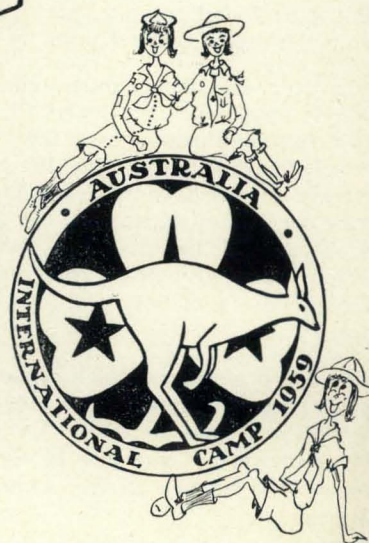
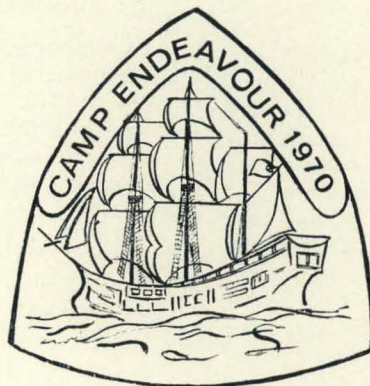
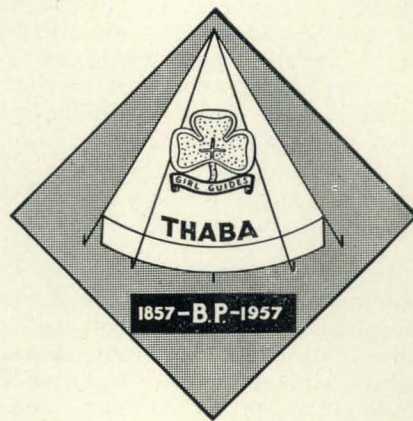


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## CO-EDUCATION IN SCOUTING IN ISRAEL

Co-education in Israel started at the very beginning. The new settlers arriving in Israel (formerly Palestine) had a very strong modern and progressive attitude which encompassed all aspects of life—labour, equality, co-operation, mutual help, etc. This attitude was most prominent in the field of education and thus, co-education displayed itself in all fields of life. So when Scouting started in 1919, there already existed a well-established system and ideology based on complete equality of the two sexes.

In this way, Scouting in Israel started as **one** organisation for boys and girls. The founders of the movement had also the advantage of profiting from the example of other youth movements based on the principle of "Youth led by Youth", and by combining this with the Baden-Powell ideas of Scouting, patrol system, love of nature, game and action, the Scout Movement in Israel was born.

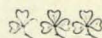
The system is based on the various age groups, in a similar way to that of the school system. The programme begins at the age of nine years, when the boy is in his fourth grade at school (sometimes even one year later). He stays in the Cub programme for no more than two years, the second year acting as an intermediate year between the Cub programme and the Scout programme. At the age of 11 he progresses to the regular Scout programme. He remains in the same unit, patrol and troop. There is no change from the organisational point of view.

In order to better understand the operation it should be mentioned that the basic unit in the Movement is the "Tribe". In Israel there are close to 80 tribes of an average of 400 boys and girls in each. The tribe consists of the various age groupings in Scouting and has its own meeting place, which serves also as its Headquarters. The Troops consist of boys and girls of the same age.

At the beginning of each school year, each unit (pack, troop or group) moves from one age level to that above it. Until the age of 14, the boys and girls are in separate small units, but belong to the same Tribe and Movement.

It is only at the adolescent age that they merge into a different unit which I will call "group". This group becomes, in the four years of its existence, a close and strong "social unit" of teenagers who grow up together and mature in the Movement — ready to fulfil its ideas and aims.

These aims, in short, are: service to the Nation as a group, based on the idea of co-operation and mutual help.



## QUEEN'S GUIDES AND SCOUTS PRESENTATION

On this day, one we will always remember, 176 Queen's Guides and even more Queen's Scouts, were presented with their certificates by the Governor, Sir Rohan Delacombe.

Guides, Scouts, Guiders and Scouters assembled at the entrance to the ballroom of Government House, Melbourne, on that beautiful autumn morning.

As the drums rolled, Sir Rohan Delacombe entered, and the National Anthem was played. The Guide and Scout read the messages of loyalty, which are forwarded to Her Majesty the Queen. Sir Rohan congratulated us as he spoke of our achievements and their use.

Guides, Guiders and parents met at Headquarters for morning tea, at which everyone had the chance to meet with the Queen's Guides.

—Alison Cross,  
1st Ocean Grove

## MESSAGE OF LOYALTY

Your Majesty,

On this day, we who are being presented with our Queen's Guide Award, want, on behalf of all the Guides in Victoria, to pledge to you our love and respect. We promise to serve you to the best of our ability, and to learn to live as worthy citizens of this ever-changing world. We are proud to belong, with you, to the sisterhood of Guides, and to the British Commonwealth of Nations.

May God bless you and your family.

Read by Julie Baldwin, 1st Bendigo  
Written by Susan Craig, 1st East Keilor Coy.

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## FROM OUR STATE COMMISSIONER . . .

Dear Friends and Members,

April seems to have been a short month — maybe this is because of the long Easter-Anzac Day holidays. I hope you all had a happy and relaxing Easter.

We had all the family home and spent a fairly quiet time. One day we went to Maldon, which is a most historical town full of fascinating old buildings. The Easter Parade at Bendigo was another highlight — the floats were all very colourful and imaginative and the climax of the procession was the arrival of Sun-Loong the Chinese dragon. This is now the longest dragon in the world and is a fantasy of colours and shining mirrors.

On 2nd April the Lady Delacombe Cup was held at the Metropolitan Golf Club. This day is arranged each year by Mrs. Carlyon and her willing band of helpers and seems to go from strength to strength. We were very sorry Lady Delacombe was unable to present the trophies as she was in hospital — she was missed by everyone. I was delighted to present the Cup and trophies in her place and congratulate the winners and thank all those who participated.

Unfortunately I missed the tennis day organised by Mrs. Hutchinson, as Ann had a school holiday that day. Once again this was an enjoyable day, and Mrs. Squire, Camping Adviser, presented the trophies for me.

The Division Commissioners held their first meeting for the year on Wednesday, 11th April. I was delighted to meet them, and a very interesting programme had been planned for everyone. It was disappointing that more did not attend, as I am sure all those present benefited greatly from the day.

Perhaps the reason for the poor attendance was the busy start to the year. I hope that most Division Commissioners will make the effort to be at the next meeting in September.

After this meeting I visited Lady Delacombe and took her some photos of the Moomba activities. She was very delighted with the flowers we sent to her from you all.

I took four girls from 1st Broadford Company to the St. George's Day Service at St. Paul's Cathedral. It was a very impressive service and we all enjoyed it very much. The girls thought the music of the pop group was particularly good!

In between Guiding activities I have spoken to three C.W.A. groups about Thailand — the country being studied for their International Month. Fred and I had a wonderful holiday there last year and I was very pleased to be able to share some of our experiences with other people, particularly the pleasant time we spent with Mrs. Kanok Vils, the Chief Commissioner of Guides in Thailand.

On Saturday, 28th April, 179 Queen's Guides received their certificates from His Excellency The Governor. It was a memorable occasion for all of us and I felt very proud of our girls when they were in line. They all looked very well turned out. As I listened to the names of the districts they came from I realised that I shall have to study my geography very closely.

The month finished with a Commonwealth Youth Sunday Service in the Broadford Shire Hall. This was arranged by Scouts, Guides, St. John's Ambulance Cadets and the Junior Fire Brigade. The guest speaker was Major-General Sir Robert Risson, C.B., G.B.E., D.S.O., O.St.J., E.D., Chairman of the Scout

Executive Committee. He told everyone that only their best was good enough, which I felt was very appropriate as our girls are taught from their first meeting that they should try to do their best.

The Executive meeting this month was a long one, and we were pleased to have our Association Solicitor, Mr. G. Farrow, and Treasurer, Mr. K. Colhoun present to advise us.

Mrs. Oldfield and Mrs. Turnbull were welcomed as my assistants.

The minutes of the Australian Executive were gone through and arising from these:—

"A copy of the Asian Pacific Newsletter to be sent to each region; Miss Mary Lambie State Commissioner of South Australia was chosen as the next Chief Commissioner — her appointment is to take effect from July, 1973. Also congratulations to Miss Lambie on receiving the award to the Silver Fish; Miss Doris Carter was appointed Chairman of the Australian Publications Committee; Miss Ellestan Dusing, O.B.E., elected Australian Trefoil Guild Adviser; Miss Barbara Neill appointed Australian Observer to N.Y.C.A. Council; It was moved a formal Australian Guide/Scout Consultative Committee be set up.

The Australian Conservation Committee may meet every two years, according to need.

Victoria will hostess the Australian Association Assembly to be held in 1975. Eight persons will be invited from each state, to include State Commissioner, International Adviser, Public Relations Adviser, State Secretary and two people under the age of 25 years.

An Australian Newsletter is to be compiled and sent to all states for distribution.

Second Australian Sections Conference, January, 1974, to be held at Bellair, South Australia; Next Editors' Conference to be held in 1976; Next Australian Training Conference to be held in January, 1976.

Australian Friends of World Centres Fund to give \$165 to Sangam and \$40 to be sent to each of Our Cabana, Our Chalet and Olave House. Annual subscription to Friends of World Centres to be \$1 from January, 1974."

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Due to good planning and ideal conditions Camp Wirake resulted in a surplus. It was

decided to channel this into a toilet block at Shoreham, so campers may use the property as soon as possible.

Mrs. Oldfield is to serve as a member of the Uniform Sub-Committee.

A date for your diaries — the Association's Annual Meeting will be held at the Kew City Hall on 22nd October. Lady Delacombe has accepted our invitation to attend this meeting.

Jean, Lysbeth and I are settling into regular weekly meetings, although we still are to be seen waving diaries at each other as we sort out dates. Together with Miss Carter they went to the Wimmera Region Conference at Donald and had an enjoyable and stimulating day. I am finding the job is very much easier now that I have two assistants.

School holidays will be here very soon — where has first term gone? Happy holidays to you all.

Love and all good wishes,

Joan E. Grimwade

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To the Commissioner,  
Girl Guides Association,  
20 Russell Street,  
Melbourne, 3000

Dear Madam,

I was recently a patient at the Repatriation Hospital at Heidelberg, and on Saturday and Sunday afternoons Girl Guides would come to each patient and ask if there was anything they could do, or purchase for them at the canteen. They also helped visitors unfamiliar with the automatic lift.

I was most impressed with these girls, they were so well mannered, quietly behaved and very well turned out and I feel I must congratulate you on their behalf. They certainly are carrying out the ideals of Guiding.

The girls came from Greensborough, Ivanhoe, Watsonia and Rosanna and I would be very grateful if you would pass on my congratulations and best wishes to the groups concerned. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

(Miss) E. Northe

## □ OLAVE HOUSE □

The important and rather exciting news from Olave House is contained in letters that have been received from Mrs. Owen Hughes, the new Chairman of Olave House. Mrs. Hughes will be remembered as Mildred Mode, World Association travelling Trainer who visited Australia about 18 years ago. In a letter to Mrs. Steche, Chairman of "Friends of World Centres, Australia", she wrote — "With our new Guider-in-Charge and her Deputy, both Australian as you know, we envisage an era of warm hospitality and friendliness which should make a haven and home for travellers who so appreciate this kind of contact, especially in a big metropolitan area. However, for some time we have been very concerned about our financial position, part of which will be solved by increasing interest in using the facilities of the House. Rising costs of everything are a "headache" and we are thinking hard about methods by which costs can be kept down, i.e. bulk buying and the possibility of getting a deep-freeze. The House has had some re-decoration in the past year but there are what I would call some "shabby" areas and these need consideration in the near future.

Soon after receiving this letter, Mrs. Steche forwarded a bank draft and received this reply . . . "You cannot imagine how **extraordinary** it was to receive your letter last week and to find in it a cheque for £112.03. For, only the day before I had been at Olave House and I had spoken to our Guider-in-Charge and to our Finance Chairman, about a very good deep-freeze which I had found locally costing £112! Its actual cost was a lot more than that but our local wholesale butcher was prepared to give a substantial discount on an excellent Swedish catering size model.

Roz had said that food prices had got so high that they really didn't know what they were going to do about presenting any decent kind of meat on the menu. The Finance Chairman said we simply must get a deep-freeze even if other things had to go by the board for a while. The Treasurer, when she heard of the proposed purchase, said "Where are we going to get the money from?"

I went back to Somerset, chewed on my nails a bit and hoped I wasn't encouraging

anyone to be rash. The very next morning there was your letter and there was your cheque! The amount was so coincidental with our immediate need I could not help but think that fate had taken a hand.

Only one problem remains: can we get a large deep-freeze down our stairs and through our doors? But my wholesaler friend proposed to go and have a look-see himself and decide whether it can be managed. Roz and Liz have measured all the doors, etc., but weren't sure what feats of strength and cunning strong men might achieve. So, there it rests for the moment until my supplier goes and has a look for himself. I do so hope we will have our "Australian-given" deep-freeze and anyway if this particular model doesn't fit, we can probably find one that does.

I must thank you on behalf of the Committee and Olave House staff for such a fine gift of money to us which really put us all on the "top of the world" at a time when it was the most splendid psychological boost."

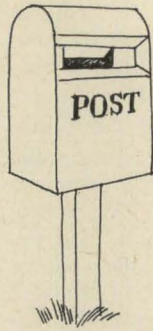
Not long after this letter arrived —

"Just as my husband and I were finishing breakfast my deep-freeze supplier, Mr. Otton, arrived. Over a cup of coffee he reported that he and an employee had manhandled the deep-freeze into Olave House's kitchen, or, rather, one of the side rooms adjoining the kitchen. It was touch and go — those narrow stairs and sharp corners — but they managed it, even if he did tear his trousers rather badly!

This is the deep-freeze I told you about originally and the House Committee did not find anything they thought better or cheaper — so I think we did well. And it was obvious it was meant for us since your cheque exactly matched its cost! One of our House Committee will be able to give the staff some advice on its use, and I am sure we will find it a great boon. **Your** deep-freeze is, of course, a catering size machine with over 21 cubic feet of storage space; it ought to be ideal for Olave House . . . will you accept from me on behalf of staff and committee our very great appreciation for this splendid gift from 'AUSTRALIAN FRIENDS OF WORLD CENTRES'. Our particular World Centre feels supported and cherished."

Sincerely yours,

Mildred Owen-Hughes (Mrs.),  
Chairman, Olave House Committee



**Dear Matilda,**

Our L.A. gave a party to celebrate the presentation of Queen's Guide Badges to three Guides of our company — the first Queen's Guides we have had in Laverton.

Guides of 1st Laverton made an avenue of candlelight for the Guides to pass through. As they went they picked up cards representing the badges they had earned leading up to Queen's Guide. The cards were presented to the Commissioner who presented them with their badges.

It was a lovely night and we, as a company, would like to congratulate the Guides for gaining their Queen's Guide. It is an inspiration for the Company.

—Lisa Cotter,  
1st Laverton Company

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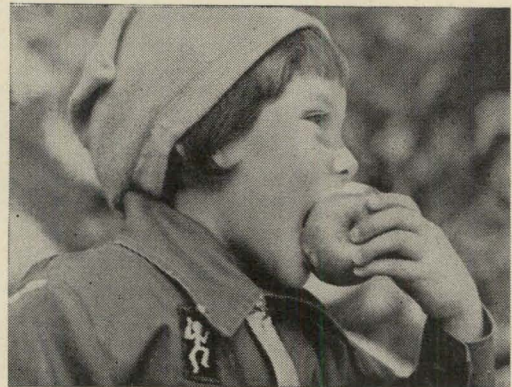
### **"BUSY BEES" AT 3rd WILLIAMSTOWN**

Before Christmas our Guides decided they would like to learn to crochet, so the proprietor of a local wool shop offered her services one Tuesday evening and gave them lessons. Most of the young Guides had never held a crochet hook, but before the evening was over, they were able to manage simple crochet. It was decided that they would see how many six-inch squares they could each make over several months, and perhaps then join them together and make a rug for someone in the community.

They got to work on this project and each week finished squares of every colour imaginable were brought to the meetings. Last month we had enough squares to put together to make a rug and they set about joining them together with black wool and a black crochet edge — the finished rug was quite beautiful. Our District Commissioner made enquiries and was given the address of a lady confined to a wheel chair who

would appreciate a warm knee rug for the winter. What a delightful surprise we all had to find that this lady was Miss Nell Hutton, leader of 1st Malvern Extension Brownie Pack. The whole company visited her on one of our regular meeting nights and presented the rug. Miss Hutton was pleased to receive the rug and said she would treasure it always. She invited our Guides to visit her Brownie Pack one Saturday morning in Malvern. We were thrilled with the invitation and are looking forward to making the visit in the near future.

—Milly von Nagy,  
Guide leader



**Dear Matilda,**

Whilst in Sydney recently I had the pleasure of lunching with our former Chief Commissioner, Mrs. Buntine. Her many Victorian friends will be pleased to know that she and Dr. Buntine plan to return to our State soon and reside in an outlying suburb of Melbourne.

Many Guiding folk are aware of my lack of cooking skill and so would understand that I chose from the menu a dish which I find difficult to prepare — fried fish. Mrs. Buntine gave me a hint which she has found most helpful — a sprinkling of salt in the frying-pan prevents sticking.

After trying it several times I agree that it really works so pass it on to those of your readers who have not found the solution to this problem.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Renshaw Jones

The first Kaniva Guide to receive her Queen's Badge was Joanne Hicks. Joanne is now a Lone Guide.

The ceremony was attended by Guides and Brownies, their parents, Shire President, other guests who had acted as testers for various badges, and friends.

Joanne was presented with the badge by Kaniva's former District Commissioner.

Kaniva is on the edge of the Wimmera region, comprising 22 towns.

—from "Kaniva Times"

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A large contingent of Nhill Scouts and Cubs made the trip to Kaniva to join in a rally and demonstration for the public, with the local Guides and Brownies, as part of youth week.

Public response was disappointing, but those who did turn up had a great time, as did the Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies.

Guides and Brownies provided hot soup and bread. They also demonstrated tenting and fire lighting — the resultant blaze was appreciated.

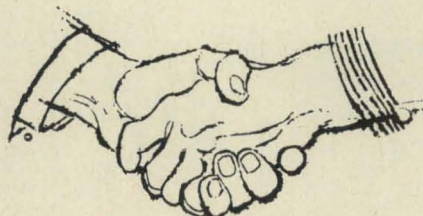
The fire was later used for toasting marshmallows.

Cubs demonstrated some of their games and skill, while the Scouts showed how to erect a flagpole, climb it and leave a hat on top!

They also demonstrated their skill with ropes in the lashing of three poles into a triangle strong enough to support one of their members in a "chariot" race.

The Kaniva Shire president thanked all connected with the Guide and Scout Movements for their displays and participation in youth week.

—from "Kaniva Times"



In answer to many enquiries on why we, the Argana Trefoil Guild, require your old pantyhose—

I wonder if there's one who knows  
Just what to do with pantyhose  
When up a leg a ladder goes? . . . I do!  
Don't frown a frown, forget to grin,  
Or toss them in the rubbish bin.  
To do this would be such a sin . . . I know!  
The very first thing that you do,  
Is wash them carefully, dry them through,  
And save them 'til you have a few . . . Not  
long!

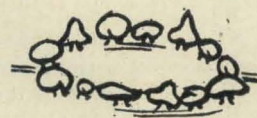
You take them, send them . . . how you can,  
Up to a nice collecting man  
Who sends them off in a big van . . . Abroad!  
They then are used by nurses rare,  
Who for the lepers have a care,  
And are concerned on how they fare . . .

That's true!  
The doctor medicates the wound,  
With gauze and lint they wrap it round,  
While over this is tightly bound . . . Your  
pantyhose!

So hurry up and snag some more.  
We need your hoses by the score,  
To wrap up many a leper sore . . . Thank  
you!

Please send all those pantyhose you are going to snag to Mrs. Craig, 12 Regent Street, Keilor East, 3033. We are trying to find a nearer contact for anyone interested on the other side of the city.

—M. Townsend, per Isobel Lister



Some women's promises to be on time carry a lot of wait.

## EXTENSION PATROL LEADERS' TRAINING WEEKEND

Happiness is . . . climbing a rope ladder when you normally have trouble walking on the ground . . . crossing high in the air on a rope bridge when you can't see . . . banging with all your might on a home-made drum when you are totally deaf . . .

Or so 20 patrol leaders from the Extension Section thought when they recently spent the weekend at Guide House for their first combined Patrol Leaders' training.

Arriving on Friday night they were welcomed and given their patrol scarves — blue, pink, green and yellow.

In the morning they woke to glorious sunshine, and after doing the chores chose their patrol names — pink roses, bluebirds, yellow daffodils and green goblins.

Then they all sat out on the verandah and learnt to tie some basic knots — double overhands and sheet bends, round turns and two half hitches. What a struggle if you can only use one hand — or can't hear the instructor!

Later they went to a campsite, made their ladders and bridges and chose the right trees to tie them to. Many a throw was needed to get the rope over the branch.

Then everyone climbed the ladders and walked across the bridges. Even Ann Marie was lifted out of her wheel chair to try a few rungs of the ladder.

Lunch was brought out to the campsite and eventually 20 tired and sleepy Guides trudged back to the house for rest hour.

The afternoon was spent learning new handicrafts — spinning and weaving, print making using potato cuts, paper flower making and making musical instruments.

Campfire was a very merry and noisy affair, when new songs were learnt, and old ones sung for good measure. Somehow it was very hard to stop talking after lights out that night!

On Sunday, there was a Scavenger Hunt, when they found "the biggest toadstool in the world".

Many Extensions find it difficult to concentrate for long periods whilst people talk at them, so this time they planned their own Guides' Own. The theme was Service. Two patrols acted this out — one miming the story of the Good Samaritan, another giving a modern day version.

Prayers were visual; the girls chose pictures to illustrate their petitions — thanking God for home, family, Queen and country. The hymns were accompanied by Fiona on the guitar.

Having fun — learning something new — wanting to try the whole experience again . . . If that was the criterion, the weekend was a great success.

—D.R.

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## OLD COLONIAL FIELD DAY FOR EXTENSION GUIDES

Guides and Rangers from Extension companies all over Melbourne enjoyed an "Old Colonial" Field Day in the grounds of Kingswood College, Box Hill. Girls in wheelchairs joined in the activities just as enthusiastically as their more mobile friends.

There were swagmen making damper, bushrangers stealing gold, aborigines dancing a corroboree and blowing a didgeridoo, convicts in a chain gang, prospectors panning for gold (and finding it!) and pioneers finding their way by compass over the Blue Mountains.

After lunching on hamburgers and sausages, the girls gathered around the flag, and each company sang or acted an appropriate song from old colonial days. Some were dressed in costume; there was a dramatic Ned Kelly chase by soldiers, and miners dug energetically as they sang their "Dig, dig, dig".

The afternoon finished with campfire songs, after which 200 tired but happy girls went home.

The Auxiliary for Handicapped Guides provided lunch and buses for the girls to and from their homes.





## AUTUMN LEAVES

The autumn tints have been especially lovely this year in suburbia. After such a hot and dry summer, one might imagine that the deciduous trees would have dropped their leaves early. But on the whole, they seem to be holding them longer.

In the Dandenongs, I found that some of the trees had already shed their foliage. These were the ashes. There was a corner of the garden where a golden and a claret ash stood near one another. Both had bare branches, reaching upwards. The ground beneath was strewn with brown and yellow leaves, making a thick carpet. The sight of such a soft carpet of leaves is both pleasing and satisfying to the mind. It is one of nature's picture stories.

—J.H.



## SOMETHING TO MAKE — HOME MADE CLAY

Materials: Saucepan, spoon, airtight jars, labels, one cup of cornstarch, two cups baking soda, one and quarter cups cold water. Food colouring and clear plastic spray.

Put the cornstarch and baking powder in the saucepan and with a spoon mix them together thoroughly. Then slowly add the water mixing until smooth. Cook over medium heat about four minutes, stirring constantly until mixture begins to thicken. Remove from stove and cool before using.

Knead dough with fingers. You can roll it out with a rolling pin, cut out with fancy shaped biscuit cutters or form your own shapes. Leave overnight to dry and then paint them with food colouring or paint. After paint has dried, spray with plastic spray. Place left over clay in an airtight jar and mark jar with label.

—From "Guide Gazette" of West Metropolitan Region

## STAMPS AND UNDER-THE-STAIRS

We are GUIDES and always helpful — Oh YES.

We think of others, all the time — ?

These lines were prompted by my recent visit to that famous(?) spot at Guide Headquarters, called "UNDER-THE-STAIRS".

It is, in case some readers do not know, the only depository for the miscellaneous oddities which Guide folk take to the Enquiry desk for "the someone who collects these things", to eventually have to go on hands and knees to pick up. There is no light, for no designer of modern buildings expects this to be such a useful spot. Whilst groping around in the semi-dark all sorts of things are felt, including unclaimed clothing or other items from a meeting or a camp; "bags of bottle tops; packets of scrap materials"; used greeting cards; and — STAMPS (my section).

In many cases the parcels bear no label to indicate contents, for whom intended, or the donor's name. Numerous openings of each to see "if it is for me" has probably partly destroyed wrappings.

Please — proper labels for names and contents. Let people know you've left "something" at H.Q. for them — or, better still, contact them first and find out if they're going to be at H.Q. within a reasonable time to pick the parcel up.

In the case of stamps please send them direct to — Miss L. Cuzens, 12 Cowderoy Street, East St. Kilda.



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

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

Mrs. K. Marshall (Necrim); Mrs. G. B. Lovett (Narbethong); Miss R. S. Kirkbridge (Hamilton).

**Combined Long Service:**

Mrs. V. A. Paterson (Karingal).

**Local Association Long Service:**

Mrs. B. Cameron (Doncaster); Mrs. J. Petty (Doncaster).

**Thanks Badge:**

Mr. T. A. White (South Silvan); Mrs. J. Bedford (Mordialloc); Mrs. E. Warner (Sale).

**APPOINTMENTS AND WARRANTS**

A warm welcome is extended to the following:—

**DIVISION COMMISSIONERS:**

Mrs. K. M. Bryant, Sunraysia East; Mrs. K. T. Mitchell, Hallam Valley; Mrs. L. Virgo, Tambo Valley; Mrs. D. N. Holderness, Assistant Port Phillip.

**DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS:**

Mrs. U. Beazley, Emerald; Mrs. J. Friedman, Wangaratta; Mrs. O. Gara, Glenhuntly-Ormond; Mrs. R. H. Halliday, Mulgrave; Mrs. D. W. Nicholls, Oak Park; Mrs. W. Raymant, Lilydale; Mrs. J. D. B. Salvado, Middle Brighton; Mrs. J. B. Stewart, Tatura; Mrs. E. Taylor, Upper Ferntree Gully; Mrs. A. C. McMicken, Assistant Glen Waverley.

**RANGER GUIDERS:**

Mrs. S. M. Rowley, 5th Victorian Lones; Miss C. Canavan, Stradbroke Rangers.

**GUIDE GUIDERS:**

Mrs. R. H. Lane, 4th Coburg; Miss J. Pope, 2nd Coburg; Mrs. I. M. Rutherford, 4th Camberwell; Mrs. D. Stephens, 1st Tallygaroopna; Mrs. J. Macrae, 3rd Heatherdale; Mrs. R. K. Turnham, 2nd South Croydon; Mrs. R. H. Lade, 1st Bairnsdale; Mrs. R. S. Frey, 3rd Moorleigh; Mrs. A. Hall, 1st Boolarra.

**ASSISTANT GUIDE GUIDERS:**

Mrs. E. Graham, 1st Yallourn; Miss R. K. Conway, 1st Carnegie; Mrs. G. Ely, 2nd South Croydon; Mrs. I. T. Pavey, 2nd Maryvale; Miss H. Govers, 2nd Wantima South; Mrs. K. Martin, 3rd Moorleigh; Mrs. H. Nelson, 1st Boolarra.

**BROWNIE GUIDERS:**

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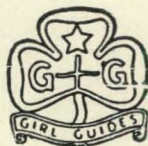
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There are more CHILDREN in the world today than there were PEOPLE two generations ago.

UNICEF-assisted services are still reaching only a fraction of those in need.

With an annual income of less than the amount spent on world armaments every two hours, it is vitally necessary for UNICEF aid to be concentrated where it can do the most good in relation to national priorities and resources available through other United Nations channels and elsewhere.

—from "UNICEF's Children"

# MATILDA NOTICES . . . .

## GUIDE ASSOCIATION OF ZAIRE

The following statement has come to the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Guides of Zaire:

"The Association of Guides of Zaire — like all other youth movements — has been banned by a decision of the authorities of the country with effect from 10/1/73. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our Guide sisters for the support they have given us. We strongly believe that the links of friendship by which we have been united will remain. **We ask all the member countries of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts not to write any more to the Association of Guides of Zaire.**"

We hope that all the members of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts will think of their Zaire friends at this particularly difficult time.

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"No man is an island, entire of itself"

—John Donne

No Guider is an island either!

So if you feel isolated, like to get some new ideas, make new friends, talk over a problem . . . Just hop into your canoe and paddle on over to the Guide Guiders' Conference.

There is a place waiting for YOU at

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DON'T MISS THE BOAT!

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### GIRL GUIDE ORANGE MUSTER COVER

There will be a special stamp cancellation and cover for the fourth State Muster to be held at Orange, N.S.W., in August, 1973. The cover will show the camp badge and will contain an informative "filler". Lady Wyndham, State Commissioner, will autograph a limited number. Closing date 4th August.

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All proceeds from the covers will go to improvements at N.S.W. campsites — "Glen-garry" and "Tara".



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Have YOU thought of your special memory of "Matilda" — a special article you liked — an article you had printed — a verse you've kept.

Send in NOW your thought or memory of "Matilda" that we might remember her Golden Birthday.

## AUSTRALIAN FREEDOM FROM HUNGER CAMPAIGN

"When the Freedom from Hunger Campaign started in 1960 the purpose was to make the world aware of the world situation concerning hunger and malnutrition. It was felt that the major function of the Campaign was to educate the people of the world of the problems of the developing countries, the most apparent symptom being hunger and malnutrition.

Over the years there has been a tendency for most people to associate the F.F.H.C. with the collection of funds and aid to projects in the developing countries and little if anything has been done in education on the real problems of the developing countries.

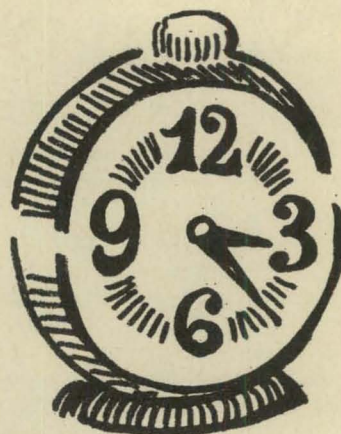
Except for the fact that a lot of intelligent, feeling people have been organised to help the developing countries and the hungry and the poor of the world, one could almost say that the F.F.H.C. has failed in its original concept, that is, if we are talking in terms of educating people of the developed countries on the problems of the developing countries.

I admit that our contributions and the projects we have financed with them have helped thousands of people, maybe millions, but there are hundreds of millions of poor in the world and they need a great deal more help than we give them through our projects, effective as they are.

The only answer to the problems of the developing countries of the world is for the nations of the world to be fully aware of the problems and each nation to make the appropriate contribution towards solving the problems. Governments will not act until their electors demand action and if people do not know what action is necessary they cannot demand it.

It is hoped 'Action for Development' will help to lead to education of the people on the real problems and needs of the developing countries and as a result lead to appropriate action by the Governments."

(from a statement by Dr. K. Kesteven, Chairman, F.F.H.C., Canberra)



### HOW LONG

— Its surprising how old some everyday things are.

**Tomatoes**, relatives of the poisonous deadly nightshade, were first imported to England from South America in 1596. It was not until the 19th century that they ceased to be purely ornamental plants, when it was discovered that the fruits were not poisonous.

**Buttons** have been found in prehistoric remains in Britain and were used in Egypt 4000 years ago. Beside being used as fastenings, they were used as ornaments and became fashionable in Britain in the 14th and 15th centuries. Through the ages they have been made of precious metals, jewels, shells, ivory, glass, bone, porcelain and now plastic. Buttons which are still a feature on the sleeves of men's jackets are a survival of their use to fasten back large cuffs to allow free use of the hands.

**Postmen** delivered official letters from Rome to the distant parts of her great Empire. France used students to deliver letters in the 13th century, and in the 14th century England had a private postal service.

**Shorthand** was used to take down the speeches of Cicero by his secretary, Tiro, 100 years B.C. In England shorthand dates from the 16th century, but was not recognised as a practical art until Isaac Pitman's first publication in 1837, from which today's present systems have developed.

**Soap** was referred to by Pliny in the first century A.D. A complete soap factory, with well-preserved cakes similar to those in use today, was found buried in the city of Pompeii.

—From "Today's Guide"

## COMBINED SCOUT/GUIDE CAMP

1st Terang Scout and Guide units recently enjoyed a most successful combined indoor camp at Sherbrook River.

The idea of a combined camp may have occurred to many leaders; some would have shrugged it off as impossible, others thought it impracticable.

They could be right!

For ideas of adult minds are not generally acceptable to the young.

To consider combining girls and boys of the Guide/Scout age group in any activity the children must introduce the idea. Only they can decide if and when they are really ready to cope with the many responsibilities of a mixed camp.

They must know each other well, be in a similar age group, and be experienced campers.

The venture needs to provide a definite and constructive reason for combining; e.g. a service project at a campsite, an exchange of skills between groups, or a "workshop" type weekend.

Our Scouts and Guides knew each other well: we had several brother and sister pairs in the units. Most were at the same school and had attended combined social and group activities.

One such event had been the Chariot Race, when the Scouts challenged the Guides to build and race stretchers and chariots made of lashed spars.

The camp at Sherbrook consisted of Patrol Leaders and Seconds each with an average of ten days camping experience.

A certain natural shyness existed briefly on arrival at the site, subsiding rapidly as the patrols commenced their activities, each patrol having three Guides and three Scouts, with a girl and boy Patrol Leader.

By nightfall a delightful atmosphere of happy fellowship prevailed. Wide games in the darkness of open paddocks were followed by singing with records, card, and campfire games by the fireside.

The weekend's events included a selection of challenging activities designed to keep minds and bodies active and alert in the out of doors.

"Create a means of crossing the river without getting wet" . . . (Resulting in four different rope bridges and a swing.)

"Count the tracking signs . . . (a three-mile hike through the forest, across the river and return).

"Patrols catch their own meat for dinner" . . . (back they came with two rabbits and several eels to feed the 29 campers!)

Scavenger hunt in patrols for specific leaves, rocks, a bottle, toadstool, and a LIVE frog . . . in complete darkness.

Whistle hunt in patrols . . . also in darkness.

Stalking kangaroos in the forest at twilight.

Campfire brought forth a happy hour of music and games, with a guitarist and bagpipe player among our talented members.

We traded Guide campfire games for Scout wide games, swapped ropework techniques for recipes.

The weekend was an interchange of ideas and skills, each group giving and sharing in a well balanced programme.

Guides/Scouts Own following the final Colour ceremony was a simple, sincere and moving service which we shall long remember.

Our weekend concluded with a picnic lunch at the beach, each child being given 50 cents to purchase this meal. It was a novel and exciting end to our "camp with a difference."

What did our children achieve from this weekend?

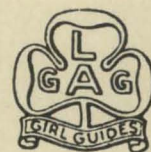
They learned to live together, sharing not only in pleasure but in responsibilities.

They learned respect for each other and understanding of each other's different needs and abilities, all assisting further in their development as healthy, active, responsible young citizens.

—Anne Fraser



# THIS IS THE LOCAL ASSOCIATION SECTION



Please send contributions to Mrs. D. O. Oldfield, 4 Embling Road, Malvern, 3144.

It gives me pleasure to introduce my new committee to you: Mrs. E. H. Wilson, the Assistant Public Relations Adviser, and Mrs. W. L. Lycett of Kerrimuir L.A.; together we will endeavour to give you some interesting leisure reading. We are very keen to know the type of items you would like to see in this section of "Matilda", so please send us your ideas and suggestions, as well as reports of activities which are interesting to other local Associations.

—Jean Oldfield

## L.A. CONFERENCE

The State Local Association Conference is almost here, and hundreds of L.A. members will be meeting at the Moorabbin Town Hall on Monday, 18th June, to enjoy an excellent programme and to meet old and new friends. Those attending should glean plenty of information to take back to other members of their Local Associations. Perhaps you will send your impressions of the Conference to include in this Section.

## UNIFORM POOLS

Is there a second-hand Uniform Pool operating in your District?

This is a wonderful service to parents to buy and sell Brownie and Guide uniforms, and of course it can be extended to cover Guiders' uniforms too.

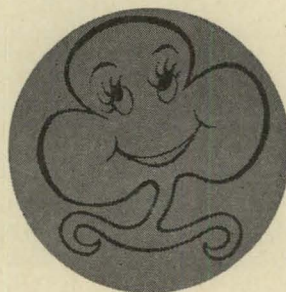
If not, this is a very welcome and worthwhile project and one which a Local Association member can easily co-ordinate and at the same time bring in a regular income to her L.A. All that is required is a small spare cupboard in which to keep the uniforms, and a little spare time after school when mothers and daughters can visit her home for their requirements. A scale of prices needs to be decided upon beforehand, for both buying and selling, and this would depend on the condition of the article at the time of the transaction in relation to the new price of the article. Sometimes, of course, uniforms may be donated to the Pool which would in turn give a much better profit to the L.A.

Most important of all, the leaders of all the units in the District and the District Commissioner should have the name, address and telephone number of the Uniform Pool Co-ordinator to give to Brownies and Guides who are leaving their units and who have no further use for their uniforms, as well as to new recruits who will soon be requiring uniforms. The demand for second-hand uniforms usually exceeds the supply, so it is very important to obtain all those uniforms that usually clutter up wardrobes at home. This gives the benefit of them to the new members coming into Guiding and also provides an income to the Local Association.

## HOW TO INVOLVE A NEW GROUP

Men's clothes are so colourful today they add interest to any Mannequin Parade, so why not include a male section in your next evening fashion show? Barwon Heads — Ocean Grove L.A. arranged this type of function which proved to be an outstanding social and financial success.

To provide a suitable setting for the clothes and models the lounge of the Barwon Heads Hotel was reserved and supper was catered for by the hotel, so even the committee were able to relax. Result — many friends enjoyed the evening, money was raised for Guide projects and what was most important, the fathers, grandfathers and brothers found they had not been forgotten.



I sought my soul. My soul I could not see.  
I sought my God. My God eluded me.  
I sought my brother. I found all three.



#### LOCAL ASSOCIATION — continued

"Yesterday we did some conservation work to stop people from walking over the sand dunes and destroying the plants. If they destroy the plants the sand dunes will blow away. The plants stop the sand dune from blowing away. If the plants get destroyed the wind blows and the sand dunes move because there is nothing to stop them blowing away. We were put in groups and took a path. A man cut some trees down and we dragged them along a dirt road and gave them to one of the teachers who cut the bigger ones a bit smaller and then put them on a stack. We blocked four paths then went up the sand dunes. Some people are going to put a bitumen path up the sand dune so that people will use the same track. They will also put up a sign saying, "Beach" and an arrow will point up the bitumen path."

By KIM WEBSTER, Grade Vb.

[The bitumen path referred to is a recently developed method explained to the children by the S.C.A. representative. It involves successive applications of a bitumen emulsion on to the bare sand, which results in a permanent solid path.

The following report mistakenly refers to this as a concrete path.]

"On Tuesday with Mr. Garden from the Soil Conservation Authority we helped stop the sand dune move on to people's properties. There had been paths going over the dune that wear away the vegetation and grasses which stop the wind blowing the sand and moving the sand dune. We dragged bushes over to the old paths and placed them on top of the paths. This will stop the wind blowing the sand until winter. In winter the sand will be moist and men will plant a special kind of grass. Soon men will cover the path we made with concrete. They will also put up a sign that says,

beach. The sign will point down the path we made."

By CRAIG KEIGHLEY, Grade Vb

The real value of this active participation in conservation work is that it will develop an awareness in these children, for at a very young age they have worked to prevent the destruction of the natural dunes of our shoreline, and surely they must carry this experience with them through into adult life.

The concepts, the facts, the knowledge that these reports indicate, were taken in by the children during pre-camp talks, and during initial explanatory talks by a S.C.A. representative. They were shown the erosion of the banks of the Mitchell River and the unique Mitchell River silt jetties during the launch trip across to Ocean Grange, and then were given talks before the actual conservation work. The incidental observations of erosion, etc., during work added to the environmental emphasis of the camp. The reports were thus written from the memory of these experiences and there were many other reports that showed an equally clear and perceptive understanding of what was being done.

The camp was not of course devoted entirely to conservation work, and the children benefited from a school atmosphere outside the classroom, as they had swimming, art, science, music, etc., all orientated towards the social and educational development of the child, the important difference being that it was held outdoors and in a completely different environment and atmosphere.

There was one other aspect of the conservation work which was overshadowed by the dune stabilization work but which nonetheless was important. From the lake front to the track over the dune a path had been worn, but in general the public wandered through to the beach where they pleased. As most of these tracks passed through private property, the S.C.A. surveyed the area and found that an access strip had been provided for. The first of the two camps had cleared and cut a pathway through the tea-tree and had then used the bush for the dune stabilization work. The S.C.A. intends to erect small direction pointers to indicate to the public the new path to the beach, and as the Ocean Grange area is extensively used during the summer

period, these school children have accomplished something of a very practical use. This work is a small scale interpretation of the conceptual approach to coastal resource development that plans interior roads parallel to the coast with single access tracks and roads down to the potential leisure, sporting or tourist-attracting points on the coast.

If anyone is to benefit from this combined school camp - conservation experience it should be the adult population of Victoria, for it proves that if interest and guidance are present, the conservation of our natural resources may in the future not be the awesome problem that it looms as to-day. It proves also that to protect the environment is "hard work" and that it is a campaign that cannot be won only with slogans and impressionable appeals. Most of all it proves that the campaign can be won if tomorrow's adult population has an awareness of, and a responsibility for the environment and its natural resources.

(By Max Quanchi from "Victoria's Resources.")



## MT. HOWITT-MACALISTER SPRINGS EXCURSION

Sixteen Guides from 1st Heyfield Guide Company together with our leaders, our District Commissioner, a Ranger and a local bushwalker set out in four vehicles from Heyfield. We travelled north to Licola, then along the Tamboritha Road. After about 10 miles, the reasonably good sealed road gave way to gravel. This part of the trip was the slowest because it was very dusty, narrow and extremely rough. We stopped at Bennison Lookout where Mr. Lannigan, our bushwalker friend, showed us Mt. Margaret, Mt. Ronald, Mt. Wellington and the position of Lake Tarli Karng. We came to a private Forest Commission road and at intervals we crossed cattle grids — to stop the scrub cattle from wandering. About six miles past Mt. Arbuckle we came to an air strip, mainly used for search and rescue work.

Around the Mt. Arbuckle area there was a distinct change in the type of vegetation. The tall slender gums gave way to twisted, short snow gums; the scrub changed to stout, wiry alpine grass and dry everlasting daisies.

We hiked to Guys Hut (a stockman's hut used when they round up the scrub cattle) and further into the bush until we came to Bryces Falls. They were very pretty, falling some 200 feet and finishing up in the Conglomerate Creek. Another 12 miles, then a track took us to the Forest Commission huts on the Howitt Plains. As soon as we arrived the patrol leaders started fires and put the tea on (we cooked patrol meals all the time). Not long after we all had to run for coats and shelter as the fine drizzle turned into very hard hail stones. We kept the fire burning during the 20-minute downpour by propping an old board over the billy. At campfire one of our Guides completed her Entertainer Badge by entertaining us and we practised some pieces for a Guides Own next morning.

Mr. Lannigan was up before dawn and had a fire glowing well before we sleepily crawled out of our beds at 6 a.m. After our Guides Own and breakfast we were ready to walk to Macalister Springs. The young energetic Guides were in front, Mr. Lannigan and the steady walkers, then the slower ones behind. We arrived at Gantner's Hut, built in memory of Vallejo Gantner who was killed in the bush. It was financed by his mother and built by a local man. The hut is only 100 yards from Macalister Springs, about one and a half miles from the summit of Mt. Howitt. It has an all-copper roof with local stones and wood as foundations.

On the summit of Mt. Howitt, Mr. Lannigan showed some of us such landmarks as the Razor, Devil's Staircase, Mt. Speculation, Hell's Window and Mt. Feathertop. The view was worth every "grumble" on the way up. We walked 17 miles over the two days. Thanks must go to Mr. Lannigan and our District Commissioner, both experienced bushwalkers, for giving up their time; also to our leader for arranging such a terrific weekend.

—Gayle Ross, Platypus Patrol Leader,  
1st Heyfield Company