigo I was delighted to see again Norma Young — now Australian President. I also met the International President and heard of the work done by this group overseas. I know many of our members belong to these clubs and the work they do, particularly in lesser developed countries, is frequently a continuation of the work started in Guides.

We have now had our first "business" meetings for the year. At the Executive Meeting the following items were discussed:—

It was decided that all contributions received in recognition of Miss Macartney's service to Guiding should be used towards a permanent building at Shoreham Campsite and that this building should be named after Miss Macartney. Miss Macartney had shown a great interest in the development of Shoreham and we felt this would be a fitting Memorial.

Mr. G. Farrow has been appointed as our Association's solicitor following the resignation of Miss V. Fowler. Our thanks go to Miss Fowler for all her work on our behalf.

A letter from Miss Mitchell, Australian Secretary, advised that Australian Headquarters had found alternative accommodation in Dr. Barnardo's building. The new office has a larger area at a lower rental, and is pleasing to all.

Nominations were also requested for the Walter Donald Ross Trophy for 1972. This trophy is awarded annually to a group for service, either of sustained effort or outstanding achievement.

I would like to suggest Commissioners keep a record of any outstanding service in their area, so suitable groups could be nominated for this award.

As we settle into the year we are thinking of future plans — I see before us a period of consolidation with possible further development in many areas. It is up to us all to make sure that the community around us realises what an integral part Guiding plays in its life and activities.

With love and best wishes,

Joan E. Grimwade

CO-OPERATION BETWEEN WORLD ASSOCIATION OF GIRL GUIDES AND GIRL SCOUTS AND UNICEF

The 21st World Conference of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts was held in Toronto, Canada, in June, 1972; its main emphasis was on the contribution of Guiding to the development of people and communities.

During the Conference a representative of UNICEF, Mrs. Grace Holmes Barbey, met informally with a group of conference participants to discuss co-operation at the National level between Girl Guides and UNICEF. In countries receiving UNICEF aid this can take the form of programme co-operation in such activities as health and nutrition education, sanitation, literacy, development of village leadership, nursery and pre-school programmes, feeding programmes, practical craft projects useful in health clinics, working with the handicapped, etc., as well as in emergency relief operations. UNICEF is especially interested in improving and extending education for girls in primary schools in rural areas and urban slums and shanty-towns and in the use of schools, both for primary school age children and adolescents, for health and nutrition education. It is also very much interested in the education and training of young girls through non-formal methods.

While UNICEF project aid is provided only on the basis of a request by a Government, in many instances the Government relies on non-governmental organizations to carry out part of the programme. UNICEF has long recognized the importance of voluntary agency services for children and adolescents which may be part of UNICEF-aided projects, or may parallel, supplement or complement these projects.

In the developed countries where there are UNICEF National Committees co-operation can be related to the work of the Committees in bringing about a greater understanding of the general public of the needs of children in developing countries, participating in greeting card sales, and generating support for health, relief, rehabilitation, training and other projects in developing countries. You may wish to contact the Committee to discuss ways in which there might be co-operation.

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AN ASIA - PACIFIC REGION SEMINAR

This event, a seminar for Commissioners and Secretaries, was the first event planned by the Asia Pacific Region Committee — a committee of the World Association — and delegates came from 13 of a possible 15 countries; only Korea and South Vietnam were unable to attend. Present, in alphabetical order, were Australia, Republic of China, India, Indonesia, Iran, Israel, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka (Ceylon) and Thailand.

We were four Australians, our leader Nathalie Morris from Tasmania, Marjorie Wood from N.S.W., Barbara Kearney and I from Victoria. I must confess the first night I was rather overcome with a sea of unknown faces and a list of unpronounceable names, I felt I'd never sought them out. How silly, of course they very quickly became individuals and our friends. The language was English and we felt very humble and somewhat inadequate because only we four Australians and the two New Zealanders had English as our native tongue. Most of the delegates were very fluent in English and all understood it.

The chairman of the seminar was Mrs. Rajasuria of Sri Lanka, who is chairman of the Asia-Pacific Committee. She is a wonderful person and was a friend and inspiration to us all. I think the purpose of the seminar is best described in her opening remarks, "Our purpose at this seminar is to share with one another our ways of work, to learn new ways of developing programmes for the girls of all ages, to find common ground on which we can build our Guiding, and, above all, to strengthen our bonds of fellowship so that we may become a positive force for the development of peoples and communities both within our countries, and indeed in the world".

This was a seminar, not a conference, so we didn't make resolutions. Rather we listened, we talked, we observed and discussed. We had several very interesting outside speakers, such as Prof. Mrs. Moos, who spoke on administration and communications, following this we discussed Guide administration in our various countries, and some of our areas of strengths and weaknesses.

In India, Indonesia, Iran and Israel Guiding and Scouting are jointly administered.

In India the National Commissioner for the Bharat Scout and Guide Association is a woman, and they have a male Chief Commissioner for Scouts and a female Chief Commissioner for Guides. In this particular discussion Australia and New Zealand worked together, because our administrations are similar. We agreed that there is room for more Guide-Scout co-operation and co-ordination at all levels — District to National — but not joint administration, at present. Other speakers covered such subjects as Public view of Guiding, Relations outside the Movement, Co-operation with non-government organisations, and Population Awareness, all followed by discussion.

We were given opportunities to visit, observe and report back — on Guide Companies in action; an orphanage; schools; a leper colony; a boys' reformatory school and a lower income bracket Government housing colony. All this was very stimulating and made us realise what strides in self-help are being made in India.

We had sessions where we learned something of the customs, cultures, geography, education systems, products, etc., of the other member countries.

We discussed the basic needs of each age group in our movement. Each country presented a brief outline of the programme they were following, and this led to discussion on development of programmes.

We had sessions on P.R.; Leadership; Promotion. (Victoria's promotion drive caused great interest.) Many points of interest came out — a few I might share with you. In Japan a new three-point programme — the points being self development, human relationships, and with nature. In Philippines they have a nine-point programme — they have four age groups: 6-9; 9-12; 13-15; 16-18; very similar to U.S.A. Guiding is very strong in the Philippines where numbers are increasing rapidly. In fact the numbers in the movement in all member countries are increasing — in Iran the numbers nearly doubled in the triennium. In Malaysia where Guiding is almost exclusively in the schools, the plan for the 70's is expansion into the rural areas. In several countries Guiding is virtually an extra curricular activity in the schools, in some instances the school teachers are more or less "forced"

into being Guide leaders. This does not always lead to good leadership and the countries concerned are very aware of the problem.

We decided that children's basic needs are the same the world over, but to be meaningful, the programme must be indigenous in nature and must fulfil the needs of today's girls.

The quality of leadership is paramount. We need to attract and encourage the older age group, we need to encourage participation in service projects, both within the movement and the community.

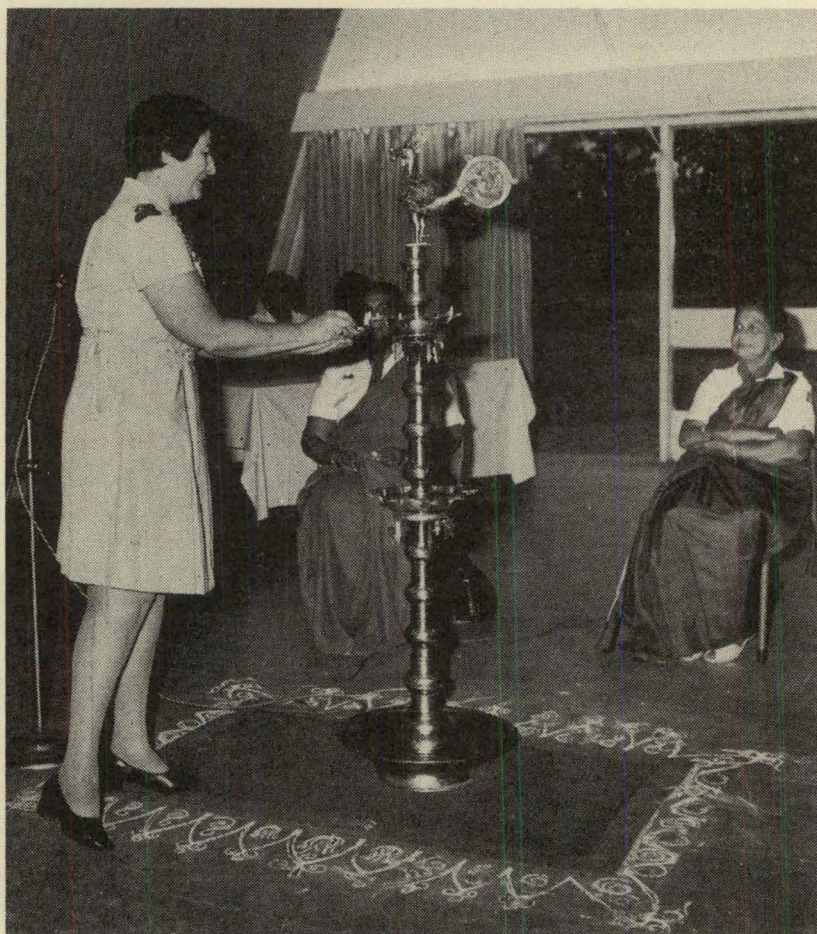
We felt very privileged to be at Sangam, we have dreamed of this since the first

elephant badges. It is beautiful, the atmosphere peaceful, the pace slow, in spite of the pace of the seminar.

The beautiful simple Guides' Own, held one morning before breakfast was very meaningful, 37 women of seven religious faiths, stood side by side and worshipped God.

We were overwhelmed by the hospitality and kindness of everyone, wherever we went. In Sri Lanka we had five wonderful days' holiday and sight-seeing on our way home.

All the time there was international co-operation of all kinds; our patrol consisted of one delegate from each of Malaysia, Israel, India, Japan, Sri Lanka, Singapore



Marjorie Wood at the opening of the Asia-Pacific Region seminar — watched by Mrs. Mazumdar, National Commissioner of the Bharat Scouts and Guides and Miss Tehmina Barnia, Chairman of the Sangam committee (partly obscured).

and Australia. Each Patrol had one staff member. At each event planned by the World Association a member of the World Bureau attends, and Sironii Rodirigo (who is in the promotion department of the World Bureau) was on this staff.

We had international co-operation in sessions, e.g. I had to present Australia's programme session and one of our dormitory mates, who is a secondary art teacher in Sri Lanka, Mrs. Chathurance Abaywira, — Rance to us — made a beautiful chart for me in about five minutes.

On the last evening we had a gala dinner — the friends of Sangam were invited together with guests. We were about 70 people and each country prepared a National dish. We decided the kitchen was very crowded and voted on something we could make elsewhere — fruit salad — it became very international fruit salad because we had so many helpers in the G.I.C.'s flat.

Before the gala dinner, we had the closing ceremony. Mrs. Rajasuria summed up saying that she hoped the end of the seminar was "the beginning of a great and meaningful partnership in the progress of Guiding within our Region".

We were standing in horse-shoe formation, with the flags of all the nations at the head of the horse-shoe and the three-tiered brass lamp, lit, standing in the centre of the horse-shoe. In alphabetical order each delegation went forward, gave a message and delegates lit their small lamps. When all were lit, the flags were received, first the World, then Australia and so on till all flags were received — in pairs we filed out into the dark — each carrying her little lamp.

We felt we achieved much understanding, a sense of unity, a common goal, a feeling of belonging to the Region and tremendous inspiration to encourage this spirit.

How? This is the big question. We hope that the Region news letters to be published from time to time will be widely read, and articles from it made readily available. We hope that there will be emphasis on exchange of personnel for events in the Region, emphasis on Ranger and young Guider age group participation in service projects through the Region. We feel that every effort should be made to strengthen the ties between Guiding personnel in the Asia Pacific Region.

—Diana Selman

ASIA PACIFIC REGION

This geographic region of the world has a regional committee in Guiding — and now has a newsletter. The first was published in December, 1972, and Australia had the privilege of compiling it.

The countries in this Region are: Australia; Republic of China; India; Iran; Israel; Japan; Korea; Malaysia; New Zealand; Philippines; Singapore; South Vietnam; Sri Lanka; Thailand.

One of the articles in the newsletters was contributed by India, and I thought you would find it interesting . . .

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SCHEME OF INDIAN VILLAGE RANGERING

In a vast country like India there is continuing need for many years to educate the younger generation of rural women working on the fields, in citizenship in general, and agriculture, socio-economic conditions, family welfare, maternity and child care in particular — one without the other is incomplete. There is urgent need to help these young women with working knowledge of modern farming techniques and improved agricultural practices, so that they may be able to raise more, and better types of crops from the same quantity of comparable land at their disposal.

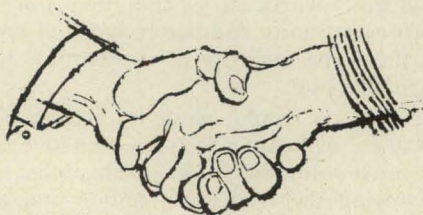
These things cannot be done through posters, leaflets or books. Persons who love field work must voluntarily take up this huge task of changing the traditional habits and attitudes in the countryside, and encourage and help them to take risks.

With this and in view, the U.P. State Bharat Scouts and Guides took up a project in Lucknow District for their programme and field service among rural women.

The main aim of launching this new scheme of Ranging in the villages is to uplift rural women, keeping in view every aspect of their practical life. After attending these camps, the village women, despite their illiteracy, should be able to participate in the huge task of nation building by gaining self-confidence, and by realising their obligations and responsibilities as members of the community. These camps are directed towards encouraging initiative in them, so that they may participate in various individual, family and community projects and programmes and feel proud of doing so.

Under this project several camps for village women were organised at several places. An outstanding feature of the scheme is to train at least six women from each village. After training, these women become Rangers. One of them becomes the leader and the other five assist her. They work in their village as a team. They are trained as Rangers through the Law, Promise and principles and activities of Guiding, and are taught applied Nutrition, Public-health and Personal Hygiene; need, methods and technique of family planning and family welfare; kitchen gardening and agriculture, literacy, need for the uplift of socio-economic standards and ways and means for the same; and Civil Defence.

The pattern of programmes in all the camps is uniform and the village women everywhere take keen interest in it. Despite being illiterate, they learn by heart the Law and Promise and co-operate in the proper running of these camps. It has been found by experience that these camps help women to a great extent to realise their responsibility toward their family, community and country.



SCOUTS ON THE MOON

The final Apollo Lunar Mission was on the Moon with an all-Scout crew aboard. Eugene Cernan was a Scout in Chicago, Illinois; Harrison H. Schmitt in Silver City, New Mexico; and Ronald E. Evans in St. Francis, Kansas.

Of 65 astronauts appointed 52 were Scouts. Of the 27 flights flown (six Mercury, 10 Gemini and 11 Apollo), 26 had Scouts aboard. Of the 34 men who flew the 59 mission assignments, 30 were Scouts. Of the 12 moon walkers, 11 were Scouts.

We salute the astronauts and their support teams for their personal examples of Scout-like perseverance, ingenuity, team work and courage which has been an inspiration to all young people.

JAPANESE YOUTH GOODWILL CRUISE

Under this scheme, the Japanese Prime Minister's personal department pays for Japanese students and leading youth organisations of Japan — 320 this year (200 boys, 100 girls) to tour Asia and Australia. They included ten Guides — all Brownie or Guide leaders.

The activities can be divided into two main groups — classes on board the ship and visits to the actual sites with exchange of friendly greetings at ports of call. They visited Cebu, Djakarta, Melbourne, Sydney, Wellington, Auckland, Rabaul, Tokyo. Melbourne was the only port of call where they visited and stayed over night with private families.

A letter was received by our Local Association asking if any Guides would like a Japanese visitor. We were fortunate in renewing a friendship with Miss Ba Ba Noriko whom we had met at Guide Headquarters in Tokyo. Miss Ba Ba Noriko is in the office at Guide Headquarters there. Ba Ba John, as she is known, was chosen to be leader of the 10 Guiders on the cruise. She is 28 years of age but looks much younger. Our children were so thrilled to have her as their guest and were very proud to show her Melbourne. It makes one realise when seeing places like Botanic Gardens, Fitzroy Gardens, Zoological Gardens and the general layout of the city just what a wonderful place Melbourne is.

Sunday evening we were invited aboard the "Nippon Maru" and met directors of the tour, who were very cordial.

On the Monday my daughter Deborah and I took Miss Ba Ba Noriko and two other Japanese Guiders to Guide Headquarters, where Miss Macartney introduced the girls to the staff and showed them our building. They bought many song books, badges, etc., for their Brownies and Guides in Tokyo.

The "Nippon Maru" sailed at 5 p.m. and there were many farewellers, which made a colourful sailing. Whilst their stay was short, warm and affectionate friendships were established between hosts and their visitors. We feel sure that we will be corresponding with our guest.

—Maureen Lee Gow,
Middle Brighton L.A.



THE TREFOIL GUILD

Objects:

1. To keep alive among its members the spirit of the Guide Promise and Law.
2. To carry that spirit into the communities in which they live and work.
3. To give support to Guiding.

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Recently approval was given by the Executive Committee for the formation of a Victorian Headquarters Trefoil Guild.

Those eligible for membership will be personnel formerly holding Victorian State appointments: State President, State Commissioner and Assistant State Commissioners, State Advisers and Assistant State Advisers, Region Commissioners and Assistant Region Commissioners, and members of Executive Committee.

The purpose — to help at State level, particularly for the State Commissioner and Executive Committee when needing people to undertake short term jobs. In order to get this Trefoil Guild off the ground a preliminary meeting has been planned for Thursday, 31st May, 1973, 12 noon at Guide Headquarters. At this first meeting office-bearers will be appointed, subscriptions fixed, and other details worked out.

Those unable to attend because of distance or other commitments could be included "on paper", and a circular sent to them following the meeting. It is intended to compile names of those eligible and contact these members — unless we have heard from them by 1st May, 1973.

PLEASE — we are waiting to hear whether or not you are interested in joining. Either way we do want your thoughts and ideas. Will you think about it and phone or write to:

Mrs. R. Renshaw Jones, 2 Montalto Avenue, Toorak, 3142. Phone 24 3546; or
Trefoil Adviser, Mrs. E. Lister, 440 South Road, Moorabbin, 3189. Phone 95 1835.

TREFOIL GUILD

The 10th General Assembly — Vienna, 9-14th July, 1973.

Australia will fill its quota of four delegates and over 20 observers.

The main subjects for discussion will be —
You and Your Environment and
You and Your Guild.

Eight Victorians from the Trefoil Guilds and the B.P. Scout Guilds will be among those attending.

After the Assembly there is to be a Fellowship tour of Austria, including a boat trip up the Danube.

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Just to let everyone know that the new Trefoil Guild recently started in the McKay Division is to be known as the ARGANA Trefoil Guild. This aboriginal name means "pleasure and joy", which we all hope to feel while giving pleasure and joy to people we are able to help and serve.

—M.T.

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AN ENJOYABLE WEEKEND

It would be hard to find a more delightful setting than the National Fitness Camp at Mt. Evelyn, where the Annual "Get-together" of the Baden-Powell Scout and Trefoil Guilds was held as near the Chief's birthday as possible.

A few of the regular patrons were not able to make it this year, but it was good to see new faces, especially the young children with "mum" and "dad" showing that guiding and scouting is truly a family affair. We did miss the Corbett family, the first time they have missed.

After renewing old friendships and enjoying lunch we gathered in the Assembly Room for a short ceremony and the Guild Prayer. Mrs. Lister welcomed all friends present and introduced the guest speaker, Margaret Shaw, immediate past Guide Assistant State Commissioner. Miss Shaw gave a very interesting address on aspects of guiding in the present day. Mr. Lloyd Markham, in moving a vote of thanks to Miss Shaw, explained that there were two collection bowls on the table. Miss Shaw was asked to nominate a project for one of the bowl collections — she

nominated the new Guide camping site at Shoreham.

All present renewed their Guide or Scout Promise and affirmed the principles of the International Fellowship of Former Scouts and Guides.

Following a discussion on the future of this annual weekend, it was decided that the notices be sent out in November so that the Guilds could notify the number likely to be attending before the end of January.

After the evening meal we were entertained by members of the Gang Show Talent Workshop — thank you lads and lasses; and how many happy memories were evoked by the community singing — like those old days round the family piano.

On Sunday morning Guilds' Own was held out of doors in a delightful setting, with the ripple of the stream, bell birds and other feathered friends joining in our worship of our Master. The Coonimbil Branch of the B.P. Scout Guild conducted the service, introducing some modern trends.

Our guest speaker was Mr. Lindsay Mac-Millan, a specialist teacher of deaf and dumb students and holder of an International Rotary scholarship. His talk was most thought provoking — he explained how children were guided and instructed in their early education towards leading a normal life. Many parents visited the Mornington centre to be helped in adjusting their daily life to be able to assist their children live normally. It was decided that the second collection bowl become the nucleus of a fund to purchase an Autistic machine to be presented to the Mornington centre to help their worthwhile work, so guilds will be asked to donate to this fund during 1973-1974. Last year our combined efforts enabled two Talking Books to be presented to blind persons for their enjoyment.

After the service, the "Wrinklies" of the Trefoil Guild conducted a Nature Walk-a-hunt, which was appreciated. It made us more aware of the beauty and peace of the surrounding areas of the camp — Well done Wrinklies, we will look forward to your contribution next year! After lunch an interesting cricket match was disorganised by Guildsman Aub Kilby (late M.C.C., London) and his armchair collaborators, it caused a

deal of amusement to wind up the weekend. Then it was au revoir to old and new friends. Thanks to Lloyd and Isobel and all their assistants for a well arranged and conducted programme.

—D. Walker



THE SWIFT

Towards the end of January, we may look for the appearance of Spine-tailed Swifts, flying very high in the sky. This year I saw my first Swifts about 18th January, in the Dandenong Ranges. The first three were flying alone, with some time in between each one. These were followed by the last four, flying more or less together. The time was about 8.30 a.m. The birds were flying high above the forest, and against the clear sky of a hot day.

When flying, the Swift has a streamlined body, which enables it to go at great speed. The wings measure 22 inches across, and the body is only 7½ inches long. It spends most of its time hawking for insects, which it catches in its wide bill.

I once had an injured Swift to look after. Someone found it on a Sherbrooke Forest track. It apparently could not fly. When I took hold of it, the bird clung to my fingers, with the big wings hanging down. I placed it on a sack on the back of a chair, and fed it with flies. In about a week it was able to fly away. Swifts do not perch like ordinary birds. They can only cling in an upright position on tree trunk or a cliff.

Swifts do not nest here. They leave us about March, and fly to East Asia for the breeding season. Perhaps Guides in the country have noticed flocks of these high flying birds.

—J.H.

TRAINING PAGES



BEFORE SHE MADE HER PROMISE

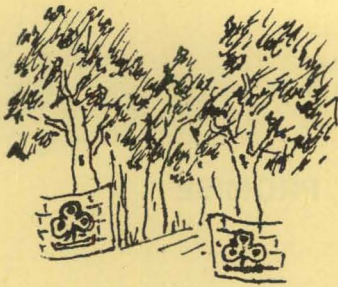
"I PROMISE that I will do my best:
To do my duty to God,
To serve the Queen and help other people
and To keep the Guide Law."



A promise is a very solemn thing, and the meaning and implications of the above words should be considered before the Promise is made. The wording is the same, whether for a Brownie of seven years, who needs it carefully explained to her, or for an adult about to become a uniformed member of our Movement, who can think it out for herself.



Personal honour is involved, though the word is not now included in the words of the Promise. The person making this Promise undertakes to **do her best** — not to be perfect, for none of us are — but to try and **KEEP ON TRYING ALL THE TIME** to live according to the Promise and the ten Guide Laws. The children, if active and interested members of a well-run unit (and what a challenge to the Unit Guide Leaders that is!) will grow in understanding of the Guide way of life, and each time it is repeated, as at somebody else's Ceremony, the Promise should take on a deeper meaning for each one. This is true, too, for the adults, though for them it is more a matter of self-analysis, self-discipline, and self-help . . . but not entirely, Commissioners and other Guiders will help, training courses are available and many books will assist. The beginning is to be aware of the importance of the Promise made, and to be determined to strive to live up to it.



In the shade of a lovely old gum tree, a homemaker, a teacher, a computer programmer, a biochemist and librarian were chatting over a cup of tea. It was a Sunday afternoon and a promise ceremony for L.A. members had just been held. The group included two new Guiders, one had recently made her Promise.

One L.A. member said that before she made her promise she hadn't realised how much the ceremony would mean to her. At first she was nervous, then, when she felt that everyone was "with her", she relaxed and enjoyed the experience, feeling both humble and proud at the thought of becoming a member of such a wonderful Movement.

Another member said she found herself remembering some of the discussion they had had beforehand on the meaning and implication of the Promise. "You know", she said, "before I had decided to make my promise, I felt a little impatient when Margaret (the Commissioner) asked me to come and discuss it. It seemed unnecessary at first, I had learnt the words from my daughter's handbook and it was basically commonsense and I felt I had been carrying out all the principles for many years. I am an active member of my church and I thought I had been living up to my ideals. However, I found that the discussion helped me to clarify my thoughts and feelings, particularly about my faith — I became more conscious of my commitments."

"Oh, Betty", said another member, "I did not feel that it was just commonsense, I found I was thinking very deeply about it and its call for action. For instance I found that I need to be more alert to the opportunities of service in the community." The third L.A. member said with a chuckle, "My husband is not so sure about my involvement. I have been at him over the garden sprays he uses, besides other conservation

improvements. Thank you, Deborah, for your advice." She turned to a Guider, "What did you do Ann, before you promised?"

"I certainly took a good look at myself and even queried if I was prepared to try and fulfil such a contract. On my round of unit visits I heard the Rangers discussing this too. Their straight forward, frank opinions and their sincerity in wanting to do their best influenced me greatly. Joan, you made your Promise when you were a Guide, I was most impressed when you said you would like to renew it, you didn't have to, did you?" "No", said Joan, "But it is a long time ago, I think as a Guide I might have gone along with it more because my friends did although I know I felt very strongly about keeping it, but after our discussion and reading I realised that it was a very personal commitment with great responsibility and challenge. I thought that if I re-affirmed my promise it would not only mark the occasion of becoming an adult leader, but help to remind me of the double role I was to play — to keep the promise myself and do all I possibly could to enable others to keep it."

Note: Among the books Joan read to help her were: Commissioners' Handbook — "Promise & Law"; and a thought provoking, fun book — "Awareness" by Patricia Kennedy Arlin (published by Argus Communications (Choose Your Life series)).



Our Ranger Council had almost finished — "That seems to be it", remarked Di, our chairwoman, "any other business . . . ?"

"I think I'm ready to be invested", volunteered Amy shyly. Startled, we all looked at her. After all, she hadn't been in the unit very long, and it wasn't as though she had been a Guide or a Brownie.

"I've tried something new from each of the 'Have You Ever's' in my Handbook!" she pointed out.

And, I reflected, she **has**, right from the start, entered wholeheartedly into whatever we happened to be doing, whether it was exploring the mysteries of Indonesian cookery or her first experience of camping a la lightweight — unlike Joanna, who took

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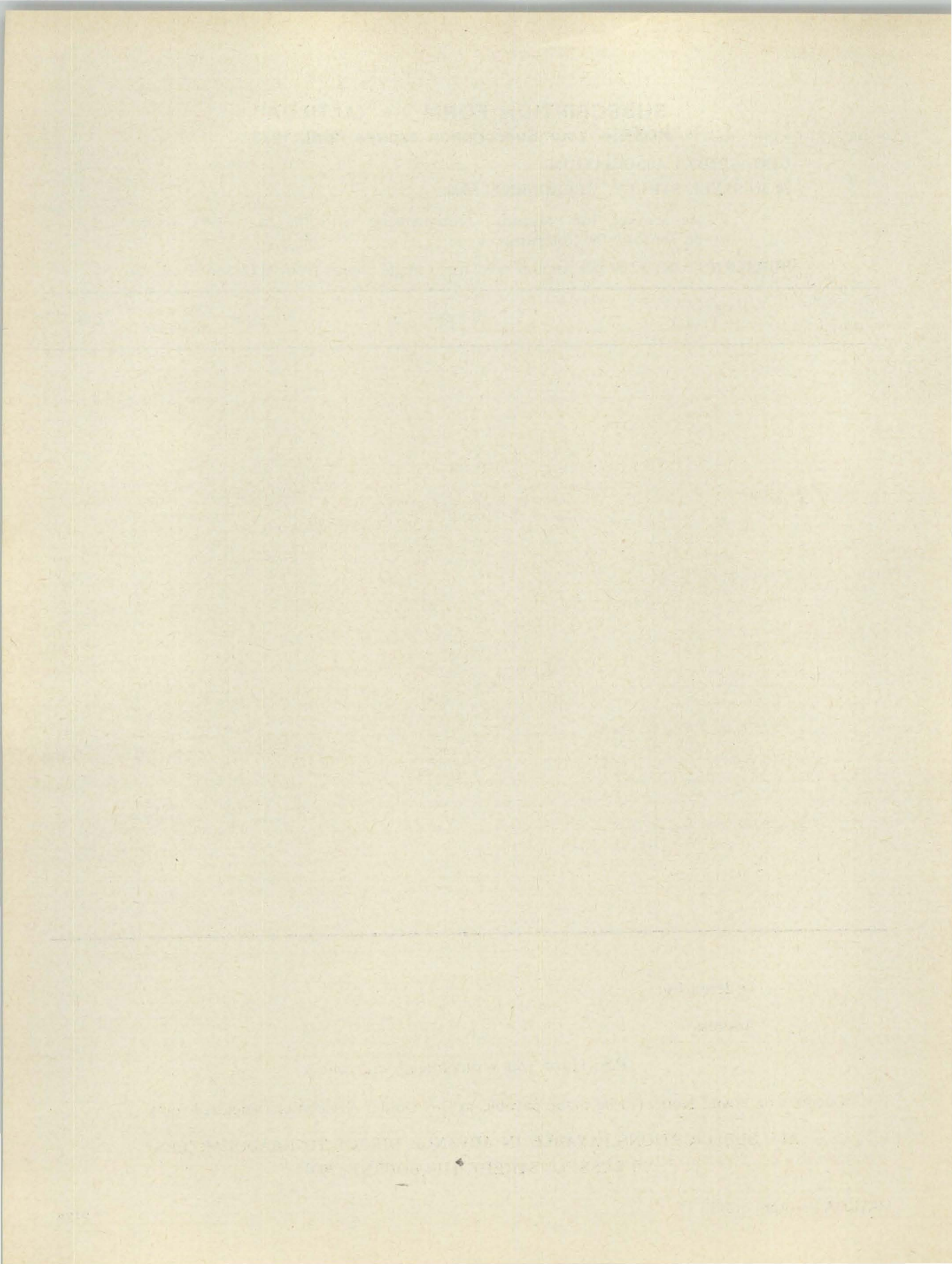
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weeks to be coaxed beyond the "just watching" stage.

It was just that most of the Rangers had taken at least six months to complete their Pre-Investiture challenges, and Amy did appear to have been rather a quietly swift worker! We simply hadn't realised that she had achieved so much in such a short time!

Yet, how could we be sure that she really WAS ready to make her Promise?

As yet she hadn't volunteered to take a leading part in our unit prayers, nor had she produced a thought, poem, picture, quotation or song to share with us, and to pop into our Unit Scrapbook.

In our unit, we don't as a rule settle down in cold blood to talk about God and the Promise — I think the quickest way to dry everyone up would be to attempt to do just this — but often in the course of unit activity an argument (or discussion?) develops over social issues, current politics, racial or even someone's personal problems.

I must confess that we don't always produce facts to back up our opinions; we sometimes tend to repeat what we have heard someone else say; and some of us are guilty at times of taking the opposite point of view just to get a bite! I expect that it's progress, however, just to realise that we are doing these things. But . . . Amy?

Has she really sensed that we try to make the Promise the driving force behind everything that we do? Has she had enough time to do this? What of the promise of "duty to God"?

Is she, or in fact, are we, really searching for a faith to live by?

What, come to that, do we really believe? Why do we believe it?

How does what we believe affect what we do?

Can we stand up to teasing, criticism or even rejection because of what we believe?

Do we try to keep the Laws even when we find ourselves in an hostile environment?

How DO we give effect to this Ranger commitment to be of service in the community?

How can we, in the unit, try to give Amy some glimmering of all this?

Have we, perhaps, already succeeded in unconsciously doing so? If not, how can we?

At this point, Di broke in on my musings! "Amy? do you think that you could find something to share with us in our 'Meditations' next week?"

In our unit there does seem to be developing gradually, an atmosphere of sharing and caring, of helping and supporting one another, and of a spontaneous offering of assistance to others. Our current project, by the way, is repainting and making new curtains for the Brownie room in our hall.

I think Amy probably will be ready to make her Promise soon.

We all have our Amys!

We all have our doubts!

We all find our different ways of resolving them! but then . . . that's Guiding!

Has a situation quite like this arisen in your unit? Do you think it could? or couldn't? or should? or shouldn't?

Why?

Do let's have your views.

Write to the Training Department now!

References

Guiders' Handbook: p. 30; p. 35, last para; p. 36, first para; p. 51, chapter 6; p. 62, chapter 7; p. 71, chapter 8; p. 89, Religion.

Ranger Handbook: p. 7; p. 13, chapter 2; p. 46, chapter 3; p. 58, chapter 4.



Joan had a problem. Marion, one of her new Patrol Leaders, needed some help with the newest member of her Patrol, Betty, a reasonably bright but rather thoughtless 11-year-old who had joined the Company three weeks ago.

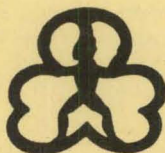
Apparently Betty thoroughly enjoyed the active part of Guiding, but her P.L. was finding it hard work showing her the meaning and importance of the Promise. Joan had planned to include some ideas on the Promise and Law in her next P.L.'s training evening, but that was three weeks away, Marion needed help now.

It was Platypus' turn to close the meeting next week, perhaps they could have a short Guides' Own and Betty could certainly be involved in that, she would suggest it anyway. A discussion in the Patrol might help, using the pages in the Handbook on understanding the Promise, in fact, how about using these pages as the basis for an inter-Patrol challenge? That would involve the whole Company. She would mention the idea to her assistant and the P.L.'s at the beginning of next week's meeting, then they could discuss it at P.L.'s Council. The

Promise was so terribly important, it gave plan and purpose to the whole Guiding programme, but helping the girls realise this, and to apply it to their own lives could be difficult.

After the next Guide meeting . . . Well, Marion seemed to be giving Betty some good "Guide Lines". Platypus' closing ceremony had been very effective and Betty had read her passage in a very thoughtful manner. The challenge Marion had set the Patrol could also produce some interesting indications of how girls think these days. (The Guides were asked to list the eight points and write down beside each one the different ways in which they could keep the Promise. She had then challenged her Guides to choose two points and do their best to carry out the ways of keeping their Promise as listed beside those two points.)

Four weeks later . . . Tonight was going to be an important occasion for a certain young girl, Betty was going to make her Promise. She had come through her challenges with flying colours and when Joan had had her usual chat with recruits about the Promise, she found that Marion had done her work well, Betty was ready to become a Guide.



"Pow-Wow time is drawing near."

The Six on duty places groundsheets and Pack symbol in position.

"Pow-Wow time is here."

With this simple ceremony the 1st Outback Pack's Pow-Wow commences. Let's join them!

Apologies and several other matters are dealt with and then their Guider says:

"Brownies, have you remembered that Penny and Sue are to start next week?"

"Yes Magerra", chorus the Brownies.

"Who can remember their first Brownie meeting?"

Janet gives their Pack's special talking sign and says "I can — I was very excited . .

and a bit scared, too. I didn't know many of the Brownies."

Several other Brownies tell how they felt.

Booinda says, "Well Brownies, how are we going to show our new recruits that we are pleased to have them join us?"

"Could we hide, then rush out and give them a Pack Salute saying 'Welcome, Welcome, Welcome?'" asks Joy.

"Wouldn't it be better if Sue-Anne as our 'official' welcome committee was at the gate to bring them in then we could rush out?" says Caroline.

This idea is agreed upon and the Guiders are told where they are to stand.

"What Six will they be going into?" asks Mandy.

"We have not decided that yet", says Magerra.

Mandy continues, "Sue is in Leanne's and my class at Sunday School so could she be in our Six first?"

"Penny lives down our road so we could have her in our Six", says Joy.

"All happy about this Brownies?" asks Magerra.

Special sign signifies agreement.

Karen says, "We could play the Salute, Smile and Handshake game".

"What if we hide their Mini Books and play 'hot and cold'?" says Kaye.

"Yes Magerra that's beaut fun."

Plans are made as to where they will be hidden.

Jacqueline pipes up, "Do they know to bring 10 cents for Brownie Gold?"

"Yes Brownies. Booinda and I have talked to the new recruits and have visited their parents to explain about what being a Brownie means and about uniforms, subscriptions and Local Association Meetings."

"Magerra, we taught Sue the Brownie Guide Song at school", says Helen.

Ann-Maree offers to write it out in big letters for Penny "Because she can't read very well yet".

Julie, the Woorails Sixer says, "Hey you kids, remember to put the new Brownies in the middle of your Six for Brownie Guide Ring so they will know where to go."

Talking signs are forgotten and indignant noises issue forth.

"Alright Brownies", says Magerra. "Jane, you were the last Brownie to be enrolled. Have you any ideas?"

"Magerra could we act out the Brownie story for them?"

"Please, please Magerra . . . Could I be the Owl, I've still got the mask?"

"Could I bring . . . Could I . . . ?" Let's leave the Pack as they continue their planning.

Recruits, like Sue and Penny, are the future Brownie Guides, Guides and Ranger Guides. They will come from different social backgrounds, have been subject to different environmental influences; be different physically; mature at different rates and have different intellect and interests. It is the Guide's responsibility to help each one have a rewarding Guiding career.

During the following weeks Sue and Penny will grow in understanding that the Promise underlies all Brownies do. A Brownie does not TALK much about the Promise, she DOES it.

What about the 1st Outback Pack?

Are it's members showing practical application of the Promise they have made?

Will Sue and Penny grow in their understanding of it?

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SALUTE, SMILE, HANDSHAKE GAME

Tune — Baa Baa Black Sheep.

"We are glad to meet you here today,
We hope you'll find us happy and gay,
Salute, a smile and a handshake too,
Salute again and find a partner new."

Brownies, in pairs skip around in circle formation singing song.

On the word "gay" they stand and face each other suiting actions to words — on reaching "partner new" outside Brownies move on and game continues.

"The discipline that comes from within is the only one that lasts, not that which is imposed from without."

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FROM THE WORLD BUREAU

F.A.O. — Food and Agricultural Organisations of the United Nations.

Each year F.A.O. issues a medal showing a famous contemporary woman representing Ceres, the Roman Goddess of Agriculture.

In 1972 Ceres was Mrs. Indira Gandhi, India's Prime Minister.

" . . . We are delighted to tell you that for 1973 the World Chief Guide has accepted the invitation of F.A.O. to be portrayed on this annual medal.

It is possible that there might be some inexpensive versions of this medal produced. We will send out full information as soon as we receive it . . . "



It gives me great pleasure to inform you that the Walter Donald Ross Trophy Award for 1971 has been made to the Guide Companies and Ranger Team of the Mana Refugee Camp of the Bharat Scouts and Guides of India and the Certificate of Merit to the 1st Stifford Ranger Guide Service Unit, Essex West, of the Girl Guides Association of U.K.

The entries sent in by the Girl Guides Association of Israel, New Zealand, Sri Lanka and South Africa were highly commended.

This news comes in 1973 because it takes quite a time for the details of the service to be gathered together by countries and considered by the World Association.

CHILD MINDING CENTRE AT SHOW

Toora, Foster, Yanakie and Fish Creek Guiders, assisted by Guides, will assist parents at this year's Foster show by conducting a child-minding centre.

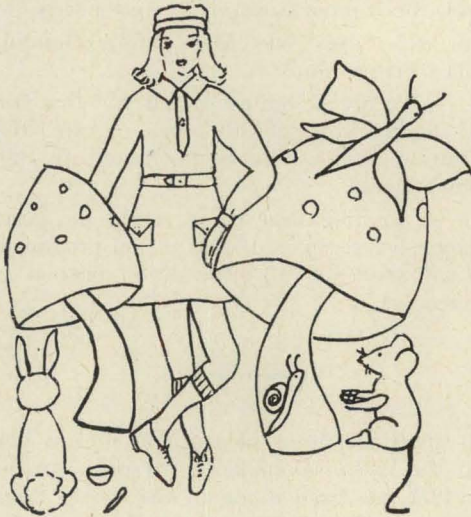
A Guide Community Service scheme, it will run from 10.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m., and it is expected that due to the large number of children a child may be left for one hour only.

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God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; the courage to change the things I can; and the wisdom to know the difference.

MATILDA NOTICES....

4th AUGUST, 1973



HAPPINESS

IS...?

Happines for a Brownie Guide is a dozen different things.

A singing game with Brownie friends; the colours on a butterfly wing.

Making a gift to take home to mother, baking a cake;
there is such a lot a Brownie Guide can do.

So, come to the Brownie Guiders' Conference in '73;
perhaps you'll learn something,

Yes, you and me.

MATILDA 1923 - 1973

July, 1973 — "Matilda" will be 50.

Have you any thoughts as to how
we might best celebrate her birth-
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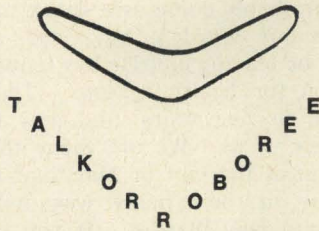
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Once people came to the city to make
their fortune—now they would give it for
a parking space.

MATILDA NOTICES



TALKORROBOREE

O.K.! So you would like to know more about Talkorroboree. Of course you have noticed the **s m i** on our boomerang!

Talkorroboree is a big, happy, friendly group of Guide Guiders all meeting together at their very own conference.

Where do you meet these happy people? . . . South Melbourne Town Hall.

When? . . . Saturday, 14th July, 10-4.30. So remember

TALKORROBOREE

The first conference for Guide Guiders, other sections welcome.

DISCUSSIONS . . .

National Youth Council of Australia and other organisations often approach H.Q. asking for opinions of different groups on all sorts of subjects.

A small group of young Guiders has recently been formed to discuss these questions and give — not an opinion from or of the Guide Movement — but an opinion of a cross section of our membership.

We thought you would be interested to know that the subjects discussed to date have included—

1. The constitution of N.Y.C.A.
2. The Environment Conference held in November, 1972.
3. Freedom from Hunger and its involvement in family planning.
4. U.N.E.S.C.O.'s programme and participation by non-governmental organisations.
5. Zero Population Australia.

—M.S.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER FOR BETTY MACARTNEY — by Rev. W. Lloyd of St. Hilary's, Kew

O God, Holy Father, you have made us for your eternal purpose. We thank you for the restlessness that drives us to find the true life in your purpose for us. We thank you for the reality of life's evening hour, precursor of the dawn, for the promise of renewal and eternal verities.

We thank you for all who walk in the way of truth and service, especially for all those known and dear to us in whose lives we have seen your glory and beauty.

We thank you for the agencies in our country which draw us in service, especially the Girl Guide Movement throughout the world. We praise your Holy Name for the life and witness and service of our beloved in Christ — Betty Moore Macartney — Guider, Churchwoman, friend, leader; and for the lovely place she holds in our hearts.

We thank you for the quality of her life, her inspiration, her zeal, her helpfulness, courtesy and kindness. May we be so directed by your Holy Spirit that we never fail to carry forward the task relinquished by all who so serve you faithfully.

This we pray, through Jesus Christ the Lord of life.

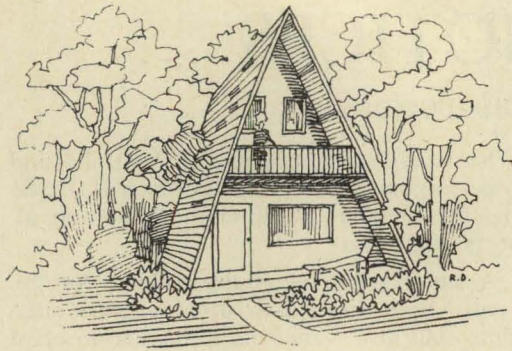
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BRITANNIA PARK

Britannia Park has been enjoyed by a very large number of people this summer, the largest camp at any one time was, of course, the State Camp, Wirake, a wonderful experience for about 1000 members of the movement.

To prepare Britannia Park for this, and increase its enjoyment for all, we have done quite a few jobs, though some have not yet been completed. To the delight of the swimmers, we have been improving the pool. However, because of trouble with our pump, we are far from satisfied, and are still working on this.

The Shire have been very helpful and worked hard to improve the internal roads and drainage. This they achieved, and it is up to us all to help keep them in a good state. The ditches have to be kept clean of leaves, silt and road metal, and the road metal has to be raked back onto the roads regularly.

We are extremely indebted to the Monier-Besser Company, who donated the pipes for this drainage programme.

Those of you who dislike latrine trenches will be delighted with the three new septic tanks we have. They are placed between Moran and MacLeod, Hayman and Brooks, and Holtz and Littlejohn sites. The builder is finishing off the wooden houses and oiling them, and as shrubs grow up they will blend into the bush and not be quite so obvious.

For this plumbing work and all work connected with the septic tanks we give a very **BIG THANK YOU** to a gentleman, who wishes to remain anonymous. He is the father of a Guide, who, when he saw the need, offered to put these in for us. A very generous man.

Mr. Taylor, who cuts, carts and stacks wood for us, puts in new fences, and clears

fallen trees (to name just a few of "his" jobs), became ill just before Christmas, but I'm happy to say that he is very much better and back on the job.

It will probably come as a shock to you to hear that our Warden, Mr. Gard, and his wife, will be leaving us. He has tendered his resignation for health reasons. They have been with us five years, and now know a great many of us. We are lucky that they can stay until the end of May, and so keep helping us in their many ways while we search for a new Warden. If you feel you can help in the search in any way, please get in touch with Headquarters or me.

MAINTENANCE FUND

We are very grateful to the following people and groups who have donated money towards the running of Britannia Park. Without this help we would find it very difficult to "make ends meet". Thank you.

November, 1972:

- 5th — Mrs. B. J. Turner.
- 6th — Arira Post Trefoil Guild.
- 8th — Marysville L.A.
- 10th — Meeniyan L.A.
- 11th — Sorrento L.A.
- 13th — Oliver's Hill L.A.
- 14th — Newton Chilwell L.A.
- 15th — Miss E. Bunning.
- 16th — Newton Chilwell L.A.
- 19th — McLeod-Rosanna L.A.
- 20th — Maidstone L.A.
- 24th — Geelong Trefoil Guild.
- 26th — Nunawading District.
- 29th — Greensborough L.A.
- 30th — East Malvern-Gardiner L.A.

December, 1972:

- 1st — 1st North Balwyn Brownie Pack.
- 5th — Mrs. G. Farrow.
- 6th — Montrose L.A.
- 10th — Collingwood L.A.
- 11th — Yarragon District.
- 13th — Narre Warren North L.A.
- 14th — Nunawading-Tunstall Division.
- 18th — Mt. Waverley District.
- 24th — Whittlesea L.A.
- 27th — 2nd Wattle Park Guide Coy.
- 28th — Sorrento L.A.

January, 1973:

- 1st — 1st Brighton Beach Pack.
- 24th — Mt. Waverley District.
- 27th — Benalla Companies and Packs.
- 31st — Nauru Girl Guides — Division.

February, 1973:

- 13th — Thomastown L.A.

Those who were worried that the young grass on the back sites might not survive the State Camp, can stop worrying. The grass is very healthy.

Thank you.

Margaret Tucker, Convenor

THIS IS THE LOCAL ASSOCIATION'S PAGE



NATURAL RESOURCES . . .

This is the theme of the 1973 L.A. Conference. We thought you would be interested in this report of our "use" of our resources . . .

YOU AND YOUR GARBAGE

A quick-witted dustman could probably tell you more about your social status, credit rating, educational level, your petty human likes and dislikes, your vices and your virtues, from a rapid glance at your rubbish bin, than a bevy of sociologists.

A whole pattern of life is reflected in what we throw away.

Raking over their country's rubbish heaps, American statisticians have provided us with a fascinating "garbage portrait" of the average United States citizen.

During his lifetime, the average American will throw away 10,000 non-returnable bottles, 17,500 cans, 27,000 bottle tops, 2.3 automobiles, 25 rubber tyres and 126 tons of garbage, and he will emit 9.8 tons of waste particles into the atmosphere.

While one part of our resources is going up in smoke, a further portion is going literally down the drain. It has been estimated that, in the United States, for every million inhabitants, 200 tons of copper are lost in sewage annually, together with 60 tons each of such metals as manganese, aluminium, lead and titanium.

Flushing these and other wastes into their sewers, as well as in other uses such as washing, cooking and drinking, household cleaning and watering the garden, the average American consumes or throws out 63 gallons per day of another increasingly rare resource — water.

Now take a look at the other side of the picture consumption. During his lifetime, the average American citizen will require 26 million gallons of water, 28 tons of iron and steel, 1200 barrels of petroleum, 13,000 pounds of paper and 50 tons of food.

"Each year", reports the Population Reference Bureau, Washington, "for every person in the United States, more than 3.5 tons

of stone, sand and gravel must be dug up from the earth, transported and used in some way or another.

"Each of us uses, directly or indirectly every year, more than 500 pounds of cement, nearly 400 pounds of clay, 200 pounds of common salt and 100 pounds of phosphorus, 20 tons of raw materials must be dug from the earth and processed each year to support a single individual in our society.

The figures quoted above all relate to America or the Americans for two reasons. First, with their habitual efficiency, they have the most complete figures available and second, because the high American standard of living reflects a level which other countries hope to attain in the future.

But such hopes are doomed to failure. Not only will it be impossible for other countries to repeat the American "success" story, but the Americans themselves will have to modify their standards and way of life radically for the simple reason that we are rapidly running out of the resources required to sustain such a level. It should be added that American scientists and ecologists have been the first to point this out.

The complicated processes of modern industry require a vast range of materials to meet the demands of growing numbers of consumers, and among these materials are 36 basic substances, mainly non-renewable metals and fuels, without which the whole complex machine would grind to a halt.

—Geelong Advertiser,
(from "Fur, Feathers and Fins")

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Local Associations have now received information about the 1973 State Conference, to be convened by the Mt. Waverley Local Association, at the Moorabbin Town Hall on Monday, 18th June, 1973. We hope that you are all making arrangements to come to this, YOUR Conference.

The theme is to be "Natural Resource" with the emphasis on people as OUR Natural Resources.



GUIDING CAME TO MOOMBA —1973

Rangers demonstrating
Greek folk dances

Almost one thousand Brownies, Guides and Rangers participated in the official ceremonies of Moomba — guards of honour, presenting flowers, escorting the Governor . . .

At Flinders Park there was, each night of Moomba, a colourful presentation of "A Carnival of Countries" — with costume, song and dance. The weekends had added attractions of activity groups from each section.

And you saw the float entered by one of our Ranger/Rover groups? And you saw the Brownies, Guides and Rangers on the Mobil Litter train?

The Badminton Centre, Albert Park, will never be the same again!

The invasion began on Moomba Saturday, as busloads of Brownies, Guides and Rangers with their leaders began arriving, and it continued throughout the weekend, until Monday afternoon, at 4.30.

Inside the Centre, a most attractive display by Extension Guides greeted us, "Anything you can do, we can do", and they meant it. Next, a camping display, with early model clothes drier and other comforts of home showed us that camping is fun (and gadget making is more fun). Over to the fabulous doll display from Barwon Region. Everything was there, from a ballroom scene, to a stockade, with the Pied Piper, Olave's Ark and others in between — a lovely fantasyland.

We watched Hampton Guides screen printing the special Moomba badge — looked easy, didn't it? On to Challenge corner, "Just for Fun", where we threw balls through clown's mouths, walked on flowerpots, bowled skittles over and tried to light a candle a record number of times from the same match (did you hear about the State Commissioner's blister?).

International corner was colourful, and told enchanting tales of faraway places.



Will I make it?



The Ranger/Rover Moomba float —
"The old woman who lived in a shoe"

Salamagundi corner was full of activity. We made a platter, and "Had a ball". On through "Follow your Interest" section, through the Creative area, where we tried a spot of "Potting" (with clay, of course), and into "Brownieland" — another fantasyland of dolls and models, which illustrated the 24 segments of the Brownie journeys.

Lucky dip was very popular, and led us on to the "Paris end of the Centre", where we sat down under pretty parasols to enjoy sandwiches, biscuits and a cuppa (to the tune of the "Sorcerer's Apprentice"). Cool drink stands were manned by L.A.'s and Trefoil.

Elsewhere Safety in the Bush was stressed and hints were given on care and survival. St. John's officers demonstrated mouth to mouth resuscitation.

The Brownie Puppet theatre was enchanting, as packs competed with each other in puppetry. On we went, past the beautiful Guide and Scout stamp collection, to the Guide Dog stand. Here we had one day a puppy, and the next day a graduate Labrador from the training school.

We sat to watch the marvellous entertainment area. First the flag ceremony and the official opening by Mrs. Grimwade, followed by a parade of International Brownie Uniforms, then the entertainment continued, giving us a choice of campfire by Peg Barr; dancing by Greek, Estonian, Irish or Jewish groups; square dancing; jazz ballet; Guide Choir; and on Sunday, a Guides' Own.

Saturday night's highlight was the final of Miss Ranger Guide, when the winner, Miss Heather Colyer, a Lone Ranger from Leongatha, was presented by the Moomba Queen, Miss Jan Bridgford.

Outside the invasion continued.

Rangers took over a corner of the Lake on Saturday and Monday, for their Annual Regatta, arranged by the Ranger Sailing School.

Brownie Revels made a colourful corner of activity.

The Adventure Courses set up with the able assistance of scout friends, proved tremendously popular, attracting queues to the rope bridges each day; while the compass trail didn't lose a customer (although some were a trifle misled!).

Guide tenting teams showed their proficiency, winners being: Yarra Junction, Ballarat, Moorleigh, Jordanville and Hampton.

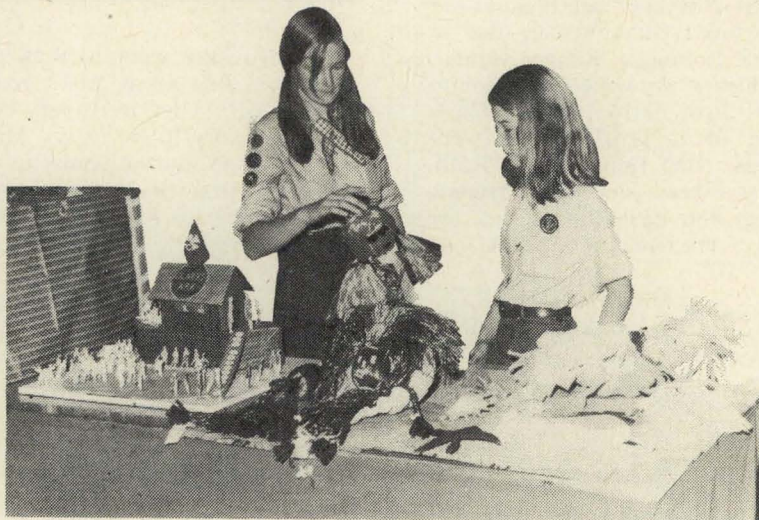
After the centre closed, tired leaders and children returned home in buses, cars and trains, while hostesses farewelled the 25 country districts which had "linked" for the weekend.

Thank you to June Winchester and her committee, as well as all the other willing helpers, for making Moomba a memorable Guiding weekend.

P.S. — We didn't tell you about the milk booth that collapsed (have you ever shovelled milk?), the urn that wouldn't boil for the official opening; the toilets that didn't flush, or the power we couldn't use outside. If you didn't notice, it just proves how resourceful we Guides (and Mr. Hutchings) are, doesn't it?

—Val Edwards

Thank you to everyone who participated and helped — it was a magnificent effort.



"Welcome to Olave's Ark"

(Photos by Mr. G. Thomopoulos)



The Rangers at Horsham set plaques—in memory of two loved Guiders who died in 1971, Mrs. Eunice Robinson, Ranger Guider, and Miss Kath Fisher, Brownie Guider—into concrete beside two native trees. These trees, an Acacia and a Bottle Brush, were planted last year for Eunice and Kath. Three men who are very good Guide friends helped the girls, who barbecued a tea for them afterwards. The trees are beside our Guide Hall.

MAISIE LOWERY,
District Commissioner.

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Whenever the going seems easy, it is well to make sure you're not going down hill.

The Brownies went to Ricketts Sanctuary where we saw many Aboriginal figures set in the bush. They were very beautiful. We were also very lucky to see Mr. Ricketts at his workshop and he spoke to us for a few minutes. After that we went to Sherbrooke Forest where we had a barbecue lunch. We did some tracking and found some lollypops and then we went home.

—Audrey McDonald,
2nd Mooroolbark Brownie Pack

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One reason why neither side will win the war between the sexes is that there is so much fraternising with the enemy.

(From the "Outdoor Showman.")

BOOK REVIEWS

Learning to Work in Groups

The value of group discussion has been widely recognized in many fields in recent years. Groups come together for therapy to learn, to solve problems, to plan some action. Guiders' meetings, State Councils, committees, Local Associations, all operate through group discussion.

The success of a group depends on many things, but primarily on two—the ability of the leader and the attitudes of the members.

A 20-page booklet, "Discussion Leaders' Handbook," published by the National Fitness Council of Victoria and available in the Guide Shop, should do much to assure this success. But it is an unfortunate title, for there is much valuable material here for the intelligent and responsible group member as well as the leader.

Techniques of leadership as such are dealt with only briefly because these form only a small part of a leader's equipment. Far more important are the leader's personal qualities, her attitude, and her understanding of the group process and her role within it.

The process of satisfying group discussion is no accident, but follows a logical pattern of progression. First the subject under discussion is stated and examined. Facts are marshalled and problems discussed. Tentative decisions are proposed, and the most suitable agreed upon. The leader's task is to help the group to follow this course and to reach its objective.

Desirable personal qualities in a leader are listed thus: friendly, fair but firm, an attentive listener, patient, clear thinker, unaggressive, sensitive, and aware of the value of discussion. Her role and responsibilities are spelt out in helpful detail.

What is not sufficiently stressed is that a good group leader is made—not born. There are born leaders, certainly. We all know them. But most become skilled in leadership by careful attention to guidance found in such a book as this, by experience as responsible group members, and by being concerned for the welfare of the group as well as for each member in it. Understanding, ability and confidence grow from that.

To anyone who finds herself as a discussion group member I recommend the appendix at the back of this booklet. It

lists the types of behaviour from group members that can build and strengthen a group—and those that can destroy a group. You will recognise many people you know—perhaps you will recognise yourself. I trust if you do it is in the former list. Attention to the suggestions in this book will surely help to place you there.

("Discussion Leaders' Handbook—a guide for the Discussion Leader" published by the National Fitness Council of Victoria, price 25c in the Guide Shop.)



Dear Matilda,

1st Oak Park Brownies would like to report that correspondence is flourishing with their pen-friend Pack in Canada, 32nd Toronto.

It is over a year now since the first tentative letters were exchanged and a firm friendship has developed between the two Packs. Letters and gifts travel each way across the Pacific with regularity. For Christmas, 1st Oak Park sent greetings on Victorian picture post cards and also "Boomerang Calendars" made by the Brownies themselves. A very charming tape was forwarded by the Toronto Pack with each Brownie sending greetings on one side and on the other the U.S. version of the Brownie Story.

—B. NICHOLLS.

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Dear Matilda,

I thought we would write and tell you what we did for Thinking Day. 2nd Northcote West Brownie Pack had a visit from Mrs. Webb who came to our hall to tell us about Korea, the way they live and what they eat. They wear beautiful coloured dresses, and it is very different to our way of dressing. Mrs. Webb made two of their main dishes which we all tasted. It is a lot different to our food.

—Linda Burnes,
2nd Northcote West Brownie Pack

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